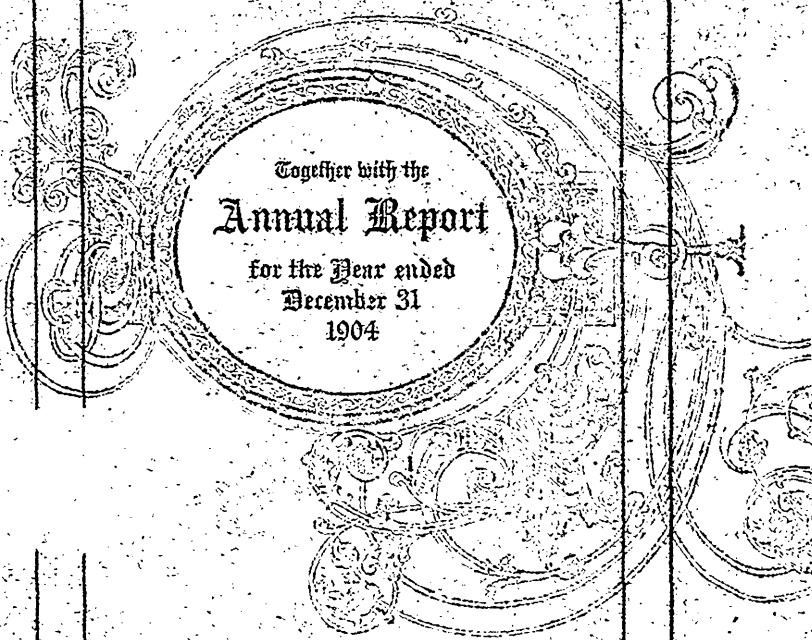


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THE CHARLOTTETOWN BAPTIST CHURCH came into being under the following circumstances.

Thomas DesBrisay, being convinced that believers' immersion is the only scriptural mode of baptism, was baptized (October, 1827) by Rev. Charles Tupper, then on a mission to the Island. This baptism, being the first in Charlottetown, caused a great deal of enquiry on the subject. Others followed in the same steps; and in the spring of the year 1835 the brethren commenced holding prayer meetings. Soon after this a room which would seat about one hundred persons, was rented and fitted up for preaching services.

Rev. Benjamin Scott when in town would attend these meetings and preach to the people.

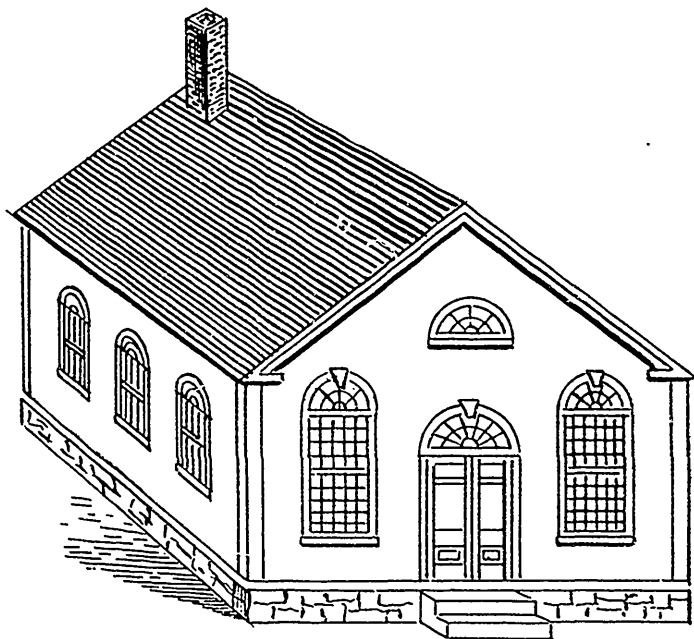
Rev. George McDonald, who was on the Island on a mission from the Nova Scotia Baptist Board of Missions, by request organized the church in August, 1836,

* The compilers of this pamphlet are indebted to the "History of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces" by Dr. E. M. Saunders, of Halifax, N. S., for some historical facts.



Rev. Benjamin Scott

with the following members: Thomas DesBrisay, John Uhlman, William Bain, James Caffray, Isaac Jackson, Jane Lallow, Christina C. Bagnall, Nancy Reid, Isabella Mitchell. Thomas DesBrisay was appointed deacon.



First Church Building (opened August, 1845)

A short time after the formation of the church, it was much refreshed by a visit from Rev. Charles Munroe, of Onslow, N. S. A little later Rev. T. S. Harding, of Horton, N. S., visited and encouraged the struggling organization.

Rev. Benjamin Scott was engaged as the first Pastor, in March, 1837. He preached and administered the

Lord's Supper once a month. The membership of the church at this time was twenty-one.

