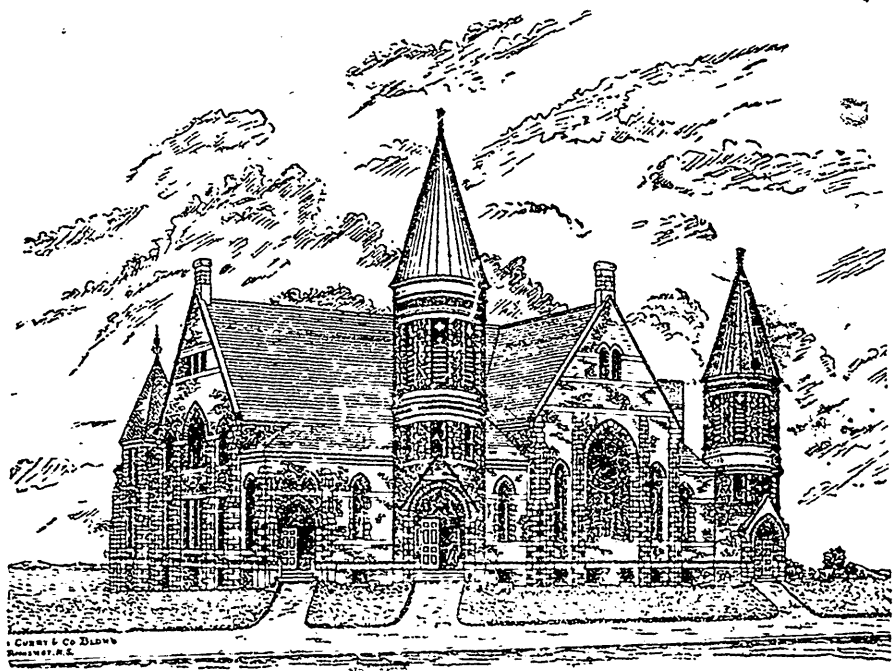


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Baptist Church, Amherst, N. S.

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MOTTO FOR '99.—"Occupy till I come."

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No. 5

Service of Recognition to Rev. W. E. Bates, B. A.

On Monday evening, Oct. 9th, an interesting service was held in our Auditorium to formally welcome the new Pastor, Rev. Mr. Bates. On the platform besides the chairman, the Acting Pastor, were: Revs., Dr. Steele, W. E. Bates, B. A., D. McGrew, J. L. Batty, E. O. Read, E. E. Daley, B. A., B. F. Patterson and Deacon G. W. Christie.

Rev. Mr. Patterson, Assistant Baptist Pastor at Sackville read the Scripture and Rev Mr. Read, a visiting Baptist Minister offered prayer.

The chairman briefly stated the object of the meeting and in connection with his remarks read a testimonial to the value of the service rendered by Mr. Bates in Halifax, written for the Halifax Baptist Ministers' Conference by Rev. A. C. Chute, M. A., B. D., of the first Church in Halifax City. "REFLECTOR" readers will want to have this in this connection:

Halifax, N. S., Oct. 3rd, 1899

Rev. W. E. Bates,

Amherst, N. S.,

My Dear Brother:

At a recent meeting of the Baptist Ministers' Conference, of Halifax and Dartmouth, I was appointed to convey to you some expression of the feeling which exists here at your departure from among us. And this service I the more gladly render because of the very cordial relations which have existed between you and myself ever since your coming to Halifax as a stranger.

We sincerely regret your going because you have always shown the deepest interest in everything pertaining to our denominational affairs in this city and in these Provinces, and also to the advancement of God's cause in general. You have ever been ready to give assistance in any and every way possible, and the assistance which you have given has been of great value. A brother indeed have we found you to be—loyal, earnest and efficient. We rejoice in the work you were permitted to do at "The Tabernacle," in the large congregations with which you were greeted from first to last, and

we feel assured that there will come hereafter a good harvest from your faithful sowing. We thank the Lord that in His Providence you were led in this direction, and we much regret that now you have gone from us.

But we are glad that you have not removed to any great distance, and that you are now upon a very important field in our Convention. The prayers of your brethren here are offered for the Master's favor to attend you abundantly in your labors at Amherst. May you find there, in the people of your charge, a very true and devoted people, who earnestly co-operate with you in your ministry of love.

And while we convey these words of appreciation and kind feeling to yourself, we desire also to express our warmest good wishes for Mrs. Bates and your dear children. In your own person, in your domestic life, in all your Church relations, in every part of your responsible and busy career, may you have, in great fulness, the blessing of God which makes rich indeed.

With esteem and affection,
I remain, my dear brother,
On behalf of the Baptist Ministers
of Halifax and Dartmouth,
Fraternally Yours,

A. C. Chute.

Deacon Christie was then called upon to present the address of welcome from the Amherst Baptist Church, which he did in a most pleasing manner. The address was as follows:

Dear Bro.,

It is with pleasure that I present to you a hearty welcome on behalf of the Church of which you are now the pastor.

