METHODISM IN ST. JOHN THE MOTHER CHURCH

A Good Record—The Great Fire—Memorable Occasions Interesting Events.

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the province of New Brunswick, is a a long and useful career Mrs. Kelly goodly city of nearly 50,000 inhabitants passed away to the home above on Septhe mouth of the river of the same name. It was founded in 1783 by a number of persons who at the state of the same an example to be imitated. number of persons who, at the close of the American Revolutionary War, abandoned their all in the revolutionary colonies and made their homes in this, then wilderness, rather than take the oath of allegiance to the new republic. These early settlers had great hardships to endure, and many painful experiences, and their successors have more than once had their baptism of fire, but with an unfaltering faith in the future of the city they have been equal Germain street, between Duke and to every emergency and overcome the difficulties with which they have been confronted. This has been shown in an especial manner in their willingness to

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The house of Mr. Kelly soon becam too small to accommodate those who came to hear the Methodist Itinerant, and just three months from the day of the delivery of that first sermon, the is now spoken of as Old Trinity, the Methodists moved into the vacated building, and Christmas Day, 1791, found them with a church of their own.

This building stood on the east side of the Holy Ghost in dove-like assume grave financial responsibilities to provide their harbor with such facilities as would be required to fit it to become the winter port of Canada.

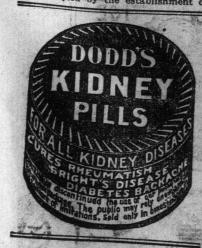
In this they are succeeding admirably,

THE OLD GERMAIN STREET CHURCH.

199,541, being an increase over the pre-ceding season of more than \$10,000,000. But large as this business is now with ich a country as Canada-"a land of magnificent distances, of illimitable sibilities, and inexhaustible resour-"-the process of expansion may be indefinitely promoted, and the dream of before its dedication he was transfer-our fathers will become a reality, when red to Bermuda, and the honor of for-

The history of Methodism in this city extends over a period of one hundred and fifteen years. That is as an organization, for it was here in the persons of men and women, who were among the original Loyalists. Among these was Stanhan Humbert a New these was Stephen Humbert, a New Jersey Methodist who, "through a long and honorable life, was a moving spirit in the city, and who at a period when Methodism was somewhat under social ban, did not shrink from using in a legitimate way the influence he pos-sessed in his official capacity for the advancement of the interests of the church of his choice." The positions referred to were those of a captain in the militia, a member of the city council, and one of its representatives in the House of Assembly. With a few others, with the same religious views, he made application to the Methodist authorities in New York for a minister and eventually one was sent them.

JOHN ABRAHAM BISHOP was the man and a better choice could not have been made. He was gentle-manly in manner, conrecous to all, an excellent preacher and an eminently excellent preacher and an eminently saintly character, and was every way fitted for the work assigned him. He landed here on Saturday, September 24, 1791, and preached the first Methodisch list sermon in St. John the next day from the words "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you." I John, 1 chapter, 3 verses. The following Sabbath he organized a society and gove the leadership of it to Cynthia Ann, wife of William Kelly, in whose house the services were held, and which was on the eastern side of Charlotte and Princess, on the site now occupied by the establishment of



Whatever the size of the field it Cyrus Curtis, Ladies' Home Journal.

for the export trade of the past season, used as the centre around which gathwhen to meet the growing needs of the congregation another and a better edi-fice was erected on the corner of Ger-main and Horsfield streets. To Joshua Marsden belongs the credit of having originated and carried through to completion this great undertaking, but just before its dedication he was transferthe Liverpool of British North William Bennett. And again choosing the great Anniversary for the opening, Christmas Day, 1808, saw the dedication of the

OLD GERMAIN STREET CHURCH. The jubilee of this church was held in 1859, one year after the proper time, the services beginning on Christmas Day and continuing until the Tuesday evening. The auditorium was tastefully adorned with evergreen, and the names of the senior members in circlets of spruce graced the gallery fronts. The ministers present were John McMurray, William Wilson, and John Cathern, St. John South, James England, Portland, Edmund Botterell and the writer, Carleton. The laymen who took part in the service were Matthew Thomas, William Till and David Collins. The choir of sixty voices under the leadership of John Bustin added greatly to the interest

of the occasion. For many years this choir was ably led by John R. Marshall, Chief of Police, and as an evidence of the appreciation of his services, he was presented on his retirement by the trustees with a very flattering address, and a handsome gold watch. It was indeed an occasion of great interest, and was frequently

spoken of as THE METHODIST JUBILEE.

