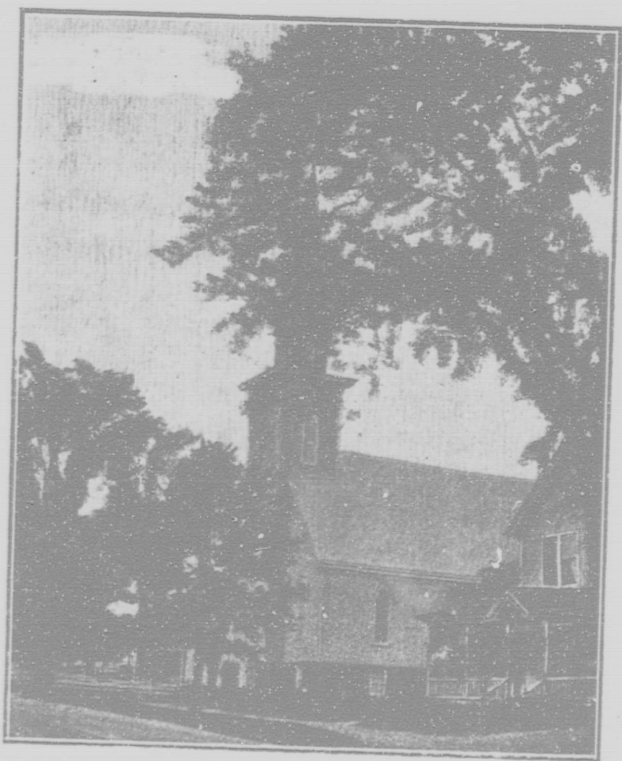


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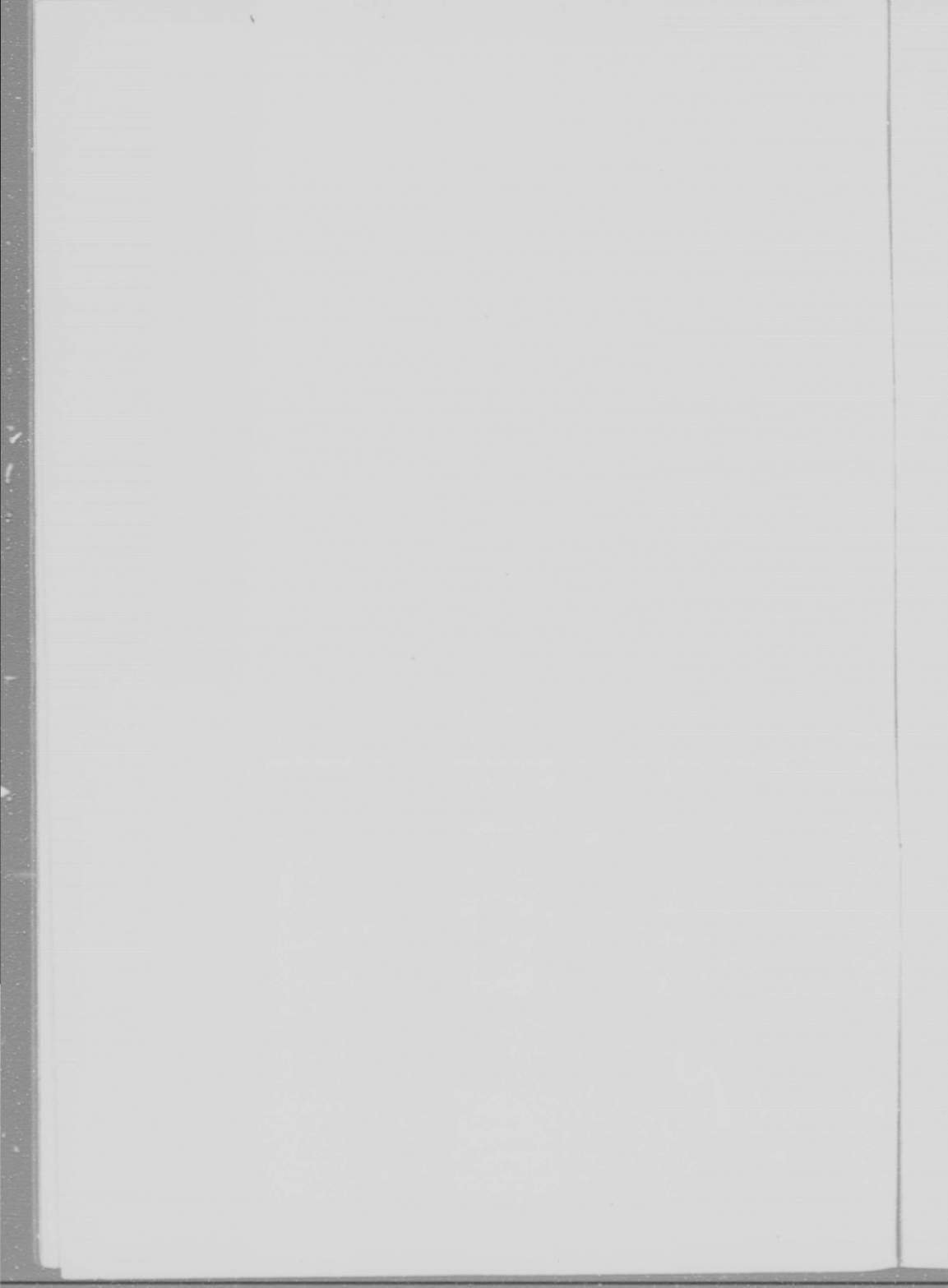