Mr. Scott was born in Yarmouth, N. S., May 23, 1808. From 1830 until 1852 he labored on Prince Edward Island. Baptist churches were formed or built up under his direction at Alexandra, North River, St. Peter's Road, Charlottetown, Grand River and Cavendish. He was a good man full of faith.

The church became formally connected with the Nova Scotia Baptist Association in the summer of 1837, by the assistance and solicitation of Rev. W. Chipman and Rev. I. E. Bill while on a mission to the Island.

In the autumn of the same year the church enlarged its place of worship, so that it would seat over two hundred persons. The annual rent was ten pounds. The congregation increased and the work became deeply interesting.

In the year 1842 the church began to raise money for the erection of a house of worship, and by November, 1843, £227/0/0 had been collected, £50/0/0 of which had been collected in Nova Scotia.

On September 4th, 1843, Rev. Benjamin Scott was engaged to preach every alternate Sunday afternoon.

On August 24th, 1845, the first house of worship owned by the church was opened. It stood on the site now occupied by the residence of W. K. Rogers, Esq., on the corner of Upper Prince and Euston Streets. Rev. Dr. McClay, of New York, preached in the morning and evening. Dr. Knox preached in the afternoon. The offerings for the day amounted to £12/6/6.

Early in the year 1848 Rev. Silas T. Rand became pastor of the church, half of whose salary was borne by the Nova Scotia Home Mission Board.

Mr. Rand was born in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, May

18, 1810. In 1853 he removed to Hantsport, N. S., where as preacher, author and missionary (especially to the Micmacs) he spent the rest of his life. He had a good reading knowledge of seven or eight different languages. He was devoutly pious. He departed this life October 4, 1889.

In January, 1850, Rev. Benjamin Scott again became pastor of the church, at a salary of £100/0/0 per annum; of this amount Mr. Scott contributed £40/0/0 himself, the church raised £40/0/0, and £20/0/0 was contributed by the Saint Peter's Road congregation.

In July of this year a Sunday School was organized. Thomas Broadwell was appointed superintendent and James DesBrisay secretary-treasurer.

On October 13, 1852, Rev. W. H. Hobbs assumed the pastorate of the church, at a salary of £100/0/0 per annum. Mr. Hobbs was a native of Argyle, Nova Scotia. He was a very successful missionary. About 1880 he went to Australia, and thence to Southern California, where he was chiefly instrumental in forming the first Baptist Church at Los Angeles. He was a man of great enthusiasm and ability.

Early in the year 1853 the church building was removed from the corner of Upper Prince and Euston Streets to Great George Street, to a site (now a vacant lot) adjoining the Merchants Bank building, for which £350/0/0 was paid.

In May of this year the pews were sold as follows: No. 3 to George Davies for £10/0/0; No. 4 to David Wilson for £10/5/0; No. 6 to William Barnstead for £10/0/0; No. 14 to John Scott for £6/10/0; No. 15 to C. F. Harris for £6/0/0; No. 16 to John Currie for £6/0/0; No. 18 to Donald Nicholson for £6/0/0; No. 22 to Alexander Stewart for £6/0/0; No. 23 to Thomas

Broadwell for £6/0/0; No. 24 to John Ferguson for £6/0/0; No. 27 to John Currie for £6/0/0; No. 36 to James McGregor for £10/5/0; No. 37 to Daniel Scott for £10/0/0; No. 40 to James DesBrisay for £20/0/0.

May 10, 1853, Donald Nicholson and John Currie were appointed deacons.

In March, 1854, the Prince Edward Island Baptist Association was formed.

May 23, 1854, Rev. John Knox, M.D., became pastor of the church, but at the end of four months resigned. Dr. Knox was an eloquent preacher. He spent the last twenty years of his life in or near Charlottetown. He suffered from blindness for some years before his death.

October 1, 1854, Rev. C. J. Burnett entered on his duties as pastor of the church, at a salary of £80/0/0 per annum.

April 16, 1856, the church broke off from the Island Association and again joined the Nova Scotia Eastern Association.

Early in the year 1857 Deacon Thomas DesBrisay died. He had been in several senses the first member of the church, the first deacon, and the principal support and most active office-bearer in the early years of the organization.

During the winter of 1857 the church was without a pastor. The meetings however were sustained and well attended. James DesBrisay would read one of Spurgeon's sermons to the assembled congregation; and occasionally George Hubbard, a member of the Church of England, would conduct the service. The church membership at this time was thirty-one.

May 23, 1858, Rev. John Davis arrived by the S.S. "Westmoreland" to take the pastorate of the church, which he held for fifteen years. A note was made in

the church records at this time as follows : " Our hearts were made glad while our eyes beheld our teacher. The Lord accept our thanks and acknowledgment of his covenant love in thus remembering us 'n our low estate. May the union now formed result in our feeble cause being built up, and thus advancing His Kingdom in this town."