For nearly sixty-nine years this church was the headquarters of Methodism not only in the city but throughout the privince also, and its pulpit was occupied by the ablest and best of the ministers of the day. Great revivals were experienced, much good was done, and from this as a centre there went forth many to help to build up the cause elsewhere, Many changes had taken place in the city and its surroundings, population had ingressed. surroundings, population had increased, and various improvements had been made from time to time to meet the requirements of the times, when all went up in smoke and flame.

"Upon that dark and dreadful day, When half St. John was swept away, churches, schools and happy

Her busy marts and counting rooms Her workshops, mills and factories, Her piles of costly merchandise In ashes lay—while louder, higher Rang out the clarion cry of Fire.'

But there are some things that even fire cannot destroy and one of these is the love of a people for the house of their God. Their own dwellings may be swept away, their business wrecked, and their sources of income cut off, but the church must be rebuilt. Pending the decision as to where and how to build the congregation worshipped for a while in Exmouth street church, in

the Waterloo street Baptist church and Hamm, Mrs. Henry Marshal, Mrs. the waterioo street Baptist church and in Ring's hall. Economy and esentiment pointed to the old site as the proper place on which to rebuild, as around no other spot could there ever gather such sacred associations. There Methodism in St. John had been cradled, and there it had grown strong. It had been given to God and conse cradled, and there it had grown strong. It had been given to God and consecrated to his service, and to sell it almost seemed like sacrilege, and to use it for secular purposes almost a profanity. What reasons were given for a change need not be stated, but at a meeting of the congregation twenty of the twenty-three present voted for a change, and a lot on the west corner. Trueman, Mrs. Wm. Smith, (Acc.) and Mrs. Thos. Gunn and the genial, faithful and ever kind Andrew Gilmour. Time, however, will not permit me to proceed with the list. To these should be added Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. George F. Thompson, T. C. Humbert, Alderman Blizzard, F. S. Thompson, Mrs. D. Sheffield, Mrs. J. U. Thomas,

of Queen Square was chosen.
The corner stone of this building was iaid on August 8th, 1878, by John B. joined the Great Majority. Gaynor, and services appropriate to the occasion were engaged in by Joseph Hart, president of the Conference, John S. Addy, R. W. Weddall and D. D. Currie. The schoolroom was dedicated on July 13, 1879; the morning sermon on July 13, 1878; the morning sermon was preached by John S. Phinney, the evening one by the retiring pastor, Benjamin Chappelle, and in the afternoon a Sabbath school service was held when addresses were delivered by Dr. Pope and J. S. Addy and James Sullivers. Lange Parties of the Pope and J. S. Addy and James Sullivers. yan, James Bustin and James R. Woodburn. One of the verses read on the occasion was from Psalm lxxxiv, in which the sparrows are referred to as making the temple their home, at which time a pigeon flew into the Episcopalians having moved into what room. The presence of the little is now spoken of as Old Trinity, the stranger was regarded as a happy

> THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH

form resting upon him.

