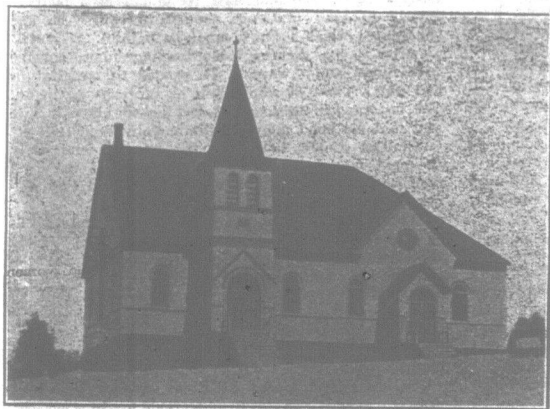


religious." In reference to this the "Canadian Baptist" says: "We have to say that it is better still to be both human and religious. Sir Gilbert of course meant to have a fling at religion, and in having his fling he at least uttered by way of implication what is not true, that the human and the religious are things separate, if not in opposition. The fact is they are complementary truths. Wherever is found a human being is found a religious being, and wherever is found a religious being is found a human being. The human and the religious go hand in hand. The religious element may not always be in quality and in quantity just what is desirable, but to find a human being without it absolutely, would be to find a phenomenon indeed."

—Hon. Thomas R. Black, Senator, died at his home in Amherst on the 14th inst., after a short illness. Senator Black was seventy-three years of age, and had long been actively interested in the business and political life of his native province. From 1884 to 1890, and from 1894 to 1905 he was a member of the Nova Scotia legislature, serving during the greater part of the latter period as a member of the Government. Mr. Black was called to the Senate early this year, and took part in the proceedings of the last session. He was at the time of his death, and had been for a number of years, a member of the Board of Governors of Acadia College, and was a director of the Maritime Baptist Publishing Company. For many years Senator Black was an office bearer in the Baptist church at Amherst. He was a brother of the editor of this paper, in whose absence at Amherst this paragraph is written.



Goldboro Baptist Church.

Opening the Goldboro Church.

Sunday, August 27th was a red letter day for the Baptists of Goldboro, when their beautiful new house of worship was formally dedicated to the work of the Lord. Under the leadership of their dear pastor Rev. M. C. Higgins, this grand work brought to a successful issue. At the beginning of the present pastorate, it became absolutely necessary to complete the main auditorium in order to seat the large audiences which thronged the services, numbers having to go away because of the limited seating capacity. Within four months without any outside aid, or interfering in the least with their local and missionary contributions \$1200, the amount needed has been secured and at an entire cost of \$8000 one of the most modern, convenient, up-to-date churches in the province has been erected on a commanding site overlooking the beautiful harbor.

The main auditorium and vestry are connected by means of folding doors enlarging the seating capacity to about six hundred. The pews which are of elm, are circular in form and are a fine combination of both comfort and beauty of finish.

The metallic ceiling is of exceedingly tasteful design, showing an exquisitely artistic blending of colors exceeding pleasant to the eye. A handsome stained glass window adds greatly to the attractiveness of the whole. In fact the building is a combination of beauty, good taste, convenience and adaptability to the needs of the growing community. Too much cannot be said of the devotion, loyalty and self-sacrifice of the people who though not great either numerically or financially, have made it possible to bring this most commendable undertaking to a successful issue, and in this respect Capt. S. B. Giffin, the indefatigable chairman of the building committee, who has given time, money and prayer without stint to the fulfillment of the cherished desire of his heart and who is ever the pastor's real and devoted friend, instant in every good word and work, deserves special mention.

The opening exercises were in keeping with the

spirit of loyalty and heart felt gratitude to an Almighty Helper, which has characterized the whole progress of the work. Pastor W. J. Rutledge, who first ministered to the church in spiritual things and who with his devoted wife has ever been held in highest esteem and loving remembrance, preached the dedicatory sermon. It was a stirring message on the function and strength of the church and calculated to encourage to still larger and more aggressive effort in the name and strength of the Lord God of Hosts. The afternoon session was given up to a public Sunday school service, at which exceedingly helpful and practical addresses on the different phases of Sunday school work were given by Principals H. T. DeWolfe, of Acadia Seminary, and Mrs. C. S. McLearn, of Guysboro. In the evening a strong evangelistic sermon was preached by Rev. C. S. McLearn, of Guysboro. Monday and Tuesday were given up to the meetings in connection with the Guysboro quarterly.

The church will long feel the stimulus of these services and the kind and encouraging words of the pastors of the County and other friends who were present with us.

The outlook for the church is an exceedingly hopeful one, we trust the victory achieved in things temporal may but be a very faint earnest of the greater and grander victories to be wrought in things spiritual in the name of the Master whom we count it our highest privilege to serve.

L. G. Giffin,
Goldboro, N. S., Sept. 9, 1905. Church Clerk.

An Appeal.

From the Port Elgin church to the sister churches of the Maritime Provinces.

Dear Brethren:—We have come to a crisis in the history of the Baptist cause here, when absolute want prompts us to call for assistance, and we make this appeal to you with the prayer that you may hear our request and come to our relief.



Rev. M. C. Higgins,
Pastor Goldboro Baptist Church.

