

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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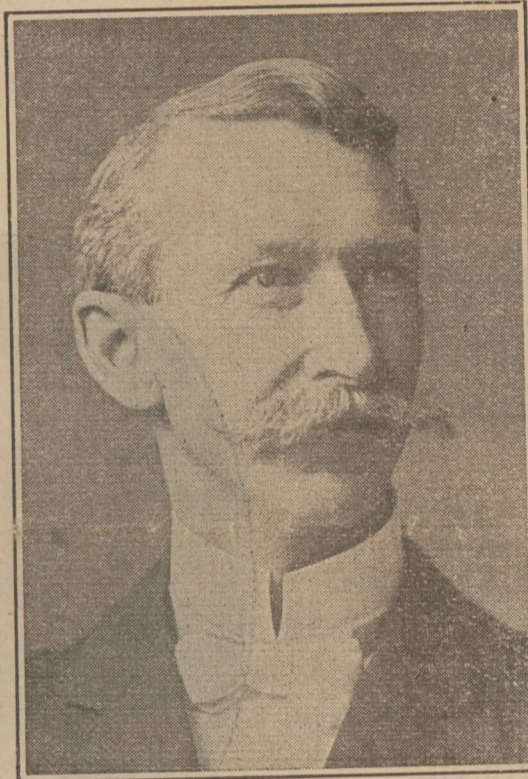
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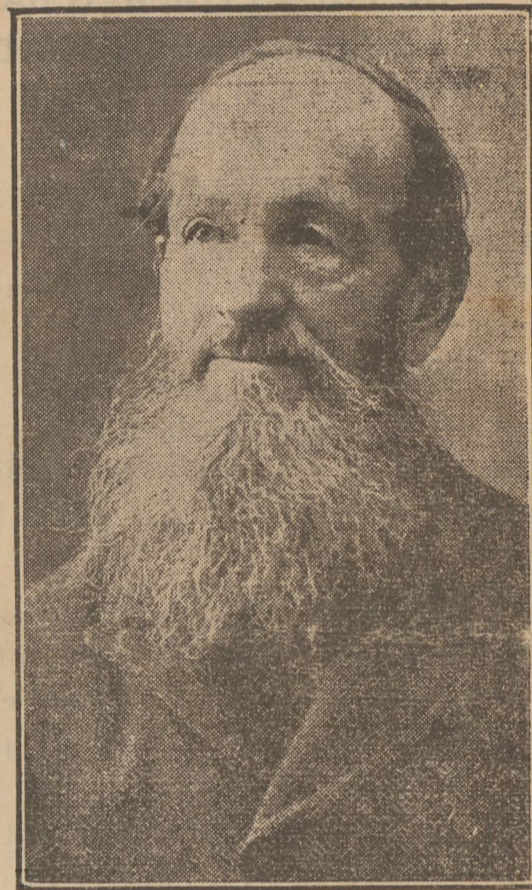
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On November 3rd, 1888, at 2.30 p. m. in the Main Street Baptist Church at Woodstock, N. B., the organization of the Reformed Baptist Denomination took place. In looking over the minutes of that meeting we see that only very few of those who were present are still living.

The question is often asked: Why was the Reformed Baptist Denomination organized?

As there are so few today who were old enough to remember what took place in the early days, it will be necessary for us, in answering that question to go back to the events which led up to the organization.

The doctrine of Bible holiness was really the reason for the organization.

This doctrine was first preached in the Province of New Brunswick in the year 1858, some 70 years ago, by Rev. Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Palmer of the Methodist faith, and Rev. A. B. Earle—a Baptist clergyman. Dr. Palmer in writing a letter to The Guide of Holiness (see another page of this paper), dated Aug. 6th, 1858, speaks of a Camp Meeting which he had just attended at Woodstock, N. B., so that he no doubt was the first to preach Holiness in that town. Following this, some twenty-four years later, in 1882, Brother Aaron Hartt, who

had been in the U. S. A., came to Woodstock to assist Rev. G. W. MacDonald, who was then pastor of the Albert Street Baptist Church. The preaching was along the line of sanctification as a second work of grace. The result was that Brother McDonald as well as many others, sought and obtained this experience. Following this a number of conventions were held at different places, and thus many in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and State of Maine were brought into the experience.



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It was then that the opposition to the preaching of this doctrine, and testimony to having received this experience, became very strong in the Baptist and Free Christian Baptist denominations.

The matter was brought up at the General Conference of the Free Baptists for five years in succession, viz.: 1883-1888.

When at Blissville Oct. 16th, 1888, by a vote of 55-6, they withdrew fellowship from five ministers.

The following are the records taken from the minutes of the year book for 1888, pages 47-49:

On motion of Rev. G. A. Hartley, seconded by Rev. C. T. Phillips.

1. Whereas, For several years there has existed amongst the Ministers of this Elders' Conference, a difference of belief and teaching on the doctrine known amongst us as "Instantaneous Entire Sanctification" as a "second work;" and

2. Whereas, This teaching has been declared by this Conference, and by our General Conference as well, not to be now, nor never to have been, the belief of this denomination; and

3. Whereas, The persistent schismatical teaching of these doctrines has wrought

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