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“LET US FAIL IN TRYING TO DO SOMETHING  
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*CYRUS HAMLIN.*



**GEORGE CUSHMAN**  
Founder of the Cushman Union Sunday School



A Short Story  
of  
The Cushman Union Church  
of  
Adamsdale, Mass.

Including a Sketch  
of the  
Early History of Adamsdale

By George Henry Lewis

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## Introduction.



**T**HIS sketch of Adamsdale is prepared from material supplied by the records of the Church and Sunday school; the historical address of the late Deacon Robert Cushman; the History of the Oldtown Church by Rev. John Whitehill and Mary A. Mathias; History of Bristol County by D. H. Hurd; History of Attleboro by John Daggett; Files of the Chronicle published by E. L. Freeman & Sons, Central Falls; State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations by Edward Field; Attleboro Public Library; Rhode Island Historical Society; Superintendent of Schools office, North Attleboro; Town Clerk's office, Attleboro; Providence Public Library; Office of Superintendent of Schools, Attleboro; Register of Deeds office, Taunton; and the recollections of personal friends. To all these I am much indebted as I am also to Messrs. Erskine & Morrison, electrotypers; and to Messrs. Whittemore & Colburn, publishers. I would also add a word of gratitude to my life-long friend Rev. Henry Arthur Cornell and to my college friend, E. Sykes Goodwin, for valuable help rendered in compiling and arranging material.

The preparation of this little book has been a labor of love involving considerable research in public, church, and other records, and many personal inquiries.

Special effort has been put forth to make the record complete and give fair recognition to all, but there may be omissions; if so, pardon is asked.

The little volume is at last completed and is launched upon its career in the hope that work upon it has not been in vain.

G. H. L.

March 3, 1914.

# Eventful Days at Adamsdale

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In the summer of 1636 Rev. Samuel Newman, a native of England and a graduate of Cambridge University, came to America. Rich in scholarship and eloquent of speech, he was soon installed as pastor of the First Congregational Church of Weymouth, Mass.



CUSHMAN UNION CHURCH

Built in 1883

## Rehoboth Purchase

In 1643 a company was formed at Weymouth, consisting of Rev. Samuel Newman and a part of his congregation, for the purpose of establishing a new settlement. They purchased of the Sachem of Pokanoket a large tract of land which included what is now East Providence, Rehoboth, Seekonk, Pawtucket,

and a part of Swansea. In the spring of 1644 they removed to a place then called by the Indians Seacunke, but now called Rumford. They established their headquarters and commenced their habitations around the Great Plain, near the present site of the Newman Congregational Church of East Providence. Here was their place of worship, and the organization of the Newman Church dates from the making of this settlement. The tract of



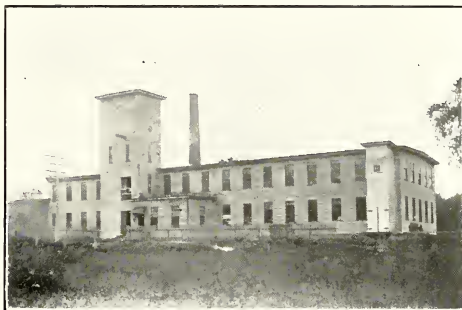
**OLD LANESVILLE MILL**  
Erected in 1847, burned in 1881

land bought from the Indians was long known as the Rehoboth Purchase.

### **Rehoboth North Purchase**

The ample territory acquired by Pastor Newman and his followers through the Rehoboth Purchase did not cure them of their restlessness or of their desire for pastures new. In 1661 Captain Thomas Willet, successor to Miles Standish as Captain

of the famous Plymouth Military Company and afterwards first Mayor of New York City, known among the Indians as "our loving friend, Captain Willet," was employed by the Town of Rehoboth to make purchase of a new tract of land, having been first authorized and empowered by the General Court of the Colony. He accordingly purchased of Wamsitta, the Sachem of the Pokanoket, son of Massasoit and elder brother of the noted



**PRESENT ADAMSDALE MILL**

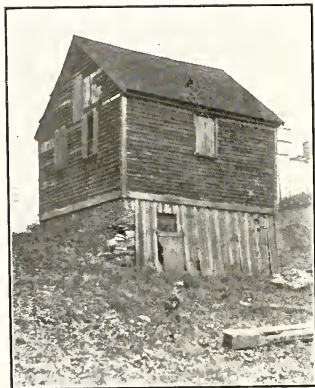
Built in 1882

King Philip, a tract of land north of the Rehoboth Purchase, which came to be known as the Rehoboth North Purchase. It included what are now the towns of Attleboro, North Attleboro, Cumberland, and parts of Mansfield and Norton.

### **First Settlers of Attleboro**

The first white inhabitant within the original limits of Attleboro was William Blackstone. He settled on the bank of

the Pawtucket river, now called Blackstone, in what is now Cumberland, Rhode Island. He was also first settler and proprietor of Shawmut, now the site of Boston. Mr. Blackstone was a graduate of Cambridge University, England, in the class of 1617, and became a clergyman of the English Church. He



FIRST  
SCHOOLHOUSE  
IN  
ADAMSDALE



came to America in 1625 and settled in Boston. Ten years later he sold his interests there and removed to Cumberland where he died May 26, 1675. A monument recently erected to his memory stands in the yard of Ann and Hope Mill, Lonsdale, Rhode Island.

### First Settlers of North Attleboro

The first settlement within the bounds of the present town of North Attleboro was in the neighborhood of the Baptist Church,

near the site of Hatch's Tavern. It was made by John Woodcock and his sons about 1669. Woodcock senior was a shrewd, fearless and adventurous character who considered it his religious duty to exterminate the Indians. He lost a son in the Indian Wars, whose body was buried where it fell, and the spot may be seen in the center of the cemetery at the junction of Smith and



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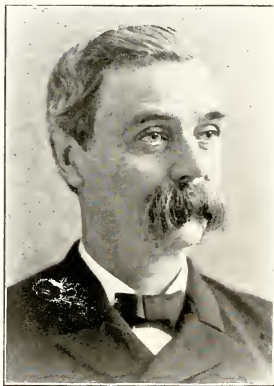


Washington Streets. The loss of his son made him more bitter than ever against the Red Men and he fought them relentlessly unto his death. He died in 1701 at an advanced age. After his death the scars of seven bullet holes made by the Indians were found on his body.

### Attleboro Incorporated

In 1694, by an act of the General Court, the Rehoboth North Purchase was incorporated as the town of Attleboro. Previous to this the North Purchase had been within the jurisdic-

tion, though not within the charter limits, of Rehoboth. The boundaries described and established in the act of incorporation included the present towns of Attleboro, North Attleboro, and Cumberland. The territory was inhabited in some localities by a few Indians, while the white inhabitants at the time of incorporation numbered about one hundred and eighty. The



ANSEL D. NICKERSON  
Superintendent 1861-1862

white population increased rapidly and penetrated into various parts of the town, while the Indian population faded away.

### Name of the Town

Attleboro derived its name without a doubt from the town of Attleborough in Norfolk County, England. Old Attleborough



was formerly a city of considerable size and appears to have retained its privileges, powers, and prosperity through several centuries. It established numerous manufactories, engaged in



ROBERT CUSHMAN  
Superintendent 1866-1867

an extensive trade with the surrounding country, and erected great castles, among which was the once famous Bungay Castle. In a word, Old Attleborough was once a celebrated town in English

history. The derivation of the name is "At-le-Burgh," meaning at the borough, fort, or castle,—“Atleburgh.”

### First Town Meeting

The first town meeting on record appears to have been held on May 11, 1696, two years after the incorporation. There must



J. H. PHILLIPS  
Superintendent 1867-1868

have been, however, an earlier meeting and election of officers, of which no record is preserved.

