

# THE FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ALLIANCE OF THE REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH OF CANADA

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of the present and thanksgiving for the past. Special intercession was made for this church, and churches all over the field and the missionary cause. Now it is up to us to help answer our own prayers.

Friday afternoon was a covenant meeting in charge of Rev. L. T. Sabine. People saw new things in the covenant. The whole time was wonderfully filled up with prayer, song and testimony in the Holy Spirit.

Friday evening Brother Trafton called on three boys of 16 and 17 years old, Edward Perry, Edward Dow and John Sabine to pray. It is wonderful what God can do for boys that are given up to him.

Preaching by Rev. C. R. Hagerman from 2 Samuel 5:10. Success depends on our not being overcome by hindrances, success or people's praise. Say, the writer forgot to take notes, but suffice it to say the Holy Spirit truly was his helper.

Saturday morning was given up to S. S. work. Rev. H. C. Mullin gave an address on the work, and condemned a lot of the literature being used in some of our schools, and recommended the Northern Messenger and Sabbath School Banner as good papers. Should be careful how we spend our money for the propagation of S. S. work. The denomination has made the move of having a S. S. Convention of our own, setting apart one session of the Quarterly Meetings to that purpose. Spoke of the influence of the S. S. on the young. The address was reasonable, convincing and rather tended to stir us up a little.

Some of the Quarterly Meetings have already organized and some of the others expect to fall in line.

Rev. I. F. Keirstead gave a short history of the King's Highway. Mr. A. H. Sherwood got the vision of the paper and it was to be called The King's Highway. He was editor for a time and Mrs. Sherwood was his assistant. The first issue was in 1890, and was a monthly. In 1894 it was issued bi-monthly. The editors have been A. H. Sherwood, Revs. C. W. MacDonald, H. C. Archer, S. A. Baker, W. B. Wiggins and the present incumbent, Rev. P. J. Trafton. Brother Keirstead highly commended all the editors. The paper has been run all these years without a single advertisement, outside of denominational work.

Saturday afternoon at 2.30 was held the anniversary meeting of the organization of the denomination. Prayer by Rev. G. B. Trafton and reading of Joshua I. by Rev. L. T. Sabine.

Mrs. S. A. Baker gave an address on the organization and early days of the denomination. She said there were only two of the original committee now living, who met to make arrangements for the organization, namely N. T. Baker and C. N. Scott. Also read an editorial of Mr. Baker's on the twenty-sixth anniversary, giving a lot of history up to that time, and think it would be fitting to have it printed again. How little he realized that it would be read this time.

Mrs. W. B. Wiggins gave a very interesting talk on the early days of the Holiness movement and her connection with this peo-

ple, and told of the sacrifice of some of the ministers, and said it is wonderful, the gospel we uphold. I recommend it highly, for it is a success.

Rev. G. B. Trafton was quite affected when called upon when he realized he was the last one of the original ministers who were at the organization. He said there was nothing else to do but organize.

Also spoke of the early days, and told of how little twelve preachers were enable to live on the first year or two, but they managed to live somehow. They showed true fellowship in a marked degree. There is a crisis on now and the same need is on us for some one to lead the way and continue to blaze the trail. Men with the spirit of sacrifice are needed. Rev. H. S. Dow spoke of his connection with the people and what it has meant to him.

Rev. H. S. Mullin gave a short talk of his call, and what a fellowship he had with this people.

Another old veteran, Brother T. W. Moses, has been called up higher, and it was resolved we write a letter of sympathy to the family of Brother Moses. The editor of the Highway was appointed to attend to it. Brother Dow moved a vote of thanks to the Woodstock people for kind care and hospitality. Saturday evening was given to celebrate the organization of the Woodstock Church. On November 3rd, 1888, the Woodstock Church was organized in the vestry of the present building by Revs. Wm. Kinghorn, G. W. MacDonald and Aaron Kinney, with forty-one members, and the next day fifteen more were added. Truly a historic time. The pastors have been Revs. G. W. MacDonald, J. H. Coy, A. H. Trafton, W. B. Wiggins, S. A. Baker, H. C. Archer, H. S. Dow and a second term for Rev. W. B. Wiggins, W. W. Howe, L. J. Alley, F. T. Wright and E. W. Lester.

