

the Scriptures he openly avowed his allegiance to Christ by following him in baptism. In reference to this, the late Rev. D. McPhail wrote in a circular letter to the Ottawa Baptist Association of 1865: "Mrs. Tucker was the first and for a time the only Baptist in the vicinity of Papineauville Bay." This lady was baptized in Brandon, Vt., and settled in Papineauville (formerly Ponticut Bay) with her husband, who was still engaged in the lumber business. Mr. Tucker having become convinced of his duty, cheerfully submitted to baptism by the hands of Rev. John Edwards, Sr. Numbers came from Clarence (13 miles up the Ottawa River), in long-boats and canoes, to witness the ordinance, and returned the next day. Mr. McPhail states that this baptism, so far as known, was the first in the Ottawa River. Mr. and Mrs. Tucker united with the Church in Clarence (then Fox's Point), going up the river in a canoe during the summer, and in a sleigh in winter, to worship God with their brethren in Clarence. Though in early life Mr. Tucker met with some serious reverses in business, yet through strong faith in God, persistent tact, untiring energy, and an indomitable will, his lumber trade rapidly increased and became one continuous series of successes. His Christian liberality developed with his temporal prosperity. Wealth with him was not hoarded, but annually expended in the cause of Christ. Giving while living, he was bountifully rewarded in his life by witnessing a rich harvest gathered through his means to the glory of God in the extension of His kingdom.

Our Home Mission funds have been largely aided by his timely and handsome contributions. For years he employed several missionaries to visit and preach the gospel in new and destitute fields up the Ottawa River. Several Baptist churches, as Amprior, White Lake, Bristol, Clarendon, McNab, Fitzroy and Pembroke, are the result of his noble investments in the cause of Christ. Our Foreign Missions were also much loved by Deacon Tucker, and were generously helped by his contributions, while at the same time he furnished numbers of theological students with means to promote their studies.

In person Deacon Stephen Tucker was tall and slender, standing over six feet in height, straight and commanding in figure, a born leader of men. So much did he resemble the late