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UNVEILED PORTRAITS.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Sunday School Paid Tribute to the Sainted Memory

OF REV. DR. BROOKE AND MR. JOHN EDWARDS.

Eloquent Reminiscent Address by Judge Stevens.

SHORT HISTORICAL SKETCH OF A THRIVING CHURCH.

The members and friends of St. Paul's Presbyterian Sunday school turned out in force Sunday afternoon to attend the double celebration (a) unveiling portraits of the late Rev. Dr. Brooke, for nearly forty years pastor of St. Paul's, and the late Mr. John Edwards, elder and Sunday school superintendent in the same church, (b) in commemoration of the twelfth anniversary of Rev. Willard Macdonald's very acceptable and successful pastorate.

The leading features of the reunion were the unveiling of the portraits and the excellent reminiscent address of Hon. James G. Stevens, of St. Stephen, himself an active Presbyterian who has rendered splendid service to his church in all branches of its work.

The plan and success of the celebration were due to the indefatigable efforts of Mr. S. H. McFarlane, the present superintendent of the school, who was ably assisted by Mr. W. M. Clarke, assistant superintendent, and the other officers and teachers of the school.

The portraits of Dr. Brooke and Mr. Edwards are life like, speaking pictures of those worthies and their presence on the walls of the Sunday school room will be an incentive to old and young.

Sketch of St. Paul's.

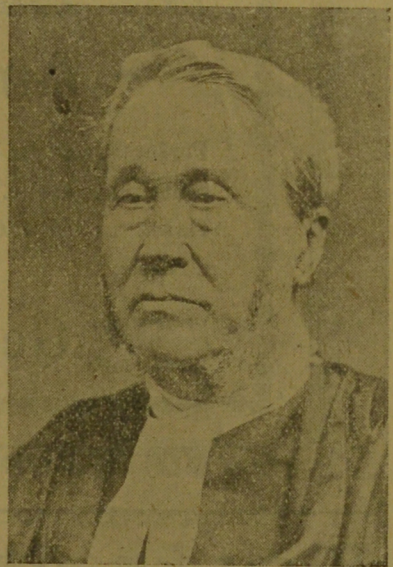
Before proceeding to a description of Sunday's celebration, a few facts respecting the organization and progress of St. Paul's church will not be out of place.

More than half a century ago when the rear of the city presented a much more rural aspect than it does at present, on a lot or a field at the corner of George and York streets, a church of modern dimensions was being erected. This was the first and only Presbyterian church in Fredericton until the erection of the Free Kirk on Brunswick street, and that owing to the union of all the Presbyterian bodies in Canada, fell into disuse and has now disappeared.

Previous to 1829-30, adherents of the

Presbyterian faith met in the old Tank House, which stood on the site of the City Hall. Mr. Howden, a lay preacher, used to hold forth with much acceptance there.

The erection of old St. Paul's was decided upon at a meeting held on February 17th, 1829, and Wm. Taylor, Thomas Stewart, James Aitken, Thomas C. Everett, James Wilcox, James Taylor and Thomas B. Robinson were appointed



REV. JOHN BROOKE, D.D.,
Pastor of St. Paul's, 1843-1876.

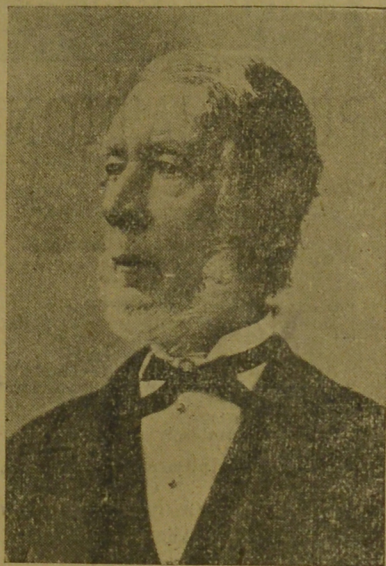
Rev. Dr. Brooke was born in the parish of Bathgate, near Edinburgh, April 9th, 1800; educated at Glasgow University; married Miss Isabella Stewart 1839; came to Canada 1840; spent two years at New Richmond, Quebec; inducted as Pastor of St. Paul's church, February 11, 1843; Chaplain of St. Andrew's Society from Nov. 1843 to Nov. 1881; Received degree of D. D. from King's College (now U.N.B.) 1855; Chaplain of the Legislative Council from February, 1859, to date of death; examiner of degrees at the University from 1862 to 1877; a constant attendant at all meetings of the British and Foreign Bible Society; died January 16th, 1882, aged 82 years.

