

OBITUARY

George McKelpin

Mr. George McKelpin died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Howard Cox, at Rosedale, N. B., on Sunday, Nov. 30, in his eighty-third year. He had been confined to his bed since July. He is survived by two daughters besides Mrs. Cox. He has one married in Boston, also a son Walter in Boston. They were both home several days previous to their fathers death.

Mr. McKelpin lived most of his life in Gagetown, N. B., where he was a farmer. After the death of his wife, which occurred about two years ago, he went to live in Boston, and came home in the summer for a visit, when he was taken sick at his daughter's home, where he died. A short funeral service was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cox on Monday, Dec. 1st, and the remains were taken to his old home at Gagetown for burial. Rev. H. S. Dow officiated at the house.

Judson Kearney

Mr. Judson Kearney, of Waterville, N. B., passed away at his home on Nov. 20th, 1930, in the seventy-eighth year of his age. He is survived by his widow and two sons—Charles, teaching school on Grand Manan, N. B., and Arthur at home.

Bro. Kearney had been confined to his bed several months and bore his sickness with patience and Christian courage, always testifying of the peace in his heart through faith in Jesus. Hence he was prepared to go when he knew that the time of his departure was at hand.

The funeral service was held from his home, on Nov. 22nd, attended by Rev. H. S. Dow, assisted by Rev. Mr. Fenwick, United Baptist, and Mr. Chas. Grant, of Southampton. Interment was made in the cemetery at Waterville, near his home.

Mr. Kearney was born at Jacksonville, N. B., and lived there till thirteen years ago, when with his family he moved to Waterville. He was a quiet, peaceable man, a good neighbor, and leaves many friends to mourn their loss. We extend sympathy to the bereaved family.—H. S. D.

John H. Steeves

The town of Marysville, N. B., as well as the Reformed Baptist Church has recently sustained a loss in the passing of John H. Steeves, where for about 35 years he has been a valued citizen.

Brother Steeves had been somewhat poorly with heart trouble for several years but during the Autumn continued to fail in spite of all that could be humanly done for him. On Friday morning Nov. 28th, the end came when peacefully he passed to be with the One he loved so well, in his 72nd year. He leaves to share the memory of his labor and service of love, a wife, one son, James, of Oliver, B. C., and five daughters: Mrs. J. S. Mavor, Calgary; Mrs. R. K. Jones, Hainesville; Stella and Bessie at home and Pearl, a nurse of Boston, who has tenderly cared for her father during his recent illness. Six brothers also survive.

Brother Steeves was a great man in prayer and his place in intercession at the throne of grace will be difficult to fill.

The funeral services were held on Sunday, Nov. 30th, at 2.30 and were largely attended, conducted by Rev. L. T. Sabine, assisted by Rev'ds J. D. MacPherson, U. B., of Marysville, and F. A. Watson, R. B., Fredericton.

Interment was made in the family lot in the

Baptist cemetery. To the sorrowing is extended Christian sympathy.

L. T. S.

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY
REFORMED BAPTIST CHURCH,
BEALS, MAINE

On November 9th, 1930, the thirty-eighth anniversary of the organization of the Reformed Baptist Church was observed with appropriate services. The pastor, Rev. H. C. Archer preached from Deut. 8:2; Mrs. H. V. Beal sang a solo.

Vinton V. Beal the clerk of the church read the following historical sketch of the church:

In the year 1895 Rev. Daniel Hilyard a local preacher came to Beals and began holding services in the school building. His labors were blessed of God, a number of persons finding Christ as their Savior. On November 6th, 1895 the Reformed Baptist Church was organized with thirteen members.

Ministers present and taking part in the service were: Revs. D. Hilyard, Z. B. Grass, T. W. Moses. The following year on October 14th, the first sod was turned in preparation for building a house of worship. The building was completed and on Feb. 6th, 1897 was dedicated to the worship of God.

The day was fine and a large congregation attended the dedicatory service. The sermon was delivered by Rev. Z. B. Grass, his text was Titus 3:8. Rev. D. Hilyard offered the dedicatory prayer. The pastor reported that the building had cost \$1600 and that there was a debt of \$700, yet to be paid. He called for subscription and John A. Beal was the first to respond with \$100, others followed with their subscriptions, and soon the whole amount was pledged.

