



OLD ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, ST. THOMAS, ONT.

where he took the degree of LL.D. He was ordained deacon at Killaloe by the Bishop of Ossory. Coming then to Canada he was priested in Hamilton by Dr. Strachan, Bishop of Toronto, and appointed to St. Thomas, where he remained for upwards of twenty-one years. He resigned in December, 1873, and was appointed rector of Windsor. In his place at St. Thomas came the Rev. S. B. Kellogg, appointed in April, 1874.

By this time a strong feeling had sprung up in favor of the erection of a new church on a site more in the centre of the rapidly-growing town. While St. Thomas remained its own little self, perched upon a lofty hill overlooking the roadway between London and the lake, the old wooden church, dear to the memory of all Church people in St. Thomas, was well situated and answered every purpose; but when a new and larger town began to grow away from the original borough, it was felt that a new site and a new church must be secured.

One of the leading Churchmen, Mr. George Kains, presented a fine site on the corner of Wellington and Southwick streets, which was afterwards added to by purchase. The building committee consisted of Messrs. E. Horton, Geo. Kains, D. J. Hughes, Thos. Futchter, Thos. Arkell, Luke Slater, C. O. Ermatinger, J. A. Denison, Chas. Roe, John A. Kains, Sam. Day, Freeman Ellison, and Rev. S. B. Kellogg. The death of Mr. Kellogg, which occurred in 1875, the year after his appointment, cast a gloom for a time upon the prospects of the new church, but the parishioners, at the dying request of their pastor, secured the appoint-

ment of Rev. T. C. DesBarres. He took his place as rector before the close of the year. During his ministry the new church, one of the finest in the diocese, was erected. In 1878 Mr. DesBarres resigned and was succeeded by Rev. G. G. Ballard, B.A., T.C.D., on whose resignation, in 1885, the present rector, Rev. Canon Hill, was appointed, removing from Strathroy.

Arundel Charles Hill was born in York, on the Grand River, county of Haldimand, Ont. He was the second son of Rev. B. C. Hill, M.A., of Trinity College, Dublin, a zealous and

dévoted missionary, who labored in the county of Haldimand for thirty-three years, and built churches in York, Caledonia, and Cayuga. Besides officiating four times, sometimes five times, on Sunday, he preached every night in the week in schoolhouses and buildings of all kinds. In going from one part of his extensive mission to another he always travelled on horseback, and died on Nov. 9th, 1870, from injuries received by a fall from his horse. In addition to his clerical duties he trained young men for the university, many of whom now are prominent professional men in Canada and the United States.

Canon Hill was taught exclusively at home before entering University. He matriculated at Toronto University in 1863. During University course he was successful in winning scholarships and prizes in classics, and graduated as B.A. and classical gold medalist in 1867. He obtained the degree of M.A. at Toronto University in 1868, and afterwards took the divinity course at Huron College, London. In 1869 he was ordained deacon by Rt. Rev. Dr. Cronyn, Bishop of Huron, and was appointed curate of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, which he held for a year. He was ordained priest in 1870, and was curate of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, from September, 1870, to May, 1873, when he became assistant minister at the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton. He was married in 1874 to Miss Emily M. Delamere, second daughter of the late Mr. Dawson Delamere, of H.M. Customs, Toronto. From Hamilton he removed, in 1875, to London, where he was assistant min-