

prayer meeting was held in Crow's Hall, Prince Street, the Church was used for services of every description, incident to the work of the circuit in the Town.

During this time, one of the most important gatherings was an adjourned meeting of the June Quarterly Board of 1872 held in the chancel of the Church at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 17th of the month.

Rev'd. John Read occupied the chair, and there were present:—

Rev'd. Thomas Smith, supernumerary, and Brethren David Elliot, Samuel S. Nelson, James W. Killer, Anthony Shaw, James Crowe, Stewart Copeland, Thomas Johnson, Alexander McNutt, Robert Hall, Dr. W. E. McRobert, Adam McNutt and I. Longworth.

At this meeting it was moved by Anthony Shaw and seconded by Robert Hall that the Circuit be divided. 6 voted for, 2 against, and 5 abstained from voting. Some were very much opposed to the motion. The object of the resolution was to constitute the Town of Truro a Circuit by itself, and place the rest of the Circuit in charge of a minister under the name of the Onslow Circuit. This result was effected by the Conference a year or so later, and Londonderry and Acadian Mines have since been made a Circuit of that name in charge of a minister resident at the Mines.

In the fall of 1876 an opportunity occurred to the Trustees of the Church to get this Hall for \$80.00 and fit it up for Sunday School, prayer meeting, and other religious and social services. It had been built by Sydney S. Crowe, one of the old Truro builders, who as an aged citizen, took part in our late Jubilee and Natal Day celebration of the fourteenth September ultimo. It was completed in May, 1857, and up to the time of our getting it, formed the West wing of the original twin Model School Buildings in connection with the recently introduced Normal School System of Education. This building was one of two buildings exactly alike, connected by a passage way, and the counterpart now forms the Halifax Banking Company's counting House on Prince St.

The Model Schools in Truro were opened in what might be then called these bouncing twins, the first of June, 1857, with the following staff of Teachers:

John B. Calkin, Head Master, who taught in this building; Joseph N. Webster, Teacher of the Intermediate Department, who taught in the East wing; Sophia Christie, Teacher of the Primary Department; with Miss Jane C. Greaves of Mount Pleasant, Bible Hill, added as Instructor of Sewing, a little later. Mr. Webster, who left Truro 21st November 1859, for Charlottetown, P. E. I., to take charge of the Normal School there, was succeeded in his position here by John R. Miller. After several years service, about five or six, Miss Christie was succeeded by Miss Sarah McLeod.

In 1864 John B. Calkin was succeeded as Head Master by Edward Blanchard; and, John R. Miller by James Little, the latter of whom, in a building more suitable to the times, still holds the educational fort teaching the young ideas how to shoot, in a very efficient manner.

From this time on, on account of the short time at my command for gathering material, I am unable to give complete information.

For several years Miss Matilda Faulkner had charge of the Preparatory Department, and Miss Mary Russell the Primary. A new Department was opened also, and was placed under Miss Susan Waddell (the present Mrs. William Cummings.) Seeing that the second teacher at the opening had in the early history of the school been promoted to the oversight of the first training school in a sister colony, it was natural to expect that the Head Master would in due course be called to fill a similar position in this Province. We must all express our delight that Mr. Calkin still fills the position with great vigour and ability after the wear and tear of so many years of scholastic life.

And here I must notice the short-sightedness of the League managers in not giving our assemblage the character of a twin or duplex gathering by inviting Principal Calkin and all of his old teachers and scholars, now living, who were at the opening of the school in this building forty odd years ago, to take part in our proceedings. How deeply interesting would be the calling of the roll of scholars