

PASTORATE OF THE REV. JOHN THOMPSON (Continued)

appointed organist and choirmaster, and was succeeded toward the end of the same year by Mr. W. Philp, who remained until 1893. When Mr. Philp resigned the organ was taken by Miss Kate Dalziel, with Mr. Towers as leader.

In 1894 Mr. Carl Koelling of Chicago, was organist for six months, and was succeeded by Mr. Julius McVicar as organist, and Mr. James Watson as choirmaster. Mr. McVicar resigned in 1895 to become organist in a church in Detroit, and Miss Lizzie Watson was appointed organist.

In 1897 Mr. Watson gave up choir work and Mr. F. B. Fenwick became choirmaster, Miss Watson remaining at the organ until 1899, when Miss Elma Chase was appointed organist, with Mr. Fenwick as choirmaster. In 1902 Mr. Alfred Dunn was appointed choirmaster. He was succeeded in 1906 by Mr. F. Corrison, who left Sarnia in 1907 to accept a position in British Columbia. In the meantime Miss Chase was succeeded in 1905 by Mrs. K. McGregor, as organist.

In 1897 Mr. W. E. C. Workman, the present organist and choirmaster was appointed, and has ably filled the position for over eleven years. In 1909 the present organ was installed and the choir resumed its former place in front of the pulpit.

In the second decade of the Rev. Mr. Thompson's ministry it was found necessary to enlarge the church opened in 1868.

At a congregational meeting held in the church on the 26th of February, 1880, it was moved by Mr. Wm. Steed, seconded by Mr.

W. B. Clark, "That this meeting recognizes the necessity of additional church and Sabbath School accommodation, and that a committee consisting of Messrs. Robt. Mackenzie, J. R. Gemmill, John Murray, David McMaster, and T. W. Nisbet be appointed to prepare plans and recommendations and report."

Previous to the above meeting Mr. James King, a member of the congregation, had offered to the congregation the land owned by him in the rear of the church building for \$1,200, on condition that a Sabbath School building be erected thereon within a reasonable time. The committee appointed to consider plans for additional church accommodation recommended the purchase of Mr. King's property, and with the enlargement of the church to erect also a suitable Sabbath School building. Also that Mr. Hodges' plans be accepted. These plans provided for an additional 302 sittings in the church, and a Sabbath School building, at the estimated cost of \$10,300.

At a congregational meeting held on the 18th of March, 1880, the report of the committee was approved with a few additions, bringing the estimated cost to \$12,000. The following were appointed a Building Committee: Messrs. Francis Blaikie, Daniel