

McNab Street Presbyterian Church.

The Congregation was organized in August, 1854, by former members and adherents of Knox Church, and divine service was held in the Mechanics' Institute—the first communion being dispensed by the Rev. John Scott, D. D., then Pastor of St. Andrew's Church, London. By the end of the year a commodious house of worship was erected, and in May, 1855, the Rev. David Inglis, of St. Gabriel Street Church, Montreal, was inducted as the first Pastor. The Rev. James Black, now the father of the Hamilton Presbytery, and a member of the present Session of the Church, preached the induction sermon. The membership of the Congregation, which at the settlement numbered forty-six, rapidly increased, necessitating more church accommodation, and in April, 1856, the foundation stone of the present edifice was laid, and the building completed in June, 1857.

Dr. Inglis laboured with fidelity in the pastorate until 1871, when he was removed to Knox College, in Toronto. His eminence as a preacher attracted much attention and ere long he received a call to the Dutch Reformed Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., which he accepted and in which he laboured until called to his reward. In February, 1872, the congregation gave a unanimous call to the Rev. D. H. Fletcher, of Scarboro, which he accepted, and was inducted on the first day of May in that year.

The McNab Street Congregation has the reputation of being kind and loyal to its Pastor and generous in supporting the schemes of the Church. Though it has during the present pastorate become the mother of two churches, viz.: St. John's, in the east, and Locke Street, in the west; it is still large, vigorous and liberal. There have been connected with it influential men, who rendered valuable service to the cause of Presbyterianism, not only in the city of Hamilton, but throughout the country.