a committee to carry out the necessary arrangements. The lot upon which the church was built, was the gift of Mr. Wm. Taylor, the memory of whose good deeds is still kept alive by the congregation of St. Paul's.

Before the incorporation of the church by charter in 1832, Rev. Ebenezer Johnston discharged the duties of pastor. Rev. D. Birkmyre A. M., of Scotland was inducted on Nov. 4, 1832, and remained in charge for ten years. His successor was the

Rev. John Brooke afterwards by the conferment of the degree from King's College Rev. John Brooke, D. D. He was inducted on July 11th, 1843, on which occasion the Rev. Mr. Wishart preached. The latter, an eloquent and earnest preacher, fell afterwards under the ban of orthodoxy. For

upwards of 25 years Dr. Brooke attended the duties of his charge unaided. From 1868 to 1874 there was a succession of assistant ministers. In the latter year Rev. S. Halley resigned, and Dr. Brooke intimated his desire to retire from the active duties of the church. Rev. Mr. Caven, of Tilsonburg, was appointed as Dr. Brooke's successor in 1876, and resigned his position in 1878. The next clergyman to take charge was Rev. A. J. Mowatt. He was inducted 1880, and resigned in 1890 to become pastor of Eskine church, Montreal. Rev. Willard Macdonald the present pastor of St. Paul's was inducted Dec. 30, 1891.



MR. JOHN EDWARDS,
Elder and Sunday School Superintendent
of St. Paul's. Born June 1, 1838.
Died April, 1896.

The old kirk was removed to its present position in the fall of 1832, remodelled, and is now used for Sunday school and week day religious services and celebrations.

The ancient structure around which so many hallowed memories cling was opened in 1830. The frame of the old church was cut at Ouden's, on the Flannigan road, three miles back of the city, and the shingles which yet cover the walls or a portion of them at least, were presented to the committee of erection by the late Mr. Alexander Haining, father of the late Mr. Peter Haining, who with his son, manufactured them for the purpose. The day of "raising" was a great occasion, and men came from all around to assist. On the Sunday previous at St. Dunstan's church Rev. Father McSweeney, from his pulpit, urged his people to assist in the raising, and subsequently contributed £5 toward the building fund.

Rev. Mr. Souter, of Miramichi, was the preacher at the opening services and his sermon was drawn from the text, "Behold the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee, how much less this house which I have builded."—I King 1: 27.

The congregation had no settled pastor then and when opened the church was not interiorly completed. James Taylor, however, filled the place of minister and the following summer Rev. Mr. Johnston, a travelling preacher, conducted the service for three months and then in 1832 Rev. Dr. Birkmyre came out from Scotland and assumed the pastoral charge of the church, continuing until Rev. Dr. Brooke's pastorate commenced. The first presbyter was James Ray and the first sexton John Watson. The pulpit was built by John McBeth, brother of the late William McBeth of this city. The site for the church was donated by William Taylor. The bell was given by James Taylor, Sr., and it cost £100 stg. It was cast in 1832 and placed in position the same year. It now occupies a place in the tower of the new church, and its tone is nearly as good as it was over half a century ago. Sir Archibald Campbell, when governor, came to the kirk preceded by his piper in full highland costume. Jas. Taylor, in the absence of a settled pastor, used then to read the services. Mr. Taylor also occupied the position of Commissioner at Government House, and Sir Archibald one day remarked that his friend Taylor looked after his (Sir Archibald's) spiritual as well as his temporal welfare.

