

His papers which have appeared from time to time in the transactions of the American Pomological Society, his addresses before the Fruit Growers' Association and the Entomological Society mentioned, and indeed all his writing on the topics here hinted at, show that Mr. Burnet has made vegetable nature a very careful study; and as Hugh Miller and Professor Hitchcock found divinity in the rocks and religion in geology, so the subject of this sketch finds rich material for his illustrations of infinite wisdom and goodness in the vegetable kingdom, as well as in everything else which comes from the hand of the Divine Architect.

Mr. Burnet married, in 1850, Miss Rosa Doggett, daughter of Joseph Doggett, of Hanover street, Hanover square, London, Eng., and they have had seven children, losing two of them, James Abercrombie and Fanny, in youth. Of the five who are yet living, only one, the eldest daughter, Rosa, is married, she being the wife of the Rev. James Gray, A.M., minister at Stirling, Ontario. The others are, Emily, Alice, May and Martyn Russell, most of whom are completing their education.

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REV. WILLIAM H. SNYDER,

MAHONE BAY, N.S.

REV. WILLIAM HENRY SNYDER, rector of Mahone Bay for nearly thirty years, is a descendant of united empire loyalists on both sides of the family. His grandfather, William Snyder, came from the United States about 1784, and settled and died at Shelburne, N.S., where his son, Henry, father of our subject, was born, and was a merchant until the time of his death. There William Henry was born on the 21st of June, 1812, his mother being Maria Taylor, a native of Weymouth, county of Digby, N.S., and daughter of Capt John Taylor, an officer in the British army at the time of the rebellion of the American colonies, drawing half pay as long as he lived.

Mr. Snyder received his classical and theological education at King's college, Windsor, obtaining the degree of bachelor of arts in 1832, and being ordained deacon in 1835, and priest in 1836, by Bishop Inglis.

Prior to this period he was a lay reader at Weymouth, and a curate at Lunenburg, a few months at each place. In 1835 he returned to Weymouth, and was rector there for seventeen years, at the close of which period (1852) he settled at Mahone Bay, county of Lunenburg, and has been rector of St. James' church since that date. When he commenced his parochial labors here the parish numbered less than fifty communicants; it now has more than three hundred, and embraces in all nine preaching stations, two of them where the minister of no other denomination goes. The parish is 240 square miles, and one little church, St. John-in-the-wilderness, is twenty-two miles distant from the parish church. His curate aids him at some of these points. He has baptized over 2,000 people, adults and children, since settling at Mahone Bay. As might be inferred, Mr. Snyder has attended very faithfully to his duties, and has done a thorough work in his very large parish; and no man in this community is more highly esteemed for his "work's sake," he being a Christian gentleman of the noblest stamp.

He is a member of the executive committee of the diocesan synod of Nova Scotia, and usually attends the public gatherings of the church; but except on such occasions, is not often seen outside his parish.