### Cumberland Set Off

In 1745 the Town of Cumberland was separated from Attleboro by royal charter; that is, by order of the "King in Council." Cumberland comprised nearly one-half of the original town, and

for the most part was considered a good and valuable tract of land. The new boundaries established by this charter took Cumberland from Massachusetts and annexed it to Rhode Island.

### Division of Attleboro

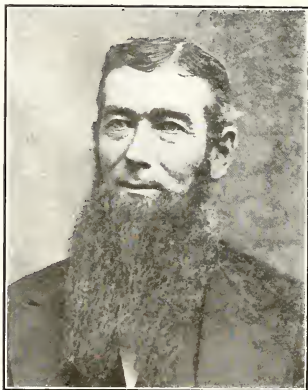
Attleboro had prospered and grown until it was, with the exception of Pittsfield, the largest town in the state, and many



REV. GEORGE E. LEESON  
Superintendent 1868-1870

good people thought that a division ought to be made. In the fall of 1886 a petition was presented to the General Court asking that body to provide for a division of the town. An act was passed by the General Court granting that the requested separation should become effective on Nov. 1, 1887, provided a majority

of the voters of the town would accept it. On July 30, the question was submitted to the voters, with the following result: North Attleboro, yeas 234, nays 371; East Attleboro (now Attleboro), yeas 414, nays 180; South Attleboro, yeas 17, nays 91; total yeas 665, total nays 642. Thus by a majority vote of



**HENRY A. GUILD**

Superintendent 1870-1873; 1875-1877; 1897-1899

Trustee 1883-1901

only 23 the great question was decided. Out of a single town, which had lived and prospered for nearly two centuries, two new towns were called into existence, and the splendid success which each has since achieved speaks volumes for the wisdom and patriotism of the citizens both of the old Attleboro and the new.

### Abbott's Run

The rivers of Attleboro and North Attleboro are worthy of notice, not so much for their size as for the valuable water privileges which they afford. Among them is a small stream called Abbott's Run. This brook has its source in the northeasterly part of Cumberland, and after several times crossing the line between



**ABNER ATWOOD**

Superintendent 1873-1875; 1877-1888

that town and North Attleboro it empties into the Blackstone River just below Valley Falls. Its total length is about eight miles. Abbott's Run is said to have derived its name from one Abbott, a boy who was drowned in its waters during the early history of the town. Another common statement is that the Indian name of the stream was Waweepooseag, but the authen-

teity of this is questioned. This little river, like its sister streams, has been utilized for manufacturing purposes since the earliest settlements were made.

### Adamsdale

In the extreme southwest part of North Attleboro on Abbott's Run is located the attractive hamlet of Adamsdale.



S. FRED GAY  
Superintendent 1888-1893

formerly called Lanesville. The village consists of a factory, a post office and railroad station, a school house, a store, a church, and the happy homes and attractive acres of the villagers. The former name of Lanesville was derived from one Daniel Lane, a farmer, who in 1815 sold his farm of fifty-two acres to Abraham

and Isaac Wilkinson. This property is now owned by Matthew Ferguson.

Two years later, in 1817, the estate of Richard Cushman sold to the same parties all rights, title, and interest in the grist mill, bolt shop, and log run on Abbott's Run. Up to this time there had been built no cotton mills in Lauesville. The village



**JERRY L. WIGHTMAN**

Superintendent 1895-1897; 1902-date

Deacon 1914-date      Trustee 1914-date

continued to be known by this name until 1875, when it was changed to Adamsdale, in honor of the Adams family of which John F. Adams, former Mayor of Pawtucket and one time owner of the factory at Adamsdale, is a worthy member.

### The Cotton Mill

The first cotton mill was erected about 1830, probably in 1826, by Palemon and Bennett Whipple. It was seventy feet long, thirty-six feet wide, and four stories high. It generally employed about seventy hands, consumed four bales of New Orleans cotton per week, and manufactured four hundred thous-

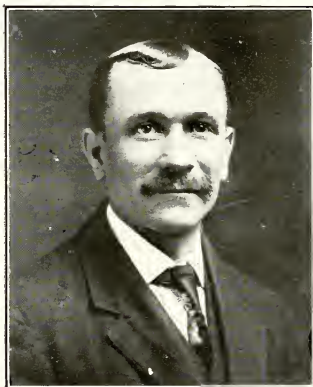


FRED ANGELL  
Superintendent 1899-1901

and yards of cloth per year. It ran two thousand spindles and fifty looms. This mill was destroyed by fire and a second one erected on its site by John Kennedy about 1847. In 1848 the property was purchased by Gideon L. Spencer of Pawtucket, who held title and possession till the end of 1853, when it was bought by Jonathan Chase, Jr., of Smithfield. The property



soon reverted to Gideon L. Spencer, who leased it as follows: 1856 to 1862, to Timothy Earle and James H. Chase; 1862 to 1864, to Timothy Earle and Rufus J. Stofford. This latter lease was bought in 1864 by John F. Adams of Pawtucket. In 1867 he bought the property of Gideon L. Spencer and held and operated it until 1904. In 1872 Mr. Adams enlarged the mill,



PETER DEAN

Assistant Superintendent 1908-date  
Deacon 1914-date      Trustee 1914-date

about doubling its former capacity. In October, 1881, it was destroyed by fire. In 1882 the present factory was erected. Mr. Adams had previously manufactured print-cloths, yarns, and some cloth, but with the opening of the new mill he confined himself exclusively to the making of cotton yarns. The new mill

contained five thousand and forty spindles. In 1904 the property passed into the hands of Stephen Jenks, who sold it to the Atlantic Mill Company, which, after running the factory for a time, turned it over to the Spencer Yarn Company, under whose management it now is. Our fellow-townsmen, Adam MacWhinnie is treasurer and general manager of this Company.



MRS. J. L. WIGHTMAN

Teacher for many years. A wise counsellor and safe leader

### Other Industries

Aside from the cotton mill there are no other factories in the village. Raising fruit and vegetables and producing milk are the other chief occupations of the villagers. Among the leading tillers of the soil are the White Brothers, George Allen, Arthur Newell, Matthew Ferguson, Peter Dean, Frank E. Gay, Edwin Carpenter, Stephen Bagley, and George England. The post

office is located in the railroad station, and Asa A. Newell acts as both station agent and postmaster. The village store is kept by Frank E. Gay.

### Wars

While the historian has little to say in regard to the part played by the people of Adamsdale in the wars of our country,



MISS FLORICE A. GUILD

A willing and devoted helper in many capacities

he gives us to understand that they responded to its call in every time of need, and did their duty well. During the Indian wars the contending forces passed through Adamsdale many times but it was not the scene of an important engagement. A short distance away, in what is now Cumberland, two bloody battles were fought. One is known as the "Pierce Fight" and the other

as the "Nine Men's Misery." These conflicts took place during King Philip's War which began July 4, 1675. No less than four Superintendents of the Cushman Union Sunday School, George Cushman, Ansel D. Nickerson, J. Henry Phillips, George E. Leeson and one member of the building committee, J. B. Carpenter, were soldiers of the War for the Union. William Briggs is the only resident veteran.



MRS. BARTON I. CHACE

Charter member of the Sunday School and teacher until her death in 1879

### Schools

Diligent effort has failed to discover definite records of the establishment of the public school at Adamsdale or the erection of the first school building. The records of old Attleboro, however, indicate that a school was established in the village at a n

early date. In 1771 the town was divided into thirteen districts and the homes in which the school was to be kept were named. Adamsdale appears to have been one of these districts. It is probable that there were no school houses in Attleboro, hence in Adamsdale, up to 1804, as the records make no mention of any previous to that time. In that year the town gave the districts



**MRS. JULIA A. CLARK**

Charter member of the Sunday School and "one of its strong pillars"

authority to raise money and build school houses. Adamsdale appears to have acted upon this privilege soon after 1808, and a building was erected on the corner near the bridge that now spans Abbott's Run. This building on another site is now used by the Spencer Yarn Company for storage purposes. Early in the nineteenth century a lot of land was set off from the old Hunt

homestead, donated no doubt by the proprietor, for a cemetery and the site of a new district school building. The school house was duly erected and continued in service until 1850 when it was destroyed by incendiary fire. On the same site a new building was placed and it was in this structure, still used by the district school, that the Cushman Union Sunday School was started in



MRS. ASA A. NEWELL

Valued worker, efficient teacher and safe leader

1860 and regularly held its services till the erection of the chapel in 1883.