The deacons have been S. L. Churchill, J. E. Drysdale, Simon McLeod. Israel Churchill was an honorary deacon. A. J. Marsten, Dr. J. E. Jewett, Judson Burpee, Chas. Mutch, B. M. Colpitts and Harry Clowes.

Trustees—On June 16th, 1891, the church property was duly transferred to J. E. Drysdale, A. J. Marsten and Samuel A. Britton. Later Trustees were H. G. Noble, C. N. Scott, Rev. B. Colpitts, O. R. Estey and C. P. Phillips, Robert Harding.

Clerks—C. N. Scott (who served thirty-three years of the forty), Aaron Clark, H. G. Noble, P. J. Trafton and B. M. Colpitts.

Treasurers—A. J. Marsten, H. G. Noble, B. M. Colpitts, Geo. H. Arnold, O. R. Estey, H. T. London and Geo. B. True.

In all, sixteen ministers have been members of this church—Revs. G. T. Hartley, G. W. MacDonald, S. A. Baker, B. Colpitts, Aaron Hartt, W. B. Wiggins, G. B. Trafton, M. S. Trafton, C. M. Blaisdell, S. H. Clark, P. J. Trafton, A. H. Trafton, H. S. Dow and Frank Watson. Harvey Blaney is now a student at Eastern Nazarene College, preparing for the ministry. The total membership from first to last have been three hundred and ninety-nine, of whom one hundred and sixty-three are scattered North, East, South and West, many of whom are still standing true. One hundred and twenty-eight have gone before, leaving a present membership of one hundred and eight. When we stop and look back, we find the old church has not been

a failure. These old walls have resounded with shouts of praise of the newly saved and much more in those who have counted the cost, died out to friends, changed their own opinions on the matter of Holiness of heart, went the way of the cross, came through triumphantly and received the witness of the Spirit to their Sanctification and have testified to it, giving God the glory.

The financial end has been wonderful. We have been a wonder to the town, how so small a number of people could accomplish such great things. We bought the church with a debt of thirty-three hundred dollars against it, pulled through that and finished the upstairs at a cost of twenty-three hundred and ninety-six dollars, and dedicated the church with all bills paid and a surplus left of twenty-eight dollars. Of course without any bazaars, suppers, sociables or plays. Tobacco is cut out. Of course we are thoroughbred prohibitionists for we love God and holiness, therefore we love to uphold God's cause by giving of our means.

At the dedication, Rev. S. A. Baker preached the dedicatory sermon, followed by a short history of the Church by Pastor Rev. W. B. Wiggins. Dedicatory prayer by Rev. B. Colpitts.

Preaching by Rev. M. S. Trafton at 2.30. Preaching in the evening by Rev. G. B. MacDonald at 7 o'clock.

Saturday evening, Nov. 3rd, we celebrated the organization of the church. A history of the church building was read as well as of the church, followed by a roll call, when those present responded with a verse of scripture or a testimony, or both. The meeting was interesting and blessed by the Holy Spirit.

Sunday morning, 9.45, was Love Feast in charge of Rev. G. B. Trafton. God's benediction was on the meeting.

Preaching at 11 by Rev. P. J. Trafton from 1st Thessalonians 1:23-24. No time for non-essentials. The church has been torn because of the ideas of men.

God has one standard for all, and we must measure to it.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Pastor E. W. Lester, assisted by Rev. F. T. Wright and Rev. G. B. Trafton.

To stress all branches of the work, Sunday afternoon was taken up with missionary work.

Sister Keirstead spoke on the work so near her heart and wished the time to come when she could go back again. Sister Faith said: I love those people with an intense love. Her address was very much enjoyed by all.

Rev. D. M. MacDonald spoke of his call to the mission work, and it was Africa. Am glad for the way you people have received me. Enjoy your fellowship.

Sunday night preaching by Rev. H. S. Dow from John 3:19. He put those who reject in an awful place. Much conviction was on the people and the preacher was helped in declaring the truth.

Eight at the altar and a great rejoicing time was had before the meeting broke up. The meeting of forty years ago was repeated. The meeting did not close till eleven o'clock.

Everybody expressed themselves of how they enjoyed themselves. And we must say we had a grand representative from different places, people who really enjoyed the atmos-