

Carlton St.
Methodist
Church



Souvenir
Calendar

York
1833

Toronto
1908



Alice St. Church

Bay St. Chapel

Carlton St. Church



History of the Church



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LTHOUGH the germs of Methodism were sown thirty years earlier, it was not until May, 1739, that the first Methodist Chapel was built in England.

In 1810 the Primitive Methodist branch had its origin and became next to the Wesleyans, the largest Methodist body in the old land.

Twenty years later through the exertions of men represented in Carlton Street Church to-day, this Church was organized. The history of the Church, if it were possible to obtain it in full detail to-day with its beginning in the little town of York, would be replete with interest in its story of the self-denying personal labor and givings of the newly arrived settlers from over the sea. All had memories of the houses of prayer in the old land, and longed for a building to be dedicated and set apart for the worship of God, and uniting their energies to accomplish this, with their hands as well as their pence, their shillings and their pounds, in faith and with prayer and the blessing of God, they at last accomplished the beginning of the work that has been carried on by this Society for seventy-five years.

The first class was organized on June 11th, 1829, and was led by Mr. Wm. Lawson, who may be called the founder of this Church. This was held for a short time in the Masonic Hall, then situated on Colborne Street. In the following year the Home Church was induced by Mr. Lawson, Mr. Thomas Thompson, Sr., and Mr. Robert Walker to send a Missionary here, and shortly afterwards Mr. Thompson's school room, at the corner of Jordan and Melinda Streets, was utilized for the Church services.

On October 21st, 1832, Bay Street Church was opened. Mr. Lawson preached in the morning, the Rev. Mr. Summersides in the afternoon, and the Rev. J. Richardson, a Methodist Episcopal preacher, in the evening. The cost of this building was £740. The Church from the beginning had a membership of not less than two hundred.

The work was carried on in this building most successfully until

1853, when the Alice Street site was purchased, and the corner stone of that building was laid by the Hon. James Harvey Price, on October 4th, 1854. In January, 1856, the Church was formally opened, those taking part in the services being the Rev. Edward Barrass (a former Bay Street Pastor), the Rev. J. Borland, a Wesleyan Divine, the Rev. Dr. Jas. Edgar, and the Rev. R. Cade, D.D. This Church cost £3,500.

For nearly twenty years, that is until 1874, the work was carried on in the Alice Street building, when the Church was partially destroyed by fire, and after consideration it was decided to move further north, and the Carlton Street site was obtained for \$10,000.00, and the building erected on it at a cost of \$46,000.00, including the organ. The corner stone was laid in June, 1874, by Mr. Robert Walker, and a year later, June 18th, 1875, the opening took place, amongst those taking part being Rev. Dr. Douglas; Rev. Thos. Guttery, the Pastor; Rev. Dr. Jas. Edgar; Rev. Thos. Griffith, D.D.; Rev. R. Boyle, D.D.; and Rev. R. Cade, D.D.

The Society grew rapidly, so that in 1884 it became necessary to enlarge the Church, and the services of Mr. Wm. G. Storm, the architect for the original building, were again secured, with the result that, though the general Norman-Gothic architecture of the Church remained unchanged, at a cost of \$15,000.00, the original building fifty-two feet wide inside was enlarged to a width of seventy-seven feet, and the elliptical gallery, with a comparatively small well and the floor ungraded from the dais, was changed to the present amphitheatral form, and the floor beginning five pews from the chancel was changed to rise gradually to permit unobstructed view from all sections of the room. The fifteen gallery pillars mark the site of the old walls.

In 1876 the body known as the New Connection Methodists united with the Wesleyan Methodists of Canada, and the following year the other Methodist bodies of the Dominion, viz., Primitive Methodists, Methodists Episcopal and Bible Christians joined this union, thus bringing all the Methodist sects of Canada into one organization and under one system of government known as "The Methodist Church." By this the Carlton Street Primitive Methodist Society became part of the general Canadian Methodist Church.