FOREWORD.

DURING his pastorate, the Rev. H. G. Mellick prepared a brief historical sketch of the Lawrencetown Baptist Church, which was published in the local press. In the autumn of 1918, at the suggestion of the late Deacon John A. Brown, the undersigned were appointed a committee to re-write the sketch, with a view to publication in more enduring form. The committee, accordingly, have considerably amplified the history and brought it up to date. They are conscious that many worthy names and important events do not appear; but the complete record is on high, and will some day be manifest. It is sincerely hoped that the work, by awakening memories of the past, may stimulate present and succeeding generations to carry on the task so worthily begun.

F. H. BEALS.

T. G. BISHOP.



BEGINNINGS.

IN order to get a proper setting for the history of the Lawrencetown Baptist Church, it will be necessary to note the conditions prevailing in the Town and surrounding communities previous to organization. In 1861 there were only ten Baptists in Lawrencetown. Some of these were connected with the Nictaux Church, some with the Pine Grove (now Middleton) Church, and some with the Wilmot (now Paradise and Clarence) Church. About this time the brethren began to feel keenly the need of local religious services. Public worship was held weekly by the Episcopalians, and fortnightly by the Methodists.

The Rev. Willard Parker, who was pastor at Nictaux, and a general favorite in the County, conducted service for the Baptists, and all who would assemble, first in the Methodist meeting house, and later in the building now owned by the estate of the late S. E. Bancroft, and used as a millinery shop. Rev. Robert Burdette, pastor at Pine Grove, and Rev. A. Cohoon, pastor at Paradise, rendered valuable assistance by holding occasional services. The building was crowded at these meetings, and sympathy with the new movement was general. Besides the preaching services, prayer meetings were held, and in due time a Sunday School was organized.

Meantime, plans were maturing for a more pretentious house of worship. The zeal of the women found expression in the organization of a Sewing Circle. A committee consisting of Manning Brown,

George Starratt, Edward Crisp, William B. McKeown, Handley Fitch, P. H. Saunders and Dr. L. R. Morse, was appointed to formulate plans for the erection of a Church building. The site was purchased from the late Alfred Starratt, and paid for out of the funds of the Circle. An idea of the interest, local and general, taken in the movement, may be gathered from the record of one Sale and Tea held in Whitman's Hall. At first it appeared wise to some, in view of discouraging circumstances, to give up the idea of proceeding with the function, but the more hopeful spirits persisted, with the result that oysters came from Halifax, provisions from an hundred homes, teams and pedestrians from every direction, so that at the close of the auction, which closed the exercises, the proceeds netted \$375.00. So the work went forward, until the building was completed in 1876. But that belongs to another paragraph.



ORGANIZATION.

ON June 2nd, 1873, a request was made by a number of the members of the Nictaux Church, residing at Middleton, and others living at Valley West and Inglisville, for a Council to be called for the purpose of organizing a separate Church. John A. Brown, Minard C. Beals, and Samuel Fitz Randolph were appointed a committee to meet the Council. Invitations to the churches resulted in the following brethren being sent as representatives:

ANNAPOLIS AND UPPER GRANVILLE CHURCH:

Rev. George Armstrong, Deacons Rice and Fellows and brother A. M. Gidney.