Rev. John Davis

Mr. Davis was born in Liverpool, England, November 7, 1802. His father was pastor of the Byron Street church in that city. He came to the Maritime Provinces as agent for the American and Foreign Bible Society. He was called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Yarmouth, N. S., where he remained about three years; after which he removed to St. George, N.B., where he spent two and a half years in pastoral work. From that place he came to Charlottetown, where he spent the rest of his days. He outlived all his children. He was a man of vigorous intellect, an able preacher, and a writer of more than ordinary versatility. He passed away August 14, 1875.

On June 28, 1858, the names of the church members were as follows: Donald Nicholson, James DesBrisay, James McGregor, George Scantlebury, John Jury, John Scott, John Currie, Joseph Pollard, William Gregory, George Davis, John Smallwood, Mrs. Thomas DesBrisay, Mrs. Margaret Yates, Mrs. Donald Nicholson, Mrs. George Scantlebury, Mrs. James McGregor, Mrs. John Scott, Mrs. David Wilson, Mrs. John Stentiford, Mrs. William Gregory, Mrs. Joseph Pollard, Mrs. James Bagnall, Mrs. James Harper, Mrs. James Davis, Miss Sarah Simpson, Miss Mary McKinnon, Miss Catherine McLeod, Miss Catherine McNeill, Miss Mary McQueen, Miss Eliza Broadwell, Miss Mary McLeod.

In the year 1868 the Prince Edward Island Baptist Association was formed.

In 1872 the Woman's Missionary Aid Society was organized.

In March, 1874, Rev. W. B. Haynes (a student of Mr. Spurgeon's college) succeeded Rev. John Davis as pastor. During the first three months of Mr. Haynes'

pastorate about twenty persons were added to the membership of the church.

November 8, 1874, Deacon Donald Nicholson passed away. He had faithfully served the church as deacon for twenty-one years, and as trustee for seventeen years. He was a man of faith and prayer, and of consistent walk and conversation.

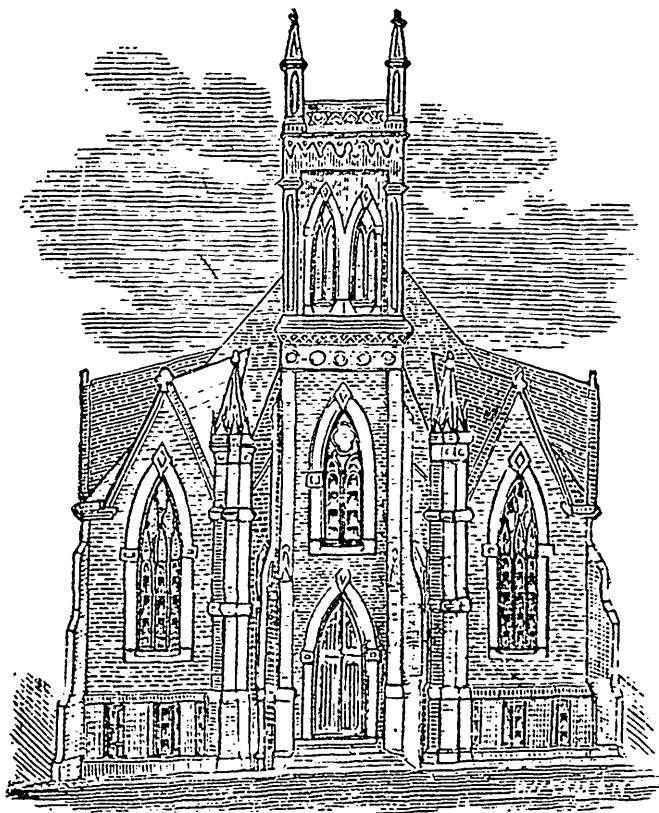
February 22, 1876, Rev. W. B. Haynes resigned his pastorate. He was succeeded on April 2nd of the same year by Rev. D. G. McDonald, who continued as pastor until July, 1882 (with the exception of one year, May, 1879, to June, 1880, during which time Rev. Herbert Foshay took his place.) During these six years about two hundred persons were added to the membership of the church. During Mr. McDonald's pastorate it was found that the old church building was too small, and that the time had arrived when a new and more commodious edifice should be erected. Mr. McDonald undertook to bring this about, and succeeded so well that a large modern church home on the corner of Prince and Fitzroy Streets was formally opened on December 14, 1879. The morning sermon was preached by Rev. W. B. Hinson; he was assisted by Rev. D. G. McDonald, and also by Rev. Malcolm Ross, who made the dedicatory prayer. The afternoon sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Cowperthwaite, pastor of the First Methodist Church; he was assisted by Rev. John McLeod, pastor of Zion Presbyterian Church. The evening sermon was preached by Rev. John Knox, M. D. The special opening services were continued on Sunday, December 21st, when Rev. J. B. Woodland, assisted by Rev. W. J. Swafield, conducted the morning service. In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Harris, pastor of the Bible Christian Church, preached; he was assisted by Rev. George M.

