

nent prosperity. Indeed it is a wonder that the church grew at all in that evil atmosphere. During the last four years of its stay in that unfortunate locality, its membership increased only about fifty per cent. When Dr. Pyper came therefore, he had not quite one hundred members, to mould and train for usefulness. During his seven years' labours the church increased to two hundred and forty-nine members, a gain of about one hundred and fifty per cent in seven years. But it should be borne in mind, that such statistics give no adequate conception of the real work and changes in the church during these periods. For example, in two years from 1855 to 1857, one hundred and twenty six persons were added to the church by letter and baptism, and yet the net gain was only 45. Toronto has always been a place where a large portion of the immigrants remain only for a few months, till they can inform themselves about the country, and then they move away and take their letters with them. In 1855, the present speaker again became pastor, and retained the office until he reluctantly resigned it, at the urgent request of the leading brethren of the denomination, to enter upon his present occupation. About the close of 1860, the late Dr. Caldicott became pastor, in which office he continued till 1869, when God said to him "come up higher." The Rev. W. Stewart, M.A., was the next pastor, for three years. His work is too recent and well-known to require any lengthened notice. He was followed by the present highly esteemed pastor.