NICTAUX CHURCH:

Rev. M. P. Freeman, Deacons S. L. Chipman, and W. C. Felch.

WILMOT CHURCH:

Rev. A. Cohoon and Avarad Longley.

PINE GROVE CHURCH:

Deacon George Dodge and Maynard Wheelock, Walter Welton, Clark Neily, and Isaiah Dodge.

INVITED TO SEATS IN THE COUNCIL:

Rev. L. Martin, Wm. Bishop, John Whitman, Wm. Shaffner, George Charlton.

The Council met in the Valley West Meeting House at 10 a.m. Rev. George Armstrong was appointed Moderator and Rev. A. Cohoon, Secretary. The Council, fearing that a separate Church would be so weak that it would be a burden to the Home Mission Board, at first decided not to give their consent; but through the persistency of the committee

representing the applicants, they reconsidered their decision, and advised to proceed with the organization. A recognition service was held in the afternoon. Rev. George Armstrong preached the sermon, and Rev. M. P. Freeman gave an address. After the hand of fellowship had been given by the Moderator, the name 'Lawrencetown and Valley West,' was adopted by the new church, and Avard Daniels was elected Clerk.

(Copy of Requisition.)

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"We the undersigned members of the Baptist Church of Nictaux, believing (as we do) that it would be for our spiritual interest as well as for the welfare of Zion in this section of our community to be organized into a Baptist Church to be designated the Lawrencetown and Valley West Baptist Church, as we have now a Baptist meeting house at Valley West and one at Lawrencetown partly furnished, where religious services can be held, we shall be in a better situation to build up a Baptist interest in this place than we are at present, as it is our intention to make arrangements to have preaching a certain portion of the time in each Meeting House where we can enjoy our religious privileges more frequently than we can at present. We therefore ask the above mentioned Church to whom we severally belong to give us our dismissal from that Church to form a new Baptist Church in this locality.

George I. Bishop
Samuel Bishop

Samuel FitzRandolph
George I. FitzRandolph

Mrs. Wallace Balcom	Robert FitzRandolph
Mrs. George I. Bishop	Delila FitzRandolph
Lalia A. Balcom	Cordelia FitzRandolph
Mrs. John A. Brown	Susie FitzRandolph
Charles Burbidge	Mrs. Wm. Whitman
Mrs. Isabel Newcombe	A. G. Barteaux
Beriah B. Daniels	Ambrose L. Banks
Mrs. Beriah B. Daniels	Mrs. Albert Whitman
Judson Daniels	Edward R. Whitman
Avard Daniels	Fidelity Whitman
Harriett Daniels	Pheobe Whitman
Mrs. Samuel Bishop	Mrs. Albert Dunn
James G. Charlton	Robert H. Hutt
Mrs. Jacob Beals, 1st.	James Beals
Jacob I. Beals	Obadiah Naugler
Mrs. Judson Bishop	Susan M. Beals
Mrs. John FitzRandolph	Mrs. Charles Curtis
Mary E. FitzRandolph	Mrs. Ann Daniels
Minard C. Beals	Lizzie A. Warner
Mrs. Minard C. Beals	Mrs. Whitfield McNayr
Ingram B. Bishop	Elizabeth Bush
Mrs. Isaac Bishop	Albert Whitman
Phineas Charlton	Helen Phinney

(Copy of Dismissal Letter.)

Nictaux, May 13th, 1873.

Dear Brethren,

This may certify that the Brethren and Sisters who were members of the Nictaux Baptist Church, having signed a requisition to form a separate church in the vicinity of Lawrencetown, Valley West and Inglisville, are members in regular standing of this Church and in compliance with their own request are this day affectionately recommended and dismissed from us to be organized into a Church of the same faith and order. When they shall constitute a Church and we are notified of the same "officially" we shall consider them properly dismissed from us, otherwise this shall be null and void,

Signed in behalf of the Nictaux Baptist Church,

W. M. A. MORSE,
Church Clerk.

(Copy of Record of Reception of Church Into The Association.)

The Lawrencetown and Valley West Baptist Church was received into the Western Baptist Association convened at Bridgetown, the right hand of fellowship being given to Bro. Samuel FitzRandolph.

Monies sent to the Association as follows:

Home Mission	\$12.10
Foreign Mission	3.65
French Mission	4.75
Infirm Ministers	3.72

Total

June 23rd, 1873.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP.

