

copal, and later by the Methodist Church, was procured by the Baptists, and made use of for two years, during which time the church grew so rapidly that it became wise to erect a new house. A worthy Brother Stenning in conjunction with Mr. Thomas Harding, superintended the building of the house to have his funeral discourse the first sermon preached in it.

In 1818, the new house was opened for public service, and about this time Rev. Thomas Griffin was called to the pastorate. He was succeeded in 1821, by Rev. Richard Scott, at which time the church numbered sixty-five members. On July 1st, the Baptist Association was first held in St. John. Elders Harris and Miller protracted their visit and were instrumental in producing a revival. Elder Miller was subsequently chosen pastor and continued about two years. In 1826, Elder Chas. Tupper was called to the church; and the next year Elder Joseph Crandall. In 1828, at a second meeting of the Association in St. John, Mr. Frederick Miles was baptized, and in September was ordained the seventh pastor of the church. Members were added to the church through his labors.

Rev. J. G. Naylor next occupied the pulpit, though not as pastor. He was succeeded by Rev. Thomas Curtis, whose sermons were rich in evangelical truth. And in June 1835, Rev. J. D. Casewell, a man of splendid pulpit qualities, became pastor for two years. His health giving way, he felt it best to return to England; In 1838, Rev. Samuel Robinson commenced his pastoral visits to St. John. This brother converted from Presbyterianism, proved a God-sent blessing to the church. His name in St. John is the synonyme for conscientious pastoral labor. Soon after Mr. Robinson came, a portion of the brethren withdrew and formed what was called the Second Baptist Church of St. John. During Mr. Robinson's stay, a parsonage was built, a revival commenced in the Sabbath-school, the Carleton branch was formed into a separate church, a vestry was excavated under the church, Bros. John Mills, James Trimble, and J. W. Hartt, were licensed to preach, the Bethel was completed, and opened for the worship of God. Dea. Thomas Pettigill, the devoted father in Zion, thirty-seven years in his office, was called to his rest, the church was greatly increased, and Brussel's St. Chapel was dedicated.

In 1849, Elder Robinson took charge of the Brussel's St. Chapel, and Rev. J. D. Casewell, who had just returned from England, became again pastor of the church, which had formerly been known as the First Baptist, but henceforth