His Excellency Sir Howard Douglas headed the subscription list for the old kirk with £20. The site of the church was donated by Wm. Taylor, Esquire. Rev. Wm. Souter, of Miramichi, preached at the opening, 1830. The Manse was built in 1836.

The New Kirk.

Work on new St. Paul's was commenced in 1882, the contract being let to Mr. Wm. Lawlor of Chatham, and it was completed and dedicated Jan. 10th, 1886, the dedicatory sermon being preached by the late Rev. Dr. Burns of Halifax. The cost of the building was \$25,000 and a debt of only \$2,000 remains.

A Summarized History.

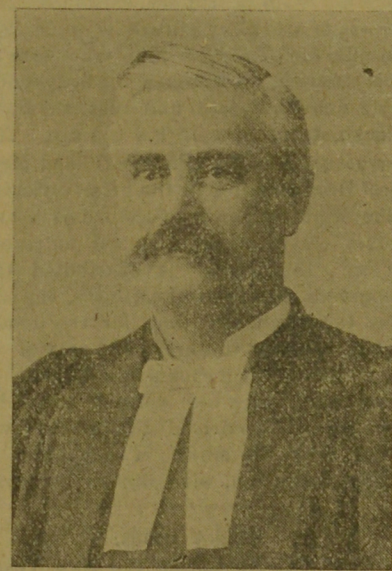
The following is a summarized personal history in connection with the church.

Pastors of St. Paul's Church.

Rev. Mr. Johnston, 1831.
*Nov. 4th, Rev. Dr. Birkmyre, 1832-1841.
Rev. Dr. Brooke, 1843-1876.
Assistants during the latter years of Dr. Brooke's pastorate—Rev. Mr. Murray, Rev. Mr. MacDonald, Rev. Mr. Melville, Rev. Mr. Moffatt, Rev. Mr. Halley.
Rev. Wm. Caven, 1876-1878.
Rev. A. J. Mowatt, 1880-1890.
Rev. Willard Macdonald, 1891.
*From the induction of Rev. Dr. Birkmyre the Church dates its organization.

Elders of St. Paul's Church, 1833-1904.

May '33, William Taylor died Mar. '34.
May '33, Thomas Stewart resigned, Aug. '44.
36 May '41, Andrew MacBeth resigned, Oct. '49.
30 May '41, John Edwards died, June '75.
30 May '41, Andrew MacBeth died, May '42.
31 Oct. '49, Rev. Wm. Johnston died, but one meeting.
18 Nov. '49, James Johnston died, Oct. '01.
18 Nov. '49, James Johnston died, Feb. '90.
18 Nov. '49, Wm. Stevens died, Jan. '72.
18 Nov. '49, John Edwards, died, April '96.
2 Feb. '68, Dr. R. Jardine, to Indie, '68.
1 Feb. '74, Prof. F. P. Rivet, resigned, June '86.



REV. WILLARD MACDONALD,
Present Pastor of St. Paul's, Inducted
Dec. 30th, '91.

Rev. Willard Macdonald, the present popular pastor of St. Paul's church is a native of Newport, Hants Co., N. S. He was educated at the public schools there, at Pictou Academy, Dalhousie University and graduated in theology at Pictou Hill College, Halifax. After serving as an ordained missionary in various fields in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, he was settled at Rothesay, whence he was called to St. Paul's pastorate in 1891, and inducted on December 30th of that year, preaching his first sermon as settled pastor twelve years ago Sunday. St. Paul's has greatly prospered under his ministry. He is an able preacher, popular among the members of his flock, an untiring worker among the sick and the poor, and is very highly esteemed and respected among all classes of people in Fredericton.