Adamsdale has been fortunate in its choice of committeemen. Among those who served the district wisely and well, in those old days that tried men's souls, might be mentioned N. B. Carpenter 1837, Arnold Jillson 1841, John Tucker 1842, Charles

Clark 1847, James Newell 1860, and D. B. Tucker 1864. Most of these men held the office on several different occasions. The teachers who have taught the village school also are worthy of mention. Since 1862 seventeen individuals, one man and sixteen women, have filled the position. Without exception they have been clean in life and character, and have rendered faithful and efficient service to the community.

The list includes the following:—

MISS ANNIE M. ELLIS	. . . . .	1862—1864
MISS MARY A. HAMMOND	. . . . .	1864
MISS LIZZIE M. PAINE	. . . . .	1864—1865
MISS LYDIA J. PERRY	. . . . .	1865
MISS DELIA M. STANLEY,	1866—1869, 1871—1873, 1874—1877, 1879	
MISS JENNIE E. ELLIS	. . . . .	1870
MISS MARY E. PIKE	. . . . .	1871—1873
MISS STELLA M. BARROWS	. . . . .	1873—1875
MISS M. A. GRIGGS	. . . . .	1876—1878
MISS MARY A. MATHIAS	. . . . .	1878—1879
MISS AGNES PEIRCE	. . . . .	1879—1880
FRANK S. COOK	. . . . .	1880
MISS HATTIE E. COOK	. . . . .	1880
ARIADNE Y. BALLOU	. . . . .	1881
MISS THERESA L. PRATT	. . . . .	1881—1895
MRS. NETTIE PERRY	. . . . .	1896—1911
MISS MARY A. DUMPHY	. . . . .	1911—date

### Railroads

Adamsdale is located on the old Rhode Island and Massachusetts Railroad. The Rhode Island and Massachusetts Company constructed a line seven miles long from Franklin, Mass., to Valley Falls, R. I., which formed a connecting line between the Providence and Worcester Railroad and the New

York and New England system. It was opened for travel in 1872, was leased to the New York and New England in 1877, and thereafter, in conjunction with the Providence and Worcester from Providence to Valley Falls and the main line of the New York and New England from Franklin to Boston, formed a through line between Providence and Boston. A second line connects Adamsdale with Boston via North Attleboro and Wrentham.

All these lines are now a part of the New York, New Haven and Hartford system. The first depot was erected in Adamsdale in 1877, and for the past fifteen years Asa A. Newell has been station agent.

### Sunday School Established

In that far period to which no records run, in those days that tried men's souls, full twenty-three years before the erection of any church home for the good people of Adamsdale then called Lanesville, they held religious services from house to house or in the village school-room. An early scribe writes that "On April 15, 1860, a Sunday School was founded by George Cushman and others in the village then called Lanesville, now called Adamsdale, in the town of Attleboro, in the State of Massachusetts, which was carried on almost continuously until January 4, 1874, without any formal organization or name."



REV. ISAAC FLEMING  
Acting Pastor 1900-1902



It is strange yet true, that no records were kept of the early doings of the Sunday School, previous to the beginning of 1874.



REV. CLARENCE M. EDDY  
Acting Pastor 1902-1903

The best information we have of this early period, so rich in sacrifice and effort, is to be found in the Adamsdale historical address of Deacon Robert Cushman, brother of the founder, which was delivered June 30, 1883, at the laying of the corner stone of the present church building. The address was as follows :

#### Deacon Cushman's Historical Address

“In the attempt to compile a history of this Sunday School, which, at the age of twenty - three years, has arrived at the dignity of building a chapel, with the help of friends, the writer has been embarrassed by the lack of definite information as to its earlier years, several mem-

bers who could have given it having died, and those now living being unable to recollect many of the events with much certainty.

No record of the transactions of the school previous to January, 1874, nor after 1875, can be found, except as to the attendance, collections, and the disposition of collections and donations; and the writer feels constrained to mention these facts (as well as the lack of time) in explanation of the meagreness of a history covering so many years of efforts that have not lacked the true spirit of heroism.

In the spring of 1860 George Cushman, then of Central Falls, afterwards of Pawtucket, felt moved to do something for the spiritual benefit of the residents of this village, near which he had spent his childhood and youth. Associating with himself his neighbor, Ansel D. Nickerson (who has since become a prominent Sunday School man), they started the school in the district school-house, by the permission of the trustee, James Newell. Miss Cynthia Chace (now Mrs. Hudson) and Miss Ruth A. Lee are the only other teachers of that day that are now remembered. Among the few pupils were some who afterwards became pillars in the school by their constant attendance and faithful labors. The names of Mrs. Miriam Chace, James Newell, Henry A. Guild, Miss Julia A. Guild (now Mrs. Clark), and Miss Emma L. Lewis are held in grateful remembrance.

In the fall of 1862 Mr. Cushman and Mr. Nickerson both enlisted in the army, and left the school in the care of Mr. Cushman's brother Robert of Pawtucket and Samuel T. Mallery of Central Falls, the latter acting as superintendent. These filled their places for about a year, until they returned from the war. Other duties drew so heavily upon Mr. Nickerson that the care fell

almost wholly upon Mr. Cushman, who acted as superintendent until his death in 1886. Doubtless the joy of seeing ten members of the school come into the spiritual kingdom of God seemed an all-sufficient reward for his labor and self-sacrifice.

Robert Cushman again helped for a brief period. Then J. Henry Phillips of Pawtucket, George Cushman's tent-mate in the



REV. WILLARD L. PRATT  
Acting Pastor 1903-1905

army, warm friend and successor in business, was persuaded to assume the care of the school. His faithful and self-denying labor, continued about three years, almost to the day of his death, attested his love of the work.

After Mr. Phillips' death, George E. Leeson (afterwards an honored minister of the Gospel) performed the service for a while.

After his removal to a distance Henry A. Guild and Abner Atwood served.

In January 1874 the school was more formally organized by the adoption of the name Cushman Sunday School (in honor of its founder) and the election of Abner Atwood and Henry A. Guild as joint superintendents, James Newell as secretary and treasurer, Jesse Carpenter and Herbert Lewis as librarians, and Joshua Coons as director of music. Substantially this arrangement continued in effect for several years. In April 1883, when it was decided to build a chapel, the school reorganized in a more formal manner, by the adoption of a constitution and by-laws under the name of the "Cushman Union Sunday School" of Adamsdale, the constitution being signed by the members to qualify themselves for the ownership of the chapel.

It is doubtful if the most considerate resident members fully appreciate the self-denial practiced by those who have come from a distance, often suffering from summer's heat and winter's cold and storms through these many years, to help on this good work. Some came for long periods to assist as teachers and one, Charles Phillips of Pawtucket, to assist in the music by playing the organ and leading the singing. Of the resident members who have shown their deep interest by constant attendance it is perhaps best not to remark in detail, but the Newells, Guilds, Chaces, Lewises, Carpenters and Clarks have been conspicuous in devotion.

And these laborers have not limited themselves to the regular school work and its attendant entertainments, but have held



REV. ALBERT F. BASSFORD  
Acting Pastor 1905-1906

hundreds of meetings, both preaching services and prayer meetings, which have been blessed to the enlightenment of many and the saving of some."

