

HISTORICAL SKETCH.

AS the year 1910 signalled the 75th anniversary of the founding of Plymouth Church, the Pastor and Deacons take this opportunity of presenting in as brief a form as possible some of the salient features of its history.

In this connection reference is made and acknowledgement is due to the short historical sketch made in 1890 by the late Hon. J. G. Robertson, an honoured member of the Church and a son of its first pastor.

No better or more appropriate account of the formation of the Church would seem possible than the following:—

"A meeting was held in the house of Mr. Samuel Brooks, in Sherbrooke, on Dec. 25th, 1835, to consider the expediency and propriety of organizing a Congregational Church for Sherbrooke and Lennoxville, presided over by Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the church in Shipton, now Danville."

"The following candidates were admitted by letter from other sister churches and met on the 27th with those who were admitted on profession, and organized the church."

"Admitted by letter from sister churches:—Bro. Alba Brown, Sister Lucy Brown, his wife; Bro. Horace Barber, his wife, from Stanstead Church. Sister Elizabeth (Mrs. Samuel) Brooks, also from Stanstead Church. Bro. Joseph S. Walton, from church, Montpelier, Vt.; Sister Esther Walton, his wife, from church, Castleton, Vt.; Sister Sarah Kenaston, Granby, Vt.; Clarissa Bryant, Montpelier, Vt.; Bro. Samuel Norriss, Sister M. Norriss, his wife, Plymouth, N.H.; Sister Eliza Eldridge, Newbury, Vt.; Bro. Aaron Mallory, Sister Huldah Mallory, his wife, Woodbury, Vt.; Bro. Calvin Hannum, Lunenburg, Vt.; Bro. William Brooks, Peacham, Vt.; Sister Mabel Powell, Charlotte, Vt.

"And on profession:—Samuel Mallory, Elijah Powell, David Mitchell, William Mitchell, Mrs. Howe, Charles Brooks, Ralph Rankin, Mrs. Eunice Mitchell, Miss Martha Mitchell, Mrs. Harriett Ball.

"These mentioned appeared at Lennoxville, Dec. 27th, and gave their assent to the Articles of Faith and Covenant and were declared constituted a Congregational Church, and each of the 27 persons in full communion therewith."

(Signed) A. J. PARKER,
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