



ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, WALKERTON, ONT.

part of the present church structure was built. Some four or five years later, the Rev. J. P. Curran, was sent by the Bishop of the Diocese to care for the interests of the Church in the district, remaining in charge from 1867 till 1875.

"Mr. Curran's successor, the Rev. C. Greenfield, in less than six months' time, was compelled by ill health to resign, and the next clergyman sent to the parish was the Rev. Wm. Short, who for fourteen years administered the rites and privileges of the Church of England to the people of Walkerton, West Brant, etc. It was in the beginning of Mr. Short's term of service that an addition was made to the church building.

"In September, 1889, the present clergyman, the Rev. Fred. Helling Fatt, was appointed to the Rectory of Walkerton, and in October of

the same year organized 'The Women's Guild of St. Thomas' Church,' whose privilege it is, as set forth in the constitution, 'to undertake work for the Church, subject to the approval of the Rector.' The first work undertaken by the Guild members was the collecting of funds, by monthly subscriptions, etc., for the erection of a bell tower, and the purchase of a peal of three bells. By Easter Day, 1890, the work was completed, and the bells were rung for the first time; by March 1st, 1891, the whole amount, over \$600, was paid.

"While it is true that the present building has done good service, and while, no doubt, many members of the congregation have sacred reminiscences connected with it, it is to be hoped that ere long a new church, more in keeping with the requirements of a congregation in the chief town of the county of Bruce, will be erected."