HISTORICAL SKETCH.

PRINCIPAL MACVICAR, of Montreal, REV. D. D. MCLEOD, of Barrie, and others. The following were the building committee: DR. BEATON, Chairman; MELVILLE MILLAR, Secretary; G. A. CHASE, Treasurer; C. J. MILLER, J. R. EATON, H. COOKE, WM. THOMSON, (Longford), WM. J. KING, JOSEPH DUNN, T. A. MAIN, R. STRATTON, JAMES HUSSACK, (since deceased), J. P. HENDERSON, JOHN ALLAN, (since deceased), W. M. HARVEY and C. ROBERTSON.

The opening services on the first Sabbath of July, 1889, were conducted by the REV. DR. MACLAREN, of Knox College, Toronto, who preached in the forenoon; the REV. JOHN WILKIE, D.D., of Indore, India, in the afternoon, and the REV. DR. MCMULLEN, of Woodstock, in the evening. On the following Sabbath, service wasconducted by the late REV. DR. COCHRANE, of Brantford, and a social meeting was held on the following Monday evening, which was addressed by DR. COCHRANE, and others. Thenew church had a seating capacity for 1050, which was afterwards increased to 1100. The entire cost of upholstering and carpeting the new church was defrayed by the Ladies' Aid Society, at an outlay of over two thousand dollars. Some few years afterwards the Society raised two thousand five hundred dollars, the amount expended for the organ now in use by the congregation.

The general policy of the congregation in its life and work has been in the main conservative, and while not unwilling to consider and adopt changes in non-essentials, that may have seemed useful, the main reliance has been on the preaching of the Gospel, and wise and effective administration by the office-bearers of the church. During the half century of its existence the congregation has had only two Pastors, and two Sabbath School Superintendents. The second Pastor and second Sabbath School Superintendent are at the date of

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