### Building of the Chapel

On March 1, 1883, the following notice appeared upon the front of the school-house: "All persons interested in the build-



REV. CLYDE MOODY  
Acting Pastor 1908-1909

ing of a chapel in this place are requested to meet in the school-house on Wednesday evening next at half past seven o'clock, signed H. B. Carpenter." At the meeting so called Henry A. Guild and Asa A. Newell were appointed a committee to purchase a suitable lot, get a deed of the same, and build the

foundation walls. Abner Atwood, Robert Cushman, and J. B. Carpenter were elected as building committee.



REV. CLIFTON H. WALCOTT  
Acting Pastor 1909-1910

An adjourned meeting was held in the school-house on April 4. The committee appointed to procure a suitable lot reported that George M. Chace (now a member of the police force of Providence) had kindly offered to give a lot. It was voted to appoint Henry A. Guild, Abner Atwood and Robert Cushman as a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws to complete the organization of the Sunday School Society.

At a meeting on April 11 the committee appointed to draw up a constitution and by-laws reported (in part) as follows :

“Whereas the school proposes soon to build and own a chapel, in



REV. CHARLES A. CARMAN  
Acting Pastor 1911-1911

order to qualify itself for such ownership and to identify its members more fully by a more perfect organization, we, the undersigned, members of this school, do now adopt the following constitution and by-laws.” The draft submitted was adopted and signed by those present.

On June 14 the committee elected to build the chapel foundation reported their work completed. It was voted that Abner Atwood, C. A. Carpenter and Robert Cushman be a committee to procure a corner stone and have it laid with appropriate ceremonies.

### Laying of the Corner Stone

The exercises of laying the corner stone were held on June 30, 1883, with the following program :



Prayer, Rev. B. F. Simon; Address, Rev. J. H. Lyon; Historical Sketch, Robert Cushman; Music; Address, Superintendent A. D. Nickerson; Remarks, Rev. J. H. Lyon; Music; Benediction, Rev. J. H. Lyon; Organist, J. F. Adams.



GEORGE H. LEWIS  
Acting Pastor 1911-date

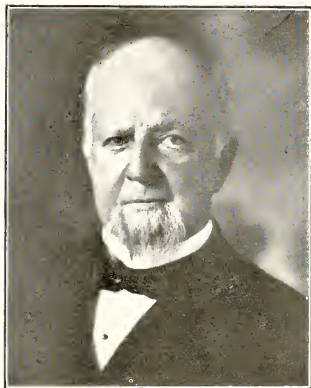
Miss Florice Guild, worthy daughter of splendid parents, and herself a lifelong worker in the school, broke the sod for the new building. The box placed in the corner stone contained the following articles: constitution and by-laws of the school, copy of the Providence "Morning Star," copy of the Attleboro "Chronicle."

### Dedicatory Services

The services in dedication of the completed chapel took place on the evening of December 12, 1883. The program was:

Organ Prelude, J. F. Adams; Singing, Pawtucket Congregational Church Choir; Invocation, Rev. B. F. Simon; Scripture, Rev. J. H. Lyon; Prayer, Rev. B. F. Simon; Singing, Choir; Sermon, Rev. John Whitehill; Singing, Choir; Statement, Deacon Robert Cushman; Doxology, Congregation; Benediction, Rev. J. H. Lyon.

Proprietor  
of  
Adamsdale  
Mill  
1867-1899



Chairman  
Board  
of  
Trustees  
1883-date

HON. JOHN F. ADAMS

The Sunday School first used the chapel for its work on Dec. 16, 1883, with the following officers and teachers:

Superintendent, Abner Atwood; Asst. Superintendent, S. D. Clark; Secretary and Treasurer, H. B. Carpenter; Librarian, Henry A. Guild; Asst. Librarian, C. A. Carpenter; Teachers, Abner Atwood, S. Fred Gay, Mrs. Anna Newell, Miss Lillian Clark, Miss Emma Lewis.

It was necessary to borrow eight hundred dollars on mortgage to pay the expense of building, the total cost of the same being \$2057.08. One hundred dollars of this loan was repaid before the end of the year.



ADAM MACWHINNIE

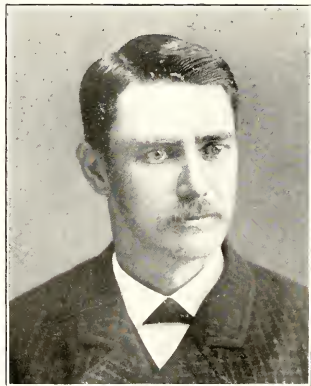
Treasurer and General Manager of present Adamsdale Mill

On May 3, 1884, twelve rock maples were set out on the chapel grounds by H. P. Guild, H. B. Carpenter, H. A. Guild, and Miss Florice A. Guild.

### Twenty-fifth Anniversary

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the Sunday School in the community was observed in the chapel on Sunday, May 10, 1885, the celebration having been postponed from April

15 on account of the absence of Superintendent Atwood in Florida. The exercises were opened with singing by the school, and by a quartet from the Central Falls Congregational Church consisting of W. H. Tracy, Deacon Robert Cushman, Mrs. Walter Patt, and Miss Mattie Tracy. Prayer was offered by

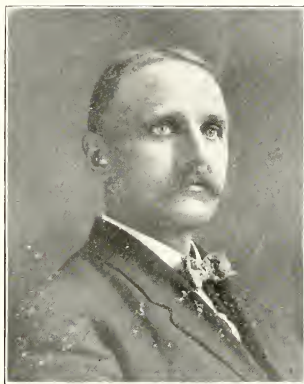


HENRY B. CARPENTER

Trustee 1883-date      Secretary-Treasurer of Sunday School 1877-date

Deacon Cushman, followed by recitations from younger members of the school, after which the Superintendent presented his report. This was followed by an interesting address from Ansel D. Nickerson, one of the founders and early superintendents of the school. Deacon Cushman then gave a delightful talk in which he reviewed his early connection with the school. All of the original ten members of the school had passed away except

A. D. Nickerson, H. A. Guild and Mrs. Julia Clark, who were present at the anniversary. The school numbered sixty members including teachers. The total attendance for the year was 1976, and collections \$54.86.



ASA A. NEWELL  
Trustee 1883-date

### The Christian Endeavor Society

On the evening of July 18, 1888, a meeting was held to organize a Christian Endeavor Society. Samuel Cushman and Robert Cushman, Jr., of Pawtucket were present to assist. At another meeting four days later, presided over by Robert Cushman, Jr., it was voted to form a society. The regular C. E. constitution was adopted, and the following officers elected:— President, Miss Mary E. Lewis; Vice President, Miss Dell

Clark; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Mary E. Lewis; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Winnie Carpenter. The charter membership consisted of three honorary, twenty-eight active, and five associate members. The first devotional meeting was held on Sunday evening, July 29, with H. A. Guild as leader. Thirty-five were present, and eighteen took part.

#### CHARTER MEMBERS

HONORARY—Abner Atwood, Henry A. Guild, Henry Carpenter.

ACTIVE—Miss Mary E. Lewis, Miss Dell Clark, Miss Winnie Carpenter, Miss Emma Lewis, Mrs. George Guild, George Guild, Mrs. Joseph B. Carpenter, Charles A. Carpenter, Henry A. Guild, Harvey Guild, Jerry Wightman, Miss Rose Cooke, Miss Florice A. Guild, Miss Abbie Newell, Miss Mira Mowry, Daniel Mowry, S. F. Gay, Abner Atwood, Mrs. Anna E. Newell, Thomas Robbins, Miss Ida Mowry, Frank Gay, Fred Stone, Mrs. Jerry L. Wightman, Miss Mary Robbins.

