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### THE WOODSTOCK FREE BAPTIST CHURCH

Celebrates its Seventieth Anniversary--Addresses by the Rev. Joseph Noble and the Rev. F. Allison Currier, M. A.

The service of the Free Baptist church on Sunday morning was in celebration of the seventieth year of its organization.

The platform was brilliant with floral decorations, and the congregation was large.

After the regular opening part of the service the Rev. Joseph Noble, now in his 90th year, one of the charter members of the church, delivered an address that was listened to with the greatest attention and interest by the large congregation. Mr. Noble's voice was strong and could be readily heard in the farthest corners of the auditorium. His voice broke only once or twice when he referred with deep emotion to old friends long dead, or to his own inability in the last few months to serve the cause of God and his church as he had done in the years that are gone.

He pointed to the marble tablet on the wall bearing the names of the men who founded the church in 1834 and of the twelve people he, only, survived. The names on the tablet are Rev. Samuel Hartt, Simeon Baker, Samuel Raymond, Amos C. Tolford, David Marston, John P. Lougie, Hugh Baker, Joseph Noble, Stephen Parsons, Mrs. Stephen Parsons, E. M. Truesdale, Elisha Baker.

There was a strong element of sadness in the address for Mr. Noble was apparently taking a last leave of a people to whom he had devoted a long and active life.

The pastor, the Rev. F. Allison Currier, M. A., delivered the following historical address:—

In some ways our meeting here today is unique among anniversary services. There are very few churches in this province that have celebrated their tenth septemata. There are two older Free Baptist churches in the province, those at Upper and Lower Brighton both having been organized four years earlier.

On the 21st August, 1834, a number of persons met in a barn owned by Mr. Johnston at the Lower Corner, and on the following day a meeting was held in the carpenter shop of Mr. Fairfield and at this meeting the church organization was effected. The sermon was preached by Rev. Johnathan Hamilton from Ephesians 2:4. "But God who is rich in mercy for his great love wherewith he hath loved us, even when we were dead in sin, hath quickened us together in Christ."

After the sermon a number of the Christian brothers and sisters present expressed their desire that a church might be organized and their willingness to unite with such an organization.

At that meeting this church was organized, with a total membership of ten. The one thing that makes this anniversary service unique is the fact that we have with us today one of those ten charter members. Upon the marble tablet to my left are the names of those ten persons who seventy years ago met in that carpenter shop and prayed for the blessing of God upon the weak and infant organization of the Woodstock Free Baptist church. Hallowed names, I never read that list but what there comes over me a feeling of reverence and gratitude. Reverend for those great and noble spirits that amid difficulties and discouragements that we know not of struggled against weakness and persecution and hardships, that they might win for their children and their children's children a place in which to meet and "freedom to worship God; gratitude that God has given us such noble men and women who by their heroic, consecrated, devoted lives built up such a strong and permanent organization for the encouragement of those who should come after.

There is one thing for which we are especially grateful to God and that is that he has in His great wisdom and mercy spared to us, one of those ten charter members and today we have listened to his voice as he has gone back over those seventy years and told us of some of the early struggles of their church. We thank God for his long and illustrious life, and life consecrated to that grandest and most honoured of all callings, the preaching of the gospel of the Son of Man." Most faithfully and most lovingly has he through many years told the sweet story of "redeeming grace" and proven the promise of his heavenly father that if a man will serve his God that his days will be long upon the earth. We younger men feel the need of the counsel of these older brethren in the ministry and as one after another they fall out of the ranks there comes over us a sense of loneliness and renewed responsibility and we can only pray that these younger shoulders may bear the burdens as steadily and as faithfully as the older ones have done. Then, today, we all find a prayer constantly rising to our lips and longing for expression. "Oh, God may it be according to thy will to spare our Brother Noble to us for a few year more, for we need his council and his benediction.

This church, like all churches has had its struggles and its hard places.

In the year 1881 the people, with much self sacrifice had repaired and remodelled their church until it was almost a new building. They were not however, privileged to enjoy the fruits of their self-sacrifice long, for the work had scarcely been finished when in a few hours it was no more. On the morning of the 11th of November the beautiful church was burned with fire with most of its contents. It was a sad loss to the people.

