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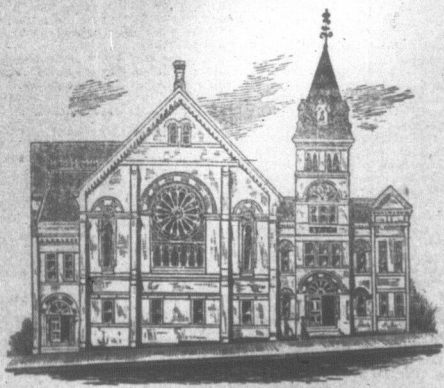
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SAINT JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1896.

THE OPENING OF MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Baptist cause in what is now called St. John, North End, but which was formerly known as Indiantown or Portland, has had a little more than a half century of history.



MAIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

could have done so much, his past experience in church building having been of great value to him in this. His people doubtless know how to appreciate the work he has done.

The services of Sunday were of great interest. The day though cold was very fine. The first service was held at eleven o'clock and before the hour arrived every seat including those of the school room had been occupied.

dwelling place of Jehovah. But He is in all history, in the present as in the past. The significant thing today is not what the powers of Europe are doing, but what God is doing with them.

every Lord's Day and to every day of a Christian's life. It showed along with lines this "power," of which the apostle speaks, is exerted. 1. As a grand support to the believer's faith.

At the morning service the chairman of the building committee, Mr. R. C. Ellis, made a statement giving an account of the building operations and showing that, throughout, the utmost harmony had prevailed and that the relations with architect and contractors had been entirely satisfactory.

W. B. M. U.

W. B. M. U. WORDS FOR THE YEAR: "We are laborers together with God." PRAYER TOPIC FOR JANUARY: For Mr. and Mrs. Morse and all the native preachers and teachers of the Baptist Church.

A meeting was held in Leinster St. church on Sabbath afternoon, Dec. 20th. Rev. J. W. Manning presided and introduced Mrs. W. F. Armstrong, who spoke of her joy in meeting with old friends, and gratitude to God that the tiny seed planted twenty-six years ago in weakness had by His blessing grown into a great tree.

The second quarter ends Jan. 31st, 1897, all monies should be in Mrs. Smith's hands by 15th of the month. Last quarter's receipts were much smaller than the year before.

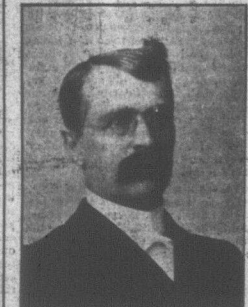
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harvest. With a new interest we have read the story of Paul's shipwreck. We had not time to visit the spot, at which tradition says Paul landed. It seems hard to realize that I am in the midst of this great sea.

Perhaps a short report of the first year's work of our little society, would be interesting to some of the readers of our column. Our W. M. A. Society of Avondale, Newport, was organized by Mrs. Nalder, County Secretary for Bants, October 20th, 1895, with eight members.

September 20th, we held our first public missionary meeting. The following programme was carried out: Opening hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus name." Prayer by Pastor Rees; Scripture reading by Mrs. Rees—1 Cor. 13 chapter, followed by a most beautiful and helpful exposition, using the kind of love spoken of in the chapter as personifying Christ in the heart.

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REV. J. A. GORDON, M. A.

of the day in financial matters must be highly pleasing to both pastor and people. A number of services are to be held in the new church during the evenings of the present week, as announced in our last issue.

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Brother Wallace is well known to our churches and his faithful labors have been a blessing to many of them. During the time that he has been in the employ of the H. M. Board of the Maritime Provinces he has received into the churches 1203. As the missionary of earlier H. M. organizations he has received many more.

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A European ship owning association has placed an order for the construction of a large steamer, which is to be specially adapted and fitted for the accommodation of invalids for fresh air and a favorable climate. The ship is to be in constant employment for eight or nine months in the year, but for at least three months out of twelve she will go into dock, in order to be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. It is proposed to make this steamer, which is to be the forerunner of a large fleet similarly equipped, a veritable floating sanitarium in comfort and salubrity.

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