

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN N. B., DECEMBER 11, 1901.

LIFE TALE OF BRUSSELS STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

Interesting History of Organization of this Congregation.

Sketch of Those Who Have Had Its Spiritual Welfare in Charge.

The pastor of the first Baptist church of this city foresaw the need of extending the denomination's interests, and in 1838 addressed his members thus: "Brethren, look around you, and see where there are suitable places to hold prayer meetings to establish Sunday schools, and to hold occasional preaching services."

The lot on which Brussels street church now stands was purchased, and shortly after building operations were commenced, the edifice reaching its completed state in 1847. Meetings were regularly held by the pastor of the first Baptist church, and bears date the 14th of February, 1846. It cost £330, and is consecrated in two lots, No. 10 and part of No. 11, the whole described in the deed as a piece of land with a frontage on Brussels street of 90 feet, extending back 150 feet, preserving the same breadth.

The architect employed to plan the church was William Mitchell, the frame of the edifice being put up under the supervision of Joseph Allin. The work grew with wonderful rapidity, and it was at length thought necessary to provide a minister for this branch of labor. The services of Rev. D. W. C. Dimock were secured, and later those of Rev. Alex. McDonald. The Ladies' Dorcas Society of the First Baptist church lent valuable aid in a financial way toward the support of these ministers.

Among the constituent members were 45 colored people, who were devoted to the interest of the church.

The first service was held in the Brussels street church on March 21, 1850. The Sabbath school was organized a year previous with a membership of 160 pupils, N. S. Demill being superintendent.

In 1853, owing to increased congregations, the building was enlarged by extending the rear and inserting 28 central windows and four corner pews; also adding to the number of windows on each side. The first mention of a choir was in 1853, when some discussion arose over the introduction of instrumental music.

The first pastor, Father Robinson. The first pastor of Brussels street Baptist church was Rev. Samuel Robinson, affectionately termed "Father" Robinson, who was elected at a council held on March 29, 1850.

Rev. Samuel Robinson was born in Belfast, Ireland, August 12, 1801. He emigrated to New York with some friends and relatives, and in 1829 was called to minister, according to Presbyterian teachings, to a number of his relatives who had settled in the parish of Saint James, Charlotte county, N. B. He was ordained as a Baptist minister in August, 1832, by

Venerable Joseph Crandall and Rev. John Marston. His field of labor at this time included St. George, Penfield, Mascarene, St. David, St. James, St. Patrick, St. Andrew, St. Stephen, Calais, and Milford. His ministry among these places was attended with great success. He became pastor of Germain street church in 1838 and continued his labors there for 11 years, greatly increasing the membership. Through his instrumentality seven or eight new churches were opened in St. John and its suburbs. In 1850 he was transferred to the pastorate of Brussels street church, where he worked untiringly till his death in 1866. During his ministry there 426 were added to the church by baptism and 191 by letter. On Sept. 16, Rev. Mr. Robinson suc-



Rev. H. F. Waring. The present energetic pastor.

umbed to typhoid fever. On the Sunday preceding his demise he sent an affectionate message to his congregation by the acting pastor adding: "Tell my church that the greatest kindness they can show me is to be steadfast in the faith, discharge their duty, and fill their places in the house of God."

The second pastor of Brussels street church was Rev. Timothy Harley. On February 7, 1872, Rev. Mr. Harley



Rev. Samuel Robinson. Pastor from 1850 until his death in 1866.

tendered his resignation as pastor much to the regret of the congregation. An address was presented him on behalf of the church expressive of the high esteem in which he was held and of regret at his departure.

Rev. W. P. Everett became the third pastor shortly after Mr. Harley's departure, the supply in the interim being Rev. Edwin Burnham, of Newburyport, Mass. Rev. W. P. Everett was born in Frederickton, N. B., in May, 1836, his parents removing to this city shortly after that event. After the usual course of studies here and at the Baptist Seminary in Frederickton, he entered his father's office, remaining there until 1847, when he removed to Halifax, where he became connected with the North Baptist church.

In 1849 he sold out his business in Halifax and entered college at Waterville, Me., going afterwards to the university at Rochester, N. Y. He was graduated with honors and assumed a pastorate at Abington, Mass. Later on he was a faithful worker in various places, including Brooklyn, Albany, Chelsea, Mass., Elgin, Ill. He then came to Brussels street church and after the fire in 1877 assisted in organizing the Temple Baptist church and became its pastor. The church did not continue very long and Mr. Everett removed to Alton, Ill. He finally returned to Elgin, Ill., where he died in March,

