

church in Pembroke to return in the spring. He arrived there on 28th March, and now as his work swallows him up his notes become less frequent; but on New Year's Day, 1876, he again unburdens his mind, closing with the prayer.—“May I not be proud or conceited, or ambitious, or pretentious, but real and self-suspicious, and kind and holy, forever to the praise of God.”

Some notes follow, dated March, 1876, and then there is a gap of three years and a half and the record is resumed at London, September 18th, 1879, with the note, “Many a time in the road since March 18th, 1876, but this only can I say, I bless the hand that guided.” He says, “I cannot record here all that God has done, through the least of all his saints: Kincardine, Durham, London, Chesley, Port Elgin, St. Mary's have recorded triumphs in the living Christ.” Of his work in Kincardine he speaks with special tenderness. The same note gives the date of his marriage, 9th July, 1879.

This brings us to the period when Alexander Grant had become a well-known personality in Ontario Baptist circles. His strong doric accent and what some regarded as uncouth gestures and modes of speech did not always escape criticism; but through it all the intense and growing power of the man made itself everywhere felt. His work in London was eminently successful: and when in 1884 it became evident to all that the need of the hour was an aggressive movement in Home Missions, with singular unanimity all thoughts turned to Alexander Grant as the man to lead the advance.

The result more than justified the most sanguine expectation of his admirers, and even those who had hesitated, fearing his energy might not be matched by his prudence, were quick to see and confess their mistake. Full of courage; full of faith; of infinite resource, and yet patient and tactful to a degree that few had anticipated, his enthusiasm gave new life to the cause, and the denomination as never before became seized of a definite ideal of its mission and destiny in this land. He had never counted on making this position his life work, and in 1889, having left an impress on the work which can never be obliterated, he handed over to his successor an organization unexcelled in simplicity and effectiveness.

When the call came to the lone cause in the far west, prom-