You will be welcomed to the Christian work of the town, and to our Denominational work in the wide extent of the interests thus represented; but it is my privilege to assure you of the cordial reception which we as a church delight to accord to you and your family. We welcome you to the most intimate, responsible and unique relationship which Jesus Himself instituted when he appointed undershepherds over the sheep of his pasture.

Dear Pastor Bates, we welcome you most cordially to our hearts. The pastoral relationship is one that demands the utmost confidence on the part of each of the contracting parties. Without this no successful work can be accomplished, no lasting results realized. This quality so essential to pastoral success will, we are assured, be a prominent characteristic of our mutual relations. We want you to enter also into our affection. Our attitude towards each other must be essentially more than formal. We must live heart to heart. This we desire to do. This by the grace of God we shall do. You are our spiritual leader; to you our warmest Christian love is due. To you we feel assured we shall be closely knit in the bonds of Christ-like service and fellowship. We shall realize this more and more as we labor together in the Lord and there comes to us a clearer and deeper appreciation of the truth of the lines,

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love."

Very gladly, too, do we open wide to you the door of our homes. We shall be glad to meet you there, as often as it will be possible for you to enter them. There will always be a warm greeting for you. We do not expect the impossible for you in the matter of visiting. We recognize the fact that there are very many homes in our town and it would be selfish to expect that any or all of these should be visited with great frequency. But we want you to feel that your visits as often as they can be made will be generously appreciated. We shall be glad to see you in our seasons of joy and prosperity; in times of grief we shall eagerly anticipate your coming with your words of comfort, sympathy and hope.

We welcome you also to your peculiar duties as pastor in the house of God. As you preach the word to the people upon the Lord's day and as you open to us the Scriptures upon the week night evening we do not want you to feel that you are in any sense separated from us, but rather, at these most important and sacred seasons that we are one with you—in sympathy, in

prayer, in appreciation. And so in all our duties may it be that we shall realize in a marked degree the highest ambition of the Christian service,

"Laborers together with God."

The record you have already made as preacher and pastor warrants us to entertain the largest hopefulness for the future. But our formal welcome to-night is not prompted simply because of what you have done, but the impression you have already made upon us since we first met you has been such as to inspire us with the fullest measure of confidence and love and to elicit from us expressions of welcome, spontaneous, and the warmest of which we are capable.

We want this expression of welcome to carry the full significance which properly attaches to it. To be sincere it must imply our readiness to fulfil all our obligations to the pastor,—to minister to his support in material things, to be jealous of his reputation, and to stand shoulder to shoulder with him in all our mutual interests. This is the meaning of the service of this evening.

With equal sincerity and cordiality do we welcome Mrs. Bates to our Church life. To you and yours we wish at the very outset to say, "We desire you to feel thoroughly at home among us." You have not come to us as strangers but as those who are already one with us because of your great interest in the extension of our Lord's dominion and your devotion to the cause of righteousness.

And now again, dear pastor, let me present to you our hearty assurances of our kindly welcome and most generous goodwill. This has already been clearly manifested by the hearty and unanimous manner in which our choice fell upon you to be our leader in the great work to which our Master has called us. The church of God has but one head, Jesus Christ, the risen and glorified Redeemer, but we adore His matchless name that He has set overseers over His heritage. We honor and love those whom He has thus appointed. We receive you, dear pastor Bates, as the messen-

ger of God among us, and we humbly pray that your ministry here may be attended with rich demonstrations of Divine Grace and that many through you may be led into the Kingdom of God.

On behalf of the Amherst Baptist Church.

Yours very cordially,

G. W. Christie.

Addresses were also given by Rev. Dr. Steele on our denominational interests; by Rev. Mr. McGregor, Presbyterian Pastor, on the Christian work of the town; by Rev. Mr. Batty, Methodist, on the duties of the pastorate; and by Rev. E. E. Daley, Pastor of Sackville Baptist Church, on the duties of the Church in relation to the pastor. It would be impossible within the compass of the "REFLECTOR" to give even an epitome of each of these addresses. The mention of the subject assigned to each and the knowledge of the different speakers will indicate to all our readers the nature of the words of the evening. At the close, the chairman thanked the Presbyterian and Methodist Pastors for the places they had taken on the program of the evening, as also the visiting ministers and Dr. Steele who had so thoroughly contributed to the interest and profit of the occasion.

At the conclusion of all the 'welcome' addresses, Pastor Bates, being called upon, made a very appropriate reply, assuring the Church and the speakers of his hearty appreciation of the purpose and character of the evening's exercises and of his anticipations of a happy and useful pastorate. To each of the previous speeches he made appropriate and humorous reference.

The choir furnished excellent music throughout the exercises. Special mention should be made of the duet by Mrs. Cain and Prof. Girfin.

