

then addressed by Brethren Churchill and R. Sanford, also missionary elect on the claims of Foreign Missions. A collection amounting to \$220.00 towards Bro. Churchill's outfit was taken at the meeting and was afterward increased to \$250.00.

In November 1874 the pastoral relations with Elder Rowe were terminated.

In January 1875 the Church being without a Pastor, invited Bro. R. D. Burgess, a licentiate and student of Acadia, to spend his holidays with us and after labouring for a time acceptably an invitation to become our Pastor for one year was accepted. Accordingly his ordination was proceeded with on the 27th of January by a council of Delegates from the various Baptist Churches of the County, and he assumed the pastoral charge of the Church. The early labours of Elder Burgess were fruitful, and considerable accessions were made to the church. Sixteen were baptized in the spring of 1875, and again in the early part of 1876 as a result of special effort, a harvest season was experienced. Thirty-five were reported in our Letter to the Association that year as the addition by baptism.

Owing to circumstances of an unpleasant nature still fresh in the memory of most of us our pastoral relations with Elder Burgess were terminated early in the summer of '76 before the expiration of his engagement.

At the conference of July 8th, the clerk was instructed to write to our present pastor Rev. A. Cohoon, to visit us with a view to permanent settlement. From some cause our letter to Bro. Cohoon miscarried and as no answer to our communication had come to hand at the August Conference the clerk was instructed to correspond with other ministering brethren. The Rev. Geo. Ballentine and E. Whitman were subsequently written to without success. In the meantime a communication was received from Bro. Cohoon, who had learned indirectly of our having written him, informing us of his being in a position to respond to our invitation, which resulted in his becoming our Pastor, commencing his labors with us on the last Sabbath in September of that year. We have been thus minute in detailing all the circumstances in connection with the settlement of our present Pastor from the conviction we have as we review our history from that period, of the Guiding Hand of the Great Father in the union then formed. By the Pastor's report of his first years labours Oct. 1877, the additions by baptism for the pastoral year were nine. The total membership 327, of this number 65 were reported as being regular attendants at the Conference and 126 as occasional attendants. \$74.05 was collected for denominational work, 37 families only contributing. The following year 1878, eleven were added by baptism, nine received by letter and \$156.77 collected for denominational work.