

bell belonging to the first Ste. Anne's, tradition says, was used originally in the chapel of Ste. Marie on Christian Island, where it was found in the ruins of the old fort about 1832 by the Indians, who sold it to the military officers here. If this be true the bell must have lain there undisturbed 180 years as Ste. Marie on Christian Island was abandoned by the Jesuits in 1651. Unfortunately for this romance, the figures 1799 in bold relief on the bell, indicating the date on which it was cast, rather discounts the tradition. Whatever its history, it is claimed that De Revol, with the assistance of some Roman Catholic friends, purchased the bell through Dr. Stratton who was surgeon to the Navy at that time and presented it to the church. It was transferred to the new frame church of Ste. Anne's which replaced the old log church in 1861, where it did duty till 1883 and now hangs beside the chimes in the tower of the Memorial Church. Bishop Alexander McDonnell, the first R.C. Bishop of Upper Canada, paid a pastoral visit to Penetanguishene in February, 1832, and this visit was probably the instigation of efforts toward erecting the first church. Bishop McDonnell came to Canada from Scotland in 1804, raised the Glengarry Fencible Regiment among his own people for the war of 1812-15, and became its chaplain. He was the first to preach to his people in Belleville and at many other points, and is said to have spent \$65,000 of his private patrimony in building churches, chapels and schools throughout Ontario. He died at Dumfries, Scotland, in 1840, in his 80th year, having gone to visit his native land, and his remains were transferred to Kingston in 1861. We have so far not been able to obtain any records of his visit here if there be any, but we know from the older residents that mass was said, followed by many communions, baptisms and marriages, several of the latter being re-marriages in which the principals had been previously married before witnesses only, when no regular priest was available.

It was not till the autumn of 1833 that a resident priest was appointed to the mission of Ste. Anne's, when Father Lawrence Dempsey, a native of Ireland, was sent by Bishop McDonnell and through his efforts the log church was completed. He had labored here scarcely four months when he was taken suddenly ill on his way to Barrie and died at Mr. Lalonde's. For over three years previously Father Dempsey had labored as missionary among the destitute settlers of the Canada Company's tract, in the vicinity of Goderich, and "In