Campbell, pastor of the Second Methodist Church. In the evening the service was conducted by Rev. J. A. Gordon, assisted by Rev. E. N. Archibald and Rev. Trueman Bishop. The special offerings on these two



Rev. D. G. McDonald

opening Sundays amounted to \$270.00. The building was of brick ; it was octagonal in shape. It cost about \$20,000.00. Thomas Alley was the architect. William and David Fraser were the contractors.



Church Building opened December, 1871

April 28, 1881, Nathan Davies and A. W. Sterns were elected deacons.

April 14, 1882, Rev. D. G. McDonald resigned his pastoral care of the church, to take effect July 1. He was succeeded on September 20 of the same year by Rev. Edward Whitman.



Rev. J. A. Gordon, D.D.

In 1886 the tower of the church building was destroyed by fire.

August 20, 1887, the Maritime Baptist Convention met in Charlottetown.

May 15, 1888, the fine church building that had been erected only eight years before, was destroyed in a conflagration that also burned up a number of fine residences, a roller rink, a skating rink, and other buildings. The church, by the loss, was left homeless, with a debt of about \$5,000.00. It was thought by some that under such a crushing disaster, the church would be wiped out, but it was not so to be.



The present Church Building
Opened January, 1871

The church secured the large hall in the Young Men's Christian Association building, where the usual services were held from May 15, 1888, to October, 1889.

Subscription lists were opened, and the citizens generally subscribed liberally. Help also came from churches and individuals throughout the Maritime Provinces and other places.

January 23, 1889, Rev. E. Whitman closed his pastorate, and left for Joliette, Illinois.

Notwithstanding the homeless and weak financial condition of the church, Rev. J. A. Gordon took up the pastoral work at this time (March, 1889), and led the church during their rebuilding and for some time afterwards.

On October 20, 1899, the school room of the new church building had been so far completed, that it was used for the preaching and other services, until the main building was opened, which event occurred on January 11, 1891. The day was beautifully fine, and congregations large. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Gordon, preached the opening sermon in the morning from the text Nehemiah 8: 4. Rev. John Read, pastor of the First Methodist Church, preached in the afternoon, and Rev. J. A. Cahill, pastor of the Summerside Baptist Church, led the service in the evening. The offerings for the day amounted to about \$200.

This building was erected at a cost of about \$12,000. C. B. Chappelle was the architect, and J. W. Cox the builder.

Rev. J. A. Gordon resigned the pastorate June 7, 1893, leaving the church, that he found homeless and pastorless only four years before, with a united membership, and a comfortable, well equipped house of worship, and all this with very little addition to the debt that he found when he became pastor. Mr. Gordon baptized about ninety persons into the membership of the church during his pastorate.

The system of receiving church offerings by envelope was adopted in the year 1889. B. S. Davies was the very efficient treasurer at that time.

W. F. Scantlebury succeeded to the office of treasurer

in September, 1890, and served the church as such with great assiduity up to the time of his death, which took place in August, 1894. During his term of office the plan of rendering quarterly statements to contributors was taken up, and is still adhered to.

George Davies departed this life in February, 1890. He had served the church as trustee and Sunday school teacher, and for many years was its principal financial supporter. He joined the church September 7, 1851, by letter from the Baptist church at Pisgah Creswell, Pembrokeshire, South Wales.

September 20, 1893, Rev. C. W. Corey was called to be pastor of the church, which position he filled for five years. He resigned in September, 1898. About seventy names were added to the roll, and one thousand dollars paid on the church debt, during his pastorate.

Deacon John Scott passed away in November, 1893. He was baptized into the membership of the church by Rev. Benjamin Scott on June 8, 1850. He was appointed deacon in May, 1874, and trustee in May, 1879. He was always in his place at the different services of the church. He lived a consistent, exemplary life.

On January 31, 1894, George Scantlebury and J. K. Ross were elected deacons.

Deacon Nathan Davies died in the year 1896. He joined the church in November, 1871, by letter from the First Baptist Church, of Columbus, Ohio. He was elected deacon April 28, 1881, and clerk of the church in June of the same year. "The memory of the just is blessed."

On February 3, 1897, Alvin F. Webster was chosen deacon.