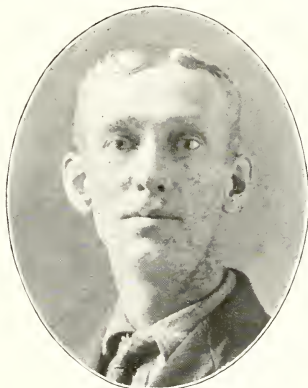
ASSOCIATE—Miss Fannie A. Carpenter, Stephen Mowry, Mrs. E. B. Maxey, Clarence Guild, Harry Mowry, Mary Plant.

#### Mortgage Paid Off

Several partial payments of the mortgage had been made at various times. On June 28, 1891, the Sunday School voted to pay the balance. The good people had succeeded in building, furnishing, and paying for their Sabbath home all within eight years, an achievement of which they might well be proud.

### Horse-Sheds Built

In 1892 Asa Newell, H. A. Guild, and H. B. Carpenter were appointed as a committee to confer with C. A. Carpenter, and purchase from him an additional tract of land. Abner Atwood, H. A. Guild, and E. B. Maxey were appointed a committee to erect horse-sheds thereon. C. A. Carpenter gave



WENDELL HUDSON  
Trustee 1901-date

the school a suitable piece of land, and the sheds were erected the same year.

### Church Society Organized

On November 24, 1899, a meeting was held in the chapel to consider the advisability of forming a church society. George L. Drown of Providence acted as Moderator, and Miss Etta

Sweet as Secretary. It was voted to organize a church society and call it the Cushman Union Congregational Society. Mr. Drown was elected as supply pastor, and regular Sunday preaching services were inaugurated, which have since been faithfully maintained. It is well to remember in this connection that preaching services had been held before the formation of the society, but not at regular periods.



CHARLES A. CARPENTER  
Trustee 1883-date

### Improvements

In 1905 important improvements were made. Boundary stones were set, the chimney of the chapel was relocated, the chapel was painted within and without, and the sheds without.



Again early in 1912 Peter Dean, Harold Gay, and Miss Florice A. Guild were appointed as a committee to consider ways and means of building a kitchen and Sunday School room in the basement of the chapel. The work of this committee was not completed for many months. The basement was nicely finished inside with pine sheathing and pressed steel ceiling, the

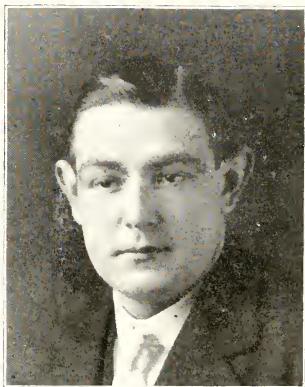


**ROBERT CUSHMAN**  
Founder of the Christian Endeavor Society, 1888

furnace was relocated, a new platform built in the audience room, a bell donated and belfry built, the chapel and sheds painted, chairs and dishes bought for the new social rooms. On September 28, 1913, dedicatory services were held, with large attendance and the following program :

Hymn, by the Congregation; Responsive Reading, led by Robert Cushman of Central Falls; Singing, Quartet from the First M. E. Church of North Attleboro, G. A. Livingston, C. S. Sewert, C. F. French, F. E.

Blackwell; Scripture Reading, G. A. Livingston, North Attleboro; Prayer, Rev. John Whitehill, Oldtown Congregational Church; Hymn, Congregation; Presentation of the Guild Sunday School Room in loving memory of Mrs. Julia Guild Clark and Henry A. Guild, and in appreciation of an unselfish service over many years by Miss Florice A. Guild, Rev. John Whitehill; Singing, Quartet; Presentation of the Wightman Belfry by the Sunday School and friends in appreciation of thirty years of efficient and unselfish service by Superintendent and Mrs. J. L. Wightman, Rev. J. D. Dingwell of



**ELMER C. WIGHTMAN**

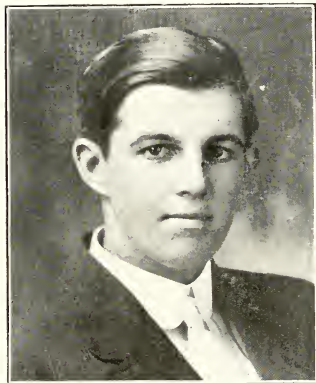
Son of our Superintendent and owner of the Broadway Garage, Pawtucket

Central Falls Congregational Church; Singing, Sunday School; Presentation of the bell donated by Pastor and Mrs. George H. Lewis in loving memory of their son, Dwight Clayton Lewis, Rev. H. A. Cornell of Providence; Hymn, Congregation; Address, "Looking unto Jesus," Rev. Floyd L. Carr of the Roslindale Baptist Church; Hymn, Congregation; Benediction, Rev. John Whitehill.

The improvements had all been paid for as made, through the liberal giving and efforts of many friends.

### Thirtieth Anniversary

The thirtieth anniversary of the building of the chapel was celebrated during the week beginning Sunday, November 16, 1913. Sunday evening was "Church Night," with the following program :



**HAROLD GAY**  
Sunday School Librarian since 1906

Singing, Congregation; Responsive Reading, led by G. H. Lewis; Singing, Quartet (Mrs. Wightman, Miss Brien, Miss Guild, Mr. Dean); Scripture Reading, Peter Dean; Prayer, J. L. Wightman; Solo by Mrs. Abbie Crawford, South Attleboro; Hymn; Historical Address by Robert Cushman of Central Falls (Mr. Cushman read the address delivered by his father at the laying of the corner stone of the chapel on June 30, 1883); Solo, Mrs. Crawford; Anniversary Address by Rev. John Whitehill of the Oldtown Congregational Church, who preached the dedicatory sermon on December 12, 1883; Hymn; Benediction, Mr. Whitehill.

On Wednesday evening of the same week was held an "Anniversary Banquet" attended by over a hundred members and guests. G. H. Lewis acted as toastmaster, and some very interesting speeches were made.

On Friday evening "Christian Endeavor Night" was celebrated. The scripture was read by J. L. Wightman, two solos



THE GAY FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Gay and family, all of whom are members of our Sunday School

were sung by Miss A. Dorothy Smith of Providence, there were addresses by Robert Cushman of Pawtucket (founder of our Christian Endeavor Society in 1888), and Rev. Seelye Bryant of the South Attleboro Church.

Sunday evening, November 23, was observed as "Sunday School Night." The scripture was read by Peter Dean, and prayer offered by J. L. Wightman; a historical address was

given by G. H. Lewis, and two solos were sung by Miss Bertha Hudson.

Thursday Evening, December 25, the Annual Christmas Concert and Tree Exercises were held. Miss Florice A. Guild acted as organist, and acting pastor George H. Lewis presided

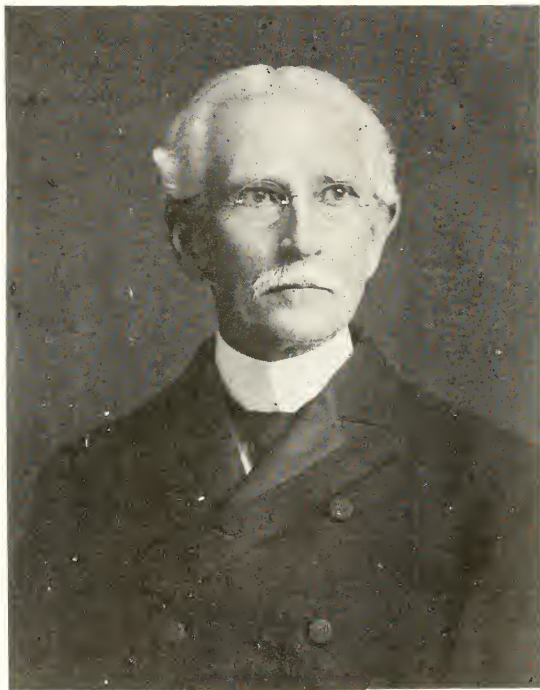


E. SYKES GOODWIN

Designer of the Wightman Belfry and Guild Sunday School Room.  
Occasional pulpit supply

and read the scripture. Rev. H. A. Cornell of Providence offered prayer. A delightful programme of music and recitations was then rendered by the school.

