

Services

SUNDAY, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Sunday School at 2.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 7.30 p.m., Prayer Meeting.

FRIDAY, 7 p.m., Christian Endeavour Society.
8 p.m., Choir Practice

Junior Endeavour Society meets on Sunday,
10 a.m.

A hearty invitation is given to all the meetings. Seats are all free. Hymn books and Bibles provided for all. We shall be glad to see *you*.

SOUVENIR

Opening of Baptist Tabernacle New Plymouth, October 5th 1913



"I WILL MAKE THE PLACE OF MY FEET GLORIOUS."

Services

11 a.m. 3 p.m. 7 p.m.

Preacher: Rev. F. Hales

Tea and Public Meeting

TUESDAY, October 7th—

Tea at 6 p.m. Admission, One shilling.
Public Meeting, 8 p.m.

Children's Tea and Entertainment

WEDNESDAY, October 8th—

Tea at 5.30 p.m. Entertainment at 7 p.m.

Historical Sketch

As the Baptists of New Plymouth are taking possession of their new Tabernacle to-day, October 5th, it has been suggested that a short sketch of Baptist history in this town would not be out of place.

The building in Gill Street which has just been vacated, was erected in 1865, and a Church formed: but owing to various causes that could not be controlled the church ceased to exist after some years of its history.

Later on the building was rented by the Church of Christ, and used by that body for some time. In the meantime some Baptists had located in the town, and the Rev. W. Drew arriving in New Plymouth, he conferred with his Baptist



Rev. W. Drew



Rev. W. R. Woolley



Rev. John Laird

brethren, who arranged a conference between themselves and the Church of Christ friends, with the result that a Baptist Church, with Mr Drew as its pastor, was formed in 1893. For seven years Mr. Drew laboured with faithfulness and much acceptance, and then advancing years caused him to resign his charge. He was followed by the Rev. James Ings, who gave promise of great usefulness and fidelity, but was forced to vacate the pastorate after six months of work, owing to a serious nervous breakdown. Mr. Ings was succeeded by the Rev. W. R. Woolley, who for five years rendered faithful and efficient service, leaving behind him many who still remember with gratitude his work for God.

Both Mr. Drew and Mr. Woolley were greatly helped by the good work of their wives. Both these ladies are esteemed very highly for their work's sake.

The next pastor was the Rev. John Laird, who gave his best thought and energy in furthering the Baptist cause in New Plymouth for three-and-a-half years, and then removed to Christchurch.

Soon after the settlement of the present pastor, the Rev. F. Hales, it was thought advisable to look out for a more central site upon which a suitable and attractive building might be erected.

Mr. G. H. Maunder with his usual generosity offered the Church a site, which he owned, in one of the best situations for a church possible. This was gratefully accepted. The old building was sold; and with the valuable assistance of a generous and handsome donation from Mr. N. T. Maunder, the friends connected with the Church have erected a handsome and accommodating building in one of the best spots in the town.

Everybody connected with the Church has worked well to bring about this happy result, but our thanks are especially due to Messrs. G. H. and N. T. Maunder and their wives, for their very liberal assistance; and we look forward with strong hopes for many years of usefulness as a Church, and pray that God's blessing may at all times rest upon our labours, and that many souls may be brought into contact with God through the lives and teaching of those connected with the Baptist Church in New Plymouth.

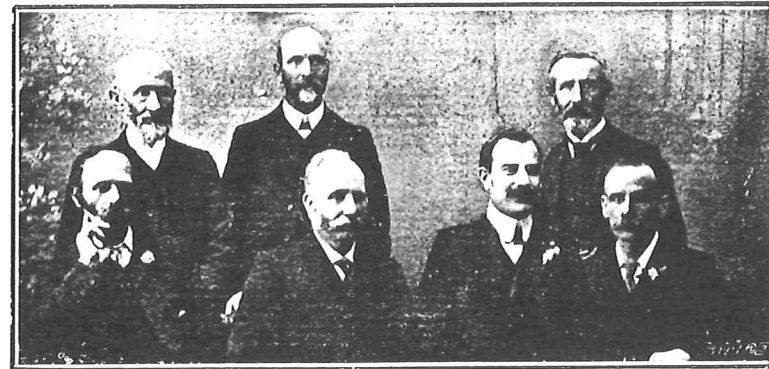
Church Officers

Secretary
Mr. G. H. Maunder
Treasurer
Mr. N. T. Maunder
Choirmaster
Mr. W. Coleman
Organist
Mr. W. Hoskin



Pastor: Rev. F. Hales

Deacons
Mr. Hal Goodacre
Mr. A. Ambury
Mr. G. H. Maunder
Mr. N. T. Maunder
Mr. E. Hunt
Mr. W. Coleman
Mr. W. J. Richardson



DEACONS—(Back row) G. H. Maunder, A. Ambury, N. T. Maunder
(Front row) Edward Hunt, Hal Goodacre, W. J. Richardson, W. Coleman

Sunday School

Superintendent, Mr. A. Ambury Secretary, Mr. A. H. Ambury

Christian Endeavour Society

President, Rev. F. Hales Secretary, Mr. W. Roberts
Treasurer, Miss M. Ambury

Junior Society

Superintendent, Mr. W. S. Cobham Secretary, Master W. Elliot

Foreign Mission Department

Secretary and Collector, Miss Drew

Home Mission Department

Secretary and Collector, Miss Ambury