



A Short History of the Baptist Church of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island



THE CHARLOTTETOWN BAPTIST CHURCH came into being under the following circumstances.

Thomas DesBrisay, being convinced that believers' immersion is the only scriptural mode of baptism, was baptized (October, 1827) by Rev. Charles Tupper, then on a mission to the Island. This baptism, being the first in Charlottetown, caused a great deal of enquiry on the subject. Others followed in the same steps; and in the spring of the year 1835 the brethren commenced holding prayer meetings. Soon after this a room which would seat about one hundred persons, was rented and fitted up for preaching services.

Rev. Benjamin Scott when in town would attend these meetings and preach to the people.

Rev. George McDonald, who was on the Island on a mission from the Nova Scotia Baptist Board of Missions, by request organized the church in August, 1836,

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