

a committee appointed to sell the furnishings, and settle the outstanding debts. Before it was put in execution, however, Mr. Burges one of the members, determined to canvas the neighborhood, and as a result, the church took on a new lease of life, and God prospered it abundantly. The small cottages being soon found inadequate, it was decided to build a church to seat about three hundred and in the corner of Adelaide and King streets was chosen. For sometime this church was sufficient for the needs of the congregation, as the city became more compactly built, this church was eventually outgrown. It proved however, to be the forerunner of what is to-day one of the finest Methodist Churches and Sabbath Schools in the city, namely, the Dundas Centre. The foundation stone for the original Dundas Centre Church was laid by the Rev. Wm. M. Punshon, D. D., in the spring of 1869. In June 1870 the Rev. Wm. Briggs was appointed Superintendent of the Dundas Centre. On the opening of the Sabbath School, the scholars from the little church on King and Adelaide streets marched in a body to their new home. Thus the exertions of that little band of zealous workers had much to do with the growth and progress of Dundas Centre. Although the congregation sustained severe losses by the total destruction of the church just referred to in 1895, we find that in 1896, the foundation stone of the magnificent structure that now adorns the corner of Maitland and Dundas street was laid with appropriate ceremonies by Mr. Wm. Bowman and the dedication services were held on May 24th of the same year.