A fine portrait of superintendent Jerry L. Wightman was then unveiled by Masters John Dean and Elisha Newell. Rev. H. A. Cornell in an address of presentation spoke appreciatively of



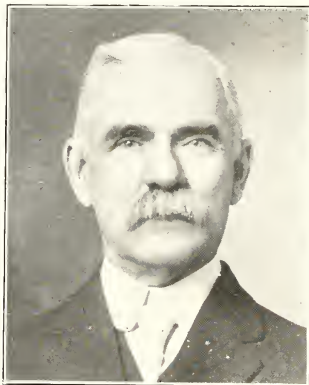
REV. JAMES H. LYON

Pastor of the Central Falls Congregational Church from 1867 till his death, 1911  
A life-long friend



**REV. JOHN WHITEHILL**  
Pastor of the Oldtown Congregational Church from 1869 to date  
A helper and comforter on many occasions. Loved by all

Mr. Wightman's services as Sunday School Superintendent and worker for over thirty years. Peter Dean in an address of acceptance spoke of the gratitude of the Church and Sunday School. At the close of the service the entire Congregation marched past the pulpit and shook hands with Mr. Wightman.



**REV. HENRY A. CORNELL**

Good friend and helper on many occasions

The Annual Meeting of the church and its allied societies was held Wednesday evening, December 31. A revised creed, covenant and by-laws were adopted. New officers were elected including two deacons and two additional trustees. The reports showed work in all departments to be at the flood tide of prosperity. Sunday, January 18, five members were received into the church. Rev. John Whitehill of the Oldtown Congregational



Church conducted the service assisted by Mr. Lewis. Monday evening January 25, the trustees held their annual meeting, and for the thirty-second consecutive year elected John F. Adams, Chairman, and Henry B. Carpenter, Secretary and Treasurer.



REV. BENJAMIN T. LIVINGSTON  
Occasional helper and friend of every good work

### Our Pastors

Since the organization of the church society in November 1899, ten excellent men have occupied the pulpit as stated preachers, and have rendered worthy and acceptable service. For the most part the church has depended on University or Seminary



REV. JAMES D. DINGWELL

Successor of the late Rev. James H. Lyon as pastor of the Central Falls Congregational Church. A man of splendid abilities; a valued friend students for its supplies, and their graduations have occasioned frequent changes. Several of our former leaders have since been

ordained to the ministry and are now rendering good service as pastors of churches.

1899-1900. George L. Drown, our first pastor, was born in Providence, educated in the Providence schools, Brown and Clark Universities, Harvard Theological School, became instructor in Clark University, and journalist, lives in Providence.



**THE HENRY A. GUILD HOMESTEAD**

Now the residence of Mrs. Henry A. Guild and her daughter, Florice  
Store of Frank E. Gay

1900-1902. Isaac Fleming, born in Nova Scotia, prepared at Mount Hermon School, studied at Brown University, Auburn Theological School and Harvard University, had pastorates at Fairhaven, N. Y., and Calistoga, Cal., is living at Cambridge, Mass.

1902-1903. Clarence M. Eddy, born in Ohio, studied at Brown University, had pastorates at Coshocton and Urbana, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Ind.

1903-1905. Willard L. Pratt, born in Nova Scotia, prepared at Mount Hermon School, student at Brown University, Newton Theological Institution, had pastorates at Brewer and Rockland, Maine.

1905-1906. Albert F. Bassford, born in England, was a student in Brown University, had pastorates at Oak Park, Ill.,



MISS MARY E. LEWIS

First President of the Christian Endeavor Society

(taking further studies in Chicago University), Corvallis and Marshfield, Oregon.

1906-1908. Alfred Marshall, a lay preacher, now in business in Somerville, Mass.

1908-1909. Clyde R. Moody, studied at Baylor and Brown Universities, now in Glendale, Cal.

1909-1910. Clifton H. Walcott, born at Hudson, Mass., prepared at Mount Hermon School, student at Brown University and Newton Theological Institution, had pastorates at Ashland and Sharon, Mass.

1911. Charles A. Carman, student at Denison and Brown Universities, now student at Rochester Theological School.



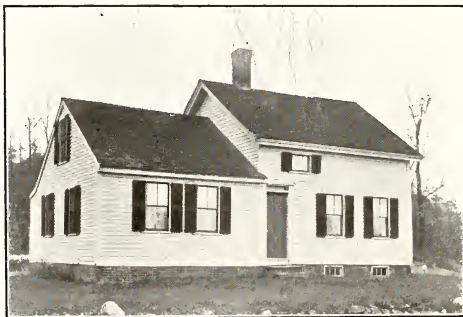
MISS EMMA LEWIS

Charter member of the Christian Endeavor Society, and one of its Presidents

1911-date. George H. Lewis, born in Maine, prepared at Lynn, Mass., studied at Brown University and Crozer Theological Seminary, in business in Providence, Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent of the Union Baptist Church, Providence, and Secretary of the Rhode Island Baptist Sunday School Convention.

### Our Superintendents

Since the organization of the Sunday School in April, 1860, fifteen choice men of God have filled the superintendency. Some of them gave good account of themselves in the war for the Union, others achieved successful business careers, others held positions of public trust, two became successful ministers, all were clean honorable men and good churchmen. The school has reason to



**THE LEE FARM**  
Now the property of Peter Dean

be proud of its superintendents. We give a brief sketch of each.

1860-1861, 1863-1866. The founder and first superintendent of the school was Deacon George Cushman, of Central Falls. He was born in Lanesville, now Adamsdale, in 1827, a lineal descendent of one of the founders of Plymouth Colony. He settled in business at Central Falls, and became an active member and Deacon of the Central Falls Congregational Church. He

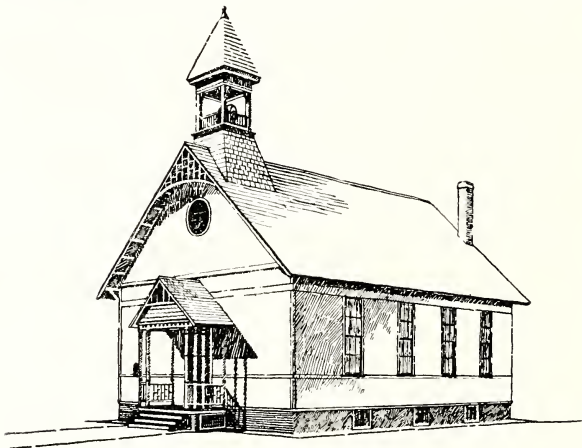
served his country in the Civil War, and served the school as superintendent until his death in 1866 at the early age of thirty-eight.

1861-1862. Ansel D. Nickerson was superintendent one year, during the absence of Deacon Cushman in the army. He lived in Central Falls, was connected with the Pawtucket "Chronicle" for thirty years as apprentice, journeyman, and proprietor; was alderman, member of the General Assembly, president of the Y. M. C. A., member of the First Baptist Church and superintendent of its Sunday School for twenty years, and superintendent of the memorial Sunday School of Saylesville for several years. Died in 1896.

1862-1863. Samuel T. Mallery also served as superintendent for one year, during the absence of Mr. Cushman in the army. He was the son of a Baptist minister, and member of the Baptist Church in Central Falls, having been superintendent of a Sunday School there for several years.

