

church. After Mr. Baker's death, James S. Lord took charge of the work, then Mrs. L. A. Long, and following her, Deacon J. W. Stevens.

Our present superintendent is the pastor, Rev. F. E. Bishop. He is aided by the clerk of the church, Deacon J. W. Stevens as assistant superintendent, and Deacon Walter Ross, as treasurer. The Pleasant Point school was founded during Rev. A. T. Dykeman's work here. It shares in all the privileges of the home school. Brother Carey Black has always been its superintendent.

The First Baptist Church of Fairville was the church-home of three ministers of our denomination, Rev. B. Havelock Thomas; Rev. H. F. Waring, son of the late J. J. Waring, one of the charter members; and Rev. George R. Baker, brother of the late Chas. F. Baker, and only surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Baker.

Another of the members present at the organization was Deacon George Fowler, the first chorister. This office he has held ever since. At his request during the last two years H. P. Allingham has ably and faithfully instructed the choir, and his work has been highly appreciated.

It is also of interest to note that for a continuous period of twenty-five years the church building has been cared for by one of the members, John Gray. Mr. Gray has given a faithful service, prompted not by the financial remuneration received, which has been far less than the service rendered, but by the deep interest which he has taken in the welfare of the church.

The present officers of the church are:

Trustees—George Brown, James Cripps, David Phillips, C. P. Baker, LeB. Flewelling, George Doherty, J. F. Black.

Deacons—Walter Ross, J. F. Black, J. W. Stevens, Albert Ferris, LeB. Flewelling, Isaac Kierstead, George Fowler.

Clerk—J. W. Stevens.

Treasurer—Walter Ross.

Our church property now stands clear of debt. We are here tonight to witness the burning of the mortgage, and with the completion of that ceremony will disappear the last vestige of a burden, which at one time seemed to be an insurmountable barrier to all progress. Many, probably, are not familiar with the beginning of this debt, even of those who have labored faithfully in recent years towards its payment. In 1895 it was decided that the old building was too small for the needs of the congregation. It was also in need of extensive repairs, and after much deliberation, the trustees were empowered to begin and carry on all needed repairs and enlargements. Pledges of assistance in money and materials were called for, and the response was very encouraging, so much so that operations were begun at once and carried to a successful issue.

Much credit is due to John Fowler and the late William Campbell, who so energetically carried the work of building through to completion, and thereby materially lessened the debt that was bound to remain.

Many men of influence outside the membership of the church ably assisted the trustees in their undertaking. Among these was the late Hon. A. F. Randolph, who had always been interested in the cause in Fairville, and had many times made the way easier by his generous contributions; also, the late Dr. J. T. Steeves, at that time superintendent of the Provincial Hospital, Lancaster Heights, contributed largely towards building and current expenses.

On Sunday, October 13, 1895, at 3 p. m. the dedication services were held in the auditorium of the completed building. Once before, dedication services had been held, on January 29, 1882. At that time those who took part in the services were: Rev. Mr. Hickson, Rev. W. A. Corey, Rev. Mr. Weeks, Rev. J. W. Manning and Rev. J. F. Bartlett. On the latter