

1859, baptized by brother Robert D. Porter, Margaret Coleman, Emma Smith and Ellen Meagher—Brother Porter's last Sabbath." From the entry just read till November, 1867, the writer is unable to discover any record whatever of this church's history. In the minutes of the association from 1860 to 1864 we find no letter or report sent from this church. The membership reported in the minutes for these years was 42.

The membership of a church does not always truly indicate its strength or influence, but from a report made to the Home Mission Board in 1862 by the Rev. R. R. Philp who had laboured as a missionary at Dartmouth and vicinity we can form a pretty correct idea as to how low an ebb the spiritual condition of this church had fallen. He says: "I found the cause at Dartmouth in a very depressed state, they had been for a long time without a stated minister. The result was that the congregation was scattered and the members greatly discouraged. There were a few, however, though faint still pursuing." "At Tuft's Cove my efforts were a complete failure to all appearances. I did not succeed in obtaining a congregation." So feeble and spiritually miserable had the church become during the latter end of this period in its history, that it well nigh fell a victim to the kindness of other denominations, had the few faithful ones of whom brother Philp writes been wanting. From 1865 till 1867 the church received much assistance in a pastoral way from the Rev. A. F. Porter who carried on his work under the direction of the Home Mission Board. During this period the church was visited for several weeks at a time by the late Rev. Obed. Parker, missionary to the Home Mission Board. In one of his reports he says:—"At the commencement of my mission the prospect looked dark and gloomy but obstacles have been removed, the dark cloud is rising and light is beginning to dawn upon this people. The congregation has grown from a few to a goodly number, larger it is said than at any time since the demise of our late and much lamented brother McLearn, and your missionary is encouraged to believe that the cause of God is advancing in Dartmouth. Two have obeyed their Lord in baptism and been added to the church." The number of members reported in 1867 was 27 the smallest since the organization of the church. The Rev. Mr. Hunt shortly after leaving here while at the college at Wolfville was engaged by the Baptist Church at Cunard Cornwallis, to assist in his pastoral work the late Rev. Father Manning, and on the death of Mr. Manning he was called to the pastorate of that church. In 1867 this church being then pastorless extended