took place on the 5th of October, 1879. The ministers in attendance and par-ticipating in the services were Hezekiah and John S. Addy, Henry Pope, John Prince, James R. Narraway, Charles Stewart, D. D. Currie, Benjamin Chappelle and the pastor John Read. The sermons were preached in this order by Charles Stewart, H. McKeown and D. D. Currie. The congregations were large, the sermons excellent, and the feeling was devout and reverent. The cost of the church was reported as \$45,-000. As Queen Square claims to be and rightly so the legal successor of the first Methodist church in Saint John, as that first church was dedicated on Christmas Day, as the second church was also set apart on Christmas Day, and as the jubilee exercises were held on the same day, it does seem to be one of the "things," as Paul would put it, "hard to be understood," on accounted for that the 5th of October and not the 25th of December, or the Sabbath nearest thereto, ber, or the Sabbath nearest thereto, should be observed by the people of the old mother church as the Red Letter Day in their ecclesiastical calendar. It would be interesting to know who was responsible for this ignoring of

THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY was appropriately observed on the 25th and 27th days of December, 1891. The church was "handsomely decorated," Christmas music was rendered in ex-cellent style, the congregation was large, prayer was offered by the writer, the lessons were read by George Steel and Isaac N. Parker, and addresses were delivered by Fathers Daniel and Fope, the pastor Job Shenton in the chair. The addresses were largely of a reminiscent character, and, to the aged especially interesting the same characters. One passage in Dr. Pope's touched many hearts, and brought vividly before the living the honored dead of other days, "When I took charge," he said, 'In 1870 there were 186 member under the following leaders, Captain Pritchard, Harmon Trueman, John Benson, James Hale, Charles Robinson Jacob Wilson, Thomas Gilmour, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Hennigar, Mrs. Benson, Mrs. Stewart and the pastor. Seventy of these have passed away and even at the risk of seeming invidlousness I would fain offer a tribute of admiration and love. But such is your own love and loyalty to these saintly men and women of the past that I need not hesitate particularly to mention Mrs. John Humbert, Mrs, Matthew nas, the honored widow of a use ful local preacher, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gaynor, the utterance of whose names is like the breaking of the alabaster box, Mrs. Gilbert Kay, Mrs. George Whittaker, Mrs. Miles, familiarly known as "Aunty Miles," Mrs. Geo. King, Miss King, whose annual visits to the homes of our people in the interests of the Missionary society, were always welcomed and are still pleasantly remembered, Mr. and Mrs. James Bustin, (Had Mr. Bustin survived a short while longer he could have said, what none else could, that he had wit-nessed the dedication and centennial



COMPULSORY VACCINATION.

Doctor Lion-Look here, you've go to be vaccinated at once The Porcupine-All right; I'll have it on my back.

FLOOD OF IMMIGRATION TO CANADIAN WEST

Potts, senior, Mrs. Fisher, senior, the brothers Charles and Thomas Robinson, Robert Robertson and his son Wm. A. Robertson, John Benson, James Hale, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hennigar, Mr. Jacob Wilson, Harme

change, and a lot on the west corner Mrs. D. Sheffield, Mrs. J. U. Thomas Aaron Armstrong and Edwin Fisher and Mrs. Lauckner who have since

On the Sabbath forenoon Mr. Shento preached a sermon on "An Hundred Years of Methodism," from the words, "What Hath God Wrought,"—a clear, strong, and well delivered presentation of the reasons why Methodism had won a foremost position among the great churches of modern times. The writer was the evening preacher, taking for his text the first verse of the 44th Psalm-"We have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us, what work Thou didst in their days, in the times of old." The congregation was very large, outside churches were well represented, and among the distinguished visitors were His Honor

LIEUT.-GOVERNOR, SIR LEONARD AND LADY TILLEY.

The address was an historical sketch grand success and the second may be a greater, but in order that this may be the case we must adapt ourselves to the altered circumstances of society. The difficulties to be dealt with, though different, are as formidable as ever. We have a field to work in constantly growing narrower as business in-creases, which is the common experience of the older churches in business centres. The methods of work so successful with us have been adopted very largely by other churches, and the advantages derived therefrom are no alone reaped by us. For this every true Christian is devoutly thankful. The issue must be squarely met, and neither elated over past achievements nor discouraged with prospective diffi-culties, we must simply put forth the greater effort. And realizing that all true success is dependent upon presence and power of the Holy Ghost,