1866-1867. Robert Cushman, brother of George Cushman the founder of the school. In 1841 he joined the First Congregational Church of Attleboro, and in 1848, was elected Deacon, serving as such until 1858, when he united with the First Congregational Church in Central Falls, of which he was elected Deacon in 1866, succeeding his brother George. He was in business in Central Falls and Pawtucket many years, member of the Town Council and School Committee, and vice-president of the Providence County Savings Bank for twelve years. Died in 1891.

1867-1869. J. Henry Phillips. He was Deacon George Cushman's tent-mate in the army, warm friend and successor in business. Born in Dighton, Mass., united with the High Street Baptist Church in Pawtucket in 1859, enlisted in the



CUSHMAN UNION CHURCH

From pen sketch by E. Sykes Goodwin

army in 1862, was our superintendent until his death in 1869, at the early age of thirty-nine.

1869-1870. George E. Leeson. He was born at Pittsfield, Mass., served in the army during the Civil War, studied at Brown University and Newton Theological Institution, was ordained pastor of the Framingham Baptist Church, which he served until his death in 1881, at the age of thirty-six.



1870-1873, also 1875-1877 and 1897-1899. Henry A. Guild. Born in Rehoboth, Mass., spent most of his life in Adamsdale, active in religious work. The Guild Sunday School room is named for him, his sister and his daughter. Died July 16, 1901, aged sixty.

1873-1875, also 1877-1878. Abner Atwood. Born in Carver, Mass., became a machinist, was foreman of the Taunton Locomotive Works for several years. Afterwards associated with Robert Cushman and J. Henry Phillips in business at Pawtucket. Member and Deacon of the Central Falls Congregational Church. Died 1888.

1888-1893. S. Fred Gay. Born at North Attleboro, served three years in the Civil War, united with the Oldtown Congregational Church in 1866, moved to Pawtucket and joined the Central Falls Congregational Church in 1880, became interested in Adamsdale through friendship with the Cushmans. Died 1906.

1893-1894. S. D. Clark. Resided in Adamsdale about five years, during which he was active in religious work.

1894-1895. George U. Proal. Born in Maine, settled at Adamsdale 1890, later in lumber business in New Hampshire, removed to Foxboro 1910, now lives at Plainville.

1895-1897, also 1902-date. Jerry L. Wightman. Born in Somerville, Conn., came to Pawtucket as a boy with his father in 1870, married Lillian Clark of Adamsdale 1885, and the same year engaged in the grocery business with his father and brother. Early united with the Central Congregational Church

of Central Falls, has been interested in the religious work at Adamsdale for nearly thirty years, and S. S. superintendent more years than any other; always an interested helper, active worker, and liberal giver. The Wightman belfry was named for him and his devoted wife, whose mother, Mrs. Julia A. Clark and herself have taught the same class in the Sunday School for over forty years.



RESIDENCE OF GEORGE ALLEN

1899. Samuel Mollitt. Born in Scotland, afterward active in Y. M. C. A. work, and now a National Commissioner of the Boy Scouts of America, residing in New York City.

1899-1901. Fred N. Angell. Born in North Attleboro, educated in the public schools and Pawtucket Commercial College, compelled by poor health to give up office work he went into the poultry business; an earnest Christian worker, a charter

member of the church society, active in the Christian Endeavor Society. Died in 1903.

1901-1902. Isaac Fleming. See sketch under "Our Pastors."

1902-date. J. L. Wightman. See above, 1895-1897.

### Special Mention

A sketch like this would hardly be complete without mention of other helpers, not prominent in the foregoing history, who yet have done efficient service.

Among those who have been promoted from among us to a reward in the higher life are :

MRS. BARTON I. CHASE, a charter member of the Sunday School and teacher of a class until her death in October 1879. A quiet but efficient and esteemed helper.

MR. and MRS. HENRY A. CLARK, parents of Mrs. J. L. Wightman and Mrs. Frank E. Gay. He was a man of excellent spirit, "always doing good," she a devoted wife, good neighbor, sweet Christian, a charter member of the Sunday School and "one of its strong pillars." Mrs. Clark died in September 1895; Mr. Clark surviving until June 1907.

MR. and MRS. JOSEPH B. CARPENTER, old residents of Adamsdale, and their names intimately associated with its history. Mr. Carpenter was one of the Building Committee for the erection of the chapel. He died in June 1908, his worthy wife having gone before in November 1895.

GEORGE W. GUILD died in February 1908, an early member of the Christian Endeavor Society, and faithful worker therein.

HENRY A. GUILD was a helper and leader in our work from its inception, a man of fine spirit and with the capacity for interesting others. He was born March 6, 1841, and died July 16, 1901.



CAMP COMFORT

Where services are held during the summer months

REV. JAMES H. LYON, pastor of the Congregational Church in Central Falls from 1867 till his death in 1911, was the pastor of our founder and of other leaders in the earlier days of our work, and always interested to follow the progress in this field. He delivered the address at the laying of the corner-stone of the Chapel in 1883 and took part at the dedication service later in the same year.

MRS. CYNTHIA (CHACE) HUDSON, mother of Miss Bertha and Wendell Hudson, was for many years a faithful attendant and worker in the Sunday School.

MRS. EMILY (CARPENTER) METCALF was our first organist.



THE AVERY CARPENTER FARM  
Now known as the Spring Hill Farm and owned by  
Irving and Fred E. White

MRS. EMMA (CORNELL) PAUL is well remembered for her good work as a teacher.

JAMES NEWELL was supervisor of the seventh school district in 1860 when the Cushman Union Sunday School was organized. Later he became a very successful teacher in the school.

The older villagers remember with gratitude the delightful messages of Rev. George Miuer of Pawtucket, who was a fre-

quent preacher in the little school house some forty odd years ago. George M. Chace, our benefactor was named for him.

Among those yet with us and deserving special mention for their good works' sake are :

MR. and MRS. J. L. WIGHTMAN, devoted helpers for many years in every possible way.



**THE HUNT FARM**  
Now the property of Arthur Newell

PETER DEAN, came from England and settled in Adamsdale 1901, buying that same year the Lee farm which he now occupies. Helpful especially in the musical part of the services, and "ready always for every good work."

MISS FLORICE A. GUILD, daughter of worthy parents, a life long resident, early in life consecrated to the Master's service, a willing and devoted helper, whose years of service in many capacities in Sunday School, C. E. Society and Church are greatly appreciated.

REV. JOHN WHITEHILL, pastor of the First Congregational Church, Oldtown, North Attleboro, since 1869, has been a friend and helper of the work at Adamsdale from its beginning. He was born in Scotland, came to this country at the age of eleven, studied at Amherst College and Andover Seminary. His name is known and held in esteem throughout all this region.

HON. JOHN F. ADAMS, former mayor of Pawtucket and once proprietor of the cotton mill at Lanesville, an active helper in the earlier days of our work, is still one of our trustees and interested in our prosperity, though living at Pawtucket. Besides his business and political distinctions he is well known as a composer of music. He acted as organist at the laying of the cornerstone and at the dedication of the Chapel, and has often spoken at special services.

MRS. NANCY (CARPENTER) HIXON, an old and successful teacher in our Sunday School, now lives in Cumberland, R. I.

MRS. IMOGENE MAXCY, who also, rendered valuable service as a Sunday School teacher, now resides in Hebronville, Mass.

MISS EMMA LEWIS, at one time organist, Sunday School and Christian Endeavor worker, lives in Carver, Mass., with her sister, Miss Mary E. Lewis, also a willing and devoted helper and first President of our Christian Endeavor Society.

MRS. BENJAMIN TARBOX, for eight years our efficient church secretary, now lives in Hope Valley, R. I.

MISS BERTHA HUDSON continues to render helpful service as soloist and worker.

MISS ERNESTINE BRIEN is a helper in so many fields of activity that it is hard to enumerate them.

