

pioneer work of farming and preaching. Hereafter for the space of 30 years he labored six days of the week on his farm, cleaning the land and tilling the soil, and on Sundays preached from one to three times a day, besides teaching in the Sunday School. In the early years of his ministry he made many of his preaching tours on foot, for conveyances were few and good roads unknown.

Regularly at 10 a. m. on Sundays, rain or shine, was the former apprentice and student, now Elder Chandler, found at the desk of the district school-house ready to declare the unsearchable riches of Christ to his neighbors attending the service.

The times and manners of those days were simple and plain. Oxen in summer and in winter often drew *sleigh-loads* of ear-est-minded people through the woods to the services. In summer persons of all ages would be found at the services, oftentimes barefooted, and with headgear of little cost. But the spiritual joys of believers were as real then as of believers now.

Little monetary support did Elder Chandler receive for his labors, for systematic giving was not then in vogue, nor were crisp bills and shining dimes so plentiful then as now. Bro. Chandler's farm was midway between Drew's Mills (now Dixville) and Coaticook. Previous to his arrival in the vicinity a little Baptist church had been organized at Drew's Mills in 1838 under the pastoral care of Elder Israel Ide. After taking up his residence in Burford Elder Chandler held the pastorate of this church for 30 years. The services were first held in the district school-house, then in a Good Templars' hall. About 1863 the little church began to think of erecting a suitable building and to this end \$11 in subscriptions had been secured.

Just at this Juncture, Adventism burst upon the townships and spread through them like wild-fire for several years, almost demoralizing many churches, Drew's Mills Baptist church not excepted. About 1874, a re-action from Adventism having set in, the church began to recover itself and in that year united with the Baptist church in Coaticook (formerly Free-Will Baptist), forming what was known as the Coaticook and Burford Baptist church. This union took place under the direction of