Rev. Daniel Hilyard was the first pastor, others who followed him were Revs. W. H. Sherwood, A. T. Bubar, H. H. Cosman, C. S. Hilyard, T. W. Moses, T. J. Alley, H. C. Mullen, F. A. Watson and H. C. Archer who is the present pastor.

In 1905 Bros. Eli Beal and John E. Beal presented the church with a lot of land for a parsonage, which was soon erected and which now provides a comfortable home for the pastor's family.

In 1919 the church was remodded and a vestry added at a cost of several thousand dollars. Previous to this Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Beal presented the church with a fine bell, as well as a Delco lighting plant for the church and parsonage.

A tower clock was also placed in the steeple at this time, the gift of F. W. Beal and family. This clock can be seen and heard far and near, and is a great convenience to the people of the town. Bro. Beal also placed a piano in the church at this time. A new set of window shades was also presented to the church, the gift of Bro. Eli Beal. An eight day wall clock was presented to the church by Bro. J. P. Alley and John E. Beal.

In 1924 the work of blasting the rock under the church was undertaken and although this was a very difficult task yet it proved successful. This work cost \$489.00; \$201.00 being paid by the "Ladies' Aid Society". Three brothers, Alonzo Alley, Avery and Esten Beal, each gave \$25. The balance which was \$213.00 was paid by C. H. Beal who in addition to this presented the church with a pipeless furnace costing \$248.00. Mrs. C. H. Beal presented the church with a carpet for the platform. The church has three beautiful memorial windows. A large one in the front, in memory of Rev. Daniel Hilyard, presented by the 'Ladies' Aid Society', who also

placed one in memory of their deceased members. A third memorial window was placed in the church by F. W. Beal and family, in memory of their daughter and sister, Miss Lucy J. Beal.

During the year 1929 this family presented the church with a beautiful pipe organ. This organ is also a memorial. The installation of the organ made necessary some changes in the church building. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Beal added an alcove for that purpose, also placing a beautiful rose window at the back of the church. They also added new electric lights with dome shades, and in addition to this repainted the church and vestry.

During the past year a beautiful picture, "Christ on the Mount" was presented by the State Board of Assessors. In addition to the above improvement to the church, colored glass has also been placed in the windows, a hymn board on the wall, as well as rubber carpet for the aisles, and folding chairs for the choir.

Today as we stand and look back over the years that are past, we feel very thankful to our Heavenly Father for his blessing upon us, and although we have not accomplished all that we desired, yet we are sure that God has used this church to bring a blessing to the people of this community. The blessings received in the past give us courage and determination to be true and press the battle for God and Holiness in the days to come.

Officers of the Church:—

Pastor—Rev. H. C. Archer.

Clerk—Vinton Beal.

Treasurer—Chas. H. Beal.

Deacons—Chas. H. Beal, F. W. Beal, Eli J. Beal, Vinton Beal.

Trustees—F. W. Beal, Chas. H. Beal, J. P. Alley, Herbert Woodward.

Ushers—Herbert Woodward, Harry J. Crowley, Avery Beal, Vinton Beal.

Organist—Edmund J. Beal.

Music Committee—Mrs. Vinton Beal, Edmund Beal, Mrs. H. T. Woodward.

ORGANIZATION OF A REFORMED
BAPTIST CHURCH AT LOWER
MILLSTREAM.

At the close of the business session of the Quarterly Meeting at Lower Millstream, Kings Co., N. B., on Nov. 29th, a Reformed Baptist Church was organized. Rev. P. J. Trafton, of Moncton, was chosen chairman of the meeting, who read from the manual the doctrines of the Church, which were accepted by all. Rev. H. S. Mullen, of Westchester, N. S., in a short address presented the Bible as the only rule of faith and practice. The Covenant was read by Rev. I. F. Keirstead, of Saint John, and adopted, after which the right hand of fellowship was given by the pastor on the field, Rev. S. A. Mullen; then all sang together, Blest be the tie that binds; the chairman then gave a charge to the church, setting forth their duties and privileges. The spirit of the Lord was very manifestly present. The appointing of the officers was left to a later date, when it is expected that others will unite. A prayer by the pastor brought the meeting to a close. We expect this church will increase in numbers, and in helpful service to the extension of the kingdom of God. The charter members are: Mr. and Mrs. Noah E. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. James D. Patton, Mrs. G. A. Taylor, Otty Keith and Fred Goggin.

I. F. KEIRSTEAD, Secy.