

leyan Conference for a Minister. The Rev. J. Hick was appointed, and commenced his stated labours in March, 1821. These labours, which were very acceptable, were continued during two years, and in 1823 the Rev. J. Pope succeeded him, and remained four years. As a consequence of these efforts, the Methodist Church was much increased, while the Congregational Church worshipped with them, and were also kept together by occasional supply from Congregational Ministers who resided in the United States, who preached and administered Divine ordinances amongst them. A few were added to the Church.

In the year 1826, that portion of the Congregation usually assembling at the Union Church, which was identified with our denomination, deemed it expedient to withdraw from that building and to worship separately as a distinct church and congregation. Accordingly they thenceforth regularly assembled in the School House at the village called "The Plain," and when they did not enjoy the services of a Minister of the Gospel, they met for prayer, reading the word of God, and reading some suitable Evangelical discourse. During the above mentioned year and till 1829, they were favoured with the occasional services of the Rev. Messrs. Parker, Johnston, and others; but more frequently were they left to mutual edification by worship and the reading of sermons. The summer of 1828 was distinguished by the commencement of the erection of their present neat brick place of worship. It has a tower and a bell, and is creditable to the taste and enterprise of the people.

In the early part of January, 1829, at the request of the Church, which at this time consisted of between 70 and 80 members, the Rev. Andrew Rankin visited this station, and continued to preach the Gospel amongst the people, until the month of July following. In June, the House was solemnly dedicated to the worship of God. Mr. Rankin was succeeded by the Rev. Joseph Gibbs, from Banff, in Scotland, the author of several works, and a man of strong mind, theological attainments, and eminent piety. He had very recently immigrated with his family, and receiving a call, became the Pastor of the Church thus happily assembled in their new place of worship. During his ministry of four years' continuance, the Lord added many to the Church; and then closed that ministry on earth, by in-

troducing him to that above. Towards the close of 1833, the Rev. A. O. Hubbard supplied the Church with the clear and faithful exhibition of the Gospel for some months; he was blessed in his work, and additions were made to their number. The only regular ministry enjoyed during the year, 1834, was kindly sent by the Hampshire Association of Massachusetts. The Rev. Mr. Clapp laboured three months. The same may be said of the following year—The Rev. Mr. Bemont being the supply.

The American Home Missionary Society, through its auxiliary at Montreal, the Canada Education and Home Missionary Society, now kindly afforded assistance in this important, but oft neglected field. During 1836, the Rev. Mr. Sabine commenced a year's labours, partly supported by that Society; and in 1837, the Rev. R. V. Hall, their present Pastor, commenced his labours, being regularly recognized and installed the following winter. Mr. H. still derives a portion of his support from the American Home Missionary Society. It is ascertained, that up to a recent date, there have been admitted to the Church during his Pastorate, 28 members, by letter or profession; and there have been removed by death or by change of residence, no fewer than 40. The latter cause of removal, has particularly diminished their number. There are now sixty members in fellowship. Since the formation of the Church, it has been favoured with the services of two Deacons. The first were Messrs. Hooker and Bangs; the former removed, and the latter died. Their places were supplied by Messrs. Arms and S. Pomroy; three years since Mr. Arms removed to Sherbrooke, where he is still useful in the sister Church there. On his departure, Mr. P. Hubbard, Senr., was chosen—but on the sixth of February last, was raised to the Church triumphant. We believe that the venerable Mr. Pomroy is now the only Deacon. The notes from which this imperfect sketch has been made, conclude with this remark: that as at the end of the forty years' sojourning in the wilderness, only Caleb and Joshua remained of all the Children of Israel who left Egypt—so at the end of but twenty-six years, this Church contains but a Caleb and Joshua, as the remnant of those, who during its earliest history, joined themselves to the Lord, and to each other.