



Eightieth Anniversary

OF
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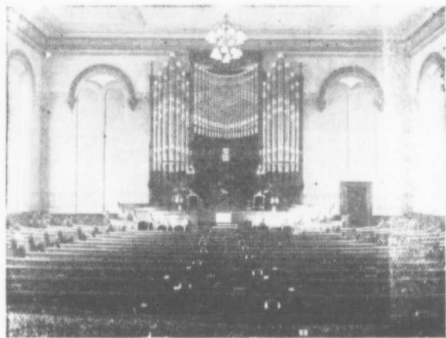
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REV. LLEWELLYN BROWN, · · · · PASTOR
MR. FRED CHALCRAFT · · · · SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPT.
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EXTERIOR VIEW OF THE CHURCH



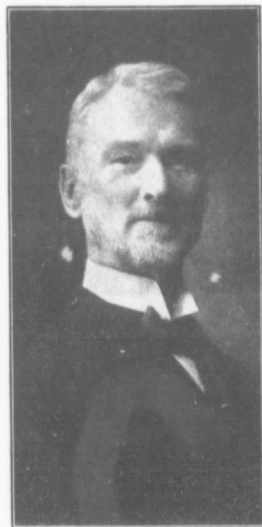
INTERIOR VIEW OF THE CHURCH



REV. LLEWELLYN BROWN, M.A.
Pastor from September 1st, 1910



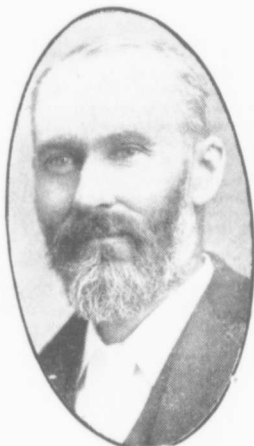
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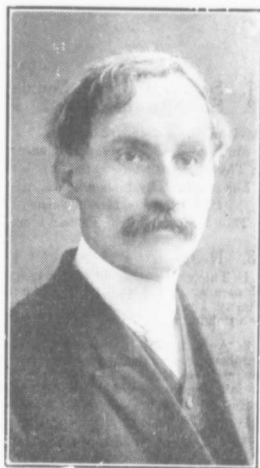
DR. J. W. A. STEWART
Anniversary Preacher



MR. FRED CHALCRAFT
Supt. of Sunday School



REV. W. H. PORTER, M. A.
Pastor from July 1873 to January 1880



REV. S. J. FARMER, B. A.
Pastor from December 1900 to 1910

Outline Programme of the Open Session of the Sunday School

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1914

On the Occasion of the 80th Anniversary of the Founding of the Church

1. Selection by the Sunday School Orchestra.
 2. Song by the School. Hymn 98, 3 Verses.

Mr. George H. Cartwright, Conductor

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
 Much we need Thy tenderest care:
 In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
 For our use Thy folds prepare,
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine: do Thou befriend us:
 Be the Guardian of our way;
 Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
 Seek us when we go astray,
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 Hear, oh hear us, when we pray.

Thou has promised to receive us,
 Poor and sinful though we be;
 Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
 Grace to cleanse, and power to free
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
 Let us early turn to Thee.

3. Responsive Reading. 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13.

1 Though I speak with the tongues
 of men and of angels, and have not
 charity, I am become as sounding brass,
 or a tinkling cymbal.

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind;
 charity envieth not; charity vaunteth
 not itself, is not puffed up.

9 For we know in part, and we
 prophesy in part.

2 And though I have the gift of
 prophecy, and understand all mysteries,
 and all knowledge; and though I have
 all faith, so that I could remove mount-
 ains, and have not charity, I am noth-
 ing.

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly,
 seeketh not her own, is not easily pro-
 voked, thinketh no evil;

10 But when that which is perfect is
 come, then that which is in part shall be
 done away.

3 And though I bestow all my goods
 to feed the poor, and though I give my
 body to be burned, and have not charity,
 it profiteth me nothing.

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but re-
 joiceth in the truth;

11 When I was a child, I spake as a
 child, I understood as a child, I thought
 as a child: but when I became a man,
 I put away childish things.

4. Prayer
 5. Song by the School. Hymn 752.

The Pastor

I love to hear the story
 Which angel voices tell,
 How once the King of Glory
 Came down on earth to dwell:
 I am both weak and sinful,
 But this I surely know,
 The Lord came down to save me,
 Because He loved me so.

I'm glad my blessed Saviour
 Was once a child like me,
 To show how pure and holy
 His little ones might be:
 And if I try to follow
 His footsteps here below,
 He never will forsake me,
 Because He loves me so.

To sing His love and mercy
 My sweetest songs I'll raise,
 And though I cannot see Him,
 I know He hears my praise:
 For He has kindly promised
 That even I may go
 To sing among His angels,
 Because He loves me so.

6. Marking of the Class Records. Offering.
 7. Selection by the Orchestra.
 8. Song, "Angel Land"
 9. Address
 10. Unveiling of the Memorial Portraits of Mr. John Harris and Mr. T. S. Shenstone.
 11. Hymn 772.

Miss E. Phipps
 Rev. W. H. Porter, M. A.

Golden harps are sounding,
 Angel voices ring,
 Pearly gates are opened—
 Opened for the King:
 Christ, the King of Glory,
 Jesus, King of love,
 Is gone up in triumph
 To His throne above.

He who came to save us,
 He who bled and died,
 Now is crowned with glory
 At His Father's side.
 Never more to suffer,
 Never more to die,
 Jesus, King of glory,
 Is gone up on high!

