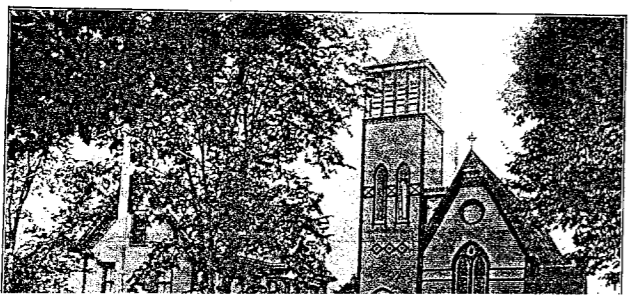


ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Main St.

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Rev. Father Moran was Pastor of the Roman Catholic society in Houlton about the year 1840, and was instrumental in having the first church building erected. The names of the pastors succeeding Father Moran, as far as we have been able to ascertain them, are as follows: Fathers McKiever, Murphy, Grady, Bartley, Ryan, O'Sullivan and the present pastor, Rev. Father William Lonergan. The present fine church building was erected in 1889. Its cost was \$13,000. It has a seating capacity for 400 people, but has often held many more than that number. Father Lonergan has been Pastor in Houlton about eight years.

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Arthur M. Thomas A. M. Principal of Ricker Classical Institute, was born in Manchester, Maine, Jan. 13, 1858. At the age of ten he became a resident of Hallowell and his early education was obtained in the public schools of that city. He then entered Hallowell Classical Institute, from which school he graduated in 1876. He entered Colby University in the fall of the same year and graduated from that college in 1880. He was Principal of the Richmond, Me., High School from 1880 to 1885, when he was elected Principal of Houlton Academy, now Ricker Classical Institute. He has seen the development of the school from the Academy to its present size and importance. He has witnessed the building of Working Hall with its convenient and attractive recitation rooms, its hall, library and other needed rooms. He has seen the old Academy building enlarged and transformed into the comfortable dormitory that is so necessary an adjunct to any large school. During his whole service here Mr. Thomas has labored faithfully for the success and advancement of the school and the mental and moral welfare of the young people committed to his charge, and in all this work he has been ably and cordially seconded by Mrs. Thomas, who is, also, a teacher in the Institute. The school has an able and faithful corps of instructors,



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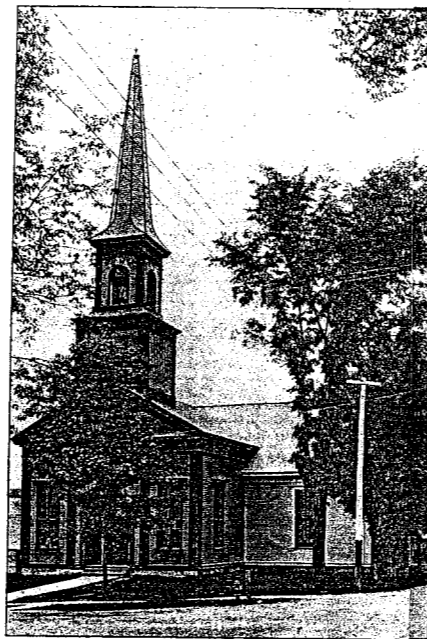
and it is the peer of any preparatory school in New England in thoroughness and efficiency.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOULTON.

Occasional services were held as far back as 1872 in Houlton, by Rev. Kenneth McKay the present Presbyterian clergyman in this village. In 1881, a church was built in the northern part of Houlton on the Foxcroft road, costing \$1,600.

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FREE BAPTIST CHURCH, Cor. Military and Kelleran Sts.

in the Normal Department of the R. C. Institute, and the number of students in this course has steadily increased. This department of the Institute is supported by the State, and is under the supervision of the State Superintendent. The course is three years in length, and includes essentially the same work as is done in the State Normal Schools. Those completing the Normal Course are required to study the theory of teaching, after which they must put their knowledge to practical test by actual teaching in the Model School, under the supervision of competent teachers. "The way to learn to do a thing is to do it." In 1889 the State Legislature appropriated the sum of \$1,000 per year, for a term of ten years, for the purpose of establishing a Normal Department. A three years' course was marked out and in the fall of 1889 the department was opened with Mr. L. M. Felch as instructor. Three classes have graduated and their members are now holding good positions as teachers in our own and neighboring towns. The first class consisted of five pupils. At present there are upwards of fifty students in this department. A class of seven will graduate in June.

FREE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Free Baptist church at the corner of Kelleran and Military streets, formerly stood at the corner of the Institute grounds, and was moved to its present location in 1833.

