

To this just and admirable obituary, from the Conference Minutes of 1894 nothing need be added, unless to state that Dr. Daniell was noted as a great admirer and excellent judge of animals of the lower order, and his great fondness for a good cow, and a fine horse, which he rarely was without, was proverbial. With that old Missionary, the Revd. John B. Strong, he could say "that if there should be a resurrection of the brute creation, he would not be ashamed to face any of the quadrupeds that had carried him over the rugged mission field."

It will be noticed as a very agreeable, if not a somewhat remarkable fact, that our present popular and talented pastor was here in 1876 when this Hall was secured for the services of the church. In the long history of Truro Methodism, Mr. Rogers is the only instance of a former pastor invited to return a second term. His voice was the first within these walls to speak of the wonderful goodness of God to his people. He will be the last to pray to God that the blessings of the most High may descend upon us on leaving this building for the new hall, where he will be the first person to implore the benedictions of the Almighty for our good as a people.

The reasons for the abandonment of this building are not difficult of comprehension. The growth of the society which required a new church, caused a corresponding increase in the membership of the Sunday School, - the nursery of the Church. In December last the Trustee Board took action, and a committee was appointed, who procured plans for a new hall at a cost of \$45 to the Church. There was every prospect of this arrangement being carried out, until the fire in the chancel of the church, which occurred from the closing of the register over the hot air furnace on the tenth of January last, occasioning a loss of \$1169, which was promptly adjusted and paid by the North British and Mercantile Fire Insurance Company. Though this accident appeared like an untoward event, and for the time cast a gloom over the church, it was considered by several of the congregation as providential - pointing, under the changed conditions, to an enlargement and improvement of the church, with the addition of a hall, under one roof, and doing away with the necessity of a separate building.

So general was the feeling after the fire that the church and hall should form one structure, a meeting of the congregation was called to consider the matter, and a committee was appointed, who got Mr. Dumaresq, the Halifax Architect, to visit Truro and suggest what course had better be adopted. Mr. Dumaresq recommended a change in the position of the chancel, from the West end to the South side, with the Hall on the North and prepared plans accordingly, which have since been carried towards completion by Charles H. Beattie, a Truro builder, under the superintendence of Mr. Dougall Henderson, our town Architect, as it is to be hoped, to the satisfaction of all.

How far an accident that renders it necessary for an insurance company to deplete its funds by \$1169 can be considered providential, we can hardly take time to debate. We have seen it stated somewhere, that Providence, like the devil, gets more than its proper share of credit for the evils that are in the world. Laziness, folly, bad management and incapacity are the sins for whose results Providence is too often held responsible. But whatever may be thought upon this subject generally, we believe that for the results which have been occasioned from the fire damage to the Church, after taking final leave of this old building for the newly constructed one, all of our people will be led to exclaim in the language of Shakspeare :-

"There's a divinity that shapes our ends
Rough-hew them how we may."

Pleasant Street Methodist Church, as we knew it before the fire, and this building, was the scene of the seventh session of the Nova Scotia Conference of the Methodist Church of Canada, opened on the third Wednesday in June, 1880, over which the Revd. Richard Smith was elected President, and the Revd. Jabez A. Rogers was re-elected Secretary. This being the first meeting of the Conference in Truro, there were many misgivings expressed by some of our people as