

# THE AYLESFORD UNION.

"That ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind, striving together for the faith of the Gospel."—PAUL.

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## • The Aylesford Baptist Church.

We are glad to be able to present this month a very true representation of our church edifice at Aylesford. While it does not boast of architectural splendor comparable with that of some of its more favored sisters, it has for many years stood in its place quite as firmly and performed its service quite as faithfully and to-day, with its unpretentious walls, is rich with many hallowed memories. When it was first erected the meagre church records of the early days do not show, but it appears that a house of worship was in existence on the present site for some years previous to the organization of the church—whether the present one or another is not quite clear. There are records of remodelling in 1802 and in 1873.

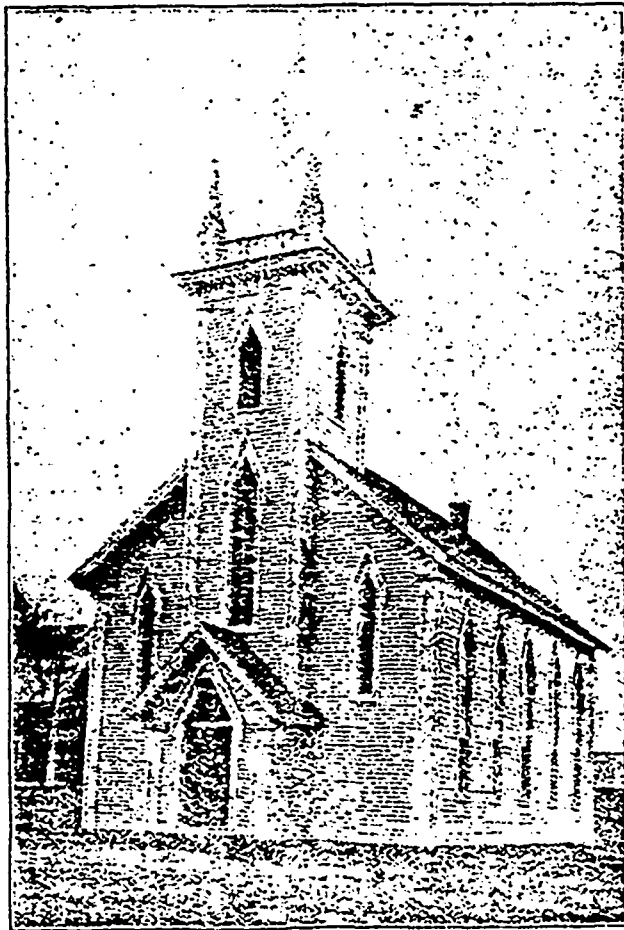
How early in the present century public worship under Baptist leadership was first held at Aylesford we have been unable to determine, but there were evidently Baptist families resident here in the early thirties who were connected with the Aylesford church which had been organized at Kingston in 1820. It was not, however, until March 11th, 1846, that the organization of the brethren at Upper Aylesford into a separate church was effected. Among those composing the council at whose instance this was done were Elders

David Harris, Wm. Chipman, Abraham Stomach, Ebenezer Stomach, Obed Parker and Wm. C. Rideout. The territorial limits of the new church, which consisted of thirty-three members, were defined as "from the east boundary line of Aylesford to the base line so-called, extending north and south in the western bounds or line of farm owned by the late Henry VanBuskirk."

Wm. Craig and George West were chosen first deacons. On April 12th, 1846, Rev. Wm. Chipman became pastor of the new church. Following his came two pastorates of three years' duration each, Rev. Chas. Tupper's from 1852-55 and Rev. Abraham Stomach's from 1855-58. In Nov. 1858 Rev. Jas. L. Read entered upon a long and prosperous pastorate of over thirty years. Being compelled by ill

ance by its pastor of a call to Springhill. For several months difficulties of a varied character prevented another choice being made. Meanwhile the Kingston church by invitation became associated with the Aylesford field and in November, 1866, a unanimous call was extended to the present pastor, Rev. J. B. Morgan, who entered upon his duties on the first of the following month. At the present time the outlook is hopeful. Since the year began thirty-five members have been added to the church, making the total enrolment 433. Beside this upwards of two hundred and fifty dollars have been contributed toward the liquidation of a floating debt, in addition to meeting current demands.

A B. Y. P. U. was organized in January which now numbers about ninety-five members, with a branch at Morristown of thirty members, and a Junior Union at Aylesford numbering fifty. An encouraging general interest is manifested in all departments of church work and with the spirit of peace and harmony prevailing we are earnestly looking to the Lord of the harvest for greater blessings in the future.



AYLESFORD BAPTIST CHURCH.

From a photograph by H. O. DODGE, of Bridgewater, N. S.

health to resign his charge in January, 1889, Rev. H. N. Parry was unanimously chosen to fill his place. Only a little over two years elapsed when the duty of making another selection was imposed upon the church, and the vacancy was filled in October of 1891 by the choice of Rev. J. W. Baneroff. Four years and a half had scarcely passed when the church was again rendered pastorless by the accept-

Go Work To-day in My Vineyard.

A paper read by Mrs. H. H. Taylor at a public meeting of the Aylesford W. M. A. S., held in the Aylesford Baptist church, on Sunday evening, June 27.

This was a command of our Saviour while here on earth and a command to His children now. But you say I am not worthy to work in His vineyard. Only because Christ died are we worthy to do anything for Him.

Does not the question often present itself. What can I do for this great Being who has done so much for me? Recompense I cannot!

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