

The King's Highway.

An Advocate of Scriptural Holiness

And an Highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The Way of Holiness—Isa. 35-8.

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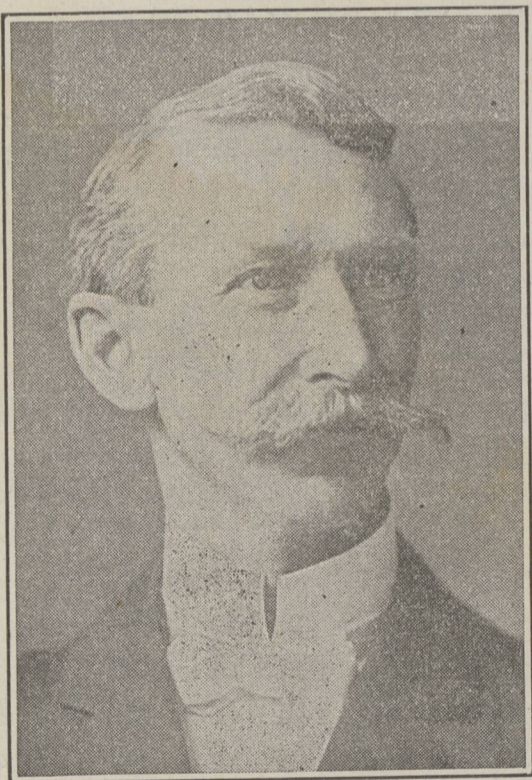
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THE WOODSTOCK CHURCH,

Where the Reformed Baptist Alliance, and the First Church of the Reformed Baptist Denomination Were Organized, Nov. 3rd, 1888. And the First Three Ministers Ordained, viz.—
Rev. W. B. Wiggins, B. A., Rev. Aaron Hart and Rev. S. A. Baker.



REV. W. B. WIGGINS, B. A.,

Who Has Just Become Pastor of This Church for the Second Time.



MRS. W. B. WIGGINS.

REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH,
WOODSTOCK, N. B.

Woodstock is the birthplace of the denomination and the fine big church at the corner of Main and Victoria streets, (of which the above cut is a fair picture) is its cradle; for

it was there that a few of the faithful met and organized a society for the worship of God and for the promotion of the doctrine and experience of entire sanctification, Nov. 3, 1888. This church building was begun as a Baptist church on July 1st, 1883 and partly finished,

as the contractor failed in his agreement with the building committee. After the organization of the Reformed Baptist denomination and the first church in connection with it, the unfinished building, together with its liabilities, was conveyed to it and known as Woodstock Reformed Baptist Church. The new organization now proceeded to finish it as they were able and on Sunday, June 7th, 1903, the completed building was dedicated to the worship of God and the preaching of holiness.

Rev. Dr. Barker read the Scriptures. Rev. J. H. Coy led in prayer and Rev. S. A. Baker preached the dedicatory sermon from Eph. II 19:22. Rev. M. S. Trafton preached in the afternoon and Rev. G. B. McDonald in the evening. The collections and subscriptions on this day towards the debt on the church amounted to \$410. It was indeed a day of rejoicing to those who had faithfully labored to build up the cause of holiness. Rev. W. B. Wiggins, B. A., was the pastor at the time.

The church worshipping in it, had now a beautiful and well equipped building for their work. A fine vestry in the basement with two commodious class rooms, and the beautiful vestibule of 16x40 ft. entering the upper auditorium 40x70 ft. both together capable of seating over 600 people. There were 400 present on the morning of the dedication and 600 in the afternoon and 500 in the evening.

Rev. G. W. McDonald was the first pastor at the organization of the church on Nov. 3rd, 1888. He continued for two and a half years. Rev. J. H. Coy followed and remained for one year. Then A. H. Trafton was pastor for two and a half years and he was followed by his son, Rev. M. S. Trafton, who preached to the congregation for six months or more. After this Rev. B. Colpitts acted as pastor for a time until in July 1896 the church gave a unanimous call to Rev. W. B. Wiggins, B. A., who was at that time acting as home missionary. Bro. Wiggins continued as pastor for 10 years.

The church at its organization consisted of 41 members and continued to increase in numbers, power and influence until in Pastor Wiggins' time they numbered over 250, Bro. Wiggins having added 112 during his pastorate. Rev. S. A. Baker followed Bro. Wiggins as pastor and faithfully labored for four years. He was followed by Rev. H. C. Archer for four years and then the church chose Rev. H. S. Dow as pastor, who remained for two years. Bro. Dow, feeling that the evangelistic field was more to his liking, resigned and the church again called their old pastor, Bro. Wiggins, who was pastor then at Moncton. Under circumstances that were trying, because of death, Bro. Wiggins and wife consented to accept the call though they loved the people and work in Moncton.

So now Bro. Wiggins again becomes pastor of the first church of the denomination. A good number of its members have gone forth

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