

## ST. ANDREWS.

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When Mr. Mackay's ministry was completed at the close of 1847, the church had to look for another leader. About this time Daniel Macallum, the present respected pastor of Maxville church (whose name and that of his respected partner in life, are amongst the most honored in our churches), left the St. Andrews church, to attend college. In little over a year, the Rev. Thomas Bayne came from the Hawkesbury and Vankleek churches, and remained for two or three years. His ministry was cast in troublous times; and when he left the church's ranks were diminished. It was during this period that the old meeting-house was handed over to the Baptists, and a site had to be chosen for a new house for worship. This time a position was chosen on the west bank of the North River, and it would be hard to find a better. The building erected would take its place as one of the best-appointed in the Ottawa Valley, with a seating capacity for 350, besides Sunday school room, etc. The meeting-house was completed in 1852.

During the vacation that followed Mr. Bayne's withdrawal, the Rev. Mr. Chase, and the late Mr. Hibbard preached for a time, while some other brethren supplied the pulpit occasionally. At length, in 1857, the Rev. Alexander Sim, M.A., became pastor of the church, which office he held for eleven years, the longest pastorate the church has known. Mr. Sim was a graduate of the University of Aberdeen, and the Congregational Theological Academy, Glasgow, having been ordained to the Gospel ministry at Aberdeen, July 12, 1853. He came to Canada to accept a position in Gorham College, Nova Scotia, but shortly after his arrival the college was burnt, and has never been re-built. Coming to St. John, N. B., he was introduced to the St. Andrews church by their former pastor, Mr. Mackay. In addition to his ministerial and pastoral duties, Mr. Sim added that of teacher; first, of a private, and afterwards of the public school.

In 1862 the church lost one of her most honored members in the death of Mrs. William Lamb, of Point Fortune. Under the supervision of Mr. Sim, the Sunday school was a spiritual power, several revivals taking origin there, and many of the scholars finding their way into the membership of the church. The elder Mrs. Sim died literally in the service of the church, having gone to Mon-

treau on a collecting tour, to pay what remained of the indebtedness of the church. She passed upward from that city to her celestial home, where there are no church debts! On leaving St. Andrews, Mr. Sim went to Franklin Centre, where he remained a short time, and finally took up a section of land in Western Ontario, where his family still reside, and from which he passed away a few years ago to his final rest.

When Mr. Sim's ministry closed, there came a long period during which it is hard to trace, definitely, the course of the church's life. No records remain save those that are treasured up in the memories of a few of the older members, who remained faithful to the cause, and hoped on for brighter days. The Sunday school and prayer-meeting was continued for a while, but on the death of Mrs. D. Dewar, the former lost one of its most devoted spirits. Occasionally there was a student in charge during the summer. Amongst those who thus served the church were the late Mr. Nighswander and Mr. Cossar. But these occasional ministers were not sufficient to hold the church together. The children, and many of the elder members, found their way into sister denominations, where most of them still remain, and many have done loyal service to Christ. The influence of the church waned rapidly. Each decade showed a large decrease in the number of those who owned her name, until, in 1881, only ten persons had the courage to call themselves Congregationalists. At length, in the summer of 1885, prospects brightened. The little company were encouraged, by the Rev. Thomas Hall, to make another effort. During the winters of 1885-6 and 1886-7, the students of the Congregational College, amid many difficulties, preached regularly in St. Andrews. Nor was this preaching vain. Souls were born into the kingdom of God, and some of their names will be held in everlasting remembrance. In 1887, the present writer, just leaving College, was settled as pastor of the church. Soon the community was visited by a gracious revival, and others have been experienced. But it is too soon to write the story of these years. The church was re-built and renovated at a cost of about sixteen hundred dollars, of which there is scarcely a hundred now due. At the close of 1890, the Sunday school was re-commenced, not without a good deal of opposition from some in the church. But we have the privilege of seeing those most strongly opposed, all among the regular teachers to-day. Many members have been added to the church, of whom some have gone home; others have left for other lands, while not a few still remain. But we must leave the record of these later years to some future period, and some other pen.

NOTE.—At the end of the first paper (p. 18), it is incorrectly stated that Rev. Mr. Mackay died at St. Andrews. He died at his western home.

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