The circumstances which have brought us to our present financial difficulty are briefly as follows: In 1895 our house of worship was erected at considerable cost, and when completed, left us burdened with a large debt. But it was hoped that the membership that then was, together with what additions should come from time to time, would be able gradually to remove this indebtedness. These hopes, however, were never realized. The greater number of the members we had, especially the male portion of them, have either moved away or passed on to their long rest, while there have been but few additions to the list since that time. We now find ourselves a small band of Baptists, burdened with a debt that it is impossible for us of ourselves to remove, and unless help come from our brethren elsewhere the building is liable to fall into other hands.

Further, while we are materially hampered in this way, the spiritual life and prospects for additions to our membership are seriously affected, first, because we are unable to support the gospel either alone or with the adjoining Baptist interests, and second, because very few, if inclined to cast in their lot with us, would care to wed so large a debt.

We now most earnestly hope that those of you, upon whom God has bestowed more bountifully of this world's goods than upon us, may be moved by this special appeal to help us out of circumstances from which we are well nigh helpless to deliver ourselves.

Any offerings for this purpose may be sent to Mrs. Hanford Read, Port Elgin, Westmorland Co., by whom they will be gratefully acknowledged.

(Signed) Pastor Fred. A. Bower,
Deacon Clifford Copp,
Chas. A. Read, Clerk.

Port Elgin, Sept. 14, 1905.

I wish to add a word to the above appeal. At the recent meeting of the Home Mission Board the effort of the Port Elgin brethren was warmly indorsed and commended to the denomination as most worthy of sympathy and help. There are abundant

resources among us to lift this interest out of its plight. It is also felt that it should be done. We have there a comfortable and tasty building, too valuable to lose, and one which will be exceedingly helpful to our denominational interests in that part. Just now the brethren are seeking to unite with Point de Bute in calling a pastor together. A small contribution from every church, at least in New Brunswick, might reasonably be expected at this time and with a united effort the property can be saved. I shall be glad to receive in my tours any amounts friends may be disposed to give, and will forward the same to the treasurer. Let us hear from a goodly number before the year closes.

W. E. McIntyre,
Secretary H. M.

Missionary Conference

The Missionary Conference of Annapolis and Kings Counties was held in the Bridgetown church on September 10-11. The attendance was good and the interest was sustained to the last. The first day was devoted exclusively to Canadian Missions.

The symposium was under the direction of Rev. C. K. Morse, of Waterville.

The subject of the first paper was 'The importance of our Home Mission Work,' by Rev. I. W. Porter of Bear River. The writer claimed that Home Mission work was fundamental in the development of the cause at home, and therefore to the larger work our denomination undertakes abroad.

The importance of this work is seen in the fact that fields are cultivated which would otherwise be neglected. The work can only be overtaken by organized effort. The opportunity is here; the need is for men and money.

As a contribution to denominational strength, Home Mission work is necessary, and the stronger churches need this work as well as the weaker ones in order to develop the 'true Christian spirit of service.' The points made were forcefully presented and the address was well received as was evident from the discussion which followed.

In the absence of the next speaker, Rev. D. E. Hatt, by his own request spoke on the subject of 'Missionary Literature.' This was discussed under several divisions showing the necessity of pastors and churches being well informed as to the progress of the Kingdom of Christ in the world. Emphasis was laid upon the necessity for 1. Periodicals, Baptist Missionary Magazines, Missionary Reviews, etc. These ought to be in every pastor's library. 2. Reports of Missionary Conferences. Very valuable information is to be found in these not obtainable elsewhere.

3. Series of Missionary publications for study classes, and of distinct missionary fields under different societies—e. g. The China Inland Mission, Moravian Missions, etc.

4. Leaflets in endless variety. Mr. Hatt is an enthusiast in his desire to see pastors and churches well equipped for active aggressive work. The discussion which followed was interesting and stimulating.

At the evening session there were two addresses. Rev. C. K. Morse spoke on the work in the North West. Mr. Morse took the place of Rev. H. G. Mellick. He spoke of the greatness of the work, and the immense possibilities owing to the steady stream of immigration pouring into that part of the Dominion. This makes the question 'Shall we evangelize these immigrants or shall they mould our lives by their false ideals?'

Mr. Morse referred in glowing terms to the men at work in the West and to the great progress which has been made during the last ten years, and made a strong appeal for continued interest in Western Missions.

He was followed by Rev. D. Hutchinson of St. John, who represented the Grand Ligne Mission. Mr. Hutchinson gave a strong address and was heard with evident pleasure by the large congregation.

Reasons for the support of this Mission to our Roman Catholic fellow citizens were given in vigorous terms. Mr. H. sought to convince his hearers that the Province of Quebec was as much a part of the world as Nova Scotia, and was included in the great commission. Patriotism should lead Baptists to support this Mission. The speaker gave a number of illustrations of the character of the work done at Grand Ligne and of the type of manhood moulded in the institution. This public meeting was well attended and the interest strong and deep.

Tuesday was given up to the work abroad. The subject discussed at the morning session was under the leadership of Rev. L. F. Wallace, of Aylesford, the symposium being 'Local churches and Missions.'

There were three addresses, the first was by Rev. A. T. Dykeman, of Middleton, whose subject was 'Pastor and Missions.' The pastor's relation to Missions is vital, far-reaching and of infinite importance. It is not optional, it is obligatory—not of choice, but compulsion. In order to remember more easily the paper spoke of the pastor as one who should Prize, Preach, Pray and Practice Missions. He should pay to Missions as well as pray for them. He should do as well as say. These points were emphasized, illustrated and enforced in the writer's own

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