The singing of the doxology and the benediction by Pastor Bates brought this recognition service to a close. The "Reflector" trusts that the largest blessing may follow in this new pastorate.

A handsome monument to the memory of a former Pastor of this church, Rev. G. F. Miles, has been placed in the Amherst cemetery. The relatives and friends are very grateful to all who have furnished assistance in this matter.

Acknowledgments.

These are the names of those who have paid for "The Reflector":—

T. Travis, Mrs. Stewart Chapman, Herbert Freeman, Mr. Layton. Mrs. Isaac Logan, Mrs. Wm. Bent, Rev. Geo. Lawson, Mrs. G. B. Smith, Mrs. Fitch, Thos. Forrest, Miss Mary Sears, Mrs. John Cox, (2 yrs.), Mrs. Israel Coates; *others to follow this month.*

The Grave.

At West Amherst, Sept. 19, Mrs. Enoch Embree, aged 82 years.

Oct. 11, Mrs. Clarence Freeman, aged 29 years.

Oct. 21, Neil Patriquin, aged 63 yrs.

The Altar.

At Truro, Sept. 13, Harry Berry and Catherine Cummings.

At Liverpool, N. S., Sept. 14, W. P. Smith and Carrie E. Hemeon.

At the residence of Wm. Bent, Esq., Brookdale, Sept. 27th, Clarence E. Lowe and Jessie E. B. Bent.

Oct. 11, Sterling Hatfield and Alice Holmes. The "Reflector" extends congratulations.

Welcomed.

September 24th, at Salem, Bro. Hampford Martin (baptized same day) and Bro. and sister, Mr. and Mrs. James H. Weeks (by letter).

October 8th, at Amherst Point, Sister Mrs. Will Keilor (by letter.)

"Be thou faithful unto death."

Dr. Steele occupied the pulpit at the Centre on the evenings of the 3rd, 10th and 17th of September.

W. B. M. U. Convention.

(This excellent report has been very kindly written for the "REFLECTOR" by Miss Alice Logan.)

I am asked for a *short* report of our W. B. M. U. Convention held last week in St. Martins, N. B. Perhaps you will say, yes, those who could not attend want to find in the report the cream of the address-

es, etc, but what am I to give you when there is nothing but cream from which to choose? It seems impossible to condense what was already concentrated and therefore instead of making such an attempt you will kindly allow your correspondent to offer to you bits of good things gathered from the feast which we so much enjoyed. We are sorry for those who were not privileged to enjoy with us the Convention just past.

Truly our women, who bear the burden of the W. B. M. U. of the Maritime Provinces know how to do business. The discussions were to the point, and under the wise leadership of our President, Mrs. J. W. Manning, a great deal of routine business was disposed of, while at the same time those of us who were not so well acquainted with the work and aims of the Union received much of invaluable information. The Holy Spirit was certainly manifestly present at every session. The half-hours spent in prayer or praise service at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session were precious seasons, when we realized the blessedness of the tie that binds the hearts of Christ's followers to Himself and to each other.

Our President's address was full of helpful suggestions and inspiration for more aggressive service. Let us glean a few choice bits here:—Woman's work for the women of India is a necessity;—man's voice could not break the chains that bind our Telugu sisters in cruel slavery to superstition, idolatry and sin.—She who was nearest to Christ at His birth and death and resurrection, she for whom He has done most, must needs go after those who know nothing of the freedom wherewith Christ can make them free.—We have a splendid organization, our methods are the same as those employed by other societies with grander results than we are realizing. What is our need then? *United* effort and a deeper consecration. We need the power of the Holy Ghost in our already well organized work—Shall we not have a quarter-century fund to mark off this mile-stone in our progress?—We have come to a crisis, *never* were the needs, and opportunities of our work so great as now! Shall not our love for God and souls move us to greater effort?

The names of Misses Grey and Blac-

adar have been added to the list of our missionaries, and their salaries and traveling expenses are among the estimates of proposed expenditure for 1899 and 1900. Our great need on the field now is for men and their wives to take charge of the stations already opened and to begin this new and important work which God has certainly given us among the Savaras. Where *are* these men and women and *how* shall they be sent? Certainly there is money enough in the hands of our Maritime Baptists to properly carry on our *one Foreign* Mission enterprise!

This is the flood tide of opportunity also in our Home Mission work. The work done in the past has had wonderful results for the amount of outlay in men and money and time, but there are in the North West 60,000 foreigners who are in special need of religious instruction and care. The women there are doing a grand work: as they say, they look after each new enterprise in its babyhood and as it gets larger and able to stand upon its feet it is passed over to the men; then other new enterprises which need the women's tender care are given into their hands. The other branches of our H. M. work need our interest and prayers as well as the North West.

