

superstition or the fearful war-whoop. On the countenance of the baptized there was a touching solemnity, and altogether the emotions produced were such as led one to say, 'It is good to be here.'"

By the year 1846 there were in Peterborough enough Baptists to warrant the formation of a Baptist Church, and the little band opened a house of worship on the 17th of May in that year. Peterborough was then just twenty years old; it contained two thousand people, and is described in "Smith's Canadian Gazetteer" of that date as "at present very flourishing." The same authority says that "the Jail and Court House is a handsome stone building, ^{located} on rising ground in the rear of the town. Churches and chapels, seven, viz., Episcopal, (stone), Presbyterian, (stone), Catholic, (stone), Baptist, (brick), British Wesleyan, Canadian Wesleyan, and Christian. There is in Peterborough a fire company with one engine. Two newspapers are published here weekly—the Peterborough Gazette and Peterborough Chronicle. Post office, and post every day. Principal taverns, the Albert House and the Union Hotel. One bank agency—'Montreal.'"

These few touches will serve to show something of the nature of the community which the Baptist Church of Peterborough at its organization sought to serve, and will also indicate how far what has now become a city has advanced since those days, and why it is needful to open a new building for the new needs. The Church was founded in simplicity of faith and in fervency of prayer and, as an early record expresses it, the little band that thus united in Christian fellowship gave themselves first to God and then to one another by the will of God. These same records also make it clear that the church fellowship thus provided for met a deep need in the hearts of the members. It was, then, in this spirit, that there came to be founded this church which has ever since sought in its own way to provide for the spiritual edification of its members and to serve to the best of its ability the public interests of the community in which it has carried on its work ever since 1846.

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