In March, 1898, Deacon James DesBrisay died. He had been for fifty-two years one of the most faithful and

consistent members of the church. He was baptized by Rev. Silas T. Rand in the year 1846, the tenth year of the existence of the church. He soon became the most active office-bearer of the struggling organization. He served the church as treasurer for thirty-eight years, clerk for thirty years, deacon for twenty-four years, and Sunday school superintendent for twenty-two years. When there was no choir he would lead the singing; when there was no preacher he would read a sermon to the assembled congregation; and he abounded in every good word and work. He was highly esteemed by the whole community.



Rev. G. P. Raymond

Rev. G. P. Raymond became pastor of the church in October, 1898, and resigned in October, 1901, to become the first field secretary of the Prince Edward Island Sunday School Association. During this time nineteen persons were added to the membership of the church; and the home department, cradle roll, class grading and other modern methods of work were taken up by the Sunday School. In the last year of his pastorate \$1,700 of the debt was paid off through his instrumentality.

Rev. Johnson L. Miner succeeded Mr. Raymond as pastor in January, 1902. The climate here not agreeing with his wife's health, he had to seek a drier and more inland home, and was thus led to resign after the short pastorate of one year. There were twenty additions to the church under his ministry.



Rev. Johnson L. Miner

Rev. G. R. White, the present esteemed pastor, began his labours with the church on June 14, 1903. Since that time twenty-three names have been added to the roll. The church at this time was without a parsonage, and Mr. White, with commendable energy and zeal, set

to work to supply this long-felt need ; and in October, 1904, he was able to move into a fine up-to-date home.



Rev. G. R. White

This building cost about \$2,800.00. The architect was John P. Nicholson, and the builders were Messrs. Lowe Brothers. Mr. White, in addition to bringing about the erection of the building, was also instrumental in providing ways and means for meeting the cost thereof. He secured subscriptions for about two-thirds of the required amount, and so arranged for the balance that the enterprise does not add to the annual expenditure of the church.

NOTE. The compilers regret that they have been unable to obtain a cut of Rev. C. W. Corey.



The Parsonage (erected 1904)



Annual Report

for the Year ended 31st December, 1904



OFFICE-BEARERS

PASTOR—Rev. G. R. White.

DEACONS—A. W. Sterns, J. K. Ross, A. F. Webster.

TRUSTEES—J. K. Ross, D. Nicholson, A. F. Webster, R. H. Jenkins, G. B. Norton, A. W. Sterns.

CHURCH CLERK—E. D. Sterns.

TREASURER—A. W. Sterns.

AUDITORS—J. K. Ross, A. F. Webster.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—J. K. Ross, J. P. Gordon, R. H. Jenkins, A. F. Webster, G. B. Norton, D. Nicholson, C. H. Dingwell, E. D. Sterns.

STEWARDS—R. VanInderstine, J. P. Gordon, G. B. Norton, G. L. Simmons, Capt. J. M. Blakeney, J. A. Webster.

USHERS—R. VanInderstine, J. A. Webster, David Bethune, Hamilton Bethune.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—J. P. Gordon, Superintendent; A. F. Webster, Associate Superintendent; J. A. Webster, Secretary-Treasurer; Ethel Simmons, Organist; David Bethune and J. Somerled McLeod, Librarians. *Teachers*—Rev. G. R. White, J. K. Ross, E. D. Sterns, R. H. Jenkins, A. F. Webster, M. R. Bethune, G. L. Simmons, Mrs. A. F. Webster, Mrs. G. B. Norton, Miss Wadman, Mrs. J. A. Webster, Miss Alexandra Scott, Miss Elizabeth Sneeston, Miss Margaret McLean, Miss Ethel Sutherland, Miss Josephine Stentiford.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION—J. A. Webster, President ; J. K. Ross, Vice-President ; Ethel Sutherland, Secretary ; Alma Yeo, Treasurer.

MISSION BAND—Mrs. G. R. White, President ; Miss Erna Gay, Secretary-Treasurer.

WOMEN'S MISSION AID SOCIETY—Mrs. A. W. Sterns, President ; Mrs. A. F. Webster and Mrs. Billingsley, Vice-Presidents ; Miss A. A. Wadman, Secretary ; Miss Elizabeth Sneeston, Treasurer.

THIMBLE CLUB—Mrs. F. S. Jost, President ; Mrs. E. D. Sterns, Secretary.



