

The architectural design of the building is what is known as early pointed Gothic, and with its pillars and arches is indeed a work of beauty.

The first pastor of the church is the Rev. Robert Hopkin, late of Listowel, Ont., who was given a unanimous and urgent call to its leadership in April last, and who commenced work on the 17th of May following.

CHURCH ORGANIZATION.

On his arrival Mr. Hopkin immediately took steps towards the formation of a duly organized church, and on the first Sunday in June he had the privilege and pleasure of extending the right hand of fellowship to sixteen members. Every communion Sunday since then new members have been received until now the membership numbers 62. The church is Congregational in its polity, independent and self-governing, its government being vested in the body of believers who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastic body, and sustains the obligations of mutual counsel, and co-operation which are common among churches of the Congregational order.

No other confession than that of Jesus as a personal Saviour is required. The seats in the church are all free, and free to all. The expenses are met by voluntary offerings, and subscriptions.

No record of Bethlehem Congregational church would be complete without reference to the very generous gift of \$10,000 from the members of Calvary Church, indeed, it is safe to say that without this, it would not to-day be in existence. Bethlehem Church is an aggressive body, and is bound to go ahead.

COVENANT ADOPTED, 2ND JUNE, 1896, AT THE FIRST BUSINESS MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION.

"Acknowledging Jesus Christ to be our Saviour and Lord, and accepting the Holy Scriptures as our rule of faith and practice, and recognizing the privilege and duty of uniting ourselves for Christian fellowship and the enjoyment of Christian ordinances, and the public worship of God and the advancement of His kingdom in the world, we do now in the sight of God, and invoking His blessing, solemnly covenant and agree with others to associate ourselves to be a church of the Lord Jesus Christ, as warranted by the Word of God.

We agree to maintain the institutions of the Gospel, to submit ourselves to the orderly administration of the affairs of the church, and to walk together in brotherly love, and this we do depending upon the aid of our Heavenly Father, who so loved the world, that He gave His only Begotten Son for our Salvation, and of Jesus Christ, who hath redeemed us with His blood, and of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Guide."