The crowning joy of our meetings was found in the fact of Miss Eva D'Prazer's presence among us. She has come back to us as the *first fruits* of our work in India. An Eurasian by birth, she was baptized in Bimlipitam in 1883 by Mr. Sanford upon whom she looks as a spiritual father; she was educated in the government and mission schools and also at Madras Medical College where she graduated in 1893, and during the past six years she has been the lady apothecary in charge of the Dufferin Hospital for women at Vizagapatam. Beside the in-patients she usually sees from 250 to 300 outside callers each day. As she came before us with her fine face and voice and manner, with a heart full of love for the Baptists of Canada, she said, "All I am I owe to the Maritime Mission." We hope that all our "REFLECTOR" readers will have the privilege at no distant date of hearing Miss D'Prazer for themselves and judging from this one sample, of the results of the work which our representatives are carrying on in India.

The beautiful hospitality of the people of St. Martins so systematically carried out contributed much to the enjoyment of the visitors and we pray God's richest blessing upon our entertainers.

In what better way can I close this very incomplete report than by giving to every reader the message which our beloved President gave to the sisters assembled in convention: "The Master's come and call-eth for thee."

Aug. 21st, 1899.

W. M. A. S.

How days, weeks and months roll on bringing us again to time for report of progress in our work, and we wonder if it has been well and truly accomplished, this work for the Master, or if we have made any nearer attainment to the high standard which it is ours to emulate.

Two meetings of the Society have been held since last issue of "The Reflector". The first on Sept. 7th led by Pres. After the usual prayer and song service, Tiding was read by Miss Hickman.

Notes from delegates to Convention were called for and Mrs. G. B. Smith gave a very full and interesting account of proceedings from the time of leaving Amherst on Tuesday August 16, till the departure from St. Martins, on the following Friday.

Mrs. Amelia E. Black made a few remarks in reference to Mrs. Mellick's work in the North-West, which certainly is one of devotion and self-sacrifice on her part, worthy of our thought and prayers, as well as money.

Election of officers postponed until Oct. meeting. The close of this year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of our President's earnest, faithful work.

The ten cent movement to assist in raising funds for out-going missionaries was adopted, and the Misses Bessie McIver, Thompson, Simpson and Jackson appointed collectors. These young ladies have been successful to the amount of about \$20.00.

Among the pleasant things which we have to relate is the visit of that bright sister from India, Miss Eva D'Praser, who spoke to an audience that filled the lecture room to the doors, and held everyone spell-

bound for more than an hour. We should really say Dr. D'Praser, for she is an M. D. in charge of a hospital, out in Telegu, and she is the first native christian to come over and tell us of the good our faithful missionaries have done in that land of heathen darkness. The brilliant gifts which God has bestowed upon this woman are used in His service, and now every word that comes from India telling of Dr. D'Praser will be read with absorbing interest by her sisters in Canada.

On Oct 5th after the preliminary exercises, and reading of "Tidings", &c, it was resolved to have "Crusade Day" on Wednesday 18 and Jubilee Missionary meeting on evening of Thursday 19th if agreeable to the Pastor. This date proving to be Thanksgiving the missionary meeting was postponed until later. The following Crusade Visitors were appointed:—

Mrs Smith, Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Ralston, Mrs. Freeman, Mrs. Alex. Christie, Mrs. C. Christie, Mrs. McCully, Mrs. Moffatt, Mrs. W. W. Black and Mrs. C. C. Black.

On Friday, 20th, quite a number of sisters drove in to Salem to assist in holding a missionary meeting with the sisters in that place. It was a delightful season, full of interest and well attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Churchill called in Amherst for a few hours last week on their way to India. Just at this time our missionaries are on the ocean, some returning to take up their beloved work once more; others going out for the first time. God grant them a prosperous voyage!

Sunday School.

Oct. 1st was an important day in our Sunday School calendar. First and best of all was the welcome to our new pastor; then it was the first Sunday of the last quarter of the year, and our mission money which had been gathered the week before was announced, and the banners were presented. Pastor Bates presented the membership banner, which again was taken by two classes, to Mrs. Mack's class for the first half, and to Miss Pipes' class, for the second half of the term. The Primary

class won the banner this time from the class that used to be called Miss Ford's invincibles. Mrs. Bates presented the banner to the little ones who carried it in triumph upstairs.

The Senior banner was won by Mrs. Smith's class and was presented by Miss Alice Logan. This is a new banner, presented to the school by Miss Read's class to be competed for by Senior classes.

The Junior banner was won by Miss Barnes' class and presented by Miss Read. The sum raised for Missions was \$27.00, not so much as last quarter, but we hope the end of the year will bring a much larger sum into the treasury. We have done better this year than ever before in our mission fund, so we shall look forward to a still larger sum next year.

Oct. 15th was observed as a day of prayer and Thanksgiving for Sunday Schools, the whole world around. An hour of prayer before the morning service, a most helpful sermon by the pastor, and a short session of prayer and praise and earnest words, was the way our S. S. shared in this blessing.