FROM 1791 TO 1801

the ministers who labored in connection with this church for a longer or shorter time, but for how long in each case cannot now be stated with any certainty, were John Abraham Bishop, William Early, James Boyd, William Grandine, Duncan McCole, Jessop, Daniel Fidler, James Mann and Thomas Oliphant. Since the latter date

1802-03-William Marsden. 03-04-William Bennett. 04-08-Joshua Marsden. 08-09-William Bennett. 09-11-William Black. 11-13-Stephen Bamford. 13-15-James Knowlan. 15-17-William Croscombe, 17-19-Stephen Bamford. 19-21-James Priestley.

21-23-Robert Alder. 23-24-James Priestley. 24-26-Robert Alder. 26-27-Richard Williams. 27-29 Richard Williams, Enoch Wood -John B. Strong, Enoch Wood. 30-31-John B. Strong, A. Desbrisay 31-32-Albert Desbrisay, J. B. Strong,

32-33-Albert Desbrisay, Samuel Joll. 33-35-Sampson Bushby, Wm. Smith-35-36—Sampson Bushby, A, McNutt,

PRESENT QUEEN SQUARE CHURCH

vices of their lack of things essential to success or safety. But it had its

day, a more rational vnew is being

taken, the old truths are perhaps more

forcibly presented, and in that way

good has come out of it. The world

needs no new gospel, but a kindly,

earnest and common sense presentation of the old and well tested one.

MIGHT AS WELL WASTE IT.

"When I sees a man sittin' aroun' wastin' his time," said Unsle Eben, "I

generally figures dat he ain' wastin' anything valuable enough to worry

36-37-Enoch Wood, A. McNutt. 37-39-Enoch Wood, Richard Shep-39-40-Richard Williams, | | | | | |

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44-45-George Millar.

46-49-Henry Daniel

49-51-Richard Knight.

52-53-Richard Knight.

54-55-J. G. Hennigar.

41-42-Wm. Temple, H. Pickard.

43-44 George Millar, D. Jennings.

45-46-George Millar, F. Smallwood.

51-52-Richard Knight, R. Cooney.

55-56-J. G. Hennigar, C. Stewart.

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67-70 Charles Stewart.

70-73-Henry Pope. 78-76-Howard Sprague. 76-77-John A. Clarke. 77-79-Benjamin Chappelle,

58-59—E. Batterell, C. Stewart, 58-59—E. Batterell, T. M. Albrighton. 59-61—John McMurray, John Lathern.

61-62-John McMurray, John Lathern. 62-64—M. Richey, A. W. Nicolson. 64-65—John S. Addy, John Brewster. 65-66—John S. Addy, J. L. Sponagle.

53-54-J. G. Hennigar, James Taylor.

42-43-Wm. Temple, Wm. Allen.

79-82-John Read. 82-85-Job Shenton, 85-88-H. P. Cowperthwaite, 88-89-Robert Meson, 91-94-Job Shenton 94-97—Thomas Marshall, 97-1902—R, W. Weddall, 1902-05—Howard Sprague, 05-06-George M. Campbell.

ITEMS OF INTERESTING EVENTS. From among the many incidents connected with the history of this church the following may be of interest to the reader. Some of the earlier ministers were rather autocratic in their management of church affairs, and by excluding the lay preachers from the city pulpits aroused the ire of these good men, who threatened to go on strike and hold services of their own. One of the ministers was brave enough to admit he was in the wrong, and by sharing the honors restored

harmony and the aggrieved ones went

back to work.

