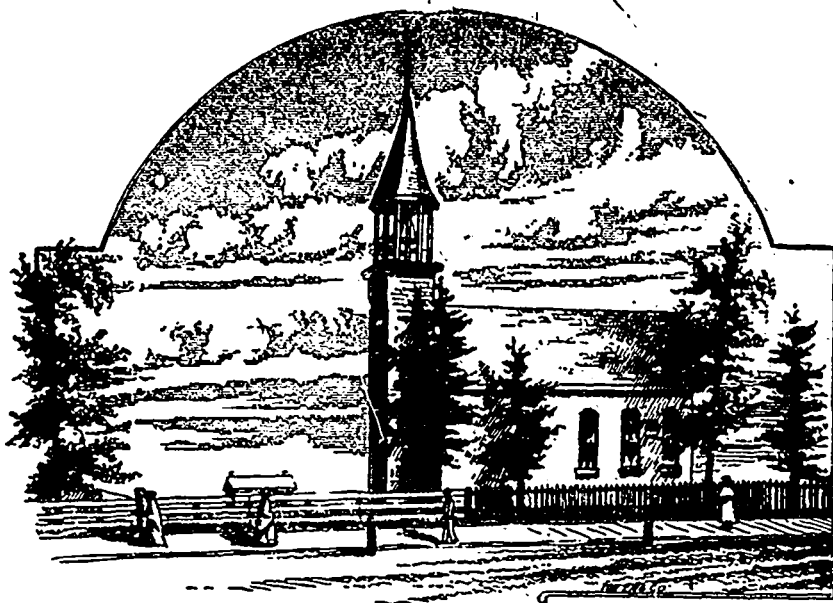




THE OLD CHURCH, CORNWALL, ONT.

Memorial Church," on the 9th of October, 1884, by Bishop Lewis.

In the autumn of 1885 a chime of nine bells was presented by the Rev. Dr. Mountain in memory of deceased relatives, and was formally inaugurated on Christmas eve.

The first minister who appears to have been placed in charge of the congregation at Cornwall was the Rev. John Strachan, who was ordained deacon by Bishop Mountain on the 22nd of May, 1803, and appointed to the Mission of Cornwall. Mr. Strachan was born in Aberdeen on the 12th of April, 1778, entered the University of Aberdeen in 1794, taking his M. A. degree three years later. At the age of twenty-one he was selected as a fit and proper person to organize and preside over the college which the then Lieut.-Governor (Simcoe) desired to establish in Upper Canada.

Mr. Strachan left Scotland in pursuance of this object, and after a weary voyage and journey of four months, arrived in Kingston, only to meet with a grievous disappointment, Governor Simcoe having returned to England, and with his departure the projected college having been relinquished. He was so fortunate, however, at this critical period as to form the acquaintance of the Hon. John Cartwright and the Rev. Dr. John Stuart. Under the advice of Mr. Cartwright he taught in Kingston and began the course of study necessary to obtain admission into the ranks of the clergy of the Church of England, his mother having been a member of the Episcopal Church in Scotland, though his father was a Presbyterian. He came to Cornwall as already stated, in 1803, where, in addition to his clerical duties, he opened a Grammar

School. The old building in which he taught may still be seen in Cornwall. It is now used as a stable. The names of many boys, afterwards eminent men in Canada, may be seen carved on the old weather-beaten walls. In 1804 he was advanced to priest's orders. In 1811 the degree of D.D. was conferred upon him by the University of Aberdeen. In 1812 the inhabitants of York prevailed upon him to remove to that parish; in 1827 he was appointed Archdeacon of York, and in 1835 Bishop of Toronto, the first Bishop of the new see of Upper Canada. He

died in 1867 at the age of 89, after a ministry of 64 years.

After the departure of the Rev. Mr. Strachan from Cornwall the Bishop authorized Mr. John Bethune, afterwards Dean of Montreal, to read prayers. The Rev. Mr. Baldwin was the next who had charge of the parish, but there is no record of the beginning or duration of his ministry. He was in Cornwall about 1813-14.

In 1817 the Rev. S. J. Mountain was appointed to the parish, which he had charge of until his death on the 27th of September, 1830.

The next incumbent was the Rev. George Archbold, who had served in the peninsular war as an officer in the 68th Regiment of Foot. At the close of the war he went on half pay and entered the ministry of the Church of England. He held the parish until his death in 1840. He was succeeded by the Rev. Alexander Williams, a clergyman from England, who officiated at Cornwall until the summer of 1842.

The Rev. J. G. B. Lindsay was appointed to the vacant parish, which he occupied for four years. He caught typhus fever while attending one of his parishioners and died in 1846.

The Rev. Henry Patton, D.D., was then appointed and continued until the autumn of 1871, when he was transferred to Belleville. While in Cornwall he was appointed successively Rural Dean and Archdeacon. He was the prime mover in the undertaking of building the Bishop Strachan Memorial Church, which was not finished until after his departure from Cornwall.

His successor was the Rev. J. A. Preston, who