Our Provincial S. S. Convention was held in Springhill Oct. 12th and 13th. That town being so near, quite a number took advantage of the sessions and could not fail to profit thereby. I wish there was space to tell of the lesson to the primary class given by Miss Dickie, and I wish too, that every S. S. would consider it a good investment to send a teacher away to study where Miss Dickie did.

Oct. 22nd being the first Sunday after Thanksgiving our Primary Department gave a bright Thanksgiving service in the church at the close of the S. S. lessons. The little ones made a pretty picture as they filled the choir gallery. One little maid came forward with a welcome for all; a group of girls with beautiful flowers; another of boys with baskets of fruit, while three tiny girls held aloft sheaves of golden wheat, and each and all of them spoke words of Thankfulness. The songs were sweetly given, and, indeed, the whole exercise from first to last was good. At the close, Pastor Bates gave a brief talk to the little ones,

which was enjoyed by all. The teachers of the Primary Dept. deserve much credit considering the fact that they planned this service for a date in Nov. whereas our Government, without consulting them in the least, moved forward the Thanksgiving feast some six weeks.

What about the grading examinations? The ten minute bell never rings now a-days; but are we taking the supplemental work each Sunday? December will soon be here.

The following report comes from the Highland S. S.:

"The interest in our Sunday School is encouraging. We have an average attendance of about thirty-five. At present we are working under disadvantages, for Mr. Hicks is sick and Mr. Bulmer is in business that calls him away from home. We were glad to have Mrs. Bulmer with us the last two Sundays to render timely assistance."

B. Y. P. U.

Where are the fifty dollars for the Insurance fund? A third of the year has passed, Have we a third of the money?

Where is the social committee?

Why do we not have a business meeting?

Since the last issue of the Reflector our new pastor has arrived. This is the most welcome event that has occurred for many a long day. He comes to our meetings with new phases of the evening's topic, and he possesses to an exceptional degree the happy faculty of saying the most helpful, useful and strengthening things in the most helpful time and manner.

The Union wishes much happiness to the Treasurer as she works under her new name.

The members of the B. Y. P. U. are glad to welcome Mrs. Smith, the former Superintendent of the Junior Union. It is hoped that she will resume that work and may every blessing attend her!

On the evening of August 29th a platform meeting on Canadian Missions, took the place of the regular devotional service. A paper was read on the Nova Scotian

fathers, by Bro. Sam. Freeman, and a brief survey taken of the British Columbia and the Northwest by acting Pastor Newcomb, and a recitation was given by Miss Simpson. This last deserves especial mention and was much appreciated by all who heard it.

During the last two months, the attendance at the Tuesday evening meetings has been steadily on the increase, but the lecture room is not filled yet. Our meetings have grown more interesting but still there is room for improvement. Personal responsibility is the key-note of success. We need more of the spirit of the old heroes of whom it was said,

"Each felt as tho' himself were he.
On whose sole arm hung victory."

It is easy to ask, "And what shall this man do." The answer is already given, "What is that to thee? Follow thou me".

Why don't the members, the pledged members of the Union take part in the meetings? Why don't all the singers sing? What is the matter with the front seats? They appear sad and lonely, and as they patiently wait in solemn rows night after night, they look meek and quiet and willing to be sat upon. Pat, at thought of these same seats the appointed leader's heart grows faint with fear. Why do the Union members persist in making it hard for the leader? Why do not they remember the Golden Rule? Why do not they sit in the front seats, and why do the talkers talk?

Field Notes.

The Sunday School at the Point enjoyed a successful picnic at the Experimental farm on the afternoon of Sept. 2nd. The School has closed for the winter.

Sunday evening, Oct. 15, There was a largely attended missionary service at the Point. The pastor presided and read the Scripture and offered prayer. The following are the parts of the programme:

Christians Awake	Choir
The Child's Prayer	Maggie Fowler
The two pennies	Louise Layton
	and
	Herbert Bulmer
	Choir

Selection
Address,—

"Entire Consecration

to the Entire Christ
for the Entire World"
What maidie did
"Quotations"
Bring them in—duet,

Miss Alice Logan
Nellie Fowler
Members of audience
Mary Dixon
and
Harry Logan

Give—an exercise by four little girls,
Maggie and Nellie Fowler,
Mary Logan and Louise Layton
Missionary Mother Goose Harry Logan
Selection Choir
"Sermon" Harri. Fowler

Offering amounting to \$5.50.
Missionary Hymn to the tune of Auld Lang Syne.

Much credit is due Miss Emma Keilor for the interest she took in training the children for the exercises of this missionary meeting.

