



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, ASHBURNHAM.

H. T. Strickland were elected churchwardens, and it is worthy of remark that they have been re-elected at each successive vestry meeting ever since, and still hold office. In the following year the foundation stone of the present church was laid, whilst the handsome and commodious school-house was erected in 1885. Since then a very comfortable rectory, with stable and gardens, has been completed, the value of the whole property being estimated at \$18,000. Considering the short period that has elapsed since the commencement of the work, the debt is quite insignificant and is more than covered by the liberal gift of Mrs. Mark Burn-

ham of \$2,000 as the nucleus of an endowment. Whilst due credit is given to the founders and supporters of this enterprise, it must be admitted that such admirable results could scarcely have been accomplished apart from the continuing energy and self-denying labours of the first rector, Rev. W. C. Bradshaw, who was appointed incumbent in 1876, and was compelled by failing health to seek a more suitable climate in 1890, and is now labouring with all his old time vigour at Highland's, a suburb of Denver, Colorado. Mr. Bradshaw is an Anglican of a pronounced, but withal a moderate type, who succeeded in a quite remarkable degree in winning and retaining the affections of his people without compromising what he regarded as the truth. He owed this rather rare achievement to the common sense which enabled him to distinguish between great and small, and so to estimate things according to their true proportions, a gift, unfortunately, as uncommon as it is valuable, and for the lack of which so many of the best citizens of the

country have been alienated from our Church.

So early as the year 1881, the rector was able to say in his Easter pastoral address: "There are now in connection with St. Luke's 108 families, representing 545 souls, and at St. Mark's 16 families with an aggregate of about seventy-five souls. The communicants' roll has, through deaths and removals, suffered sadly during the last eighteen months; and yet to-day we still number in both churches at least 185, viz.: twenty-five at St. Mark's and 160 at St. Luke's, of whom no less than 142 communicated yesterday. This shows that nearly one-third of our Church population are communicants—an