The early days were not the days of total abstinence, even among ministers, and James Priestly, during his second term here fell through dulgence in strong drink. His intemperate habits having been proved be-yond question he was expelled. Men who drank themselves, as almost all then did, thought he was too severely dealt with and encouraged him to or-ganize an independent church. A place of worship was erected on Breeze's corner, King square, and, for a time, the old church was almost abandoned. But his race was short, the evil grew closed with these words—"What the future has in store for us time alone will tell. The first century has been a weak and unstable. On the other hand it is cause for gratitude that of the forty ministers who have been charge during these one hundred and

> case in which expulsion was deemed The first Sabbath school in this city The first Sabbath school in this city was organized in 1809 by William Black and superintended by George Taylor, a school teacher and local preacher. Girls were not admitted. The exercises were first held in the parsonage and afterwards in the gallery of the church. The teachers were William Till, Isaac Goodwin and Alex. McLeod. McLeod.

fifteen years this has been the only

Gas was introduced on January 3rd, 1847, and the old church wore a cheery look under the brilliant light of thirtysix burners. In this also she led the way as no other church in the city was then so provided.

THE CORONATION OF QUEEN VIC-

was duly celebrated in St. John on June 28th, 1838. The day was one of general rejoicing and all sects and parties joined therein with great heartiness. But while cannon boomed, bonfires blazed, and the shout and the cheer rang out on every hand, as far as is now known, the only place in which public prayer was offered on behalf of the youthful sovereign was in the work of the second century with humble trust and heroic faith. half of the youthful sovereign was the old Germain Street Methodist Church, Loyalty to Crown and Con-stitution have ever been characteristic of Methodism, and the spirit of the fathers is still strong in the children.

THE HOLINESS MOVEMENT,

ad been connected with the Calvinist Baptists and a few from other churches. The movement grew out of a convention held in this city some twenty. some twenty years ago by several Evangelists from the United States, strength and comfort where there have strength and comfort where there have nany as not in line with the teachings of scripture. It was not, however, their definition of the doctrine as their pre-sentation of it that was objected to, Their methods of procedure were very offensive, their criticisms of the clergy in general uncharitable, and their zeal outran their judgment. Men of undoubted piety and eminent usefulness were very ungenerously dealt with and frequently reminded in the social ser-

A WELSH REVIVALIST WHO WAS TURNED DOWN

Man Claiming to Have Cast Out Devi Hooted by an Audience—The Meeting Ended in a Riot.

LONDON, May 19.—A revival meeting at Lianelly which was conducted by "Pastor" Houghton, was broken up the other night in something approaching a riot.
Mr. Houghton was advertised

throughout the town as a faith healer, and he was met by a large and hostile audience. He began by saying that the second coming of Christ was at hand, declaring that recent earthquakes and volcanic outbreaks were the signs foretold in the Scriptures. He then declared that he had recent-

ly cast out a devil from a patient at a lunatic asylum. At this statement, Dr. Williams, a local medical man, rose in the audience and demanded to know the pame of the asylum.

"I will give it to you privately," the revivalist replied, "and the patient's name as well "

"I don't care a fig for the patient's name," said the doctor, "but I do ask for the name of the asylum. If the people of Lianoily are expected to be-lieve stories like this without proof we The address was an historical sketch uopn him and be was compelled to lieve stories like this without proof we of the church and its associations, and leave the city. The case was a sad one, shall have all sorts of humbugs coming here."

"The 'Lancet' and many medical men are coming to believe in demoniacal possession and a personal devil," said 'Pastor' Honghton,

"Yes, and a good many medical men believe that the earth is flat," said the doctor. "You say that the Bibles give earthquakes as signs of Christ's second coming. It also says that false prop-hets shall arise in the land. Are you a false prophet?"

"I am neither a prophet nor the son of one," was the reply.

Mr. Houghton then said that he there was an uproar among the audthere was an uproar among the andience, who refused to leave the hall, Finally some one turned off the gas and the meeting dispersed.

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Mrs. John A. Wilson, Little Sh Mrs. John A. Wilson, Little Shippegan, Gloucester Co., N. B., writes: "Last June I was taken with a very severe pain between the shoulders. The pain would catch me so that I could not pick up anything off the floor. I frequently had spells of dizziness and sick headache, and on rising everything would turn black before me. I could scarcely walk on account of pain across the small of the back, down the legs, and through my bowels. My suflegs, and through my bowels. My suf-fering was, I believe, due to the slug-gish action of the liver and kidneys, and I put off too long sending for Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. Finally I hunted up the address and sent for these pills, and as a result am a well woman today. The benefit I have derived from this great medicine is in rived from this great medicine is invaluable to me, and I place Dr. Chase's Fidney-Liver Pills far before any others. Three boxes cured me." Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one

pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto WESTMORLAND PROBATE COURT.