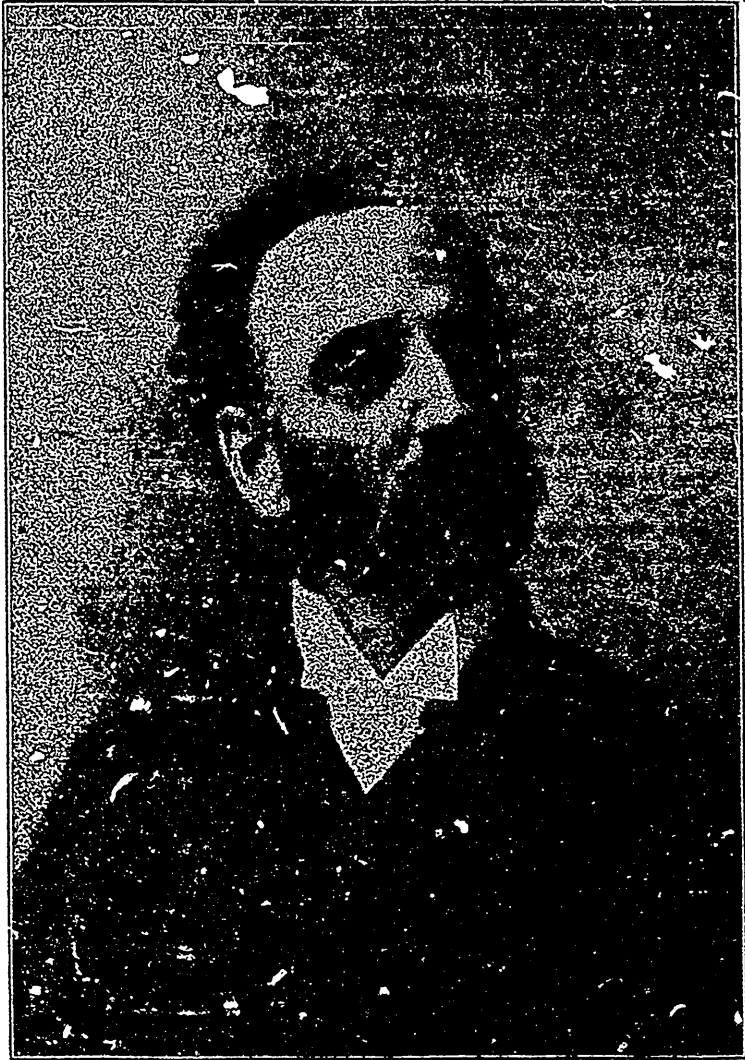
The Goose Supper at West Leicester on Oct. 4th, resulted in a net gain of \$115.00. A pie social a little later realized the sum of \$10.00. Proceeds are devoted to the reduction of the church debt. If any of our Sunday Schools would make an offering for this purpose, it would be greatly appreciated. The little band there are doing nobly in paying for their church home

A series of special meetings was begun at Salem on the 16th ult. From the first a deep interest was manifested. Up to the time of writing a rich blessing has come to the Christians, some of whom had not been enjoying the presence of the Master. A number have indicated a special interest in their salvation.

On the 20th ult. about a dozen sisters from the W. M. A. S. of the centre met with the sisters of Salem in their Church. Miss Alice Logan presided and a well arranged program was provided to the delight and profit of all.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FROM SALEM BRANCH

for Quarter ended Sept. 30th 1899.		
	Cash Received	
Sept 30th	Receipts during Quar.	\$39 86
	Bal. due Treas.	07
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	Cash Disbursed	\$39 93
	Pd bal. due Treas. from last Qr.	3 68
	" Expenses	1.25
	" in Pastor's Salary	35 00
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		\$39 93
	W. O. Logan,	
	Treas.	



REV. W. E. BATES.

Welcome Elliott Bates was born in 'The Nutmeg State.' His father was a Baptist deacon of revolutionary stock.

Mr. Bates is a graduate in arts of Madison (now Colgate University) and has also studied at Hamilton Theological Seminary. His first pastorate was at Norwich, Ct., where he was ordained. After this, he was pastor for six years at Waterford, a suburb of New London, Ct. The next pastorate was in Concord New Hampshire, where for four years the church enjoyed marked growth and prosperity. From 1887 to '97 Mr. Bates served the interests of the Kingdom of God in Haverhill, Mass., as the successor of Rev. J. W. B. Clark, D. D. Here large additions were made to the membership and the house of worship was thoroughly reconstructed. From Haverhill Mr. Bates came to the Tabernacle Church, Halifax. During his stay of less than two years, the church building was repaired and the distinction was enjoyed of having the largest Baptist congregation in the city.

Mr. Bates has always been active in Sabbath School and Temperance work. In 1881 he represented the Baptists of Connecticut in the International S. S. Convention in Toronto. He has been heard repeatedly on the People's Lecture Course in Boston.

The Annerst pastorate of the subject of this sketch began Oct. 1st. Very large congregations have constantly greeted him. The work here opens with promise. The "REFLECTOR" takes pleasure in presenting the new pastor thus to its readers and wishes him and his a most pleasant and prosperous period of residence with 'his church.'

