

A Prayer.

Father, I have wandered far,
O, be now my guiding star!
Draw my footsteps back to Thee,
Set my struggling soul at free.
Save me from the doubts that roll
O'er the chaos of my soul—
Let one ray of truth illumine
And dispel the thickening gloom!
God of truth and peace and love,
Hear my prayer!
Draw my restless thoughts above—
Keep them there!

Father, save me at this hour
From the tempter's fearful power.
Purify the hidden springs
Of my wild imaginings.
I have thought till thought is pain,
Searched for peace till search is vain.
Out of Thee I cannot find
Rest for the immortal mind.
Now I come to Thee for aid—
Peace restore!
Let my soul on Thee be stayed
For evermore!

—Churchman.

Fortieth Anniversary of the Organization of the F. C. Baptist Church.

Synopsis of historical sermon preached by the Pastor, Rev. G. A. Hartley, Feb. 3rd, 1895.

Text, Deut. 8:2. "Thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness."

It is a great blessing to possess the power of memory. Without it experience would be thrown away upon us, and we would be reduced to a state, like that of infancy. By the remembrance of the past we are made grateful, and are aided in laying plans for future operations. Like Israel of old, this church should remember all the way the Lord has led us these forty years in the wilderness.

The Carleton F. C. Baptist church was organized forty years ago last Wednesday, on January 30th 1855. But the history of Free Baptist services and worship in Carleton, goes back to 1847. About that time a few of our people, who had moved into this part of the city, felt that they were religiously homeless, and greatly needed a place where they could worship together, according to their own faith and views of spiritual worship. There were churches here who were quite willing to give these brethren home, with them. But they could not, on one side, conscientiously unite with a church that believed in infant baptism, as they were baptists, nor could they on the other hand, unite with a church that taught high Calvinism, and practised exclusive close communion. Nothing seemed left for them but to attempt to worship under their own vine and fig tree. Just in this time of need of a leader, the late Rev. E. McLeod, the founder of our denominational paper, the RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCER came to their aid. Bro. McLeod was a zealous and pronounced Free Baptist, just beginning to exercise his preaching gift. Five years before this, in 1842, he had been baptized, and took a firm stand for soul freedom and spiritual worship. He established a mid-week meeting which was held mostly in the dwelling house of Bro. Elijah Spragg. These meetings were greatly blessed. God gave Bro. McLeod souls for his hire, although he was not ordained until some time after this. It was in these meetings that our long tried and veteran Deacon D. W. Clark, was converted. Bro. Clark was baptized in Carleton by Rev. J. Noble the first Sabbath in June 1847. He did not, however, unite with the "Vinegar Hill," or Waterloo St. F. C. Baptist church until the following October. God continued to bless the people. Both the interest in the meetings and the numbers increased, until it seemed necessary in the absence of a minister, to have some one appointed leader. Bro. McLeod and Noble helped them as they could, but they could not always be with the brethren.

On Nov. 3rd, 1848, the church on Waterloo street, grouped the Carleton members into a kind of branch church, appointing Bro. Clark to exercise a general care over them. These meetings continued with the usual experiences until the time came when the people began to agitate the organization of a church. They well knew it meant much to establish a church in a city like this, but, believing it was the will of God for them to do so, they were willing at any sacrifice. Reva. Hartt, Noble and McLeod had given them encouragement as opportunities offered. At last Bros. Hartt and D. W. Clark visited all the Free Baptist families in the place and found the brethren quite ready to undertake the responsibilities of a church. Accordingly a meeting was held in January 29th 1855 in the house of Bro. James T. Peters, who was one of the most anxious of our brethren. There were present at this meeting Revs. S. Hartt, J. Noble, E. McLeod, the deacons of