MONCTON, N. B., May 17 .- At Dor chester today a session of the probate court was held by Judge of Probate F. W. Emmerson. In the estate of the late Elias King, late of Rockport, the will and testament of the deceased were admitted by oral evidence, and letters testamentary granted to Gideon S. McFadgen and Jas. A. Bulmer. Realty, \$695; personal, \$400. C. L. Hanington, proctor for executor. The will of Harris Chapman, late of Port Elgin, was admitted to probate, and letters testamentary granted to his widow, his son Walter, and Robert Prescott, of Baie Verte. Real and personal estate, \$5,000. E. R. Chapman,

THE PRICE OF LOGS.

FREDERICTON, May 18.-From Springhill today comes the report that spruce logs were selling this morning for \$12.25, and battens for \$9.25, which means an increase of 25 cents per thousand on each. Many rafts of bank logs and pick-ups continue to come to Springhill, and the logs are running in to the booms very thick. The water in the river this morning was going down at the rate of an inch every two hours. The Star Line Company have moved their office from the high water wharf to their own wharf.

NOTICE.

The Canvassers and Collectors for the SEMI-WELKLY SUN are now making their rounds as mentioned below. The Manager hopes that all subscribers in arrears will pay when called on.

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IMPROVING BRITISH NAVY.

21 Vessels Removed from Fighting Effective and 19 Reclassed.

LONDON, May 18-The rapidity with which Great Britain is removing from the navy all but her really efficient war-ships was evidenced by a statement presented to Parliament today showing that no less than forty battleships and cruisers have practically been removed from the list since 1902.

The exact figures are eight battle ships, ten armored cruisers and three protected cruisers removed from the fighting effective, while three battle THE HOLINESS MOVEMENT,

so called, hac been for years a disturblog element, not only in this church,
but throughout the city and province,
and led to the organization of the Reformed Baptist denomination. The
greater number of those who made up
the new body had been connected with struction of thirteen new battle ships, eighteen armored cruisers and four protected cruisers was commenced.

ABOUT THIS CASE.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURE A YOUNG MAN WHO HAD REACH-ED A VERY CRITICAL STAGE OF KIDNEY DISESE.

His Case Was More Serious Than He Thought, but Thanks to Dodd's Kidney Pills He is Well and Strong Now.

ST. LEOLIN, Glo. Co., N. B., May 18, —(Special)—Mr. Patrick Downing, of this place, is a young man only twenty years of age, but some time ago kidney disease had him firmly in its grip and had it not been for Dodd's Kidney Pills he would probably not have been alive

"I think the cause of my trouble was over work," says Mr. Downing, "any way it began with a heavy dragging pain in my back and across my loins. Then I was subject to headaches, cramp in the muscles, dizzy spells and weakness till I felt fit for nothing. But the worst symptom of my case was when I noticed my urine was streaked with blood, then I knew that my kidneys were affected. Hearing of Dodd's Kidney Pills I sent for some and I am pleased to say the pains have all gone since using them and I am well and since using them and I am well and strong as ever I was."



WHAT AILED HIM.

The Lion-What's the matter, Mr. Snake? It looks as though you had experimented with some hair grower. The Snake-No, I swallowed a por-

and guaranteed cureforeach and every form of itching, bleeding and protruding your neighbors about it. You can use it and get your money back if not satisfied. So, at all dealers or EDMANSON, BATES & CO., Toronto.

OR. CHASE'S OINTMENT.

COBALT. Ont. May 18—A negget, the second largest yet found in the MEN camp has been discovered in the Roths-child property south of Giroux Lake, on trees, fences, the claim adjoins the celebrated nug on small adverting the company of the company of