

dants on the service of Mr. James were very poor, and as they could not obtain any outside assistance, Mr. J. was compelled to leave the field to the Presbyterians who were on the ground, and who obtained assistance from Scotland. Mr. James soon after became pastor of the Congregational Church in Sheffield.

Some time previous to 1843, it appears a minister came to St. John, whose name the writer cannot obtain, announced himself an Independent, and held services for a short period, and gathered around him a few people, but his stay was brief.

In 1843, the Colonial Missionary Society sent, to St. John, the Rev. J. C. Gallaway, of West Bromwich, England, there being a few Congregationalists resident in St. John at the time. Mr. Gallaway preached in the Mechanic's Institute, and being a popular preacher, soon gathered around him a congregation composed of persons from all Protestant denominations. This congregation erected the present house of worship in Union Street.

On the 29th of May, 1844, the corner stone of the edifice now occupied was laid by Mr. Gallaway, in the presence of a large number of persons, the Rev. James Porter, of Sheffield, assisting in the services. A Sabbath-school had previously been established, with Alfred Smithers as its superintendent, and in June, 1844, a church was organized.

The doctrinal principles were substantially the same as those held by the Congregational Union of England and Wales, and are in accord with the principles maintained by the Congregational churches of the United States. The church is associated with the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, which is composed of ministers, delegates and others meeting together for mutual consultation, and the arrangement of missionary operations in the two Provinces, in connection with the Congregational Missionary Society.

The congregation, as mentioned above, was gathered from all denominations, and but a small portion of it had attachment to, or cared much for the distinctive principles of Congregationalism. Many of them were simply of non-sectarian views, caring little where they worshipped, so long as the preacher, the services, and surrounding circumstances were congenial to their wishes. For many years, few, comparatively, of the congregation became active members, and families left from time to time, whenever they found a minister in some other denomination, whose preaching better suited their fancy. The church proper, for a long time, made little headway, and was frequently thinned out, by removals to the United States and elsewhere. In consequence, it did not become as firmly consolidated as it would, had the people been indoctrinated into or become thoroughly attached to Congregational principles. This fact will also account in part for frequent changes in the pastoral office, previous to 1869. The following account is taken mainly from the *St. John Daily Telegraph* :—

Mr. Gallaway preached in the church from its opening until 1848, when he returned to England. He is now pastor of a church in London. He was succeeded by Rev. Charles Mackay, of Lower Canada, as Quebec was then called, who continued pastor until his death, in 1856, at Dundas, Ont., whither he had gone benefit his health. The next pastor was Rev. George Schofield, who came from St. John's, Newfoundland, and preached until his resignation one year later. Rev. J. B. Thornton, of Oak Hill, Me., succeeded him, and continued until 1861, when he returned to the United States and was succeeded by Rev. T. B. Smith, formerly of Zion Church in this city. Mr. Smith, after his resignation, was succeeded by Rev. Oliver Brown, of Malden, Mass., who continued from 1864, to 1866, when he retired to the United States. Rev. Frederick Hastings, of Woodbridge, near London, Eng., was then chosen pastor and remained until 1869, when he returned to England, and his place was taken by Rev. S. G. Dodd, of Middleboro, Mass., who continued to occupy the pulpit until his resignation in July last. The present pastor is the Rev. C. B. Woodcock, an account of whose ordination and settlement will be found in another column.