The Meeting House at Valley West deserves first mention. It stood directly in front of the Whitman burial ground, having been built chiefly by members of the Nictaux Church residing at Williamston and Valley West. Here wonderful revivals were experienced under the leadership of Rev. Willard Parker and Rev. Nathaniel Vidito. In the winter and spring of 1869, the former conducted special services for several weeks. Meetings were held morning, afternoon and evening. The whole countryside was stirred. Baptism took place at the Daniels' brook. On Feb. 15th, twenty received the ordinance, and again on April 20th, fifteen others were baptised, including a woman of eighty years of age, the grandmother of the present pastor. At the Valley West Church the brethren from Williamston, Lawrencetown and Inglisville met regularly for worship. Here transient ministers preached occasionally, and numerous funerals were held. The building was about 40 x 60 feet, with two doors and verandah in front. The pews had doors with buttons, and the pulpit which was covered with red cloth was reached by stairs. The picture of Rev. Willard Parker leaning over that pulpit, pleading with sinners to be reconciled to God, while his helpers, with tear-filled eyes, sat on the pulpit steps for lack of room elsewhere, is one of the sacred memories of those days. This building was a central meeting place for the new church for some time after its organization. Gradually the interest shifted to Lawrencetown, and to the Williamston Hall, until the Valley West house was used only on funeral occasions. In 1898 it was sold and removed.

THE LAWRENCETOWN MEETING HOUSE.

MENTION has already been made of the appointment of a building committee in 1871, and of the purchase of the site from the late Alfred Starratt through the efforts of the Sewing Circle. Through the influence of the late John James, the firm of Pope, Vose & Co., contributed about twenty five thousand feet of pine lumber. A portion of this was subsequently exchanged with D. O. Parker of Berwick for the ash and walnut used in finishing the audience room. The building is 40 x 50 ft., with brick basement, which is used as a vestry, furnace room, etc., with rectangular auditorium above. Entrance is by two doors reached by stairs from the vestibule. The pulpit and chancel are situated between the doors. The spire from the ground is 102 feet high and is fitted with a bell. The contract for raising and boarding was let to Mr. Thomas Shaw, who completed his contract. In the meantime Mr. John A. Brown, had returned from the United States, and was placed in charge of the work. The outside and the vestry were finished in 1873. Regular services were held in the vestry for about three years, when the auditorium was completed and dedicated. Rev. Davenport Cox, pastor of Bear River, conducted the dedication services, there being no settled pastor with the church at that time.

THE INGLISVILLE MEETING HOUSE.

THIS building originated in a difference with the Methodists over the matter of appointments. Both congregations were worshipping in the school house, and, occasionally, the services clashed. The Baptists, under Rev. Joseph Blakeney, wanted a service every other Sunday, and the Methodists, under Rev. Richard Smith, were not agreed, so the former said "Let us arise and build". The work was begun about 1889. Albert Dunn, Ambrose Banks, Charles Crisp, William Beals and James Beals, being the leading spirits. The carpenter work was done by Mr. Harris Oakes of Albany and others. The building was completed and dedicated in 1882. It is 25 x 35 ft. with circular pews, and ceiled with metallic sheathing. The entrance is by two doors which are faced by the pulpit, arrangements for the choir being on the left. It is to the credit of the community that the house has been kept in good repair. Horse sheds have been built in connection, which help to insure a comparatively uniform congregation.



THE WILLIAMSTON HALL.

WHEN Lawrencetown became the centre; about 1880, the Williamston people felt the need of a house for worship and service. Plans were formulated to erect a suitable building. The people pledged their support, and the building committee felt justified in proceeding with the work. In due time the building was completed. A portion of the people were still members of the Nictaux Church. The Rev. John Clark, then pastor of the Nictaux Church and his successors, held services in the Hall until about 1890, when the greater part of the members at their request were dismissed from the Nictaux Church and united with the Lawrencetown Church. In the Hall many interesting and profitable services have been held from time to time, and quite a large number can testify to this being the place where they were first impressed with their need of salvation. Some changes and improvements have been made from time to time and today it stands a respectable and commodious building for religious services.



PARSONAGES.