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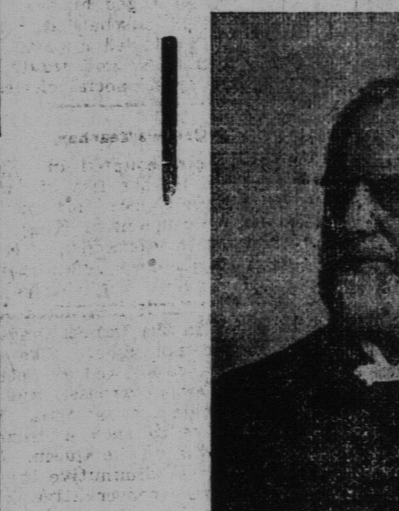
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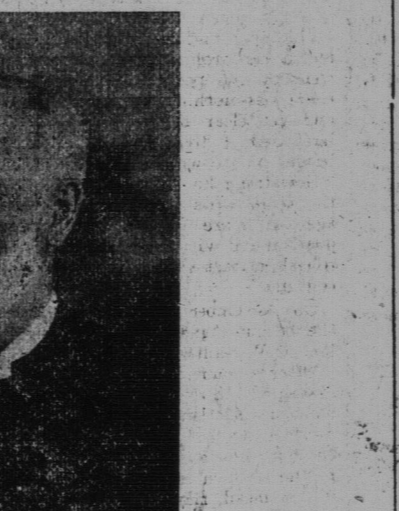
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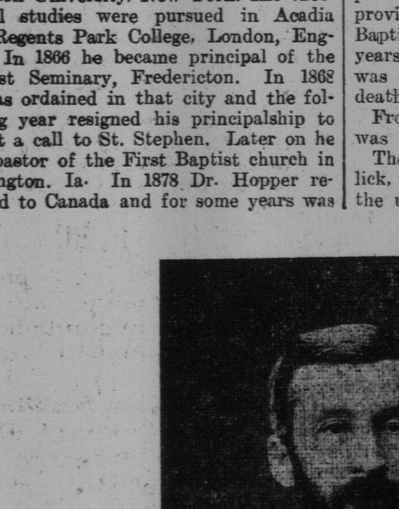
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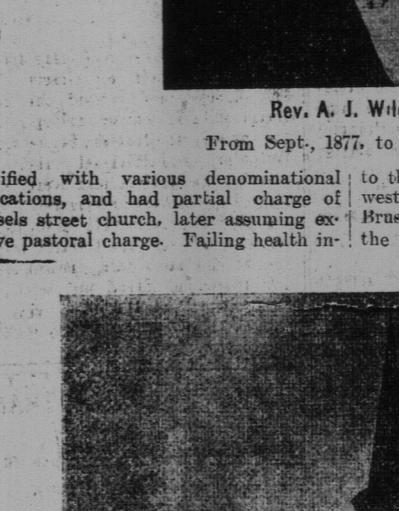
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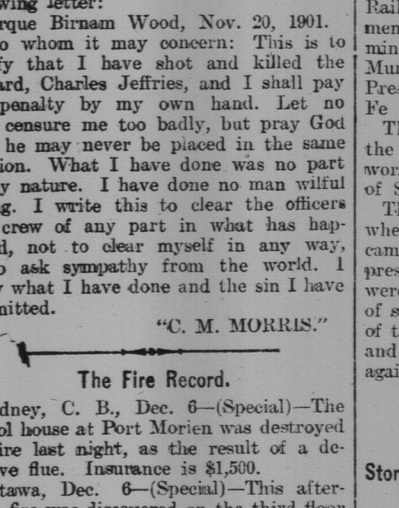
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Fifty-one Years of Faithful and Energetic Christian Work.

From Father Robinson, the First Pastor, Rev. H. F. Waring, the Present Pastor.

In August, 1889, Rev. W. J. Stewart moved to take pastoral oversight of church, which he accepted temporarily until March, when he became permanent pastor until 1893, when he tendered resignation, which was accepted.

The eighth and probably the best known pastor of Brussels street church was Rev. G. M. W. Carey, a man of broad views and who was beloved by all denominations and widely known personally. Dr. C. was born in Belfast, Ireland, and came to Canada when a small boy. He attended the University of Rochester, N. Y., the degree there of B. A. and proceeded to graduation in theology and to M. A. course. He was ordained in the ministry after his graduation and became pastor of the Queen street Baptist church, St. Catharines, Ontario. Dr. Carey held a certificate from the University of Chicago for having successfully completed the advanced course in Hebrew. In 1870 he was made D. D. by the College. He was pastor of Queen street church for 15 years and subsequently labored four years in Liverpool, G. B. Returning to this country he filled pastorates in Brantford, Ont., and Ottawa. He came to St. John in response to an urgent call from Brussels street church. April, 1869, Dr. Carey severed his connection with the church and six weeks later died suddenly at his daughter's home in Ottawa. The Sunday following a memorial service was held in church and was attended by clergymen of other denominations.

