

ago by a large majority, after an exhaustive discussion and consideration to pay its share of city taxes. This has been done since 1891 accompanied with a protest against exemptions, and a request that the city council use its influence to have all exemptions abolished. This protest seems now to be bearing fruit as the Toronto Council has called a convention of delegates from the Municipalities of Ontario to consider the question which it is hoped will result in something practical being done in this direction.

The efficient and appropriate rendering of the service of praise has always been a leading feature in the public worship of this Church. No attempt at display is made, the aim being to inspire the whole Congregation with a desire to assist in rendering praise to the Giver of all good. So far as possible members of the Choir are in Church fellowship. For the past ten years Bro. A. S. Vogt has been Conductor and Organist, and under his leadership it has more than maintained its high character for good taste and efficiency.

In addition to its outside work in the city, which has generally consisted principally of sustaining two mission stations, the Church has been a generous contributor to all beneficent objects connected with the denomination, especially Home and Foreign Missions, including Grand Ligne and the North West, and its Women's Mission Circle which takes in all those is most enthusiastic in the work, and very efficiently conducted, which largely accounts for the position of the Church in regard to these deserving objects. It may be interesting to notice briefly the progress made by the denomination in Toronto since 1840. At that date there were two churches with a membership of about 70. In 1860 the number of churches had not increased, the membership had however increased to about 450. In 1870 there were three churches and three mission stations with a membership of 800; at the present time (1897) we have 18 churches and 6 mission stations with a membership of 4,745.

In 1840 the value of Church property held by Baptists in Toronto did not probably exceed \$3000; in 1860 about \$20,000; at the present time the Church and mission property owned by Baptists (exclusive of McMaster University) is estimated at over \$400,000. Truly the Lord has blessed us and with His continued blessing, and judicious and brotherly co-operation in future plans, there are possibilities before us which we cannot at present fully realize.

"So long Thy power hath blessed us, sure it still will lead us on  
O'er moor and fen, O'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone,  
And with the morn those Angel faces smile  
Which we have loved long since and lost awhile.

NOTE.—In making up statistics for Baptist churches it should always be borne in mind that only those are counted as members who have been baptized on a profession of their faith in Christ, and whose names are on the roll of membership.