

The supply of candidates furnished by the Presbytery included the Rev. Charles McKerracher and the Rev. John C. Quinn, ministers without charge, and Messrs. Wm. Lundy, Walter M. Roger and Wm. Moore, licentiates; Mr. Ed. Reeve, student, also preached for one or two Sabbaths.

Mr. Moore, upon whom the choice of the congregation fell, was the eldest son of Mr. John Moore, and his wife Jane Ritchie, both of whom belonged to families which had suffered for Presbyterianism in the prelatic persecutions of the seventeenth century.

He was born in the parish of Kilwaughter near Larne, Antrim County, Ireland. He received his literary training in University College, Toronto.

His theological studies were pursued in Knox College, Toronto, and in the Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., U. S. A. He was licensed to preach by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, N. J., in the spring of 1865. On his return to Canada, he presented his certificates to the Presbytery of Stratford, which applied to the Synod for leave to receive him as a minister of the Canada Presbyterian Church. Leave having been granted, the Presbytery placed his name on the roll of Probationers. After his reception he served as assistant to the Rev. Alexander Topp, D.D., of Toronto, from whom he received a practical introduction to the customs and procedure of the Presbyterian Church which he found to be of great service after he had been intrusted with the responsibility of an independent charge.

Though the name Bank Street Presbyterian Church was not assumed until the 6th of January, 1868, we find it more convenient to use the name in advance of its formal adoption than any other form of phraseology by which the new church can be described.

From the beginning the congregation had resolved upon the erection of a substantial stone building, large enough not only to meet the immediate need, but to accommodate at least a portion of the anticipated growth of the city for some years to come. The magnitude of the undertaking seemed out of all proportion to the numerical and financial strength of the congregation. But strong in faith and in their confidence in the future of the city, they only laughed at the difficulties by which they were confronted, and went forward in the sure expectation of success.