

of Christian Education in charge of the Baptists of Ontario and Quebec, and at the same time enshrined the historic name of one who suffered for our principles, and gave them their earliest publication in the Maritime Provinces.\*

To one of Mrs. McMaster's swift and practical mind, quick feeling, ardent temperament, buoyant spirits and great energy, life could hardly be otherwise than full of ceaseless and intense activity. In the fulness of her prime she came to Toronto, in 1871, having married in that year the Hon. William McMaster. Retaining then, as now, a strong affection for the land of her birth and education, she at once freely gave her best to Canadian life, and bore a goodly part in the manifold activities of Jarvis Street Church. Every winter hundreds of the Young People's Association were entertained in the McMaster mansion, the only enquiry being, "Are they worthy for the Master's sake?" Indeed, during all the years of her home keeping, "Salve!" greeted all who crossed the threshold of her house. A

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\* Gardner's History of the Town of Wales (Mass.) contains the following "Memorandum":—

Rev. Ebenezer Moulton was among the primary settlers of this Town; came hither from Salem about 1728; was then married and had one child. He made his settlement on the place elsewhere in this Record described as the "Oliver Wales Tavern Stand," and was the pious occupant of that place, and cultivator of its soil. He was of a religious frame of mind, an ardent and somewhat enthusiastic disseminator of the sentiments of the Baptists, then, or formerly, called Anabaptists, a sect then uncommon in this region. He was energetically engaged in inculcating those sentiments not only here, but in the neighbouring Towns; and through him and his labors chiefly, and instrumentally, were originated the Baptist Church and Society of this Town in 1730, and the first of the order established in all this region of country. He was not then a regularly constituted minister of his denomination, but was a sort of self-made evangelist or religious teacher, and officiated as such for the infant Church and Society here established under his auspices. Thus matters continued with him and the people here till Nov. 4, 1731, when he was formally ordained to the Gospel Ministry, and set over the Church here as their Pastor and guide in spiritual matters. He filled the pastorate of this Church more than 20 years, or till 1763; then he went to Nova Scotia. He was absent from here a number of years, during a part of which he has been reported to have officiated as Chaplain of the British Navy. Near twenty years after thus going herefrom, he returned, having buried his consort in his absence, and in a little time he died and was buried. Upon going from here in 1763 he took his family with him, after which none of his children ever returned hither, at least not to make a permanent or lengthy stay. In the above sketch is an omission of one fact in Mr. Moulton's history. On one occasion, at the close of one of his earnest and enthusiastic discourses in the Town of Sturbridge, he was arrested and thrown into prison for a brief term as a religious fanatic or heretic, a promoter of sedition and disturber of the public tranquility. The persecuting spirit was then exhibiting a ramp.

The Rev. Charles Tupper writes, Nov. 1, 1828, to the *Baptist Magazine* for the Maritime Provinces:

It appears that there were very few of the Baptist denomination among the first emigrants by whom this province was settled after it was taken from the French and ceded to the British. There was, however, a small number among those who came from New England, one of whom, Mr. Moulton, was a Baptist minister, who was probably the first that preached in Nova Scotia. He began to labor in Horton (now Wolfville) about the year 1763, and his exertions were crowned with success, a church was formed, consisting of Baptists and Congregationalists. He did not, however, continue long in the province.

The early churches in Nova Scotia had a mixed membership, which led to much discussion, issuing in their present organization on the basis of strict communion. There is a record, also, in the Church Book, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, of Mr. Moulton having preached and baptized in that town.