Rev. H. F. Waring, a native of Milford near this city, assumed the charge Brussels street's pastoral affairs early in 1869, it being his third pastorate. A Waring is a young man, but a vigorous worker. Already he has held pastorates in Minnesota, U. S. A., and Toronto, N. Y. Graduating from Acadia College in 1858 he took a theological course at Rochester and a post graduate course in Chicago. The membership of the church in 1869 numbered 371. It is in a comparatively prosperous condition and has several well organized societies. Extensive repairs have been made since Mr. Waring's advent. The interior of the church has been fitted with figured steel plating in very attractive design. A new baptistry has been added, and is certainly a magnificent piece of scenic work. It is a copy of a famous western painting and so realistically the work combined with light effects that the River Jordan is vividly recalled.

HORRIFYING SCENE FOLLOWING HANGING.

Murderer Cut Down from Scaffold Still Lived--Death Came as He Was to Be Hanged Again.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 6--Bad Wilso, a convict, who killed R. H. Naylor, guard of the Yell county convict farm last December, was hanged today at Daisville. Twenty minutes after the trap was sprung the body was lowered into a coffin. Before the lid was placed upon the coffin the body began moving about. Wilso opened his eyes and his whole frame shivered. He was taken from the coffin by the deputies and carried up the step to the scaffold for the purpose of hanging him again. When the platform was reached the body became rigid, remained so for a moment and then became limp. Wilso was examined carefully by the physicians who finally pronounced him dead, death having been caused by strangulation.

As to Sir Louis Davies' Successor. Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 6--(Special)--Hon. George Forbes, member without portfolio of the P. E. Island government declared that Premier Farguharson will occupy the seat at Ottawa vacated by Sir Louis Davies and that his successor will be either Hon. Benjamin Rogers, minister of agriculture, or Hon. Arthur Peters, attorney general.

A Fraud Arrested in Montreal. Montreal, Dec. 6--(Special)--W. Campbell, under arrest here, secured over a score of Montreal firms \$25,000 for a formula for manufacturing shell which he is said to have admitted to detectives was a fraud. Firms who participated in this out on investigation. Car bell worked Toronto and other western cities before coming here and prior to that worked many United States cities and cleaned up, it is alleged, thousands of dollars.

Wedding at Chatham. Chatham, N. B., Dec. 6--(Special)--Mr. Robert Loggie and Miss Mamie Reid, daughter of Mr. William Reid, were married in St. Mary's church last evening. The bride looked very pretty in a traveling suit of dark grey cloth and black velvet hat. She was unattended. After the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Canon Forsythe, Mr. and Mrs. Loggie left for a visit to Montreal.

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identified with various denominational publications, and had partial charge of Brussels street church, later assuming exclusive pastoral charge. Failing health in-



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DELIBERATE SUICIDE. Letter Written by Captain of the Birman Wood Tells a Tale.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 6--In the cabin of the barque Birman Wood upon which Capt. C. M. Morris killed Mate Jeffries and then committed suicide, was found the following letter: Barque Birman Wood, Nov. 29, 1901. "To whom it may concern: This is to certify that I have shot and killed the steward, Charles Jeffries, and I shall pay the penalty by my own hand. Let no man censure me too badly, but pray God that he may never be placed in the same position. What I have done was no part of my nature. I have done no man wrong. I write this to clear the officers and crew of any part in what has happened, not to clear myself in any way, or to ask sympathy from the world. I know what I have done and the sin I have committed. "C. M. MORRIS."

The Fire Record. Sydney, C. B., Dec. 6--(Special)--The school house at Port Morien was destroyed by fire last night, as the result of a defective flue. Insurance is \$1,500.

Ottawa, Dec. 6--(Special)--This afternoon a fire was discovered on the third floor of the census building. It was of a mild nature and about \$2 worth of damage done.

Body of Missing Halifax Man Found. Halifax, Dec. 6--(Special)--The body of one Redpath, the missing fireman of Argus, was found this afternoon by a diver in the dock where the steamer is stationed.

HISTORIC MINE SOLD. New Mining Process Make Vulture's Low Grade Ore Valuable.

Phoenix, Dec. 5--Private advices here state that the American Development Company, a New York corporation, composed largely of the heaviest stockholders in the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company, has completed arrangements to purchase the famous old Vulture mine, near Wickenburg, through Frank Murphy, president of the Phoenix and Prescott railroad, now owned by the Santa Fe route. The Vulture, 15 years ago, was one of the heaviest producers of gold in the world, and at one time was the property of Senator Tabor, of Colorado. The mine has been idle about 10 years, when the supply of free milling ore became exhausted, and at which time the present methods of working the base ores were not perfected. Many millions of tons of sulphide ore, which the modern method of treatment makes valuable, are in sight, and the ancient workings are likely to again become the centre of a busy camp.

ATE TWO CHILDREN. Story of Cannibalism Comes from American Samoa.

San Francisco, Dec. 6--News has been received here from Tutuila, American Samoa, that a cannibal named Opa, B. F. Tiley had on board the U. S. S. Albatross had escaped to the shore and resumed his cannibal practices. He and his two companions stole and ate two little children. The natives who are hunting him down have killed his two companions.