

truly say in looking back over the past, that much faithful work has been accomplished for the furthering of Christ's kingdom. The good seed has been constantly sown, and a plentiful harvest has been yielded. And the whole harvest is not yet; our one desire, deeper now than ever before, is to do all that the loving, gracious Master of men requires of us.

The first pastor, Rev. J. F. Bartlett, was present at the organization, and baptised the first candidates on November 13, 1881. Rev. Mr. Bartlett did not remain long with us, just a little over a year. He was followed by Rev. Wellington Camp, at that time a student, but soon afterwards ordained. Rev. Mr. Camp stayed as our leader until May, 1885. In October, 1885, Rev. W. J. Swaffield was given a call to the church and accepted.

The good work of the church went on steadily. Progress was made in every department. Records show substantial amounts given for current expenses and denominational funds, giving missions, home and foreign, their proper share in the increase.

The membership at the end of Rev. Mr. Swaffield's labors was about one hundred and seventy. A number of these had been received from sister churches. Thirty-four had been baptised by Rev. Mr. Bartlett, thirty-nine by Rev. Mr. Camp, and thirty by Rev. Mr. Swaffield. In spite of all the difficulties and weaknesses of a youthful church, prosperity, spiritual and material, was plainly evident.

In 1888 Rev. Mr. Martell entered on his six years' work in Fairville. Before his arrival the late Rev. Isaiah Wallace, the well-known home missionary of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, spent some time here. He baptised eleven candidates. Twenty-seven were baptised by Rev. Mr. Martell. It was during his pastoral work that the present parsonage was built.

In October 1894, after a summer without a pastor, Rev. I. W. Corey took charge

of the work. He was with us one year and seven months. During that time, sixty-four, mostly young people were baptised and given the right hand of fellowship. The new church, no longer the old brick-cased building dates from this time.

Next came Rev. G. R. White, then Rev. A. T. Dykeman, and following him our present pastor, Rev. F. E. Bishop.

Many were added to the church during Rev. G. R. White's short stay with us. In 1898 Rev. Mr. White accepted a call to Hantsport, and in October Rev. A. T. Dykeman began his seven year's pastorate, the longest thus far in the history of the church. In these seven years, much outside work was accomplished. The mission church at Pleasant Point was built and extensive repairs made on the building at Grand Bay. Also a greater spiritual interest was awakened in that part of the field, as well as in the home church.

Our present pastor has labored faithfully and earnestly during the last four years. Although, hampered as were his two predecessors, by the heavy burden of a church debt, a steady advance has been shown in all departments of the work. In 1905 the membership of the church, as shown by the church register, numbered four hundred and forty-six. A large number of these, however, have made homes elsewhere, and perhaps a still larger number have passed away to the eternal home that awaits us all.

Among the several departments of church work, the Sabbath School is probably the most important. The growth of our Sabbath school has been coincident with that of the church. Organized at the same time as the church, the work has been carried on by faithful, energetic workers through all the years. We suffered a great loss in the death of our beloved superintendent, the late Chas. F. Baker, who for many years so earnestly labored for the advancement of the Sunday school, and the well-being of the