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**BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE HISTORY OF  
TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH.**

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In the early Spring of 1873, a young man, a graduate of Spurgeon's College, was engaged in Evangelistic work in Devonshire, England. His heart was afire with love to God and he was filled with a burning desire to be useful in his Master's service. I refer to the late Rev. J. F. Avery. As he tells the story himself, he felt deeply impressed that there was a work for him to do in Nova Scotia and that there was a church there awaiting his services. He consulted his friends, among them the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, and much against their advice, decided to follow, what he believed to be the direct call of God, and took shipping for Nova Scotia. He arrived in Halifax in May, 1873, and at once received and accepted a call to the North Baptist Church.

From the very first he was greeted by large congregations, and during his pastorate, many souls were converted and added to the church. Some eighteen months after this time, in looking over conditions as they then existed in the north end of the City, it was deemed advisable to start a new interest and establish another Baptist Church, somewhere farther north than the North Church. With this end in view, Mr. Avery with eighty-six other members, of the North Baptist Church, asked for and received their letters of dismission to form the new church, above referred to. College Hall, on Gerrish Street, through the kindness of St.

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