This church was organized May 8th, 1867, with nine charter members. Of this number three have died, two have been dismissed, and four remain. The present membership is 200.

The first pastor was Rev. M. H. Tarbox. Under his labors the church edifice was erected. Other clergymen serving the church as pastors, have been Revs. W. S. Stockbridge, Henry Preble, Thomas Kinney, F. H. Peckham, George E. Lowden, Burton Minard, and J. E. Gosline. Rev. Robert L. Duston settled as pastor, Oct.

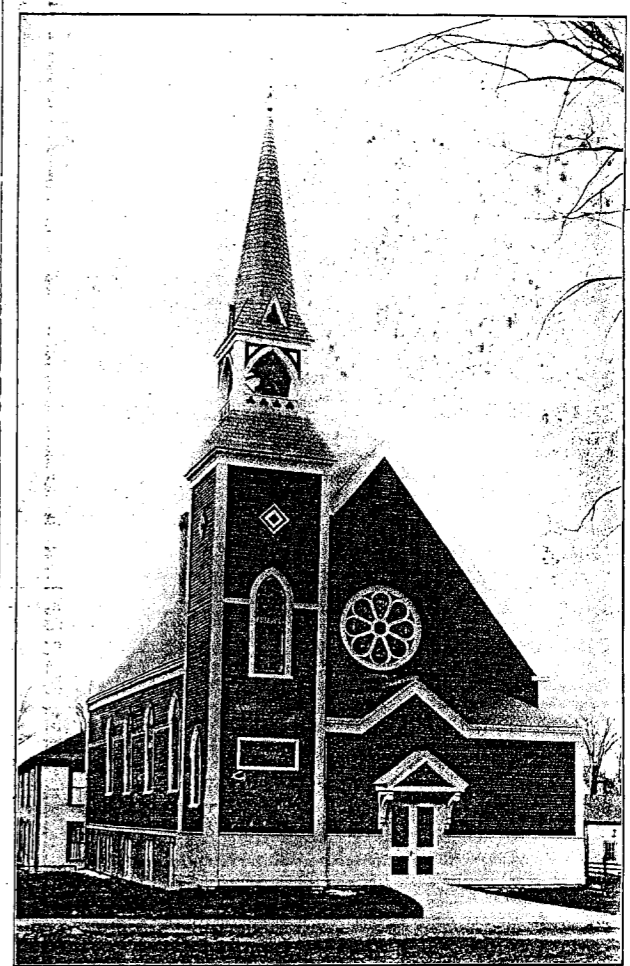
1843, and W. T. Savage, from '43 to 1848. Mr. Savage, a very active pastor, was the chief instrument in establishing Houlton Academy. During the eleven succeeding years, the church was pastorless, but supplied at intervals of from three to nine months. Since 1859, E. G. Carpenter has been pastor six years; E. R. Osgood, two years; G. Crowell, 5 years; R. P. Snow, 2; C. H. Percival, 2, and W. I. Cole, 5 years, respectively. The church was re-dedicated in 1879. It has a membership of 100, mainly New England people. The church is out of debt, and has first class business men to handle its finances. The Cong. church is in spirit and polity, pre-eminently American.

Herbert S. McCann, a graduate of Bowdoin College and of Bangor Theological Seminary, assumed the pastorate in August, 1894. During his pastorate, a junior Endeavor of 32 members has been formed, the Sunday school and the congregation have been greatly increased and twelve members have been admitted to membership.



H. H. BRYANT.

book, also of many methods used in his own and other commercial schools. He is a live teacher, keeping up with the most advanced methods and ideas in educational work.



UNITARIAN CHURCH, Military Street.

still further increasing the seating capacity to 800.

The interior finish is cypress, the furnishings, including pipe organ, of oak. The large basement, contains an ample dining room, a kitchen and toilet rooms. This large and convenient edifice equipped at a cost of about \$10,000, is open for such public use in our community as is befitting a house of worship.

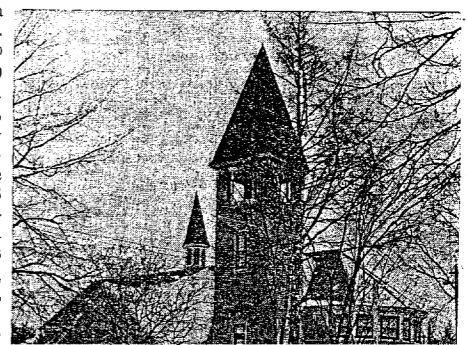
UNITARIAN CHURCH.

