

whole Mission for \$40.00, and they received \$46.25.

On Ash Wednesday, 1898, there were present at the service thirty-five.

On Friday, February 18th, 1898, the boy choir from St. James', Orillia, took charge of the musical part of the service. The large Congregation present thoroughly enjoyed the service.

With the December Number of 1898, the Parish Magazine died a natural death, not from lack of readers, but the lack of desire on the part of the parishioners to pay the small sum of fifty cents per annum to cover the expense of printing and the Little Magazine that was incorporated with it. When it ceased publication the Incumbent assumed responsibility for the printer's bill, which was then about \$75.00. He paid the bill a little time after, but was unable to collect one single subscription from those who were in arrears, some for the whole eight years.

In 1901, the organ now in the Sunday School, was bought for the Church at a cost of \$75.00 and the freight was \$2.45. This amount was made up as follows: Special service offertory, \$8.75; Mrs. C. M. Robinson, \$1.00; A Friend, \$5.00; Balance from Concert of 1901, \$7.45; A Friend, 25 cents; Concert given by the Sunday School to pay the sum of \$25.00, which they gave for the small organ that had been in the Church; Ada Sheppard, \$5.00; J. H. Sheppard, \$7.75; Special Harvest Festival Service, \$17.25.

On Thursday, March 8th, 1900, Mr. George Murphy entered into rest, and the Church in Coldwater lost its best friend. He had been ill but a couple of days, with a slight cold which developed into bronchitis, and during a fit of coughing, a small blood vessel burst in the brain, causing paralysis. He had been confirmed in 1893, and from that date was never absent from a Communion Service. From the time I took charge until his death, he missed but two Sunday services, and two week night ones. At the time of his death he was Superintendent of the Sunday School and had held that position for many years, and with Mr. Newsham was joint sexton of the Church. Honest, modest, moral and upright, a type of man that was a credit to the community and to any Church.

In the latter part of May this year, 1900, I was offered a salary of \$2,000.00 per annum to return to business life, but I felt I had still much work to do here.

On June 12th, of this year, I left for an extended trip across the Atlantic, and was absent until the following September. This was my only vacation that lasted over one service, and during my Incumbency of the Mission, lasting nearly twenty-two years, the congregation was never asked to pay one cent for Sunday supply. I was presented with an address and \$34.00 from St. Matthias' congregation and also an address and \$21.00 before leaving, from St. John's, Matchedash.

In October, 1900, I began a fortnightly service at St. John's Tay, and from the day the services began until the Parish was divided in October, 1912, I had the loyal support of the congregation, and I will always look back with the most grateful remembrance to the happy hours spent among them. As a type of their ardor I mention but one instance. In Lent, 1901, I held a week night service with an average of seventy-seven.

In the winter of 1902, a new furnace was put in the Church, the walls were covered with heavy paper and covered with metal, the Chancel was floored with oak, and very artistically ceiled, the whole cost being \$424.70. This amount was made up as follows by the Congregation:—J. Murphy, \$25.00; W. H. Robinson, \$10.00; Charles Robinson, \$5.00; J. C. Brokovski, \$5.00; J. Freeman, \$5.00; W. Lye, \$7.00; J. Barnard, \$2.00; E. Walker, \$5.00; Mr. Steele, \$5.00; C. M. T. Leith, \$3.25; Mrs. Woodrow, \$4.00, a total of \$76.80. Outside collections and from other denominations \$111.00. Grant from the Synod, \$50.00, and the balance of \$236.85 the Incumbent paid himself.

In the Summer of 1904, the cement sidewalk and steps were put into the old Church, and in the following year the cement walks and steps around the Parsonage were laid by Mr. Ernest Walker who with the Incumbent bore the full cost.

In 1904, the beautiful butternut pulpit was presented by Mr. Newton. It