

clined, but subsequently yielded to the judgment of his brethren, and after the necessary preliminaries was ordained on the 22nd of September, A. D. 1800. The power of the Holy Spirit was felt on this occasion and on the following days when 18 believers were baptized and added to the Church.

The following is a copy of the original certificate given to Elder Innis on the day of his ordination:—

“This may certify all people and Churches of Christ, wheresoever they may come, that we, the subscribers, after satisfactory acquaintance with the ministerial gifts and qualifications that our well beloved brother, James Innis, is endowed with; and after being examined and chosen by the Church of Christ, consisting of Baptists, in the township of Norton, Kings County, and Province of New Brunswick, for their Pastor and teacher in the name and behalf of the Churches to which we respectively belong, have proceeded to set apart this, our brother, by the imposition of hands, unto the work of the ministry to which he was chosen, and hereby recommend him, as an able minister of the New Testament, to all Churches of Christ and to all people where God in His Providence shall call him to improve those gifts he has given him.”

THEODORE HARDING,

Pastor of the Church of Christ in Horton, K. Co., N. S.

JOSEPH CRANDAL,

Pastor of the Church of Christ in Sackville, W. Co., N. B.

NORTON, 22nd September, and year of our Lord 1800.

The church continued to prosper under his ministry, and the year following two acres of land were purchased, and a house of worship commenced. Elder Innis did not confine his labors to Norton exclusively, but preached the gospel in the regions around about, amidst much opposition and persecution, travelling through Hammond River to Saint Martins, and numbers were converted to God, among them a Mrs. Bull of Hammond River, who desired baptism although an invalid and weak in health. Elder Innis in obedience to the Lord's command baptized her, upon which her husband with some others lodged a complaint against him before Judge Upham. The Judge advised them to wait thirty days in order to see if her health sustained any injury from her immersion. In the mean time, the Judge wrote a cautionary letter to Mr. Innis in not conforming to the rules of the National Church, and threatening him with a penalty in administering the ordinances without a license therefrom. Mr. Innis wrote an answer to the letter which it appears satisfied the Judge, as no further proceedings took place. However, at the end of thirty days, Mrs. Bull's health instead of declining was almost restored, and she subsequently recovered. The Lord removed this esteemed minister from the church militant to the church triumphant in the year 1813, Elder David Harris preaching his funeral sermon.

In 1819 the church joined the Association. In 1824 the Association was held here, the church wished to call Deacon Francis Pickle to take the Pastoral charge, wrote to the Association concerning his ordination, a counsel was called, and his ordination proceeded with; the church has retained its visibility until the present time, having had different Pastors to minister to it.

(Signed,)

J. G. HAYES, CLERK.

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