The Unitarian Society of Houlton was formed in the year 1811, the Rev. Mr. Eastman being its minister. In 1835 it was re-formed, and in 1836 a church was built. The Society became incorporated in 1872. From 1839 to 1842 the Rev. Wm. A. Whitwell was its minister, and the Rev. Alpheus Harding did good service at various times. In 1864 the church was rebuilt and the Rev. Geo. F. Piper became its minister. He was succeeded in 1867 by the Rev. John Murray, who was followed in 1869 by the Rev. E. S. Elder. Jan. 1st, 1886, the present incumbent, the Rev. O. K. Crosby, became its minister. In 1888 the building was partially burned, and the new church was built on Military St., end of School St., and dedicated Sept. 10th, 1890. It has

S. A. GRAY'S BLOCK.

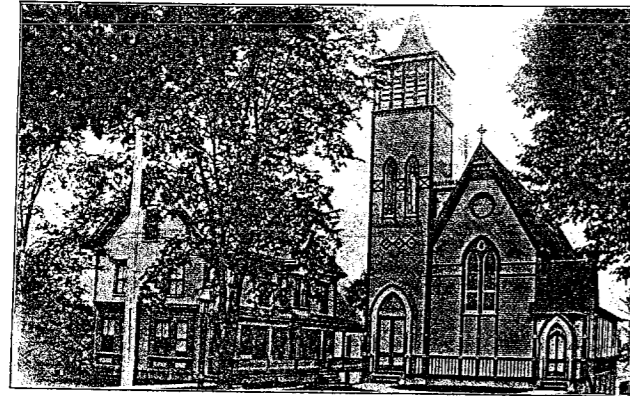
S. A. Gray was born in the town of Linneus, Aroostook county, but has lived in Houlton nearly all his life. He learned his trade with Swanton & Lovejoy, and about eighteen years ago, he went into the stove and tinware business for himself. He was burned out about thirteen years ago, and again in 1893, losing many thousand dollars by these two disastrous fires.

In 1894, Mr. Gray erected the fine brick block which stands on the site of his former stores. This block is 40 by 65 feet in size, three stories high with a basement. The lower story is divided into two stores, one of which is occupied by Miss M. A. Ryan, Milliner, and the other by Mr. Gray himself. Mr. Gray also occupies the basement, and a room in the second story for a work room. The stairway leading to this room is of



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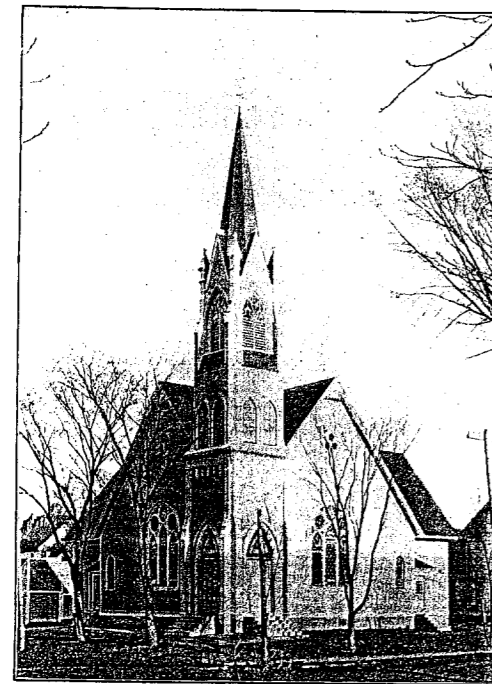
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Main St.

settling the dispute with Mexico, the Chaplain did not accompany his regiment owing to ill health, but remained in the village shepherding and feeding the small flock he had gathered.

In 1846 he was transferred to the Navy, being made Chaplain of the U. S. ship Sabine. Captain Blake remained with the Navy until a few years before his death (1893).

For a period of well-nigh forty years the people were dependent upon the ministrations of Missionaries from other parts of the diocese and from the contiguous diocese of New Brunswick, with an occasional visitation of their Bishop. Through all these years the Mission was known as St. John's Church.

In 1884 the Rev. Hudson Sawyer was sent to the village and it is due chiefly to the arduous labors of this faithful priest that the people were enabled to quit their hired rooms and worship in a consecrated building. The beautiful Gothic structure was



METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Cor. Military & School Sts. White.

THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The first pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Houlton was Joseph Lull, who came in 1832 and remained two years. In 1834 and '35 Abel Alton was the pastor; in 1836,

D. I. Thompson; in 1837, Richard H. Ford. In 1838, John G. Pingree became the circuit rider. His field, including Houlton, covered a stretch of seventy-five miles. From 1839 to 1857 inclusive, we find the following pastors, installed in turn over this society; Charles Andrews, B. F. Sprague, Abijah Kendall, C. B. Dunn, E. H. Whiting, N. E. Rumery, E. F. Blake, T. P. Tupper, W. T. Jewell, W. I. Wilson, R. N. Meservey, S. S. Sargent, I. H. Soule, Nelson Whitney, S. C. Elliott, W. Sherwin, A. C. Godfrey. In 1861, E. W. Hutchinson was pastor and in that year a church building capable of seating 200 was erected. From 1863 to 1890 we find the following pastors: I. W. Day, B. A. Chase, H. B. Wardwell, H. W. Bolton, E. R. Thorndike, M. D. Matthew, David Sherman, John Morse, L. L. Hanscom, A. A. Lewis, B. C. Wentworth, H. W. Williams, C. L. Haskell, H. E. Frohock.

During Mr. Frohock's pastorate the present church edifice was erected at a cost of about \$8,000, exclusive of the lot. It will seat 335 persons comfortably, and the League and Class rooms can be thrown open when necessary, affording room for 225 more. The membership, is now, including those on probation, 233. The Sunday school is large and prosperous. The Epworth League numbers over 100, and the Junior League has about 40 members. \$300 have been expended in improvements during the past year. The present pastor is Fred E.

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LLEWELLYN M. FELCH.

Llewellyn M. Felch, Principal of the Normal Department in the Ricker Classical Institute, is a native of Linneus, Me. He attended Houlton Academy, and the High School in Lewiston, and is a graduate of Dirigo Business College. In 1885, he graduated from the Farmington State Normal School, and afterwards spent two years with private instructors in the study of languages.

He taught several terms of district schools, and was assistant in the "Little Blue" school for boys at Farmington for two years. He was Principal of the Riverton High School, Riverton, Nebraska, which position he resigned to accept the position he now



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holds in the R. C. Institute. For the last two summers he has been connected with the Martha Vineyard Summer Institute as instructor in microscopy.

He has been eminently successful

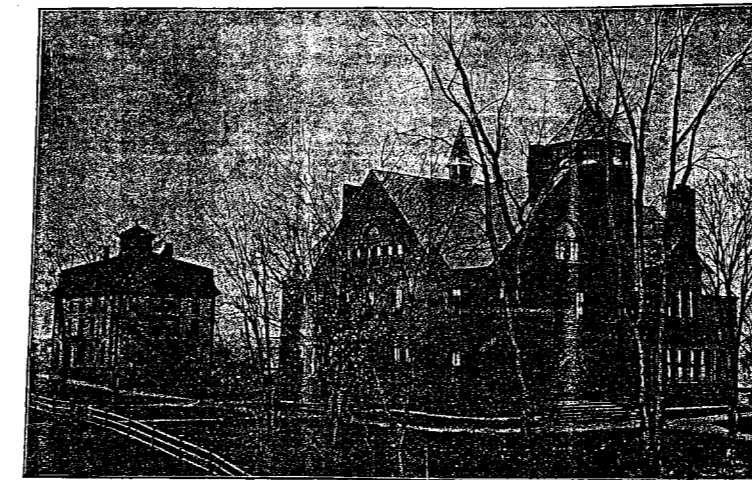


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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The organization of the First Congregational Church, the oldest church in Houlton, was begun on the 10th day of October, 1811. The articles of faith were signed by Samuel Kendall, Joseph Putnam, Aaron Putnam, Samuel Rice, James Houlton, Eben Warren, Joshua Kendall, Betsey Putnam, Isa Putnam, Betsey Rice, Sally Cook, Sarah Houlton, Sally Houlton, Polly Houlton, Louise Houlton and Hannah Shaw. The founders of the church were members of the Congregational church in New Salem, Mass. On Oct. 13th, the organization was completed and the church was called the "First Cong Church of Houlton," eighteen persons being made members. The church was for eleven years, under the tutelage of the New Salem church, and was destitute of a continuous ministry.

In the summer of 1824, Rev. Samuel Whitehall, of Norridgewock, was sent to Houlton by the Maine Missionary Society. From 1831 to 1841, the church had the following pastors: Jos. B. Stevens, Jotham Sewall, Rev. W. Pennan. The present church building was dedicated June 19, 1839. Samuel Abbot was pastor from 1841 to



RICKER CLASSICAL INSTITUTE.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The First Baptist church of Houlton was organized March 25th, 1863, with thirteen members. In the thirty-two years of its life, 346 different persons have been enrolled. Its present membership is 203. In 1867 the first church building was erected and later a vestry and fine parsonage were added to its property. During the past year the old church has been entirely re-constructed and its capacity enlarged to meet the needs of the congregation. The church has had an inspiring history. Born in poverty, it raised during the first year \$16. During the last year it raised for current expenses, (aside from church building), and benevolent and missionary enterprises, \$4,018.25. It has expended for the extension of God's Kingdom, at home and abroad, during the thirty-two years of its existence, the sum of \$45,500.

