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BAPTIST CHURCH

TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM
1818-1928

In attempting to review the past history of a church, many avenues of interest invite enquiry. The records present much of interest in the matter of old residents, father, son, and grandson—local conditions—community interests—past peculiar wording and spelling—changes in financial conditions—changing values in properties and remuneration—But what of these? Is this the highest interest or the real purpose of the review of the past history of a church? We feel rather that the avenue of greatest importance and of largest blessing is the one that leads us to the place where we may tune in and reproduce the spiritual aspirations of those who have gone—seen the hand of our Heavenly Father in His children—learn some lesson from the seasons of spiritual barrenness as well as the seasons of spiritual blessing—in short, to get first a new and enlarged vision of the importance and purpose of what we call a church—and second, our responsibilities and privileges in this regard so that through this new and enlarged vision we may be brought to the place—not where we may do larger things—for the Master—the impossible—but to the place where we may surrender our all to He who is the King of Kings and Lord of Hosts—who is able to take our weaknesses, ye our nothingness, and by His power use us to His own glory and make us instruments in His hands to the saving of precious souls. Sometimes we say our church with the emphasis on the word "our" and we organize and plan and marshal all our energies to make it a success in financial and numerical results. Let us remember the Master's own words to Peter "upon this rock I will build My church." Have we a church here? Then the Master says "It is My church." Hark! it is "My church." No earthly power of human ability or organization has built or owns it. If it is a church it is My church and has been built only by and through the power of the Holy Spirit and on the one and only foundation even the Christ, the Son of the living God.

In this light what is the past and present history of this unit of the Lord's church? Away back in the thirties of the past century a godly woman living in England, of godly family, and led of the Spirit in reading the Word, was brought to conviction of truth that brought conflict in the family life. She, true to her faith and what she believed to be her Master's word and command in the matter of baptism, found it necessary and expedient to sacrifice earthly inheritance and family bonds and with her husband set sail for a new land. Arriving in Canada in the early fifties they located in Ontario and started life anew on the farm which is today the site of the present church building and in the then only Baptist church in the community—the parent church on the Ninth Line of Markham Township known as the First Markham Baptist Church they established their membership and worshipped God according to their conception of His word. For some years the eight miles between home and church were no barrier to constant and loving attendance at the place of worship. Visitors were always urged to accompany them but on refusing were allowed the privilege of remaining alone until in the appointed place the family had rendered unto God that which was His viz., "forget not the assembling of yourselves, etc., and from love-bating hearts had united with the brethren in lifting up their hearts in praise, in supplication, and feasting upon the spiritual food of His Word." This home verily was one of the King's outposts in the land of the enemy and no secular or material interests were sufficient to interfere with the daily hour set apart for worship and fellowship with their God, not a God of stone or the creation of man's mind or men's hands but God—the living God—the One who heard, who loved, who strengthened and sustained them in many an hour of need and of difficulty—and who enriched their lives and made their hearts respond with joy and gladness to His service. The community at this time was rough and godless—the Sabbath day given over to horse racing, games of all kinds, and the utter disregard of God or His laws. Was the All-wise infinite God mindful of these things? Had He in His infinite wisdom known the end even from the beginning touched the heart of this godly woman and her husband and brought about the conditions in the old land that made it difficult to remain in the old easy self-satisfying conditions and led them forth into far lands to be the instruments in

AN ACCLAMATION

IN WHITCHURCH

Whitechurch Nomination Meeting

I do not suppose that any young member of York County Council ever had a more stormy career than than I have had, but I want to tell you men here that when the last audit of York County on the Highways Commission books was made it was shown that was right that material had been paid for by York County

Mr. and Mrs. O'Reagan were holiday visitors from Hamilton with their parents Mr. and Mrs. B. Doten.

Fred Dewey and his mother both former residents of 7th of Markham were on from Toronto on Friday.

Miss Gertrude Nicholson from Niagara Falls, N.Y., visiting at her home here for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. D. G. Walls of Toronto was in town last week visiting his brother Ed.

Miss N. Hurtubise, a former teacher on the school staff, was a visitor this week with Mrs. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Catherine Johnson and daughter spent Christmas with Miss E. Johnson in Toronto.

Miss Jane Button was in Chatham and Wallaceburg for a few days last week.

Miss Ruth Brown of Toronto is spending a few days with Miss Ethel Sanders.

Miss Ruth Curtis of Toronto visited with relatives over the New Year holiday.

Mrs. Gladwell of Toronto was a recent visitor with Mrs. Frank Gordon.

Mr. Ben Madill left ten days ago for Long Beach, California, where he will spend the winter with his son.

Miss Gladys Miller of the High School staff at Weston was with relatives in town for her Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Walls returned on Monday night from Toronto after spending a few days with her daughter.

Miss Marion Clark was home from Collingwood with her mother and brother for her Christmas holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. McKenzie of Pontiac, Mich., motored to Stouffville last Thursday a distance slightly over 300 miles, to spend New Year's at the home of Mrs. McKenzie's father, Clerk J. S. Dougherty.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jerman spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Collins also Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Jerman spent the New Year. The boys are both employed at the Harris Abattoir, Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Hargrave of Toronto spent the holiday in town with their parents Mr. and Mrs. P. Lehman. Miss Mildred Lehman also was under the parental roof for the Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Lehman and daughter motored out from Toronto on Friday to spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Helmick, the former having suffered a slight stroke a few days ago.

It was an unusual opportunity that of seeing some dishes on the dinner table at Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morton which were between 86 and 90 years old. Some of the dishes were used by her father and mother 86 years ago, when they first started to keep house.

At the Christmas gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Silvester, Church Street, the visitors included Miss Hazel, their daughter from Toronto also Misses Winnie and Bertie Silvester from Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Brown and son Walter from Lemonville.

A recent renewal for the Tribune from Wilmett Wideman, Fleet, Alta., was written in part: "We sure enjoy getting the paper like a lot. Come home. We are having lovely weather, no snow worth speaking about, the roads are very dusty, but good for auto traffic."

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