Pastor's Report



Dear Brothers and Sisters :

The year 1904, with its joys and sorrows, hopes and fears, has passed into history, leaving with us only its memory and influence. Personally the year has been a pleasant one, and I trust profitable. I have enjoyed my work much, and also the help and fellowship of my fellow-workers. So far as I know, there has existed a mutual confidence between pastor and people. Your loyalty to the cause, and your desire to promote the best interests of the church, have been strongly marked in many ways. Your hearty and most generous response to the call of the pastor to build a suitable parsonage is one instance which he must mention in his report. And the generosity of your financial response has made it possible for the building committee to hand over to the church a parsonage building second to none in the Maritime Provinces. And the building stands to-day as a most creditable asset to our church property. I will be here pardoned, if I say that in the matter of giving the "Thimble Club" has immortalized its name, leading in the matter of generous gifts to this fund. The work of our Sunday School has been strong and hopeful: officers and teachers have done their work with a most becoming zeal, and with fidelity for the best interest of the School. The Pastor is not unmindful of this most important branch of our work. The Baptist Young People's Union has not done its best

work during the past year; and we will hope that better work will be done during the present year.

The Pastor has tried to do his duty in the ministry of the Word, and in the conduct of the social meetings. But no one is more conscious of weakness here than himself. He has made over four hundred calls and pastoral visits, and has always been received cordially by the people. He has preached one hundred and sixteen sermons, conducted over sixty prayer and conference meetings, taught an occasional Sunday School class, and led the Baptist Young People's Union through a course in sacred literature—attended ten funerals, and married three couples. It has been his great privilege to baptize ten persons, all of whom have the greater part of an average life still before them—eight have been received by letter, making a total addition of eighteen; while, on the other hand, ten have received letters of dismissal, and four have passed over the river, leaving us a net increase of only four. He feels thankful for the privilege of preaching the Word, and grateful for the steady and hearty co-operation on the part of the church and congregation.

The Pastor can ask no more than a continuation of the same thoughtful kindness on the part of his people in the year 1905, that has characterized them during the year 1904.

G. R. WHITE.

Charlottetown,

February 1st, 1905.



Sunday School Report



Dear Friends:

With swift and silent step 1904 has gone from us to join the ages of the past, bearing on its bosom the records of our faithfulness or otherwise for this year of many opportunities.

To-day it is the duty of those to whom you intrusted the management of this school, to tell you what use has been made of the days that are past.

To our school, in the main, the year has been a pleasant and not unprofitable one, although in no very notable particular is it different from other years in its record of events.

On New Year's day of 1904 we held our usual Christmas Tree, with entertainment for the school, and as in the past everyone seemed to enjoy and profit by this little event.

On a bright midsummer day we held our annual picnic on the beautiful grounds of Mr. John McEachern, Red Point. The picnic was largely attended, and all present seemed to thoroughly enjoy the outing.

On the last Sunday in June we held our second annual examination in connection with our grading and supplemental work.

For my own part I am surprised, and feel very proud of connection with a school that showed so much diligence and ability in this careful test. The average of marks made was very high indeed, and the examination as a whole was most encouraging.

In all forty-six certificates and diplomas were granted, and while we would like to see more, we think that the way is being well opened.

The last Sunday of the year was Christmas day, and it had been thought well by the school in some way to give a token of the principle that "it is more blessed to give than receive." Although the day was unfavorable and the attendance small, there were many gifts of various kinds brought in by members of the school and handed over to the committees having the distribution of such matters in charge. During the year a teachers' meeting has been held with a good degree of regularity.

In closing our review of the year's happenings, we must not forget the uplift and inspiration given to all Sunday School workers by the meeting of the Prince Edward Island Sunday School Association in our town.

Now a few words as to membership and attendance will not be amiss. According to our Secretary's books we have enrolled in all one hundred and seventy-one (net), and our average attendance is one hundred and four. These are figures that speak for themselves, and no matter how well satisfied we may be over other points, we certainly can not regard this matter with un-mixed pleasure.

We are pleased to report that during the past year two members of our school have united with the church, and it affords us much cause for thankfulness that death has taken none of our little ones away from us.

We have at the present fourteen classes, presided over by fif-

teen earnest, faithful teachers who are working from day to day to show their scholars the way to the living and loving Christ.

Our primary department, the hope and constant feeder of our school, is in charge of Miss Scott and Mrs. Norton. Our records have been faithfully and systematically kept by Mr. J. A. Webster. Brothers Bethune and McLeod have looked after the library with care and efficiency during the year. There have been added to the library some forty new volumes, tending to make this branch of greater efficiency and interest; and it is the policy of the school to keep this department in as good condition as our finances will allow.

Miss Ethel Simmons acts as pianist for the school, and discharges this important duty with punctuality and ability.

Mr. A. W. Sterns continues his most successful management of the Home Department, which has come to be one of the most important branches of our work, adding much to the general interest in Sunday School work, as well as being a most commendable assistant from the financial point of view.

Mrs. Dobie has continued her good work in charge of the Cradle Roll, from the ranks of which from time to time our Primary Department is being recruited.