Nothing daunted, the little band of Christians set to work to rebuild, and so rapidly was the work carried on that in less than a year the vestry was completed and the regular church services held there. The work on the main part of the building was steadily carried on as monies could be raised. I find this record in the secretary's book.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., August 2nd, 1885.

"On this second day of August the new Free Christian Baptist church was publically dedicated to the worship of God. In the morning at ten o'clock there was a prayer and praise meeting in the vestry, and at eleven o'clock preaching by Rev. Alexander Taylor; at three o'clock, by Rev. Joseph McLeod, and at seven, by Rev. Joseph Noble. Collection \$30.00.

In 1888 came another time of hard struggle. Although different from the loss of seven years before it was not the less hard to bear. A great many of the members of the church felt that they no longer held to doctrines of the denomination in reference to the matter of sanctification and felt it to be their duty to withdraw from her membership. At one business meeting of the church held on May 30th letters of dismissal were granted to fifty-two members. It was a time of great trial and discouragement, but God in his great mercy and kindness brought us out of great tribulation and set our feet in a sure place.

Looking back on that movement from the safe distance of 13 years one cannot but regret that greater charity and leniency had not been exercised on both sides of the question. If there had been the results might have been different. At the present time when we have had so many years to dispassionately consider our doctrinal differences we find they are not very great and one can only pray that the time is not far distant when as prejudice and enmity disappear these differences will become so small that they can be eliminated altogether, and not only these two bodies but all those who bear the honoured name of Baptists, be as our Lord wished us ever to be, one in spirit and in name.

If this church has had her hard places, she has also had her joys. She has the enviable distinction of being a peaceable church. Not only among the church of the town but in the denomination she is known as the church that never has any troubles. If there is anything that a church should be grateful for it is for that fact. Personally as pastor of this church, I wish to express my gratification. Never has it been my privilege to minister to a people who manifested so much charity and christian affection, the one for the other. The sweet spirit of peace and quietness and harmony that has ever prevailed in this church must have been a great source of gratitude and comfort to the former pastors as it is to myself. The spirit of God cannot work where there is discord and hard feelings among the people. The world that stands outside the church, but whose eye is ever on the church is only too glad to see that christians cannot agree any better inside a church than sinners can outside. But when harmony and peace prevail continually within her walls, sinners without feel that God dwells within.

This church has ever kept in sight that chief aim and purpose of a christian organization is the conversion of sinners. That in the first our Lord gave his commission to the apostles to go into all the world and teach all nations and baptise them, and that his commission to the church to day, is the same. The fact that this church started with a membership of ten, and today has a membership of 473 proves that it is a church that believes in the conversion of sinners.

Many of you love this church and many of you have abundant reasons for doing so, for it was within her walls that you heard the voice of God calling the prodigal home. It is your desire that this church shall stand for those principles in which she was founded. It is mine also. I believe in her mission, I believe in her opportunities. I believe she has done a great work in Woodstock and I believe that she is destined to do still greater things. We are all desirous that she shall live but she shall not and I have no desire that she shall live unless it can live to the quickening of public virtue and the salvation of men. Unless we use all her powers, her humanities, her culture, her piety, for the furtherance of God's kingdom in this town, and connect it with her wants as a reservoir is connected with the needs for water in the homes, unless the poor and the needy, and the destitute and the neglected and the sinful find in her a refuge from temptation and a helper in time of need she will not stand and she ought not to stand. Our Lord does not need ornamental churches, nor famous churches, nor historical churches with their grand traditions and stately decorum and sluggish, stagnant, respectability, so much as he needs churches full of the Holy Ghost and warm with the fires of a divine zeal. He needs churches full of holy energies and benevolent activities and warm sympathies with men who struggle hourly against sin and temptation and despair.

The church that does the least has the least right to exist and the church that does the most in christian benevolences and charity has the best.

To God the father and to his adorable Son, Jesus the Christ our Redeemer and Saviour, and to the Holy Ghost, be power and glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Joseph Bleakney.