Introductory Words.

My dear new people! my first word to you is one of commendation for your abundant hospitality and valuable assistance to pastor and family from the hour of their arrival until now. You were so kind and helpful that already we feel at home with you. We have come to love you, labor for, and with you and lead you.

We know we shall be very happy among you and soon be entirely at home with you. Let me say just here the "latch string" of our house and of our heart is out. Let me request of you all, dear people, that you be social and informal with your Pastor and family; run in often and come as to a brother and sister for such we want to be to everyone of you. Another thing, please let the Pastor know early of any case of sickness in the Parish, that he may call at the earliest opportunity.

So large a church and parish means a vast amount of toil and thought for the Pastor and only by a strict system can he accomplish what should be done; to this end study hours must be observed by the Pastor as exactly as office or bank hours by business men. These hours the Pastor will himself observe and is he asking too much when he requests the people to respect them also? **THE PASTOR'S STUDY HOURS WILL BE DAILY UNTIL 12 NOON.** The Pastor will be "at home" to any who may wish to see him from 1 to 2 p. m. daily and every **MONDAY** Evening.

Mrs Bates will be "at home" every Monday p. m. and evening; now this does not mean that you will be welcome at the Parsonage only then; by no means that; it means simply this:—Come at any time and often; only if you call on other days than Monday you may and may not find your Pastor's wife in; she may be calling in the homes of the Church and so you will miss her. But she will always be at home at the times named. To the young people of the Church and congregation an urgent invitation is hereby given to feel free to come to the home of the pastor at any time; if he can in any way serve you and help you dear young people, he will be so happy in doing it.

Ours is a **BROAD** field; we have a **LARGE** membership; and there is a **GREAT** work to be done in the town of Amherst. Just now the condition of things calls for wise, earnest, united activity. Let us "as one man" bend ourselves to our God-given task.!

Well, I am fairly settled now. Recognition is over. I am studying our membership list and looking over the town a bit and am buckling on the harness in every part. I will preach **SMALL** sermons and you pray **LARGE** prayers. Now then here's for "a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together" and with God's waiting blessing what victories may and shall be ours!

Yours in sincere affection,
Welcome E. Bates.

THE AMHERST REFLECTOR.

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Editorials.

During Oct. our new pastor and his family have become settled among us. Pastor Bates has been heartily welcomed, and now that the formal "recognition" is past, he is finding his way unto our homes and is thus becoming more thoroughly acquainted with the people than any formal meeting would allow.

The "cut" of Rev. Mr. Bates which this issue contains is not an unkind one, and will be appreciated by all the sections of the church. Before long we trust every section will have an opportunity to see and hear him.

The article on the St. Martin's Convention was to have appeared in our Sept. number but was held over for want of space. It would have been in every sense more appropriate **THEY** but it will be helpful and interesting now.

Neither did we have space in our last issue for any reference to the General Convention and B. Y. P. U. gathering at Frederickton. Both were marked by extremely profitable sessions. The delegates felt the warmth of spirit which was so truly manifest. All our Conventions of 1899—the W. B. M. U., the B. Y. P. U. and *the* Convention of all—must have contributed in no small degree to the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom. As the delegates from each went to their respective home churches, new stimulus was assuredly carried to do larger and more efficient service for the Master. We ought to begin now,—if every one has not already begun, to labor, by cultivation of heart, by service, by gift,

to make the gatherings of 1900, the century year, by far the best of all our history. Now is the time to plan and work with this in view. The conventions next year should be the distributing centres of blessing from the accumulated prayers, labor and gifts of the entire membership of our denomination. Let each member of this church do his best!

The visit of Miss D'Prazer on the 13th of Sept. was sincerely appreciated. Her address was a treat from whatever side it might be viewed. Its literary tone was exceptionally pure and tasteful; the eloquence displayed is not ordinarily approached by our most fluent speakers; but beyond all this, the real purpose of the lecture, the insight into life in heathen India and the marvellous change wrought therein by the Gospel of the Son of God, was most truly helpful and stimulating. We have already seen results from her enthusiasm and the instruction our sister was so singularly able to give. Dr. D'Prazer has contributed a splendid service to the Maritime Baptists by her visits to the churches; for which, rendered as it was at her own expense, she has the deepest gratitude of many hearts. Our dear sister from across the seas is followed by earnest prayers from very many Christians in the home land to whom her words have been a benediction. But *how much* are we grateful? Let our increased contributions to the spread of the Knowledge of God answer *how much!*

The glory of the Christian life consists in service to others for Jesus' sake—voluntarily taking a humble place that another may thereby be uplifted. Our Lord pronounced John Baptist a man wonderfully great; "but he who is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he."