Now in closing let me call to your attention a few items that I think are of most urgent need in our work: (1) larger enrolment; (2) better average attendance; (3) even more vim and enthusiasm in supplemental work; (4) a young men's Bible class; (5) above all, the constant prayerful co-operation of every parent in the congregation.

JOHN P. GORDON,
Superintendent.



SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT

Total attendance of scholars for year.....	4,407
Average.....	85
Total attendance of officers and teachers.....	839
Average.....	17
Total attendance of visitors.....	181
Average.....	3½
Total attendance of scholars, officers, teachers & visitors.	5,427
Average total attendance.....	104

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Balance from 1903.....		\$ 23.12
Regular collections.....		76.70
Missionary collections.....		10.55
Home Department collections.....		23.68
		<u>\$134.05</u>

EXPENDITURE

Total expenditure for Sunday School.....	\$ 92.98	
A. W. Sterns, missionary collections.....	10.55	\$103.53
		<u>\$ 30.52</u>
Balance on hand		

J. A. WEBSTER,
Secretary-Treasurer



REPORT OF CRADLE ROLL

Number enrolled Dec. 31st, 1903	39
Graded to Primary Department	4
In attendance at Sunday School, (not enrolled)	1
Deaths	none
Number added during 1904	8
Total present enrolment	42
Birthday cards, certificates, booklets, distributed.....	57
Visits made during year in connection with Cradle Roll work, about.....	100

Respectfully submitted,
A. A. DOBIE,
Primary Supt.



HOME DEPARTMENT REPORT

Our Sunday School Home Department has just completed the fifth year of its existence.

The Visitors are, for Class No. 1, Mrs. W. A. Hawley and Mrs. A. F. Webster; Class No. 2, Mrs. E. D. Sterns; Class No. 3, Miss Ethel Sutherland; Class No. 4, Miss Belle Stewart; Class No. 5, Mrs. G. B. Norton. These visitors have been doing good work visiting the homes and putting the lesson into the hands of those who are unable to attend the Sunday School, thus making it possible for them to engage in the study of the same lessons as are taken up at the regular sessions of the School.

Our membership now numbers forty-six as against forty-nine last year. During the year one of our members died, one joined the main school, and two removed from the city.

The offerings for the year amounted to \$27.81, the expenditure to \$4.13. The contributions by classes are as follows: No. 1, \$4.74; No. 2, \$2.11; No. 3, \$8.10; No. 4, \$5.77; No. 5, \$7.09.

About two hundred visits were made, and about eighteen hundred lessons studied during the year. These lessons and these visits must have had considerable influence for good.

A. W. STERNS,
Supt. of Home Department



Martha Clarke Mission Band Report



The Band meets every two weeks for the study of missions. We raised during the present year ending December 31st, 1904, the sum of \$8.00.

ERMIE GAY,
Sec'y-Treas.



Woman's Missionary Aid Society Report



Regular meetings during year	11
Special meetings during year.....	3
Membership reported last year.....	48
Dropped from roll, removed, etc.....	6
New members	4
Present membership.....	46
Total attendance during year	185
Average attendance during year	17
Visits made by visiting committee	259
Amount raised for Home and Foreign Missions.....	\$140.66
Average per member	3.05

We hear of the "light that failed." As a society we want to be the exact opposite of that. May we, a small beacon kindled nearly thirty-three years ago, be as the "path of the just which shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. WADMAN,
Secretary.



Thimble Club Report



Just one year ago a number of the ladies of the church met and formed themselves into a society which is known as the Thimble Club. The object of this society is to supplement the funds of the church by receipts from sewing, etc.

In the spring a rummage sale was held, which served the double purpose of swelling the funds of the society and giving an opportunity to the poor to secure articles of clothing, etc., at a small cost.

The meetings were discontinued during the summer months, but were resumed again in the autumn.

The receipts from all sources were \$138.00.

MRS. E. D. STERNS,
Secretary

February 1, 1905.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE

Parsonage Building Committee



As secretary of the Building Committee I beg leave to submit the following report of the receipts and expenditure *re* building of church parsonage.

Our total receipts to date amount to \$2,820.54, and expenditure \$2,821.47.

Having gone carefully over the subscriptions due, we may say with the usual bank reports issued at this time of year: *estimated loss nil.*

As there are always improvements to make around property, we feel that there may be some people who would like to help along the good cause. We assure them that any amounts received will be carefully looked after, and will be judiciously expended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. H. JENKINS,
Sec'y Building Committee.



Trustees' Report



During the year a neat, well-appointed parsonage has been erected, which stands as a monument to the energy and effort of Pastor White.

Thanks are due to several friends outside of the congregation for generous aid in this undertaking.

