

"On this 10th day of October, in the year of our Lord 1864, being the 28th year of her most Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria's reign. Viscount Monck being Governor General of B. N. A., this corner stone of an edifice to be used for the worship of God by a body of christians known as the Congregational Church of Brantford C. W., was laid by Edward Harvey Potter, one of the Deacons, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

"The Church was founded A. D., 1834. The Rev. A. Lillie, formerly a Missionary in the employ of the London Missionary Society, in India, became its first minister in 1835, and so continued until his appointment to the office of Tutor of the Theological Academy A. D., 1839. During his pastorate the frame edifice on Dalhousie street, a photograph from a sketch of which is herewith enclosed, and which was burnt down on the morning of Sabbath the 14th of August, of this year, was erected.

"Mr. (now Dr.) Lillie was succeeded in the pastorate (after a brief occupancy of the pulpit by the Rev. T. Bayne) by the Rev. Thomas Baker, on the 1st of August 1841. Seven years afterwards, difficulties occurring, a separation took place, Sept. 16th 1848; and on the 5th December of the same year, the Rev. Thomas Lightbody, a graduate of Glasgow Theological Seminary, was chosen to fill the vacancy. Mr. Lightbody having resigned his charge in the autumn of 1852, the Church invited Mr. John Wood of the Congregational Theological Institute, in Toronto, to supply the pulpit. Mr. Wood entered upon his duties Dec. 5th 1852, and was ordained and installed pastor on the 16th of February following, the Revs. John Roaf, Adam Lillie, Wm. F. Clarke, William Hay, and James Vincent taking part in the services. In that office having obtained help of God he continues until this day."

Then followed a memorandum of the present number of the membership, the names of the Deacons, the Trustees, the Building Committee, and of the Architect and Builder. Around the edges were inscribed the following texts, viz:—"In all places where I record my name, I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee." "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." "The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob." "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former." There were also enclosed in the air-tight jar, a copy of each of the following printed documents and publications, viz:—"The covenant of the Church;" "The minutes of the Congregational Union Meeting in Brantford June 1864;" "The Canadian Independent Magazine," for October 1864, "The Canadian Almanac for 1864; The Brantford "Expositor" for Oct. 7th 1864; The "Brantford Trade Guide;" Congregational Independency" by Rev. Dr. Wilkes; "A Sermon on the American Civil War" by the pastor; "Lectures on Christian Baptism" also by the pastor; The Pastor's "Annual Sabbath School Addresses" 1861-1864. Also, photographs of the first pastor, the present pastor, the Deacons, the Trustees, the Building Committee, and the Treasurer of the Church, a photograph of the old Church edifice, from a sketch in pencil, and some of the charred and melted materials; some Canadian and American Coins of recent issue in silver and copper; some postage stamps of various countries, and some Canadian Bill Stamps, and the parchment containing the historical sketch of the church, as given above. Copies of the Toronto "Globe" and "Leader" of the day on which the corner stone was laid, were also enclosed in the cavity.

E. H. Potter Esq., by direction of the chairman deposited the jar in the corner stone. Mr. Mellish the builder handed him an elegant silver trowel, manufactured for the occasion by J. Wood & Co., of Montreal, and on which was engraved in handsome letters, the following inscription:—"Presented to E. H. Potter, Esq., on the occasion of his laying the corner stone of the Congregational Church, Brantford, Oct. 10th, 1864." It was beautifully chased, a wreath of maple leaves extending round the edge. Mr. Potter having spread a bed of mortar for the reception of the stone and it having been lowered into its place, declared it well and truly laid in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost."

The Rev. Mr. Ebbs, of Paris, then mounted on the top of the stone, and addressed the audience, congratulating the congregation on the liberality and the