ABOUT 1892, a move was made towards securing a parsonage, when the house in the village facing the Bridge, now owned by Dea. William McKeown, was purchased from Mr. Avard Phinney. Considerable repairs were made to the premises from time to time, but it was never considered a satisfactory home for the pastor and his family. In 1918, at the death of Mrs. Alda R. Archibald, the following clause in her will made possible the securing of the present property:—

“To the Lawrencetown Baptist Church, I give my house and lot on the east side of the Lawrencetown Lane, so called, to be used by the Church as a *permanent parsonage*, on condition that the Church shall pay into my estate from the proceeds of the sale of the property now used as a parsonage, the sum of eight hundred dollars. If the Church is unwilling to accept my house as a parsonage on the conditions named, the property shall form a part of the *Residue of my Estate*, and my Executor is directed in lieu of the above, to pay to the said Church the sum of four hundred dollars.”

On Sunday morning, June 23rd, 1918, the Church, by a unanimous vote, formally accepted the bequest and passed a vote of hearty appreciation of Mrs. Archibald's splendid gift. The old parsonage and lot was sold for fifteen hundred dollars, eight hundred dollars of which were devoted to meeting the provisions of the will, and the remainder chiefly to repairs to the buildings and grounds. In view of the splendid gift of Mrs. Archibald and to insure

the carrying out of her wishes respecting improvements, the Church resolved to ask every male member of the congregation to contribute either a day's work, or the cost of a day's work, toward the improvement fund. When these improvements have been completed, the church will own, free of debt, one of the best minister's homes in the Valley.

SECTIONS.

THE Lawrencetown Baptist Church, as it is now called, (the clause "Valley West" having been dropped, when the old meeting house was removed) is rather a compact field, including, besides the town, South Williamston, and Inglisville. The field is fortunate in having a natural centre. Regular preaching services are held at Lawrencetown, South Williamston and Inglisville. Several families reside at Brickton and North Williamston, and the advisability of making this a regular preaching station is under consideration. During the present pastorate the Town Section very graciously, by giving up a morning service once a month, has allowed the pastor to conduct a monthly conference and preaching service at Albany. The plan is working well, and promises fair to solve the problem of giving the Albany brethren pastoral oversight. To make the centre strong and attractive, and to give the out-lying districts such care and service as is consistent with Scripture ideals, is one item in the task, which confronts the membership.

THE PASTORATE.

A detailed account of the work of the Church during each pastorate cannot be given; but it is a matter for congratulation that there have always been found pastors to lead the Church more or less successfully. We can give here only the names of the successive pastors with the dates of their respective settlement and retirement:

Rev. W. G. Parker.....	1873-1876.
Rev. G. N. Ballentyne,	1876-1877.
Rev. Jos. A. Bleakney,	1878-1880.
Rev. R. D. Porter,.....	1881-1887.
Rev. J. T. Eaton,	1887-1894.
Rev J. H. King,.....	1896-1897.
Rev. L. F. Wallace,.....	1897-1900.
Rev. W. L. Archibald,.....	1900-1904.
Rev. M. W. Brown,.....	1905-1907.
Rev. H. S. Bagnall,.....	1908-1909.
Rev. H. G. Mellick,...	1909-1916.
Rev. F. H. Beals,.....	1917-



THE DIACONATE.

THE first Deacons of the Church were appointed Jan. 10th, 1894. They were Beriah B. Daniels, Minard C. Beals, Wm. B. McKeown, and John A. Brown. A little later three others were elected namely, Asa F. Morse, Albert Dunn, and James Wheelock. Others who have served as Deacons were, Charles Crisp, William Bishop, John Shaffner, John Hatt, and William Shaffner. Early in the history of the Church the custom of electing for a term of years was adopted, and is still continued. The present Deacons are John A. Brown, William B. McKeown, Thomas G. Bishop, Whitfield A. Hunt, Leander M. Beals, Edward R. Whitman and Charles Shankel.

All of these men have given the Church valuable service, varying according to their respective terms of office. Three of them, however, for obvious reasons, deserve special mention, namely, John A. Brown, William B. McKeown and Edward R. Whitman. The first two have been in office from the beginning. In the early days the earnest and determined purpose of Deacon Brown carried the struggling cause over many a difficult place. In the building operations, when a competent man was needed to gather up the fragments and carry the work to completion, brother Brown stepped into the gap. When a Sunday School needed to be organized, he was ready to second the efforts of others, and fill the position of Superintendent. When the desire of the brethren for organization was on the point of being denied by the Council, Deacon Brown's per-

sistency was an important factor in overcoming objections. He is with us today, at the age of 82 years, having performed a season's labor in superintending building operations, which would do credit to a man of forty. His interest in the Church's welfare continues unabated, and his brethren are grateful for his long and faithful services, and sincerely hope that in his declining years he may be comforted and cheered by memories of his Church associations.*

