

in a little log-house about one mile west of what is now German Mills, on the main road from that place to Berlin. In 1833 Hailer bought his first acre of land in Berlin, from Benjamin Eby, the (Mennonite) Bishop Eby already spoken of, and at once set up his dwelling and workshop.

As the years passed the German *Handwerker* and his wife progressed by thrift and industry to competence. The family increased by a further succession of daughters: Harriet, born 1836, Marian in 1838, and Caroline Hannah in 1843; and finally came a son, Jacob Christian, born in 1846 (at which time, as we read, the population of Berlin amounted to 400).

Active as he was in the establishment of the Evangelical Association in Canada, the home of Jacob Hailer was always hospitably open to the ministers of this denomination. The first meetings of the Association in Berlin were for some time held in Hailer's shop. One of the ministers, a young man Jacob Wagner, for a time in charge of the work of the church in Berlin, married Margaret Hailer. Canada was at that time a part of the New York Conference of the Association. Minister Wagner was later stationed in Buffalo, N.Y., where one of his close friends was Philip Louis Breithaupt, a young man carrying on a light tanning business with his father. Breithaupt made periodical trips to Canada to buy sheep skins, etc., for the tannery in Buffalo, and through his