

thoughts of the heart was only evil continually," pierced him to the quick, and it seemed as if the minister made his whole sermon an intentional, personal thrust at him.

This service was effective, like that in the Wesleyan Chapel upon Spurgeon, in the conversion of the young apprentice. This morning had another surprise in store for him in the unexpected meeting with his employer at the door at the close of the service. Of course, hereafter the converted apprentice became the butt of ridicule among his shop-mates.

Investigation into the Baptist belief with the help of Bible and dictionary followed his conversion and ere long he was led to abandon his Episcopal views and identify himself with the Baptist people.

His fellowship with Baptist deacons at this time was always a happy memory to him. Through their direction, because of his willingness, he was led to tract distribution and exhortation at religious services, for one deacon remarked "One free man is worth two press men." Sundays became very busy days to him religiously. His labors had their outward compensation sometimes in ingratitude, expressed too at times in the concrete fashion of rotten eggs.

In 1836 the youth Joseph Chandler emigrated to America, making Toronto his home for a time. He often referred to the joy, even to tears, that he experienced over the first gospel sermon he heard in Canada. In Toronto he followed his trade, being employed as head cutter. Here he managed to save of his wages, sufficient to enable him to begin his course in the Montreal Baptist College in 1840.

Though this college did not exist long it sent out a number of worthies who have left the impress of their godly characters and labors upon the Baptist denomination in Canada.

In 1843 the recent student found his way to the Coaticook Valley, 125 miles south-east of Montreal in the district known as the Eastern Townships, that portion of Canada lying along the boundary between Quebec and the States, originally settled for the most part by families from the Eastern States. He located on a farm in the township of Burford which at that time was not very thickly settled, and here he began his doubly