The music used in the service was all that of seventy years ago. The hymns were sung to the airs, Northfield, Exhortation and Coronation, an anthem to the air Denmark, and a male quartette composed of Dr. Baker, Lister Hull, Clyde Watson and Archie Bur-

den sang "In the Sweet Bye and Bye." Mrs. (Dr.) Pugsley was organist.

A list of the pastors of this church since its organization will be of interest:—

Rev. G. A. Hartley, Rev. William Downey, Rev. J. T. Parsons, Rev. Joseph Noble, Rev. John Perry, Rev. F. Babcock, Rev. T. S. VanWart, Rev. G. W. Macdonald, Rev. C. T. Phillips, Rev. J. Wesley Clark, Rev. F. Allison Currier, M. A.

### Schools Resume Work.

The town schools opened on Monday morning. The school buildings are in rather better condition than last term; for example, during the holidays the woodwork in seven rooms in the college building has been painted and new floors laid in two rooms and in one of the halls.

Following is a list of the teachers, their grades and the number of scholars enrolled:

#### COLLEGE BUILDING.

I and II, Miss McAdam, 45.  
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III and IV, Miss Alexander, 41.  
III and IV, Miss McLeod, 40.  
V and VI, Miss Appleby, 44  
V and VI, Miss Dixon, 45.  
VII and VIII, Mr. Hayward, 42.  
VII and VIII, Miss Harmon, 35.  
IX, Miss Neales, 29.  
X and XI, Mr. G. H. Harrison, 33.  
Total 400.

A CABLEGRAM from Liverpool has been received by Miss Julia Neales' friends here, that she sailed from that port on Thursday last by R. M. Steamship Bavarian. She will probably arrive home in time to take up her work in the Grammar school on Monday next.

The Sloyd school will not open for about ten days. Payson's hall is being fitted up for this work.

The work done in the model gardens this season has been very satisfactory and Mr. John Brittain, instructor in science and director of the gardens, has been satisfied with the interest shown by the scholars and looks forward to better work next year.

#### BROADWAY SCHOOL.

I and II, Miss Carman, 50.  
III and IV, Miss Balloch, 47.  
V and VI, Miss Mulherrin, 58.  
VII and VIII, Mr. Draper, 44.  
Total 199.

The rooms in the Broadway building were thoroughly renovated.

### Rifle Competition, August 29th, 1904.

	Score of members in attendance.			
	200	500	600	Total
CLASS A.				
C. D. Johnston	27	24	16	67
CLASS B.				
Fred Davidson	25	28	22	75
A. R. Rigby	27	30	18	75
T. L. Fewer	24	28	19	71
Wm. Balmain	22	25	18	65
J. S. Creighton	21	17	22	60
B. M. Colpitts	19	27	14	60
CLASS C.				
G. A. White	27	24	25	76
A. N. Vince	27	26	16	69
Jas. McManus	22	23	11	56
N. D. McKendrick	18	20	12	50
J. H. Thompson	10	8	7	25

The Woodstock Rifle Club intend holding a field day at the range on Labor Day, September 5th. All interested in rifle shooting are invited. Several prizes will be competed for in the different classes. There will also be a competition for ladies. Prizes will be given to those making the most points. The ladies are requested to bring refreshments. Should Labor Day be rainy shooting will take place next fine day.

### Veterans' Re-Union.

The veterans' supper at Monohan's restaurant on Friday evening promises to be a most successful affair, and about all the old Fenian veterans will be on hand besides veterans of other wars. Everyone who wishes to be present will be heartily welcome, it only be requested that he announces his intention between this and Thursday evening so that it may be known how many plates will be required.

### Sunday School Convention.

The Wicklow-Simonds Sunday School Convention will be held in the Free Baptist Church, Wicklow, on Tuesday the 6th of September. Besides papers and addresses by parish workers, addresses will be given by Rev. F. B. Ganong, the new Field Secretary. All interested in Sunday School work in these parishes are earnestly requested to attend. Afternoon session begins at 3 o'clock, evening session at 7.30.

MRS. D. RAND PIERCE, wife of Rev. D. Rand Pierce preached in the Reformed Baptist church on Sunday evening last to a large congregation. She took for her subject, 2 Peter 1:18: "When we were with Him in the Holy Mount." Mrs. Pierce is a fluent speaker and gave an excellent address.

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