THE DISPATCH.

METHODISM IN WOODSTOCK.

A Brief Outline of Its Past and Present History.

Previous to 1832 there was very little preaching by Methodist ministers in Woodstock or vicinity, and at that time there were only eleven circuits in New Brunswick. Woodstock circuit was established in 1833. and comprised all the country north of Eel River to Grand Falls. Rev. Samuel Joll was the first minister and remained two years, being suceeded in 1835 by Rev. Henry Daniel. The first Methodist church was erected during the pastorate of Mr. Joll, and was on Main street, near where the old railway station was. Charles Perley and J. M. Connell, who were members of the House of Scott.

1840 43 George Johnston. 1843-45 Frederick Smallwood. 1845-7 William Temple. 1847 9 Joseph F. Burt. 1849-51 John Allison. 1851 53 Arthur McNutt. 1853 William Temple, Robert Duncan. 1854 William Allen, Chas. Gaskin. 1856 John Prince, John Cassidy. 1857 J. Prince, W. C. Brown, R. Wasson. 1858 J. Prince, R. Wasson, J. W. Smith. 1859 Robt. Temple, D. Currie, R. Wasson. 1860 R. A. Temple, D. D. Currie, D. B.



THE REV. R. G. FULTON.

Assembly, were the principal movers in the | 1861 R. A. Temple, D. D. Currie, S. F. building. Hustis, J. J. Colter.

This church was burned in the fall of 1835, and at once preparations were made to rebuild on the same site. The new church was dedicated during the pastorate of Rev. Micheal Pickles 1836-8. The parsonage

1862 Wm. Wilson, Jas. G. Angwin. 1863 Wm. Wilson. 1864-7 Geo. S. Milligan. 1867 A. W. Nicholson, W. H. Burns. 1868 A. W. Nicholson.

years. Mr. Fisher took very great interest also in the choir which he led for many years. In 1875 D. J. Holder was elected superintendent of the school and was followed by James Watts who held the position for ten years. Mr. Watts was succeeded in turn by C. L. Smith, L. E. Young and Charles L. Smith who now has charge.

For some time past the old church has needed repairs, and the congregation decided in 1907 that the old church was not up to the requirements of the work and that a new building was required.

The tollowing building committee with Rev. R. G. Fulton as chairman were appointed: F. B. Carvell, M. P., Arthur G. Bailey, J. Albert Hayden, William Balmain and A. W. Hay; Trustees, F. B. Carvell, Wm. Balmain, R. E. Holyoke, C. L. Smith, J. Albert Hayden, D. W. Camber and J. A. Lindsay. The plans were made by Harry Mott, St. John, N. B.

A. E. Corbett, contractor for brick work; Steeves & Berryman, the mason work: Pickle & Davidson, plumbing; Woodstock Electric Light Co, lighting; Charles Parker, painting; H. E. Aikens, of New York, the decorating; John E. Edgett, superintendent of all the work.

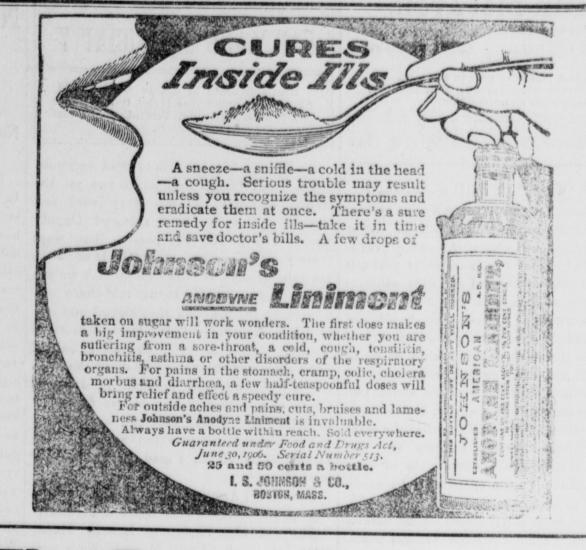
The building is 104 feet on Green street and 85 feet on Chapel street, the auditorium is 57x62 feet and will seat 450 persons. The large window on Chapel street was presented by Mr B. B. Manzer and W. B. Belyes as a memorial to Mrs. B. B. Manzer and Mrs. R. B. Belvea. Memorial tablets are placed in the east window in memory of R. A. Hay and D. J. Holder, and one in the west window in memory of Hon. William Lindsay.