Some repair is needed for the church building and its heating apparatus, which it is hoped will be made during the coming summer.

It is deemed advisable to have the act of incorporation so amended that the trustees may be elected at the same time with the other church officers at the annual meeting in January.

The property under our control is as follows :

Church Building and Land, worth about.	\$ 15,000.00
Parsonage, worth about,	2,800.00
House on Sydney Street, worth about. . .	600.00
Total	\$ 18,400.00

The total indebtedness standing against this property .
\$5,300.00.

G. B. NORTON,
Sec'y of Trustees



Treasurer's Statement

FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1904

RECEIPTS

Envelope Offerings	\$1,237.11
Open Offerings	254.78
Prayer Meeting Offerings	25.76
Missionary Offerings	97.55
Communion Offerings	19.04
Pew Rents	64.25
Offerings for Twentieth Century Fund	30.00
Offering at Union Prayer Meeting	1.50
Women's Missionary Aid Society	113.51
Mission Band	15.00
Sunday School for Missions	11.75
Sunday School for Poor Fund	2.44
Kimberley Lodge of Loyal True Blues for Poor Fund	4.00
Offering for Fund for paying off debt on running ex- penses	13.00
Offering for Bible Society	18.96
B. Y. P. U. for Piano Fund	13.60
Rent from House on Sydney Street	72.00
Donation from Wm. Sterns, Dartmouth, N. S.	3.00
Withdrawn from Savings Bank	110.00
From Manse Building Fund	6.00
Balance due Treasurer	258.89
	\$2,372.14

Receipts brought forward..... \$2,372.14

EXPENDITURE

Balance December 31st, 1903	\$	26.72	
Pastor's Salary		975.00	
Pulpit Supply		30.00	
Organist's Salary ..		88.00	
Janitor's Salary		72.60	
Interest on Debt		255.83	
Interest to Bank75	
Printing and Envelopes		17.25	
Repairs		51.95	
Water		6.00	
Coal		51.93	
Electric Light		63.99	
P. E. I. Hospital		1.50	
Ins. Premium on Parsonage (3 years).....		40.00	
Taxes on House on Sydney Street.....		5.25	
Whiting and Tinting School Room		10.00	
Scrubbing		13.20	
Paid on Piano		56.84	
Paid for connecting with Sewerage.....		10.00	
Benevolence		46.43	
Remitted to Mrs. Mary Smith for Missions.		118.51	
Remitted to Mrs. Crandall for Missions....		15.00	
Remitted to Rev. J. W. Manning for Twen- tieth Century Fund		31.00	
Paid Treasurer of Denominational Funds for P. E. I.		105.71	
Bible Society		20.00	
Paid Rev. T. H. King ..		15.00	
Paid Rev. R. B. Johnson		2.85	
Plumbing Work		143.00	
Drawing Mortgage.....		6.00	
Sweeping and Dusting.....		3.60	
Paid for building Toilet Room.....		46.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses		42.23	\$2,372.14

Audited and found correct,

J. K. ROSS,
A. F. WEBSTER.

A. W. STERNS,
Treasurer.

Envelope Contributions



No. 1\$ 3.25	No. 37\$ 4.90	No. 73\$ 1.00
2 6.00	38 3.85	74 . . . 10.00
3 11.70	39 13.05	75 4.30
4 5.30	40 4.75	76 2.35
5 7.80	41 58.75	77 5.10
6 10.80	42 52.00	78 3.50
7 2.00	43 9.45	80 12.95
8 8.25	44 5.20	81 9.00
9 18.15	45 . . . 5.10	82 17.95
10 17.85	46 37.00	8360
11 14.95	47 26.00	84 5.00
12 17.65	49 1.70	85 4.50
13 52.00	51 11.75	86 1.00
14 3.90	52 13.00	87 7.00
15 14.75	5375	88 4.40
16 51.00	54 17.60	93 4.00
18 25.30	55 3.90	95 6.10
19 6.90	56 123.00	96 20.00
21 8.45	5760	100 4.20
22 6.45	58 16.55	101 7.00
23 2.35	59 . . . 21.15	102 6.00
24 13.25	60 1.00	103 4.05
25 10.40	61 7.85	104 7.30
26 2.25	62 . . . 3.15	106 5.40
27 39.00	64 1.80	108 2.00
28 48.75	65 12.75	110 30.00
30 19.05	66 23.00	111 3.00
32 52.00	6760	112 . . . 2.00
33 31.65	68 2.35	117 10.20
34 10.40	70 10.25	119 1.00
35 7.73	71 7.13	120 . . . 2.15
	72 6.50	





In Memoriam

Nineteen hundred and four

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George Scantlebury

Mrs. John McKenzie

← Samuel McRae →

✻ Lilly Warren ✻