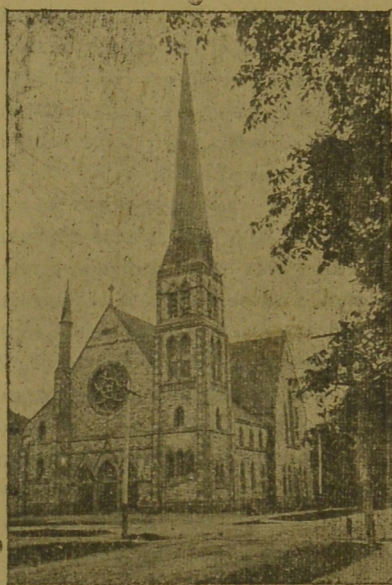
2 Sept. '75, Duncan S. Blair, died, Feb. '88.
11 Aug. '78, Rev. Jas. Fowler, Queen's University, Oct. 80.
13 Nov. '81, Wm. Crockett, resigned, Sept. '84.
13 Nov. '81, Wm. Anderson, died, Sept. '87.
13 Nov. '81, Edward Jack, died, Dec. '95.
13 Nov. '81, L. W. Johnston.
13 Nov. '81, Walter McFarlane.
13 Nov. '81, Wm. Shaw, died, Apr. '92.
20 Feb. '87, A. C. Brydson Jack, given certificate Jan. '89.
12 Feb. '88, Dr. J. H. Bridges.

12 Feb. '88, S. H. McFarlane.
12 Feb. '88, C. S. Everett.
12 Feb. '88, A. H. Sanderson.
24 March '95, William Cameron.
24 March '95, John G. Adams.
24 March '95, Wm. M. Clark.
Superintendents of St. Paul's Church Sunday School.—John Edwards, Hugh Matheson, Rev. James Fowler, William Crockett, L. W. Johnston, Dr. McAllister, D. R. Forgan, C. S. Everett, John Pitblado, Wm. M. Clark, S. H. McFarlane.

Present Staff of the Sunday School.

OFFICERS.
S. H. McFarlane, Supt., Wm. M. Clark, Asst. Supt., C. A. McVey, Secretary Treasurer.

TEACHERS.
Rev. W. Macdonald, Mrs. McAdam, Miss Coburn, Miss Wark.



NEW ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
Dedicated January 10th, 1886.

Miss Neill, Miss S. Arrett, Miss B. Everett, Miss S. Sanger, Miss N. McKay, Miss M. S. Arrett, Miss H. Everett, Miss Cameron, Miss McFarlane, Miss Belmont, Mr. Carruthers, Mrs. H. S. Campbell, Miss Margerite Kelly.

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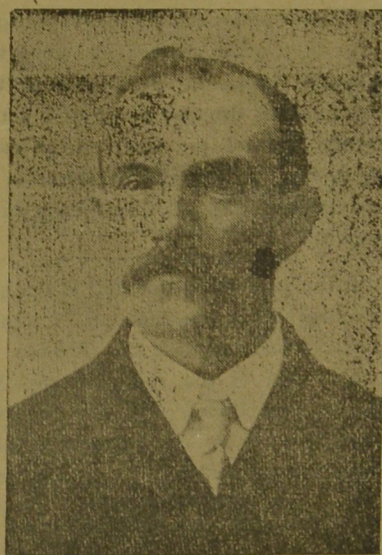
SUNDAY'S CELEBRATION.

Interesting Program--Portraits Unveiled-- Judge Stevens' Address.

Notwithstanding the cold and inclement weather the Auld Kirk was comfortably filled Sunday afternoon with an interested audience assembled to witness the celebration.

Mr. S. H. McFarlane, the efficient superintendent of the Sabbath School, presided in a most acceptable manner, and in the large congregation were noticed a number of prominent citizens not connected with the congregation, including Dr. Inch, Judge Wilson and Rev. J. H. MacDonald.

A very pleasing feature of the affair was an address by His Honor Judge Stevens of St. Stephen, who has for nearly sixty years been prominent in the councils of the Presbyterian church in this province. The Judge, besides being a courteous Christian gentleman and a ripe scholar, is an orator of the old school, and it is a genuine pleasure to listen to him. Though past the four score mark, he is still hale and vigorous, and it is to be hoped has still before him many years (CONTINUED ON THIRD PAGE).



MR. S. H. MCFARLANE,
Present Superintendent of St. Paul's
Sunday School.



THE AULD KIRK.
Opened for Worship 1830.