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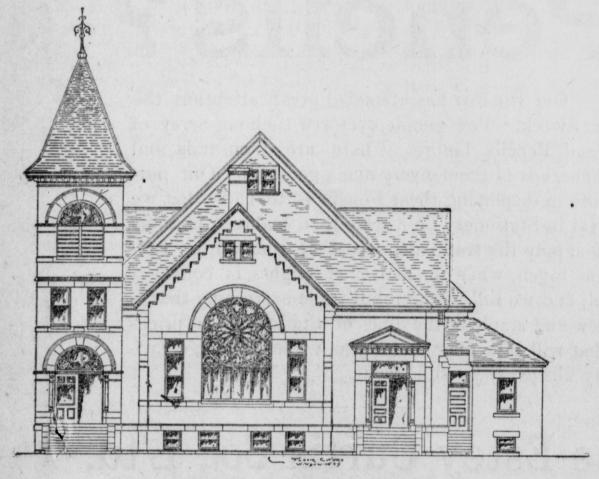
Woodstock



which was built in 1834-5 escaped distruction, and was torn down only a few years ago.

During the pastorate of Rev. John Prince in 1857, the foundation was laid for a new church on the corner of Chapel and Green streets, and completed during the pastorate of Rev. A. W. Nicholson in 1869. The

1869 John Murray. 1870-2 John S. Addy. 1872-4 Hezekiah McKeown. 1874 Joseph Sellar. 1875 Jas. Taylor. 1876 9 Chas. H. Paisley. 1879-82 Wesley W. Colpitts.



THE NEW METHODIST CHURCH.

dedication took place on Sunday June 6th | 1869, and the morning sermon was preached by Rev. D. D.; Currie, Chairman of the Fredericton District, from Joshus 26-2. Rev. J. R. Nanaway preached in the evening from Rev. 19-16. During the pastorate of Rev. G. M. Campbell 1884 extensive alterations and repairs were made and the reopening sermon was preached by Rev. Wm. Dobson in the morning from Eph. 5-25, 6, and in the evening from Heb. 23. Again in 1898 extensive repairs were made to the church under athe pastorates of Dr. Chapman and Rev. H. 'D. Marr, the building committee being Geo. A. White, Jas Watts, H. Paxton Baird, R. B. Jones and B. B. Manzer. The reopening sermons were preached by Rev. J. J. Teasdale of Fredericton, morning text John 10 14, evening text Heb. 8.3. Mass meeting in the afternoon was addressed by Jas. Watts, and Revs. Teasdale, Phillips, Rutlege and Marr.

The following were the pastors on the Woodstock circuit i'rom the date of its formation.

1833-5 Samuel Joll. 1835-6 Henry Daniel. 1836-8 Micheal Pickles. 1838-40 Rishardson Duglas.

1882-5 Geo. M. Campbell. 1885 8 Thos. J. Deinstead. 1888-9 Job Shenton. 1889-92 William Dobson. 1892-3 R. S. Crisp. 1894 Thos. Marshall. 1894-8 Dr. Chapman. 1898-1901 H. D. Marr. 1901-2 J. C. Berrie. 1902 6 Geo. A. Ross. 1906 Robt. G. Fulton.

As the founders of Methodism at the formation of the circuit believed that the Sunday school was the nursery . of the church, a school was organized in 1833 of which J. M. Connells was superintendent, with the following staff of teachers: Charles Rice, Charles H. Connell, George F. Williams, James R. Tupper, Daniel J. Day, Dwight Rice, William Lindsay, Mrs. J. M. Connell, Mrs. Clarey, Mary Rice, Lucy McIndoe, Elizabeth McIndoe. In 1842 George F. Williams took charge of the Sunday school. He was succeeded by Robert A. Hay, who continued only a few years. Mr. Hay gave many years' faithful service as Recording Steward. During the term of Mr. Allison the late L. P. Fisher was appointed superintendent of the Sunday school, which place he held for twenty fiv.

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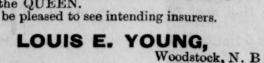
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