



THE ORIGINAL ST. GEORGE'S, HALIFAX.

England and the Lutherans. The two dwelt together in brotherly love, and each endeavored to promote the welfare of the other.

The parish church of Halifax was St. Paul's, and good Dr. Breynton, a full account of whom has already been given in this MAGAZINE, was its Rector, but he did all in his power to assist his German fellow Christians to procure for themselves a church. It is most creditable to these German families that one of their earliest efforts at improvement was directed toward the erection of a house of worship. They had been brought here by promises which those principally concerned in the immigration must have known could not for a considerable period be fulfilled. They had been landed in a foreign country whose climate was most severe, and whose language they did not understand. They had received a bare subsistence, doled out by grudging hands for the first year or two after their arrival, and had been compelled, however their wives and families might suffer from want of proper dwellings, to work out every penny of their passage money.

They were set down in the midst of woods,

with little knowledge of woodcraft, to hew out for themselves a log hut and to clear enough land to give them a scanty living by the sweat of their brow. But their brave and sturdy spirits rose superior to every trial and triumphed over all hardships. With resolute determination they began their work, and while they provided for their own needs they did not forget that they were the servants of God. The humble little edifice which they succeeded in erecting was opened for divine service about Whitsuntide in the year 1758, by the English Chaplain to the troops, the Rev. Mr. Slater.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was from time to time administered to the German congregation in their new church by Dr. Breynton, who appears to have been accompanied on almost every occasion by Mr. Wood. The reason of this may have been that Mr. Wood, who appears to have had a linguistic faculty, and had made himself acquainted with the Indian vernacular, that he might officiate in their own language to the Micmacs, might conduct the service in German: Dr. Breynton usually preached, and the texts of his discourses are duly recorded, with the significant comment:—"The sermon was preached in *English*." "N.B.—In the English language."

For each such visit the people made him a pecuniary recompense which always appears on the books as "a present to the preacher," or "a present to Rev. Dr. Breynton."

Dr. Partridge eloquently speaks of this little edifice as follows:—

"Very great interest naturally attaches to this venerable church, which stands in our midst, a monument to the simplicity and piety of the German settlers. Strong and carefully built, at the intersection of two important streets, amidst their constant din and turmoil, the spire of old St. George's points the thoughts to Heaven. Surmounted by the cock, the "wakeful bird of Peter," which always presents its head to the breeze and symbolizes the attitude of watchful care with which the Christian awaits the attacks of his spiritual foes, its quaint form and picturesque outline carry us back to a period when solidity was studied more than symmetry, and the useful more regarded than the ornamental. The church has several times been repaired, and loving and reverent hands have, within very