

Afterwards it was moved by brother Rette, seconded by brother Killer that Conference be applied to for leave to mortgage part of Church property for \$300, to relieve Trustees of pressing debts due Brother Nelson. Passed

Application was made to Conference for such leave, and in due course the following missive was received :—

DIGBY, July 17th, 1877.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY

That the Trustees of the Methodist Church in Truro are authorized by permission of Conference recently held in Yarmouth to effect a mortgage on the property to the amount of Five Hundred Dollars.

(Signed) ELIAS BRETTE,

President of Conference.

The details of the mortgage loan which followed need not be given, further than to state that by this mode brother Nelson's debt was met, and the Trustees relieved of their liability. Looking back from this period, in view of the present state of the Church, it may appear a little singular that a comparatively small debt for a religious corporation pressed so heavily upon the society at that time. The explanation may be found in the fact that for several years after Truro built its new Church and parsonage, and became an independent Circuit, the financial burdens were found to be quite onerous, they being in no ways lightened by substantial contributions as formerly, before the formation of the Onslow and Acadian Mines Circuits, from the brethren of Greenfield, East Mountain, North River, Ischgonish, Great Village and Acadian Mines.

The Ministers in charge of Truro Circuit during the time this building has been a religious hall, were :—

From 1876 to 1879	Rev. Jabez A. Rogers.
" 1879 to 1881	" Robert A. Temple.
" 1881 to 1884	" Simon B. Dunn.
" 1884 to 1887	" Robert A. Daniell.
" 1887 to 1890	" Ezra B. Moore
" 1890 to 1893	" William Ainley.
" 1893 to 1896	" Wm. H. Heartz, D. D.
" 1896 to 1897	" Jabez A. Rogers.

The names of these good brethren are familiar in every household, and to take time to recount their varied, untiring and zealous labors of love in Church and Sunday School work, during their Truro ministry, would be needless excess. But we are most thankful to a kind providence to be able to state that all are yet alive, except one of the brightest in this galaxy of choice spirits,—the Rev. R. A. Daniell, Ph D., whose name and memory our Church cannot willingly let die.

"The Rev. R. A. Daniell was born at Carleton, N. B., October 2nd, 1849, and died at Middle Musquodoboit, N. S., August 12, 1893.

Dr. Daniell was the youngest son of Rev. Henry Daniell, D. D., of St. John, N. B., and belonged to the fourth generation of a family prominently identified with Methodism from the days of Wesley.

"From his early childhood, Dr. Daniell displayed strong religious tendencies which resulted, at the time of his opening manhood, in his thorough spiritual conversion. At the Conference of E. B. America, in 1869, he was admitted as a probationer for the ministry, and received into full connection and ordained, at the Conference held in Fredericton, N. B., in 1875.

"His sermons were brilliant in conception, interesting in illustration, forcible in argument, and effective in delivery. By such creations of his consecrated gifts did he ever minister: to the delight and instruction of his congregations. In social life he was universally respected and loved."

"His physical constitution, though never robust, proved equal to the work until a few years since, when an injury to one of his limbs made amputation necessary. As soon as practicable, he resumed his place in the ranks of the active ministry, but with feeble and precarious health. Within a fortnight of his death he preached his last sermon.

"During the ensuing week, the "last mysterious summons" came. Seized by sickness of alarming form he was calm and hopeful to the last. To the Rev. Dr. Heartz, who visited him a few days prior to the close of the mortal struggle and with tenderest fidelity told him of the certainty and nearness of the approaching end, he made the assuring statement, "I am resting upon the atonement." Such a testimony was brief, but was it not all comprehending? Yes! Enough for life—enough for death,—enough for time,—enough for eternity.

"Thus, resting upon the Atonement, did the trustful, pure and gentle spirit of our beloved and lamented brother pass away to God in the forty-fourth year of his age, and the twenty-fourth of his ministry."