We would not forget MRS. FRANK E. GAY, daughter of the late Henry A. and Julia (Guild) Clark. She is the mother



THE BARTON I. CHACE HOMESTEAD  
Now owned by Bertha Hudson

of nine mighty fine children, all of whom are members of our Sunday School.

Among our church workers who have done much to make our social life clean, sweet and wholesome, alike to our friends and neighbors are Mrs. Asa A. Newell, Mrs. George Carpenter, Mrs. Arthur Newell, Mrs. Nellie Winterbottom, Mrs. Elizabeth Parker, Mrs. George King, Jr., Mrs. Wendell Hudson, Mrs. Peter Dean, Mrs. May Lake and Mrs. Irving White.



HENRY B. CARPENTER and CHARLES A. CARPENTER have given gratuitous services as sexton since the erection of the Chapel in 1883, an important service faithfully rendered through the years, and well worth commemorating.

CHARLES B. DONLE of Providence has visited us many times and given interesting addresses to the Sunday School.



THE HENRY A. CLARK HOMESTEAD

Now the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank E. Gay

GEORGE A. LIVINGSTON, superintendent of the M. E. Sunday School in North Attleboro, has been a helper on several occasions, both as speaker and singer.

ELMER C. WIGHTMAN of Pawtucket, worthy son of our superintendent, has done generous service with his automobile in conveying speakers and others back and forth between the church and car line.

E. SYKES GOODWIN of Providence, architect, designed and superintended the construction of the Wightman Belfry and the Guild Sunday School Room.

Rev. James D. Dingwell of the Central Falls Congregational Church, Rev. Seelye Bryant of the South Attleboro Church, Rev. Floyd L. Carr of the Roslindale Baptist Church, Rev. Henry A. Cornell of Providence and Rev. Charles D. Crane of Saylesville are good and valued friends.

REV. B. F. SIMON, for many years at Arnold's Mills, has assisted on many occasions. He took part at the laying of the corner-stone of our church building and at its dedication.

THOMAS SADLER, the South Attleboro manufacturer and churchman is a good friend, a welcome guest and a frequent after dinner speaker.

MRS. DEBORAH KNOX LIVINGSTON, the brilliant temperance worker, is remembered for her addresses, given before she became the wife of Rev. Benjamin T. Livingston, a gifted pastor of Bangor, Maine.

REV. and MRS. C. H. HEPTONSTALL of Burma, and Rev. and Mrs. Alexander Kennedy of China, have favored us with helpful addresses on their work in the far East.

The Pawtucket Times, Pawtucket Chronicle and the North Attleboro Chronicle have been liberal, fair, impartial and just in reporting the affairs of our church and village; for which we thank them.

SAMUEL PRESTON and his daughter Margaret are well remembered for their religious activities; he as a leader, and

she as a singer. Miss Preston was accidentally drowned November 7, 1913, and Mr. Preston now resides at Valley Falls.

Miss Julia L. Gay, our Christian Endeavor pianist, and Masters John Dean and Mervin C. Gay, cornetists, have added much to our religious meetings by helpful service freely given.

Groups of students from Brown University and young people from the Saylesville Memorial Church have favored us with their help and blessed us by their presence.



**VIEW ACROSS THE BRIDGE THAT SPANS ABBOTT'S RUN**

Among those who have entertained us on special occasions are Peter Dean and Miss Bertha Hudson of Adamsdale, Miss Vera Stockard and Miss A. Dorothy Smith of Providence, Miss Gladys E. Whyte of Denver, Miss Vivien M. and Miss Marian G. Lewis of Brown University.

Among those not already mentioned who have occasionally assisted in the religious work at Adamsdale are Rev. Henry

Natsch, Rev. L. S. Woodworth, Providence, Willis E. Goodhue, Norwich, Conn., who died in 1904, Rev. P. W. Bakeman, Hanchow, China, Ernest Blake, Rev. J. H. Thompson, Ludlow, Vt., Deacon J. S. Macdonald, Providence, Rev. D. M. McPhail, Portland, Oregon, John A. Medbury, G. A. R., East Providence, Professor M. L. Crossley, Wesleyan College, Middletown, Conn., Benjamin Slocum, Providence, Leonard W. Cronkbit, Hingham, Mass., Rev. H. C. Long, Newton Theological School, Rev. Frank Wheeler, Wakefield, Mass., deceased, Rev. Clark Perry, East Providence, and J. F. Morrell, Providence.

It has been estimated that teams furnished by the Robert and George Cushman Company and its successors, the Cushman, Phillips Company and the Atwood, Crawford Company, were driven between 1860 and 1890 upwards of 6000 miles in conveying workers to and from the services at the Cushman Union Sunday School.

### A Few Remembrances

The land on which the church stands was donated by George M. Chace, now a member of the Providence police force.

A large Bible for the pulpit was given by Joseph Wood, first superintendent and first clerk of the Central Falls Congregational Church.

A silver call-bell was presented to the Sunday School by Mrs. Delia (Stanley) Brown, for many years teacher in our District School.

A handsome silk American flag was given by the Women's Relief Corps of North Attleboro, with appropriate exercises, in December, 1911. Mrs. Thomas Smith delivered the address.

A portion of the land on which the carriage shed stands was donated by Charles A. Carpenter, one of our Trustees.

The stove in the kitchen was the gift of the Union Baptist Church of Providence, and the organ in the Guild Sunday School room was given by the Union Baptist Sunday School, of which our pastor is superintendent.



**GEORGE M. CHACE**

Donator of the land on which the church stands

The little portable organ, of such inestimable help in our summer outdoor services, was the gift of Superintendent J. L. Wightman.

The belfry was donated by the Sunday School and its friends, and dedicated to Superintendent and Mrs. J. L. Wightman.

The church bell was given in memory of Dwight Clayton Lewis, a member of Hope High School, Union Baptist Church and Y. M. C. A. all of Providence.

Adam MacWhinnie, Treasurer and General Manager of the Spence Yarn Company, materially aided the improvements of 1913 by contributions of lumber.



CHURCH AUDITORIUM, EASTER 1912

The wall clock in the Guild Sunday School room is the gift of Charles G. Guild of Lake Charles, La., and the wall lamps were donated by Mrs. Henry A. Guild and her daughter, Miss Florice A. Guild.

George M. Chace contributed a generous portion of the land on which the street from Adamsdale to South Attleboro was constructed.

Behind the pulpit in the auditorium is a picture of Christ given by Rev. A. F. Bassford of Oregon, one time acting pastor.

On the walls of the auditorium hang the likenesses of George



SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNICKERS, 1913

Cushman, Henry A. Guild, Abner Atwood, Fred Angell, Jerry L. Wightman, and J. H. Phillips, which were contributed by friends and relatives.

Our venerable and much loved trustee, John F. Adams, former mayor of Pawtucket, in the old days rendered valuable help by liberal contributions of money.

## Officers and Committees, 1914

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ACTING PASTOR

GEORGE H LEWIS

DEACONS

JERRY L. WIGHTMAN

PETER DEAN

CLERK AND TREASURER

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MISS FLORICE A. GUILD . . . . .	1913 - date

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ROBERT CUSHMAN . . . . .	1866—1867
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ABNER ATWOOD . . . . .	1873—1875, 1877—1888
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GEORGE U. PROAL . . . . .	1894—1895
SAMUEL MOFFITT . . . . .	1899—1899
FRED ANGELL . . . . .	1899—1901
ISAAC FLEMING . . . . .	1901—1902
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ROBERT CUSHMAN	.	.	.	.	1862—1863,	1867—1868
ABNER ATWOOD	.	.	.	.	1870—1873,	1875—1877
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					1900—1901	
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NO RECORD	.	.	.	.	.	1860—1874
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JOSHUA COONS	.	.	.	.	.	1875—1877
H. B. CARPENTER	.	.	.	.	.	1877—date

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H. B. CARPENTER	.	.	.	.	.	1877—date

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