

ate until November 5th of the same year. the pulpit was supplied frequently by Prof. Keirstead of Acadia College. On the above date Rev. N. F. Swaffield accepted a call from the church and became its pastor. This was a short and unfruitful pastorate, of eighteen months only. Notwithstanding the fact that the church had adopted a system of liberally contributing toward a pastor's salary, it immediately fell off, and it was extremely difficult to raise \$600 as a salary; consequently the pastor became dissatisfied and the church officers discouraged. When the engagement of Rev. N. F. Swaffield was dissolved in the middle of the year, the church decided, being somewhat in debt, (having for the second time sold their parsonage, and being engaged in the construction of a new one) that they would not, for a time at least, secure a stated pastor, but obtain supplies for Sabbath services from Acadia College. Thus matters continued until December, 1884, when the church, realizing fully the needs of a regular pastor, extended a call to the Rev. J. McLean, which was accepted, and he immediately entered upon his duties. The new and commodious parsonage being completed the new pastor was the first to occupy it. Although he came to the church with impaired health, his zeal and energy, accompanied with his faithful labours, soon presented results, and the church was greatly blessed.

During the autumn of 1885 the village of Hantsport was visited with a scourge, commonly known as the black fish fever, when many of the members of the church and others were called upon to mourn the death of parents, children and friends. Our pastor, physically weak as he was, was constantly at the bedside of the sick and dying, or speaking words of consolation to the afflicted. Nev-