

and wise ministry the different opposing elements were brought together and the work of the Lord carried forward with great success. He remained until about 1861.

In 1860 steps were taken to provide for the first instrumental music. Record is also made of a gracious revival during the winter of '61, when many souls were led to Christ as the result of special meetings. No less than twelve ministers assisted in this work. The name Salem was given to what was then called "The Back Settlement" in 1861.

In 1862 Rev. Levi Marshall had charge of the church for a short time.

In 1863 Rev. James Austen Smith accepted a call to this church, and for four years continued his indefatigable labors with the people. "During his ministry at Hillsboro, a revival of mighty power aroused the church and called a large number to participate for the first time in the blessings of redeeming love." In the winter of 1863 this revival took place, when there were added to the church 155 by baptism and thirteen by letter, making in all 168—the largest ingathering at any one time during the history of this church. In 1865 the Salem house of worship was opened. About this time the present edifice in the village was built—it being the third building standing on this spot. In 1867 Rev. W. T. Corey was called as pastor of the church. During his pastorate of some eleven years, the village church building was finished and dedicated. Mr. Corey's pastorate was a successful one. Many were added to the church and the Work of God prospered.

It was during this pastorate that regular preaching services were held in Weldon, where now there is an "upper room furnished" and set apart for the worship of God, and where regular prayer and preaching services are held.

In 1876 the Valley church, the fourth and last child, was organized. A church building was already built in that part of Hillsboro, and services had been held here. Now this became the home of one of the most active churches in the county. And be it said with gratitude to God, that these four daughters have, from the very first, maintained a character worthy of a New Testament church.

They have cherished the pure gospel and built up a strong membership, and have done a work for God that eternity alone will reveal. And so they have given their mother church every reason to be grateful for their existence and proud of their useful career. And now she looks upon them as loved children who have grown up to womanhood and settled for themselves, and rejoices that they have settled so well.

In 1878 Rev. C. B. Welton became the pastor of this church. During his pastorate a large and burdensome debt was removed and many souls added to the church.

In 1880 the convention of the Maritime Provinces was held in this church. These meetings are still cherished in the memories of a large part of the church members.

Rev. J. C. Bleakney was called to the pastorate in 1883. His stay, though short, was one of great helpfulness to the cause. During the summer of 1884 Evangelist Chubbuck visited Hillsboro and held special services. Some eighty were converted and united with God's people.

The present pastor, Rev. W. Camp, began his labors with the church March, 1886. During these past seven years the church has greatly prospered. About 153 have been baptized and 38 received by letter. Large sums of money have been raised to purchase a parsonage, repair and paint church buildings, and remove indebtedness. The benevolent offerings of the church have more than doubled in these years. The church is united and prosperous. The people have every reason to thank "God and take courage."

Last October, 1892, the church celebrated her seventieth anniversary. For four days religious services were held. On the evening of October sixth, after devotional exercises, a short historical record of the church was read. Then followed addresses from former pastors. On the evening of the seventh addresses were delivered by pastors of invited churches. October eighth there was held an old-fashioned conference meeting. The ninth being Sunday, three services were held. Preaching services morning and evening. In the afternoon was the