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the "Vinegar Hill church," with those interested in the movement, belonging to Carleton. It was then and there decided to organize on the next day. Arrangements were completed and on Tuesday the 30th day of January 1855, the Carleton F. C. Baptist church was launched upon the turbulent waters of this community. Twenty one members, eight brethren and thirteen sisters, formed a ring and were organized into a little church. This was in the old meeting house on King St. which was that day full of anxious and curious spectators. Several asked what these feeble people do? Elders Hartt and Noble were chief actors; until the organization was completed, then Elder McLeod read the Church Covenant and Directory, which were adopted. He also improved the opportunity, in the presence of the assembly, to set forth what the new church stood for. He said they were baptists, but they were Free Baptists and believed that Jesus died for all men, they believed in a full and free salvation, in open communion, in the freedom of the will, in liberty of soul and spiritual worship. It was an impressive service. The first officers of the church were D. W. Clark and Otis J. Smith, deacons; Jacob Bacon and James T. Peters, helps, William C. Ellis, Clerk, and D. W. Clark, Treasurer. Of the twenty one original members, four still live in Carleton. These are Bro. and sister Clark, sister Mrs. Robt. Smith and sister McDougall. A few others may live, but they are widely scattered.

Some people in these days say, that all Baptists are new alike. If this is so, how long has it been so? If so, by what influence or teachings has the change been brought about? Certainly they were not alike in 1855, or our people would never have undertaken the weighty responsibilities of establishing a new church in a place like Carleton.

God continued to bless the people and additions were made until the meeting room became too small. The Presbyterian congregation who has occupied the old town meeting house, until now, moved into their new church. This opened the way for our people to go into the old house, which they did, in May 1857. After this, for a while at least, they felt quite happy and contented in their enlarged place of worship.

On April 21st, 1856 the church adopted the Act of Incorporation. The first board of Trustees were James Bond, Stephen Jones, Daniel Mullin, David Clark and Seth Chase. The first building committee, were D. W. Clark, James Bond and Jacob Bacon.

Bro. Wm. C. Ellis, the first clerk, served the church until failing health compelled him to lay down his pen. He died in May 1857. Bro. James T. Peters was chosen to this office in Feb. 1857 and held it until the time of his sudden death in 1867. Never can the pastor forget the last night of this dear Brother's sufferings. Bro. James S. Earle next held the office several years when he resigned. He was succeeded by Dr. Musgrove who took a deep interest in the duties of clerk until he left the country. Since that time the church roll and records have been in the hands of our present efficient and careful officer, Bro. James S. Clark.

One of the most important officers in a church is the clerk. Your pastor would prefer enduring the indifference of an ordinary deacon, than to bear the blunders and carelessness of a slovenly clerk.

Our veteran deacon, Bro. D. W. Clark, has continued, by the will of God, until this day. He will serve at the Communion service at the close of this meeting. Deacon Otis J. Smith filled well the office until he moved to Stanley in 1871. This dear Bro. died in May 22nd, 1882 and was buried by his old pastor at Blissville, S. Co. Bro. Jacob Bacon succeeded Bro. Smith, and held the office until he moved to Victoria County in 1879. He died Nov. 15, 1892 at the advanced age of 93 years. Bro. A. C. Smith succeeded Bro. Bacon. He was elected to the deaconship of the church in Jan. 9, 1882, and now holds the office. No church can have two more faithful deacons than we now have. No pastor need expect more constant and more loyal support, than these officers of the church are now giving to their pastor. Aaron and Hur, were scarcely more constant and more faithful in holding up the hands of Moses, than these brethren are in holding up the hands of their leader in church work. At no time has the church had more than two deacons at once.

The church has not had many pastors R. V. J. Noble the first, remained about one and a half years. Rev. W. M. Knollin then spent about three months with the people. In July 1858, the present pastor took charge. At a meeting composed of representatives of Waterloo St. Portland and Carleton churches, your pastor was engaged to care for the

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three congregations, he to associate with himself for Sabbath preaching as an assistant, Rev. W. M. Knollin. It may be here stated that the church in Portland, after that, lost its visibility. The present North End church is of later date. The three churches were to give the pastor £50 each, he to pay the assistant. It was understood by all, that in the event of a revival in either church, the pastor was to give to it all the time he might think the interest needed. God gave us a glorious reformation in this church. That old meeting house on King St. was the scene of one of the best revivals, perhaps, we have ever had in Carleton. There are today, in other churches, some of their best members, who were converted that time. As soon as this work had well begun, opposition, proselyting and special pleading began. One successful argument used against us was, that we were poor, had no house of worship and never could have one. Fully twenty of our strongest converts were added to other churches. If I should announce some of their names, it would, no doubt be news to their children and to the younger people of this congregation. Now I ask how far have those predictions been verified? What says the congregation now occupying this comfortable church? Has any church in Carleton a better or as good a house of worship.