H. H. BRYANT.

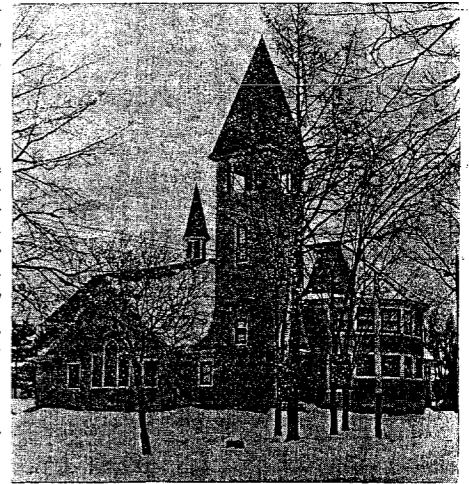
H. H. Bryant, the Principal of the Commercial Department of Ricker Classical Institute, was born in Woodstock, Me., Sept. 20, 1854. He left home at the age of thirteen, but even then he was determined to gain an education. He fitted for Bowdoin College at Hebron and Gould Academies, teaching in the public schools to enable him to procure the means where-

labors the foundations were so laid that those who came after them could build securely. Rev. C. G. Porter, as pastor, was the first to build upon the foundations. After him, in timely succession, came Rev. C. M. Herring, Rev. B. F. Shaw, D. D., Rev. Isaiah Record, Rev. N. F. Dutton and Rev. C. E. Owen, the present pastor.

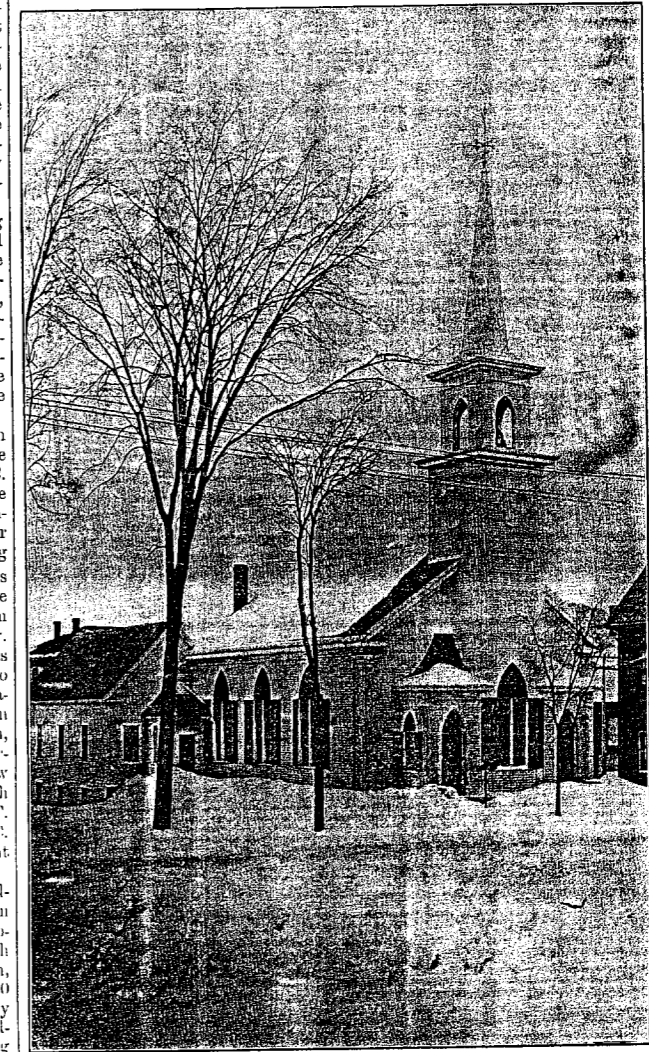
The new church edifice is of modern style, and is finely appointed for church work. An auditorium, capable of seating 450 people, has a vestry opening into it by sliding doors, enlarging its capacity to 625, and also a parlor,

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also a literary society "The Athena Club." The society has seen its most prosperous condition in the last few years, and has a very flourishing Sunday school. Ryan, Milliner, and the other by Mr. Gray himself. Mr. Gray also occupies the basement, and a room in the second story for a work room. The stairway leading to this room is of yellow birch. The shelving in the store is of ash. Mr. Gray carries a large stock of stoves, ranges, tinware and kitchen furnishings. In the front part of the second story are two



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Court Street.



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Court Street.