

The history of the Church's growth is interwoven with the history of the denomination, both in Canada and in foreign lands. The Baptists of Canada have grown to be a strong and influential body. When Acadia College was founded in 1828, we had only about 1500 members in the Maritime Provinces. There were only a few Baptist Churches then in Ontario and Quebec. The far West was "the great lone land", practically unknown to us. Today we have about 145000 Baptist church members, and probably 300000 adherents in Canada. We have two great universities, Acadia and McMaster, and three strong and well equipped colleges and other smaller schools. Our missionary fields in India, Bel'ivia, Quebec and the West are large and fruitful. As a people we have contributed a large share in the onward movements of the Gospel, and we are planning large things for the future. What is the contribution of this Church to be? We have pure doctrines. We have a great Saviour, and we have advantages above our predecessors. Let us be faithful to God and His truth, faithful to our opportunities and to our fellow-men, that, when the final record is made, our part of it may be acceptable to Him.