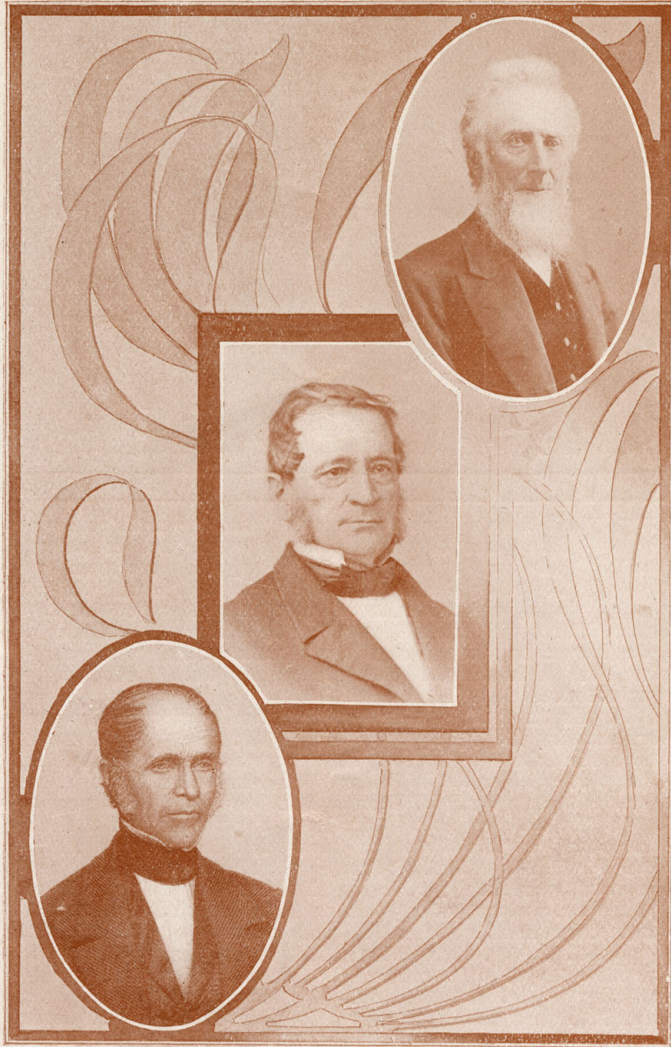


*Mr. Thomas
Thompson*

Some of Our Old Members

THIS church has been especially fortunate in having had connected with it an unbroken line of those who were members of the original Bay Street Society. The following is a list of the names of the old members of the Bay Street Church who are still members of Carlton Street Church. Pains have been taken to make this and the following lists complete, but it is possible that some have been inadvertently overlooked.

The first name is that of Mr. Thomas Thompson, who was born January 9th, 1832, Mrs. Thomas Thompson, Mrs. Joseph Smith, Mrs. George Sparrow, Mrs. Thomas Briggs, Mrs. John Kent, Mr. and Mrs. John Fensom, Sr., Mrs. Mark Tipling, Mr. James R. Briggs and Mr. Thomas Bell. Amongst the descendants of the old Bay Street Church members who retain their connection with this church are Mrs. R. J. Tackaberry and Mr. Fred W. Walker, children of the late Mr. Robert Walker, and the latter's grandson, Mr. Irving John Gardner Walker, son of the late Mr. Robert Irving Walker; Mrs. Joseph J. Follett, Mr. Daniel Stone and Mr. John E. Stone, children of the late Mr. Henry Stone; Mr. Henry Sheard, son of Mr. Joseph Sheard, at one time Mayor of Toronto; Mrs. John A. Graham, granddaughter of Mr. Thomas Robinson; Mrs. John Fensom, Jr.; Mrs. C. Boyle; Mrs. J. L. Tretheway, daughter of Mr. Colin Skinner; Mr. Joseph Kent, son of Mr. John Kent; Mr. W. T. Rolling, grandson of Mr. Thomas Cuttle; Mr. Samuel Pearsall, son of Mr. George Pearsall, and Mrs. John Irwin, daughter of Mr. James Daniels.



Robert Walker

Thos. Thompson, Sr.

William Lawson



Those taking part in the unveiling of the group picture on March 6th, 1902, of which the above is a photograph, were Mr Joseph Lawson, J.P. (who with the aid of his daughter secured the photographs), Thomas Thompson, Esq. Thomas Bell, Rev. Dr. Cade, Rev. Dr. W. J. Hunter, and Revs. Joseph Markham, William Herridge, Henry S. Matthews, John Goodman, William Bee, G. R. Turk, G. W. Kirby, and Rev. J. V. Smith, D.D., the Pastor.



