

REV. ABRAHAM SPURR HUNT was a native of Annapolis County in the Province of Nova Scotia; but his family removing to St. John, N. B., his childhood and youth were passed in that city. Early in life he became the subject of deep religious feelings, and was baptized by the Rev. Dr. Tupper, and shortly after became convinced that he was called of God to give himself to the ministry and the work of preaching Christ. As a preparatory step, he went to Wolfville, and pursued his studies in Acadia College. He graduated from that institution in the second graduating class with much credit, and with fair promise of future usefulness; he was an earnest, painstaking student, while his affectionate disposition, his devoted piety, and his burning zeal for the conversion of souls, endeared him to his fellow students, and rendered him a welcome visitor in the many preaching tours he made in the settlements neighboring Wolfville. In the year 1844, Mr. Hunt commenced his life work in connection with the Dartmouth Baptist Church, over which he was ordained Pastor on the 10th Nov. of that year. There he labored with great acceptance, and much success for a period of two years, when, being desirous of pursuing uninterruptedly his theological studies, he resigned his charge in Dartmouth, and returned to Wolfville, and placed himself under the tuition of the Rev. Dr. Crawley, then Professor in Acadia College. After some time spent at the College, Mr. Hunt was solicited to become co-Pastor of the Canard Church, Cornwallis, in conjunction with the Rev. Edward Manning, whose advanced years and failing health required the assistance of a younger and more active man. Up to the close of Mr. Manning's life, Mr. Hunt labored in the closest amity and friendship with that revered Minister of the Gospel. After his death, Mr. Hunt assumed the entire charge of the Church, and for a period covering more than twenty years, was the loved and respected Pastor of one of the largest, most influential, and flourishing churches in Nova Scotia.

During this long period, Mr. Hunt was a member of the Baptist Educational Society. His activity and untiring zeal in this department of work were particularly noticeable and praiseworthy. He also for many years filled the office of Governor of Acadia College, and the cause of education in connection with our institutions in Wolfville, owes him a debt of deep gratitude for his labors and his persevering energy, at a time when the educational prospect looked dreary in the extreme, and the very existence of our institutions was threatened.

His arduous labors, and the care and working of a field then covering ground now occupied by three distinct churches, at length told upon his health, and compelled him, though reluctantly, to seek a charge where the labor would not make such demands upon his health and strength. Accordingly in the fall of 1868, he accepted a call from the Dartmouth church, over which he had in early life been ordained, and where he continued to labor with great acceptability and good success until his death.

In 1870, the office of Superintendent of Education was offered to Mr. Hunt, which, at the solicitation of numerous friends, he accepted with the proviso that his Sabbath ministrations should not be interrupted, declining to take any offer that would interfere with the regular performance of his Ministerial and Pastoral duties, which to the last he considered to be his life work.

The duties of this office Mr. Hunt continued to perform with ability and unflagging industry for a period of nearly eight years. In the month of October, while in the active discharge of his official and ministerial duties, he was attacked by a disease from which his constitution, broken by incessant application to his responsible and oner-

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