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Jubilee of the North Baptist Church, Halifax.

Every imaginable arrangement was made by the Halifax North church to have the jubilee services worthy of the occasion. The audience room was ornamented with mottoes in illuminated letters large enough to be read the whole length of the room, photographs of the pastors and deacons were hung on the walls, with a portrait of Deacon John W. Barrs among them. The names of the constituent members in large letters were among other objects of interest. The pastors in their order were Rev. John Miller, Rev. S. N. Bently, Rev. A. H. Munro, Rev. J. E. Goucher, Rev. J. F. Avery, Rev. J. W. Manning, Rev. D. G. Macdonald, Rev. J. E. Goucher, second pastorate, and the Rev. Z. L. Fash. The names of the original members are Wm. J. Wiswell and his wife Elizabeth, James McN. Wiswell and his wife Mary, Job Pingree and his wife Martha, David McPherson and his wife Catharine, John Cutty and his wife Elizabeth, Mr. Wentworth and his wife and daughter, John W. Barrs, Charles A. Hinkle and James Steel, 16 in all. The only survivor is Deacon John W. Barrs. W. P. Everett, afterward Rev. W. P. Everett, was associated with the church, but does not seem to have become a member.

The church was organized in McIntyre's Hall, on the



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Hutchins read the Scriptures, the Rev. Dr. Saunders led in prayer and Dr. Steele preached. His text was John 3:3. "Ye must be born again." As Baptists have always stood for a converted church membership, it was thought that this subject was very appropriate for the opening of the jubilee services. The sermon was carefully prepared, the text clearly defined, finely illustrated and affectionately enforced.

ed over 400 members. The Tabernacle took away about one-third of the members at this time. The school now numbers 325. The first primary class was organized in 1870. G. A. McDonald has taught and sung to about 600 children. There have been 2,000 connected with the school. J. C. Dumaresq spoke of the Sunday School work of today. The pastor addressed the school and presented diplomas. Rev. W. N. Hutchins gave an address. His topic was, "The Sunday School as an Opportunity."

John B. Coyne, superintendent of first church Sunday School, spoke for his school. He was followed by Mr. McKerrow, of Cornwallis St. church. Superintendents Wm. Foster, of the West End, and Mr. Steeves, of the Tabernacle, also gave addresses of congratulation. All these brethren conveyed expressions of good will from their respective schools to the North Baptist School. Mrs. Manning then gave the school an account of interesting events in India, thereby exciting in them an interest in this foreign work. The meeting closed by singing an old hymn very popular with the founder of the school, "O, that will be joyful."

In the evening the pulpit was occupied by Rev. Dr. Trotter. His text was in James 3:13, "Let no man say when I am tempted, I am tempted of God." This sermon was addressed especially to young people; and followed naturally Dr. Steele's sermon of the morning. It was graphic, clear and powerful. A large after-meeting was held, at which one asked for prayers.

On Monday evening Rev. J. W. Manning read a history of the church, which will no doubt be printed in pamphlet form. It contains a large amount of interesting



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NORTH BAPTIST CHURCH, HALIFAX.



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16th of January, 1848. Two hundred and fifty people were present. The ministers who took part in the organization of the church were: Revs. E. A. Crawley, John Millar, Wm. Hobbs, Richard McLean and Obed Chute, licentiate. All these have gone to their rewards. David McPherson and John W. Barrs were ordained deacons.

On the second Sunday in October, 1848, the church entered their new house of worship, which cost \$2,660.00. \$2,000.00 had been given by Deacon Barrs. The present house of worship was opened in 1868. The audience room was dedicated on the 14th of November, 1869. Dr. Cramp preached in the morning, Rev. A. S. Hunt in the afternoon, and the Rev. E. M. Saunders in the evening. In 1885 the church was remodelled at a cost of \$4,500.00.

Nine licentiates have been connected with the church: Henry Angell, W. P. Everett, W. H. Caldwell, D. A. Steele, James Meadows, Edward Whitman, R. D. Burgess, I. C. Archibald, W. N. Hutchins and A. F. Browne.

W. P. Everett, J. W. Barrs, Chas. Grant, D. McPherson, J. McCully, Geo. Robbins, Thos. DeWolfe, Thos. Wesley, A. W. Clark, J. Parsons, J. W. Whitman, I. C. Archibald and J. C. Dumaresq have served the church as Sunday School superintendents. George A. McDonald has taught the primary class for 25 years and has led the singing of the Sunday School for 28 years. Deacon W. T. Harris has been leader of the choir for more than a quarter of a century. The additions to the church by baptism, letter and experience have been 1,232. The deaths of members in the church 104. As 799 have withdrawn from the church, the whole list of deaths of those who have been members cannot be less than 175. The present membership is 433.

On Sunday morning, January 30th, the Rev. W. N.

In the afternoon all the Baptist Sunday Schools of the city united in a most interesting service, G. A. McDonald conducted the music. Supt. Layton read an address of welcome. A history of the North Baptist Sunday School, prepared by J. Parsons, in his absence, was read by Dea. McPherson. The Sunday School was started by Rev. W. P. Everett, in 1847. In 1873 the Sunday School number

matter. On the platform were, Revs. Dr. Steele, Dr. Saunders, Dr. Hertz, Methodist, Principal Forrest, D. D., Presbyterian, the Revs. Z. L. Fash, J. W. Manning, W. N. Hutchins and A. C. Chute. Dr. Saunders read the Scriptures and Dr. Steele led in prayer. The Rev. A. C. Chute was called upon for an address. He referred to many pleasing reminiscences, and offered the hearty congratulations of the first church. The Rev. Francis Robinson was the next speaker. He conveyed the congratulations of the Cornwallis St. church and wished the North church every success in the future. Then came greetings from the Presbyterians through Principal Forrest. He had been acquainted with all the pastors of the church except Rev. S. N. Bently, and had also known about all the deacons. Indeed he had been intimate with the history of the church, and had much pleasure in uniting with them on this memorable occasion. Dr. Hertz spoke for the Methodists—most unctuous and hearty were his congratulations.

On Tuesday evening there was a reunion and roll call of the church. On Wednesday evening a jubilee prayer meeting, led by Dr. Steele. On Thursday afternoon there was a meeting of W. M. Aid Society, to which the sister societies were invited. The services were opening of mite boxes, a roll call and an address from Mrs. J. W. Manning. In the evening there was a Jubilee Social. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Saunders and Mrs. Manning, president of the W. M. A. Society of the Maritime Provinces. Dr. Saunders gave in brief an outline of the progress of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces in the past fifty years, and indicated their true policy for the future.

In 1848	ministers 66,	churches 141,	members 11,662
" 1858	" "	" 251,	" 18,506
" 1868	" 165,	" 287,	" 26,715
" 1878	" 197,	" 351,	" 35,430
" 1888	" 236,	" 379,	" 42,171
" 1897	" 241,	" 414,	" 50,424



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