

# JUBILEE CELEBRATION

## of Carleton Free Baptist Church.



CARLETON F. B. CHURCH.

The 50th anniversary services of the Carleton Free Baptist Church opened Sunday morning by a conference meeting held in the school room of the church. Rev. R. W. Ferguson, pastor of the church, opened the meeting with a few introductory remarks, after which he called on Rev. Jos. Noble, who had been the first pastor of the church when it was organized fifty years ago.

Mr. Noble is now in his 90th year, yet he speaks with as much enthusiasm as a young man. His voice was clear and distinct, and his words seemed to carry double weight with his hearers, coming as they did from one who had been so many years in the service, and who had long been one of the pillars of the Free Baptist denomination. The venerable man leaned on his cane and spoke for about 20 minutes. He carried the old people back in memory to the church of earlier days, where he had ministered to his little congregation. He seemed to glow once more with the old time enthusiasm as he told of the glorious revivals of early days, and pictured the crowds gathering at the baptismal waters on Sunday mornings. He felt that he should be especially thankful to God for being spared to reach these years, and for being able at this age to move about and take part in the activities of life. The words of the poet appealed to him with more force than ever before: "Lord, when I count Thy mercies o'er They strike me with surprise."

Rev. Dr. McLeod, of Fredericton, was the next speaker. Fifty years of organized church life, he said, meant a great deal. It meant fifty years of Christian fellowship, and fifty years of organized Christian activity. Dr. McLeod referred to the different organizations connected with the church. Who could estimate the value of the work done by these organizations? Their influences were far-reaching, extended much beyond the church whence they proceeded. Only a few of the members of the original Free Baptist Church of Carleton are left. Two of the pastors have gone on be-

fore. Those who follow will not be introduced to strangers when they get over there.

Before the close of the meeting, 20 minutes was given for testimonies from the congregation. The first to testify was Mrs. D. W. Clark, one of the two remaining charter members of the church.

There was a most interesting Sunday school service in the afternoon. Jos. S. Clark, superintendent, read a historical sketch of the school from its foundation, in a room in a private house, owned by Mrs. McDougall, to its present prosperous condition. There were also most interesting addresses by Revs. Jos. Noble and Dr. McLeod.

In the evening Dr. McLeod preached to a congregation that taxed the capacity of the church. His sermon was a most helpful one, his theme being "The Church—What it is and what it is for."

Monday evening there was held a reunion of the congregation. Invitations had been sent to all who had at any time been connected with the congregation. The attendance was large and the meeting a thoroughly enjoyable one. The following was the programme:

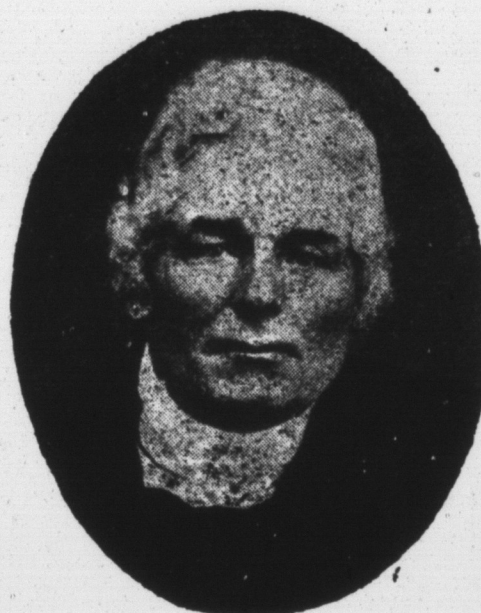
Hymn—"Oh God of Bethel."  
 Reading Scripture—Rev. D. Long.  
 Prayer—Rev. A. J. Prosser.  
 Anthem.  
 Words of greeting by pastor.  
 Historical sketch by H. C. Smith.  
 Solo—Miss Bessie Palmer.  
 Address—Rev. Jos. Noble.  
 Address—Rev. Dr. McLeod.  
 Solo—N. P. McLeod.  
 Address—Rev. Dr. Gates.  
 Doxology.

After the programme upstairs the congregation repaired to the vestry where a social hour was spent and refreshments were served.

This church has been abundantly blessed of God and is today well equipped for carrying on the work of His Kingdom, being not only free of debt but having a fund of over \$1,000 in the treasury.

### HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE CARLETON FREE BAPTIST CHURCH.

This church was organized by Rev. Samuel Hartt, Rev. Ezekiel McLeod and Rev. Joseph Noble, January 30th, 1855. At its organization it consisted of twenty-one members, eight brethren and thirteen sisters. Though small in numbers they believed that God had planted them here, and subsequent events has abundantly shown this to be the case. During the fifty years the enrollment has grown from twenty-one to 960. The



REV. S. HARTT.

first pastor was Rev. Jos. Noble, who is present with us tonight. Of the twenty-one charter members only two are known to be alive now. Sister Amelia Clark, widow of Late Deacon D. W. Clark, and Sister Isabella McDougall.

The first officers of the church were: Rev. Jos. Noble, pastor; Daniel W. Clark, Otis J. Smith, deacons; Jacob Bacon, James T. Peters, helps. William C. Ells, clerk.

During the 50 years of our existence we have had only three pastors, Rev. Jos. Noble, 1855—1857; Rev. G. A. Hartley, 1858—1903; Rev. R. W. Ferguson, 1902 to the present time.

The Rev. Jos. Noble remained as pastor for two years, and in that time much



REV. EZEKIEL McLEOD.

good was done. In July, 1858, he was succeeded by Rev. Geo. A. Hartley, who as pastor for the long period of 45 years did very much under God to build up our church. During his ministry the large number, 830, was added to the church enrollment.

What tender memories linger around the name of G. A. Hartley. How well we remember the form of our beloved pastor as he went in and out among us. I almost hear him coming up the aisle. I almost see him speaking to his people from this platform. He was pre-eminently "a man with a message." He invariably came before us with "blood in the vessel." Under his guidance many of ourselves, many of our parents and

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" " " "	4.00,	2.25

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