

and so far as possible verified, so that while parts of the History are not nearly as full as we could desire, in the main, I think, the account will be found to be as accurate as it is possible to make it at this late date. It is to be regretted that this work was not undertaken during the lifetime of a number of our older members who have since passed away, as their personal recollections, extending back for many years, would have been of great assistance in the preparation of our History.

Some of the information has been secured from Dr. Saunders' "History of the Baptists" and Dr. Bill's "Fifty Years with the Baptists," while the very full account of the life and labors of Rev. Samuel Robinson is largely from two historical sermons delivered by Dr. Bill in 1863, for the securing of which from the Library of Acadia University we are indebted to Dr. Cohoon. Dr. Cutten also placed a collection of the "Minutes of Associations," dating back to 1810 — in which are references to this Church — at my disposal. For later minutes I am indebted to Dr. McIntyre and others. The description of the interior of the old wooden building and the early methods of lighting are from a paper by the late Miss Sarah J. Blakslee. In the early part of the work much of the original phraseology has been retained — its quaintness adding to the interest of the narrative — the writer making only such changes as were required to make a connected story. From 1870 much of the matter is from my own personal knowledge of the affairs of the Church, and from