

to travel on foot to a very considerable distance." For a good many years the mission included half of Kings county. Mr. Scovil was the soul of hospitality and, as his house was on the great winter road between St. John and Fredericton, his visitors were neither few nor far between. He admits that this occasioned some expense, but he could not close his doors against hospitality. He passed to his rest and reward on the 19th of December, 1808, in the seventy-sixth year of his age and the fiftieth of his ministry.

In speaking of his character, Walter Bates says:

"He was cheerful in common conversation, and instructive in the strength of his reasoning. As a minister, he was an ornament to his profession — a worthy example for his congregation. The duties of religion he inculcated by example as well as precept. The life he recommended to his congregation he lived before them. His friendly intercourse with his people continued to the last unquenched by sickness, pain and old age. He was gentle without weakness, dignified without pride, strict without severity. Good cause have his children to remember the kind counsel and pleasant companionship of such a father. Happy, too, are we that his successor in the church is of the same family."

The Rev. Elias Scovil was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, in 1771, and was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Nova Scotia, September 20, 1801. The Bishop recommended him to the people of Maugerville, as successor to Rev. Mr. Beardsley, who had retired. His Lordship's experience with the Maugerville people on this occasion appealed