*Rev. J. A. Rankin, D.D.
Pastor*

Services, Sunday, June 14th

MORNING

Public Service	-	-	-	In Paradisum	-	-	-	Dubois
Organ Prelude	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Doxology	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Invocation	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Hymn No. 80	-	-	-	"How pleasant, how divinely fair"	-	-	-	Tune—Hursley
Prayer	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Anthem	-	-	-	"Thou art my fortress"	-	-	-	Klein
	-	-	-	Soloist—Miss Beacock	-	-	-	
First Lesson	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Festival Te Deum in E Flat	-	-	-		-	-	-	Buck
Second Lesson	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Offertoire	-	-	-	Prelude in F	-	-	-	Rossini
Hymn No. 664	-	-	-	"Glorious things of thee are spoken"	-	-	-	Tune—Austria
Sermon by the Pastor	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Prayer	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Hymn No. 717	-	-	-	"On all the earth thy Spirit shower"	-	-	-	Tune—St. Crispin
Benediction	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Organ Postlude	-	-	-	March from "Eli"	-	-	-	Costa

EVENING

Public Service	-	-	-		-	-	-	Faulkes
Organ Prelude	-	-	-	Overture in E Flat	-	-	-	Tune—Old Hundred
Hymn No. 7	-	-	-	"Before Jehovah's awful throne"	-	-	-	
Prayer	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Anthem	-	-	-	"Lead, Kindly Light"	-	-	-	Schnecker
	-	-	-	Soloist—Miss Beacock	-	-	-	
Scripture Lesson	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Chorus (unaccompanied)	-	-	-	"Trisagion and Sanctus"	-	-	-	Hawley
Announcements	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Offertoire	-	-	-	Andante in F	-	-	-	Rossini
Hymn No. 127	-	-	-	"Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts"	-	-	-	Tune—Rockingham
Sermon by Rev. John H. Goodman	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Prayer	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Hymn No. 784	-	-	-	"Abide with me, fast falls the eventide"	-	-	-	Tune—Eilers
Benediction	-	-	-		-	-	-	
Organ Postlude	-	-	-	War March of the Priests	-	-	-	Mendelssohn

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Organist and Choir Master

Mr. F. R. Beatty, 664 Spadina Ave.

Sunday, June 14th, 1908

10 a.m. Morning Classes, led by Mr. J. W. L. Forster and Mr. G. S. Youle.

12.15 p.m. (after service). General and Visitors' Class, led by Dr. Hough.

3 p.m. Sunday School and Bible Classes.

3 p.m. Congregational Bible Class, led by Mr. B. N. Davis.

Sunday, June 21st, is our Annual Flower Sunday, and members and friends are kindly asked to bring flowers to the morning service. These will afterwards be distributed to the sick and shut-in members and friends, at home or in the hospitals. Any addresses of sick friends may be put on the collection plates.

Services of the Week

Monday, 8 p.m. The regular meeting of the Epworth League will be withdrawn in order to attend the Epworth League Anniversary at the Toronto Annual Conference being held in Elm Street Church. We would urge a large attendance, as the meeting will be of a specially interesting character. Bishop Berry, President of the Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States, will be the speaker. Members will kindly meet here not later than 7.45, and go in a body.

Wednesday, 8 p.m. Praise and Prayer Service.

Friday, 8 p.m. Mr. Liddicoat will be glad to welcome strangers and others to the class-meeting at this hour.

The Primary Department of our S. S. will hold their Annual Picnic to Reservoir Park, Tuesday, June 16th, leaving the church at 1.30 sharp. The parents are invited. Will the parents and friends please send cake or money to the church in the morning, not later than 1 o'clock.

The annual picnics of the Fred Victor Mission will be held as follows: For the younger children at Exhibition Park, on the 18th inst., and for the older at Rosebank, on the 20th inst. Donations of provisions may be sent to the Mission before noon on each day, or if names are given to the Superintendent they will be sent for.