Deacon William McKeown is another man whom the Church delights to honor. Connecting himself, almost at the beginning, with the Church, he has been in season and out of season, its devoted servant. The office of deacon fits him like a tailor-made suit. A peace maker by nature as well as by grace, he has ever been ready to pour oil on the troubled waters. Not only as Deacon, but as Treasurer, and Bible Class Teacher, he has served the Church with constant devotion and unflinching courtesy. His good wife, during all these years, has been a true help-meet indeed. That they may long be spared to stimulate and encourage old and young by their gracious presence and helpful influence, is the desire and prayer of all.

Edward R. Whitman was a product of the revival of 1869. Having decided at one of the services never to enter a house of worship again, he was met at the door by one of God's messengers, a young woman, who said to him, "I am going to take a stand for Jesus at the next meeting. Come with me."

**Since this was written, January 1st, Deacon Brown has been called home.*

The invitation was accepted, and these two were instrumental in leading others to make the great confession. From that time brother Whitman has maintained a consistent connection with the Church, and has been a tower of strength to the cause at Inglisville. He was appointed deacon in 1909, and has remained in office ever since. He still, at the age of 75, performs his religious duties with meekness and fidelity, and has, in a marked degree, the esteem of his brethren.

TREASURERS.

§ SINCE the Church was organized, 45 years last June, five brethren have filled the office of Treasurer, Dea. Albert Dunn, 3 years; Dea. J. A. Brown, 3 years; Dea. James Wheelock, 3 years; Dr. L. R. Morse, 18 years; Dea. Dunn, Dea. Wheelock, Dr. Morse and Deacon Brown have passed to their reward.

CLERKS.

FOUR brethren have filled the office of Church Clerk: Avard Daniels, 1 year; Robert FitzRandolph, 12 years; Walter Palfrey, 10 years; T. G. Bishop, 22 years. Three of the above, Avard Daniels, Robt. FitzRandolph and Walter Palfrey have finished their work here and have entered into higher service; one, T. G. Bishop, yet remains, whose painstaking performance of the duties of the office is highly appreciated by the Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

PREVIOUS to Rev. W. G. Parker's settlement as first pastor of the Church, an effort was made to organize a Sunday School, but it was not until some months later that the present Sunday School was organized with Bro. John A. Brown as Superintendent, in which office he served twenty years. He was succeeded by Bro. Wm. B. McKeown, who was followed by the late Walter E. Palfrey. At Mr. Palfrey's death our late lamented Bro. Samuel E. Bancroft entered upon the responsible duties of the office, and served with unusual acceptance. After the death of Mr. Bancroft our present Superintendent, Bro. J. E. Shaffner was elected. All of these brethren served with marked faithfulness, and it is gratifying to find the Sunday School in a healthy and prosperous condition today.

The Sunday School at Williamston is also doing good service. They have a small band of faithful and devoted workers, Bro. Byron Morse is Superintendent.

The Sunday School at Inglisville is in a healthy condition. The late Dea. Albert Dunn was the first Superintendent of the School. Since his time Bro. L. M. Beals, Fred. A. Noglar, and the present Superintendent, John F. Hatt, have served in that office efficiently.

W. M. A. SOCIETIES.

IT is recorded that at the earnest solicitation of Miss Lizzie Palfrey, a few women met in the vestry of the Lawrencetown Baptist Church, on Sept. 29th, 1876, and organized an Aid Society with the following officers: Pres., Mrs. L. R. Morse; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Johnson Durling and Miss Jane Smith (now widow of the late Edward Daniels); Secretary, Miss Lizzie Palfrey; Treasurer, Miss Laliah Balcom (now Mrs. Charles Balcom). No record of other meetings are available until May 1st, 1884, when the Society was re-organized by Mrs. (Rev.) J. F. Eaton. In 1875 the late Mrs. L. R. Morse was appointed President, which office she continued to fill with marked fidelity, until her death in 1917. Of the secretaries who have served the society, Mrs. R. A. Richardson's term is the longest. Others who filled the office of secretary have been, Mrs. J. C. Creed, Miss Ida Newcombe, the late Mrs. N. H. Phinney, and Mrs. E. H. Freeman. Successive treasurers have been, Mrs. C. S. Balcom, Mrs. Ichabod Newcombe, and Mrs. Heber Boland. The present officers are President, Mrs. F. H. Beals; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. John Shaffner and Mrs. I. F. Brown; Secretary, Mrs. E. H. Freeman; Treasurer, Mrs. H. Boland. The Society is doing efficient work. Regular monthly meetings are held, with an occasional public meeting. The membership is forty. Forty five copies of TIDINGS are taken. Amount of money raised last year \$150.00.