The first convert baptized by and received into this church by the present pastor, was a congregational minister. This young man had come to St. John to supply the Congregational church in Union street, in the city. Bro. Ratary about this time had changed his views on baptism, and came to us. Of his series of changes since then, I may only say that, quiet recently I have heard, through Dr. Musgrove, that he is now back again to his first people and is preaching for the Congregationalists in the West, while retaining his baptist views.

Since the present pastor assumed the care of the church there have been added 710 members, making an average of about 20 each year. Of these five brethren have been ordained to our ministry. The minute history of the church would largely be the history of Carleton revivals. Nearly every year there have been revivals more or less extensive, while in some years there were baptisms each month in the year.

The second year of his labours our pastor was engaged at a salary of £30. The engagement was renewed the next year at the same salary. The following year it has \$300 with the afternoon collection. The currency had changed from £. to \$.

In July 1866 the church adopted our present envelope system, when the salary has raised to \$400 a year. Since then it has been increased as the congregation felt able to advance it, but in no instance has the pastor ever intimated that he desired a raise in his salary.

The building of the first meeting house was begun in 1860. The basement was dedicated in February 1861. Rev. S. Hartt preached the dedication sermon from the text "What hath God wrought." Rev. J. T. Parsons assisted in the services of the day. The audience room was dedicated by General Conference in July 1862. On March 27 1879, this house, which was so prized by us, was set on fire by some miscreant and burned to the ground. That was a dark day in the history of this church. For a time then we worshiped in the Temperance Hall. In 1880 we bought the lots on which this house stands. Work was commenced here at once. The basement was dedicated the first Sabbath in January 1881. This audience room was dedicated May 18th, 1884, ten years ago last May. Rev. J. McLeod, D. D. J. T. Parsons and J. W. Clark all preached excellent sermons appropriate to the occasion and to the needs of the church. The first convert who came out in this building is Bro. R. J. Freeze who is now the treasurer of our Board of Trustees. The last convert baptized is sister Grace Ellis, our sweet old singer, and a grand daughter of the first clerk of the church. We have enjoyed good seasons in this house and have seen a good many souls converted to God. Surely the Lord has led us these forty years. We have had a varied experience calculated to produce in our souls ten thousand commingled emotions which give manifold interest to both the present and the future. God most assuredly planted this vine. He has watered it. It has had difficulties to contend with but overcoming these have only made the church stronger. The little ore has succeeded, and has struck its roots deeply into the soul of this community. While in faithfulness to our mission interfering with no other church, we have minded our own business and done our own work. God has blessed us and strengthened our stakes. Many have gone from our church home to

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the heavenly home where we hope again to greet them. How truly delightful must be their rest when contrasted with the incessant labour and anxieties of the forty years of our history. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord." Let us who are alive and remain in the Church work, be faithful to our trust. Our work is yet quite unfinished. Many souls are looking to us for the gospel of a free and full salvation. While the other and older churches, are doing their work, we must see to it, that ours is not neglected.

The church has nobly faced its financial burdens. The first house cost us nearly \$6,000. When it was burned we had insurance enough only to meet a claim that was against the property. This house, including the lots, cost about \$10,000. There remains a debt of \$1,300 which we hope to see cleared off in the near future.

Of our Sabbath School, and Young People's Society of Christian Endeavour, time will not permit me to speak at any length. Some years before the Sabbath School was organized. Sister McDougall, then sister Lettany, used to collect a few children during the summer months and teach them on the Sabbath in the kitchen of Bro. Clark's house. But on the Sabbath before the organization of the church, January 28th, 1855, the Sabbath School was permanently organized with Bro. D. W. Clark Superintendent. The School has been evergreen ever since. A few years ago, the present Superintendent, Bro. James S. Clark, succeeded his uncle to this position, and is giving eminent satisfaction. This winter the regular attendance is from 170 to 193.

The Christian Endeavour Society, was organized in November 1892, and is doing good work, under the presidency of Bro. W. O. Slipp.

Abiding Peace.

Our Lord intended that His followers should work with happy hearts. The early disciples were sent out to do a great work. They were to go out to preach the Gospel to a lost world, and as attestation of their divine commission they were to heal the sick and even to raise the dead. They were to go in the strength of the divine Lord. They were to realize that in Him they were irresistible and the agents of omnipotent authority.

