

same ministry his eyes were opened to the way of life, and he was enabled to receive the Lord Jesus as his own Saviour, and rest in Him as only the weary soul can rest, that is tired of its own abortive attempts to conquer the power of sin. After a somewhat prolonged and strenuous battle between the traditions of the creed in which he had been trained and the teaching of the inspired word relative to the ordinances of the Gospel, truth triumphed over prejudices, and he was baptized in Grant town by the Rev. L. McIntosh, and united with the denomination of which he remained a consistent and faithful member, and an able advocate of its principles, till God called him up to the heavenly mansions.

Not long after his conversion, Mr. Fraser heard the voice of God calling him to the Gospel ministry. The need was great, and opportunity for evangelistic work abundant. In response to what he considered an irresistible summons, his first attempt at preaching was made in Grant town in 1822. But he soon realized that efficient work in God's harvest field, called for more education than the parochial schools had given. The opportunity for increased scholastic attainments was furnished by the seminary founded in Edinburgh by Robert Haldane. Mr. Fraser became a student in that institution in 1823. But his term of study was not long. In 1825 he left the Seminary, and was appointed a missionary to travel and preach through the Highlands and adjacent parts of the Lowlands. After a year of this itinerant work, he settled with a church in Inverness-shire, and in 1827 was ordained its pastor. There amid the scenes and associations of his boyhood four happy years passed away in the successful discharge of ministerial and pastoral duties.

God who disposes of His servants and fixes the bounds of their habitation as He sees fit, had in reserve for Mr. Fraser a wider, more difficult, as well as more distant field; which would tax to the utmost, and furnish full scope for the use of all the powers both nature and grace had bestowed. Breadalbane justly claims the pre-eminence of being the first Baptist Church on the north side of the St. Lawrence, both in Quebec and the eastern part of Ontario. It was founded in 1817, some say of thirteen,