SOUTH WILLIAMSTON W. M. A. S.

CHIEFLY through the influence of Pastor Bagnall and the late Mrs. L. D. Hanley, a W.M.A. Society was organized at South Williamston, on Feb. 23, 1909, with a membership of 13, which had increased to 17 at the end of the first year. From that time to the present the Society has been working. An annual contribution of from \$23.20 in 1909 to \$88.10 in 1913 has been made, and regular monthly meetings have been held, with little interruption. Mrs. A. H. Bishop, and Mrs. L. D. Hanley have served as presidents. Successive Secretaries have been Mrs. L. D. Hanley, and Mrs. B. M. Shankel. Treasurers, Mrs. W. A. Bishop, and Mrs. E. C. Shaffner. Life member certificates have been given to Mrs. A. H. Bishop, Mrs. Charles Shankel, Mrs. W. A. Bishop, Mrs. T. R. Charlton, Mrs. E. C. Shaffner, Mrs. W. J. Shaffner, Mrs. L. D. Hanley, Miss Eva Charlton, Mrs. W. A. Hunt, Mrs. W. P. Whitman and Mrs. B. M. Shankel.



INGLISVILLE W. M. A. S.

THE Inglisville Society was organized May 10th, 1911, with a membership of six, which soon increased to twelve. From a report to Tidings in 1915 the following extract will give an idea of the material as well as of the difficulties of the Inglisville women: "It is not unusual for us to hold a meeting with just three members. But we feel that, in view of the great need, it is well worth our while to meet just to pray." The late Mrs. Edgar Barteaux was the first president. Monthly meetings are held. Present officers are: President, Mrs. L. M. Beals; Secretary, Mrs. Robert Rowter; Treasurer, Mrs. Amanda Beals. Amount raised last year \$22. Mrs. Edgar Barteaux and Mrs. Amanda Beals have been made life members.



THE CHOIR.

THE Church has always been blessed with fine musical talent, and the music, general and special, both amongst the adults and young people, has been an attractive feature of the public services. Prominent amongst those who originally constituted the Choir were N. H. Phinney, James Starratt, William Bishop, Wm. B. McKeown, Thomas Chesley, Mrs. Albert Phinney, Mrs. W. B. Bradshaw, Mrs. Helen Phinney, Mrs. (Dr.) L. R. Morse, Sr., Mrs. T. H. Randall, James Hawkesworth, and others.

The position of organist has been ably filled by members of the choir. Of these the following names are recalled:

The late Mrs. N. H. Phinney, Mrs. C. S. Balcom, the late Mrs. Freeman Fitch (nee Gussie Boland), Mrs. John H. Bishop, Mrs. I. F. Brown, Mrs. (Rev) Lew Wallace, Mrs. (Rev.) C. Turner, and our present organist, Mrs. R. J. Shaffner.

The Church is deeply indebted to brother Norman H. Phinney for efficient help in the musical department. At he outset, it had in him a leader of conspicuous ability, who gave the musical exercises a momentum that is still in evidence. Mr. Phinney's efforts in promoting the interests of church music have not been confined to the home church. He has furnished instruments, sometimes gratis, sometimes at cost, to many weak interests; while, as singing school teacher, his influence on the past generation

has been invaluable. Though his voice has lost none of its sweetness, our brother no longer leads in the service of song, except on special occasions. He has always, as a citizen, stood for the highest ideals, and as a magistrate and as a representative of the county in the Provincial Government, maintained an untarnished record; but when the sum of his influence for good has been finally made up, the most important item will, doubtless, be the assistance he has rendered in musical circles.

WORKERS SENT OUT.

ONE of the best standards by which to measure a Church's influence and power is the number and character of the workers trained and sent out into the world's great harvest field. In this respect the Lawrencetown Church, in proportion to the length of her life, takes high rank. Of her it may be said what Kipling says of England:

“There dwells a wife by the Northern Gate,
 And a wealthy wife is she;
 She breeds a breed o' rovin' men
 And casts them over sea.”

