

## HISTORY OF ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH, COLD- WATER, FROM 1891



CHURCH IN 1891

In April of the year 1891, I was asked by the late Archbishop Sweatman if I would accept the Mission of Coldwater on my ordination as Deacon, which was to take place on the 28th of June, and he suggested that I had better visit the Mission before deciding. Therefore following out the arrangements made by his Lordship, I visited the parish and took the services at Coldwater and Waubaushene on Sunday, May 4th, 1891. I was notified of my appointment shortly afterwards.

My predecessor, Rev. Mr. Shutt, had preached his farewell sermon on March 1st, 1891, and until my coming in July the parish was in charge of a Mr. Lawrence, who had been for some time with Mr. Shutt previous to his appointment to St. Barnabas, St. Catharines.

The May issue of the Parish Magazine gave the following account of my visit in May:—"Mr. J. H. Sheppard of Trinity College, Toronto, whom the Bishop has sanctioned to come to this Parish and who we understand will be appointed after the former's ordination in June, preached on Sunday morning last in St. Matthias' Church, and judging from the opinions we heard expressed on leaving the service, the appointment will be gladly welcomed. Mr. Sheppard is an excellent reader, and a very lucid preacher, showing every sign of being an eloquent one in a short time."

As soon after my ordination as possible we moved to Coldwater and on Sunday, July 5th, I read myself into the Mission, there being present at that service sixty of a congregation and the offering was \$1.49. My salary was