Praying for His children
 In that blessed place,
 Calling them to glory,
 Sending them His grace;
 His bright home preparing,
 Faithful ones, for you;
 Jesus ever liveth,
 Ever loveth too.

Chorus

All His work is ended,
 Joyfully we sing:
 Jesus has ascended!
 Glory to our King!

12. Address
 13. Presentation of Prizes.
 14. Song by the Primary Department, Miss Annie Winter, Superintendent. Assistants, Miss Hope Elliott, Miss Lottie Large and Miss L. Tanton.
 15. Hymn 80.

Dr. J. W. A. Stewart

Blest be the tie that binds
 Our hearts in Christian love;
 The fellowship of kindred minds
 Is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
 We pour our ardent prayers;
 Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one,
 Our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes,
 Our mutual burdens bear;
 And often for each other flows
 The sympathizing tear.

When we asunder part,
 It gives us inward pain;
 But we shall still be joined in heart,
 And hope to meet again.

16. Prayer.
 17. Doxology.
 18. Selection by the Orchestra.

(Extract from Elder Rees' records.)

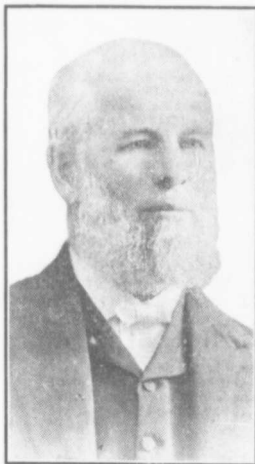


REV. D. SPENCER, L.L.D.
Pastor from November 1895 to 1900

"I CAME here on the 31st August, 1855, as it appeared to me, by the direction of Divine Providence. There was no Baptist Church in this village. Never did I feel so much alone in the world, and so entirely destitute of human consolation: yet I felt that God was with me, and His blessed promise afforded me support. That dear old father Elder Mabee, came and labored with me for two days in the power and love of the Gospel. The preaching was plain, solemn, and affectionate; the prayers short and fervent. The meetings were indeed solemn. There was no gust of passion, no enthusiastic excitement; true, now and then was heard the deep sigh, while the tears of penitence rolled profusely from many eyes, unaccustomed to weep under the sound of the Gospel. In a few weeks, we trust, there were at least eight souls translated from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of God's dear Son,

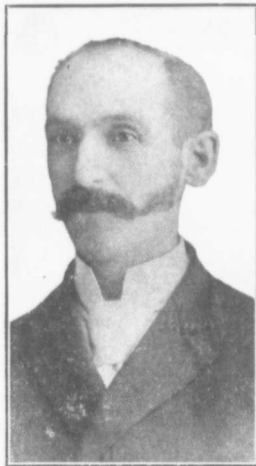
"On the 25rd of December, 1855, according to previous arrangement, a church of twenty-six members, including myself, was regularly constituted. Elder Crandall preached the organization sermon, Elder Pickle gave the right hand of fellowship, and Elder Mabee gave the charge. . . . For the first year we were under the necessity of meeting in small and uncomfortable buildings, and from house to house; and, sometimes, on the borders of the Grand River in the depth of Winter. There I

had the pleasure of baptising many willing converts. Some of these seasons were affecting beyond the power of language to describe. Now we have here a good edifice, it being the best Baptist meeting-house I have seen in all this region of the country, occupied by a church of eighty members."



REV. G. M. W. CAREY, M. A.
Pastor from April 1885 to June 1889.

IT'S a long look back eighty years to 1855, when Brantford was one of the small villages of Upper Canada, with a population of 400. For several years a school house, situated where the City Hall now stands, was the only public building in the village, and it was used for all manner of public and religious purposes.



REV. T. S. JOHNSON, D.D.
Pastor from February 1890 to September 1895.

When Elder Rees arrived in the village he went to the trustees and begged leave to preach therein, which was readily granted. With his own money he purchased some candles and a broken broom, and fitted up the school house for preaching. His preaching soon began to create no small stir, and the school house was refused to him. Nothing daunted, he procured a barrel, on which he stood, and hundreds gathered around to hear him proclaim Christ crucified.

From those early and unpromising beginnings great things have resulted. The first "Chapel" of 1854 has grown to seven well-appointed places of worship, and the little band of "26" has increased to nearly 2,000 at the present time, while in addition to these now living, we hold in loving memory the "great host" who has gone on before.

So the Old First Church has become the mother and grand-mother of Baptist Churches in this city.

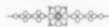
Included in the Church rolls are the names of many saints of God who labored and sacrificed and literally gave themselves, in order to the establishment of this Church, and the influence of their lives still counts for good in this community, and their memories are inspirations and benedictions.

We of these days, and especially our young people, need to ponder deeply these sturdy old characters who laid so deep and strong the foundations upon which we now stand.



REV. J. R. STILLWELL, B.A.
Ordained in First Baptist Church in 1885.
A Missionary in India.

Outline Programme of the Services in connection with the
Celebration of the 80th Anniversary of the
Founding of the Church



Thursday, January 1st—The Old Fashioned Tea Meeting and Concert.

Friday, January 2nd—The Children's Supper and Entertainment.

Sunday, January 4th—11 a.m. Sermon by Dr. J. W. A. Stewart, of Rochester, N. Y. Rev. W. H. Porter assisting the Pastor.

5 p.m. Open Session of the Sunday School. Unveiling of the Portraits of the late John Harris and the late T. S. Shenstone.

7 p.m. Sermon by Dr. Stewart.