Of those who have gone out from the Church to fill positions of responsibility may be mentioned the following:—Rev. R. O. Morse, M. A., Rev. C. K. Morse, M. A., sons of Deacon Asa T. Morse; Rev. Charles T. Illsley, B. A., son of the late T. R. Illsley, and the late Rev. N. B. Dunn, son of Deacon Albert Dunn and others. Ministers wives who have gone out from the Church may also be mentioned as a great contribution to Christian life and service:

Mrs. (Rev.) J. H. Balcom and Mrs. (Rev.) G. C. Whitney, daughters of Phineas Charlton, Mrs. (Rev.) L. F. Waliace, daughter of the late L. R. Morse, M. D.; Mrs. (Rev.) C. W. Turner, daughter of P. H. Saunders; Mrs. (Rev.) N. B. Dunn, daughter of the late Priestly Beals; and Mrs. (Rev.) O. N. Chipman, daughter of the late John Shaffner.

We have the honor of being represented on the foreign field by Miss Ida Newcombe, daughter of the late Ichabod Newcombe, and Dr. W. R. Morse, son of the late L. R. Morse, M. D.; The former is a leading Missionary in India, and the latter a Medical Missionary in China. The late lamented Miss Jennie Corbett, Missionary to India, was a member of this church. The names of those filling other positions of trust are too numerous to mention.

It is worthy of note that the present pastor, Rev. F. H. Beals, united by baptism with the church during the pastorate of Rev. George N. Ballentyne in 1877. He was licensed by the Church to preach in 1883 and, after a period of some thirty years as pastor of other churches in the Convention, was called to the pastorate of his home church in 1917, and still continues to serve in that relation.



PRESENT CONDITION AND PROSPECTS.

THE fears of the organizing Council, that the Church would be a burden to the Mission Board have long been dispelled. The Church has not only sustained herself, but has contributed much for the enterprises of the denomination, both at home and in foreign lands. The present membership is 272. A good many are non-resident and some are inactive, but many are faithful. Last year the church raised \$1194 for local expenses, and \$457 for Denominational Work. Five were baptised, and one received by letter. During the year 7 have died, and 8 have been dismissed to unite with Baptist churches elsewhere. This leaves the Church numerically weaker, but there is the consolation which comes from having provided workers for the Kingdom in other places. The Sunday Schools constitute a promising recruiting ground for future membership. The great need is a deeper spirit of consecration especially among the men.

The Church is well organized for aggressive work, the following officers and committees for the current year having been appointed:

Pastor—Rev. F. H. Beals.

Clerk—T. G. Bishop.

Treasurer—Wm. B. McKeown.

Treas. Denom. Funds—Alton Brown.

Sexton—Hiram Late.

Tellers —

Town—T. G. Bishop and Alton Brown.

Williamston—Mrs. E. C. Shaffner and Mrs. Maxwell Shaffner.

Inglisville—Vernon Beals and Mrs. Amanda Beals.

Trustees—P. H. Saunders, Wm. A. Bishop, Sydney Byers, J. E. Shaffner, Dr. L. R. Morse, E. C. Shaffner, L. D. Hanley.

Deacons—Wm. B. McKeown, W. A. Hunt, Charles Shankel, T. G. Bishop, E. R. Whitman, and L. M. Beals.

Executive Committee—The Pastor and Deacons.

House Committee—W. B. McKeown, J. E. Shaffner, C. S. Balcom, Dr. V. D. Shaffner, Mrs. I. F. Brown, Mrs. Fenton Morris, Miss Sadie Banks, Mrs. Clyde Bishop.

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The history of the Church's growth is interwoven with the history of the denomination, both in Canada and in foreign lands. The Baptists of Canada have grown to be a strong and influential body. When Acadia College was founded in 1828, we had only about 1500 members in the Maritime Provinces. There were only a few Baptist Churches then in Ontario and Quebec. The far West was "the great lone land", practically unknown to us. Today we have about 145000 Baptist church members, and probably 300000 adherents in Canada. We have two great universities, Acadia and McMaster, and three strong and well equipped colleges and other smaller schools. Our missionary fields in India, Bel'ivia, Quebec and the West are large and fruitful. As a people we have contributed a large share in the onward movements of the Gospel, and we are planning large things for the future. What is the contribution of this Church to be? We have pure doctrines. We have a great Saviour, and we have advantages above our predecessors. Let us be faithful to God and His truth, faithful to our opportunities and to our fellow-men, that, when the final record is made, our part of it may be acceptable to Him.