And yet they were to meet repulses and temporary reverses. People would meet them with harshness and bitterness. They would be scorned and mistreated. But they were not to be affected by such treatment. They were to be full of peace. They were to have a serene and quiet faith which should not be disturbed by any such external assaults. They were to be so assured of their standing, so conscious of their relationship with God, so convinced of the outcome, that they should do their work with no ruffling of their interior life and no disturbance of their inward quiet. If they were assaulted or rejected, they were to be calm. They were not to be robbed of their peace. Their peace, if assailed, was to return, as the dove that found no resting place came back to her home in the ark. The Holy Ghost was to abide in them for peace and for power, and so long as He was dwelling in them to make them effective, His abiding there was to fill them with a holy peace and assurance.

In every age those who have tried to work for Christ have found difficulties, impediments, and opposition. It is no easy thing to establish and administer the kingdom of God in this world. The spirit of death works instead of the kingdom of life. The law of God is not written in the natural heart. The prince of this world does not care to have his territory and his subjects wrested from his control. The code of the world is not that of Christ. The principles laid down in the Gospel do not find ready acceptance by the people of the world. The work done yesterday for Christ and for souls will be assailed today with malice and ingenuity that would threaten the further continuance of anything good, were it not that God still exists. Men do not like divine control. He who works and plans and devises for Christ and His Church will be misunderstood, thwarted, and assailed in every conceivable way.

It has always been so. The sword, the fagot, the rack have been the portion of multitudes who have committed no crime but that of loving Jesus. Sneers, derision, slander, vituperation, inuendo, calumny, from expected and from unexpected quarters, have been and are the portion of many of those who have no purpose or motive in life other than that of trying to advance the interests of the kingdom of God and to maintain the faith once delivered to the saints. Charges of ignorance, narrowness, bigotry, K. D. C. the household remedy for stomach troubles,

otry, bitterness, and unloveliness will be made against those who have no desire in life but that of following the One against whom all such charges were made to the very death.

What then? Only an undisturbed peace and faith; a love for the Master that casts out all fear, and a love for every human being akin to that which prayed for the persecutors, even with the dying breath. Let every Christian cast out of his heart every bitter feeling if one has ever come to him; every grudge if one has ever been born within him; every feeling of resentment foreign to the indwelling Spirit; every unkind, worldly purpose; and leaving everything and everyone, himself especially included, in God's hands, let him go on to do the work to which he is called.

There are truths to be unfolded, emphasized, and pressed to the heart. There are principles to be defended with every atom of force that can go out from intellect, will, and consecrated personality. There are causes to be maintained from the rising to the setting of the sun, and evils to be opposed through every hour of daylight and of darkness. There are statements, arguments, and defenses to be made with fire and force; there are follies and falsehoods to be thundered against and to be struck with lightning; there is to be a defense of every bastion of the fortress of righteousness, and a charge and cannonade for every force of unrighteousness; there are to be unceasing vigilance, unrelenting warfare, and unremitting constancy for the truth. The servant of Christ is no weakling, no passive being, no coward forever raising the white flag and arranging for armistice and surrender to the enemy. He is a follower of the One who "shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for His law." And because He is to be triumphant as Lord and Leader, every follower is himself assured of success for righteousness.

Let personal treatment be lost sight of. Let all the petty things that come and go leave no impression on the heart's deep calm. Leave all in God's hands, and let His peace come and abide within the soul. The fever may die out; the heart's deep hurt and sore resentment be forgotten in the health and sweetness of a quiet peace; and strength from the joy of the Lord and from His indwelling benediction shall nerve the arm and rouse the soul for greater victories.—Herald and Pre-Byter.

Random Readings.

The root of all discontent is self-love.

A clean life, like clean water, is bound to cast reflections.

It is the prayer of the lowliest heart that mounts the highest.

Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together.

Have definite aims. Be pointed and pungent. Expect success.

To brood over the past is to mispend the present, and to jeopardize the future.

There's no use to worry about the sky's falling until you get above it; and then—there's no need.

All things are still working together for good to them that love God.

In the Christian's life the deepest shadow is touched with sunshine.

Religion presents few difficulties to the humble man, many to the proud, insuperable ones to the vain.—Hurd.

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