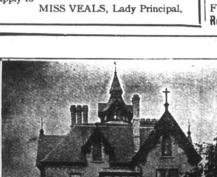
CANADIAN CHURCHM

November 21, 1907.



Rochford Church in Essex was recently visited by burglars, who robbed the church of many valuable orna ments and did damage to the building of the most wanton character. They gained entrance by smashing the large stained-glass window at the east end, a memorial window. with a wooden cross torn up from the surrounding grave yard. They practically wrecked the interior of the church and stole many of the ornaments, including candlesticks, vases and an altar cross A magnificent reredos and fine organ lately erected in the Parish Church at Kent, were dedicated by the Bishop of Croydon in the presence of a large congregation recently. Dr. Perrin, the organist of Canterbury Cathedral, presided at the organ and gave a recital. The reredos was erected by the six daughters of Captain Casberd Boteler, R.N., in memory of their parents. Containing three large amusing experiences in a book which panels of opus work, it is constructed he has written, entitled "Cupid's Pu-

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of coloured alabaster and harmonises well with the architecture of the church. The organ was the gift of the late Mrs. Crosse, in memory of her sister, Mrs. Holmes, and the Rev. J. R. Holmes. Since 1870 £6,000 has been expended on the restoration of the church, of which £1,355 has been raised during the past four years. Mr. E. J. Lupson, parish clerk of Great Yarmouth, England, who has just completed forty-four years' service, has attended 12,000 weddings at the Parish Church, and has been absent from church only three times out of nearly 2,300 Sundays. He has given away more than 1,200 brides, and has lately unfolded a story of

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pils." It seems that couples who have called on Mr. Lupson to arrange for the publication of the banns experienced some difficulty at times in stating the object of their call. "Spose you can guess what we are come arten," commenced one young fellow; while another said his bride-to-be was "coming to do with her tongue what she couldn't undo with her teeth." "This young lady wants to come for better or worse. If it should prove for worse I'll bring her back again," promised another.