To forget a wrong may be God's prerogative; but to forgive is man's privilege, yea, a necessity if he would be forgiven. Nothing indicates a high and noble character more truly than the forgiving spirit.

Rev. A. J. Vining, M. A., Supt. of Manitoba and North West Missions, presented the claims of the work here on the 22nd ult. Bro. Vining makes a strong plea in behalf of the cause so near his heart. He received about \$150 in Amherst.

We are very glad to see some who have been on the sick list again in their accustomed places. To those who have not received the physician's discharge we extend our sympathy.

Christ's love was measured by his sacrifice; God so loved; "Even to the death of the Cross." The measure of our love is willingness to sacrifice. Where there is no readiness to suffer for the object of one's avowed affection there is no true love. Our fellowship with Christ's sufferings is the test, and the only reliable one, of the sincerity of our love. Where we are thus willing to follow Jesus anywhere then it is that "the love of Christ constraineth us."

The Centre Church is being greatly improved in appearance by a coat of paint, which is being applied to the towers and woodwork of the exterior of the building.

Financial Statement Expense for Year Ended Sept. 30th, 1899.

1898	RECEIPTS	
Sept. 30	By Balance on Hand	\$ 65 68
	" Weekly Offerings	1772 64
	" Con. Fund	230 07
	" " " from Salem	6 59
	" " " " Warren	6 00
	" " " " A. Point	7 00
	" John Logan Foreign Missions	10 00
	" Rents	105 50
	" Conference Mtgs	10 72
		\$2214 20
	EXPENDITURE.	
	Paid Ministerial Support	\$1086 91
	" " " Supply	65 00
	" Janitor \$117 50 Elec. Lt.	
	" \$82 35	199 85
	" Choir Leader	96 00
	" Rent of Parsonage	177 50
	" Water Rates	33 00
	" Coal & Kindling	76 70
	" C. W. Smith, 2 yrs int.	20 46
	" Amherst Htg & Foun. Co.	10 00
	" C. A. Lusby & Co.	6 88
	" W. P. Smith & Co. (framing Mottoes)	1 80
	" H. A. Hillcoat, tuning organ etc	7 00
	" Telephone (18 mos.)	21 25
	" Rhodes Curry & Co. acct.	17 50
	" Jas. Moffat on acct.	14 50
	" A Cohoon con. fund	294 76
	" Anthem Books	8 50
	Elec. Lamp, J. Calder & 30c.	
	Co. 3 77	4 07

Robb Eng. Co 23c., John Morse 1 00	1 23
Ins. on "Coates'" House (3 yrs)	9 00
Weekly offering envelopes	7 70
Lime	.25
	2159 87
Bal. on hand	\$54 33

CENTRE S. S. REPORT.

1898	Oct. 1. - Cash on Hand	\$34.72
	" " rec'd 1st Quarter	90.30
	" " 2nd "	85.71
	" " 3rd "	69.34
	" " 4th "	64.56
		344.63
	Pd. 1st Quarter	104.82
	" 2nd "	89.09
	" 3rd "	83.40
	" 4th "	37 14
		314.45

1899	Oct. 1. Balance, Cash on hand,	30.18
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Financial Report of Warren Branch.

D. W. Freeman, Treasurer	
A. g.	1899 Cash Paid to Rev. A. F. New
	comb \$150.00
	" " other Church expenses
	4.70. 154.70
	Cr.
	Subscriptions rec'd. 140.56
	Bal due Treasurer 14.14

Church Calendar.

Sunday :	
10.30.	Prayer Meeting.
11.00.	Public Worship.
12.00.	Lord's Supper (First Sunday of every month.)
2.30.	Sunday School.
4.00.	Junior Union.
7.00.	Public Worship.
Monday :	
8.00.	Business Meeting (Third Monday of every month.)
Tuesday :	
8.00.	B. Y. P. U.
Thursday :	
2.00.	Ladies' Circles.
3.00.	W. M. A. S. (First Thursday of every month.)
3.00.	Prayer Meeting (Conference Meeting Nov. 30.)
Saturday :	
	Conference Meeting at 2:30 Jan. 6, 1900.
Amherst Point :	
	Sunday, Nov. 5, 12 and 26, at 11 a. m.
	Wednesday at 7:30. prayer and social service.
Leicester :	
	Sunday, Nov. 19 and Dec. 17, at 10:45 a. m.
	S. S. at 9:30 a. m. every Sunday.

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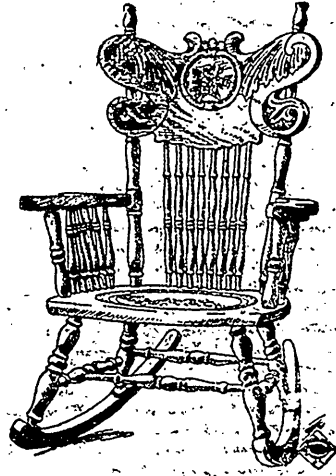
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