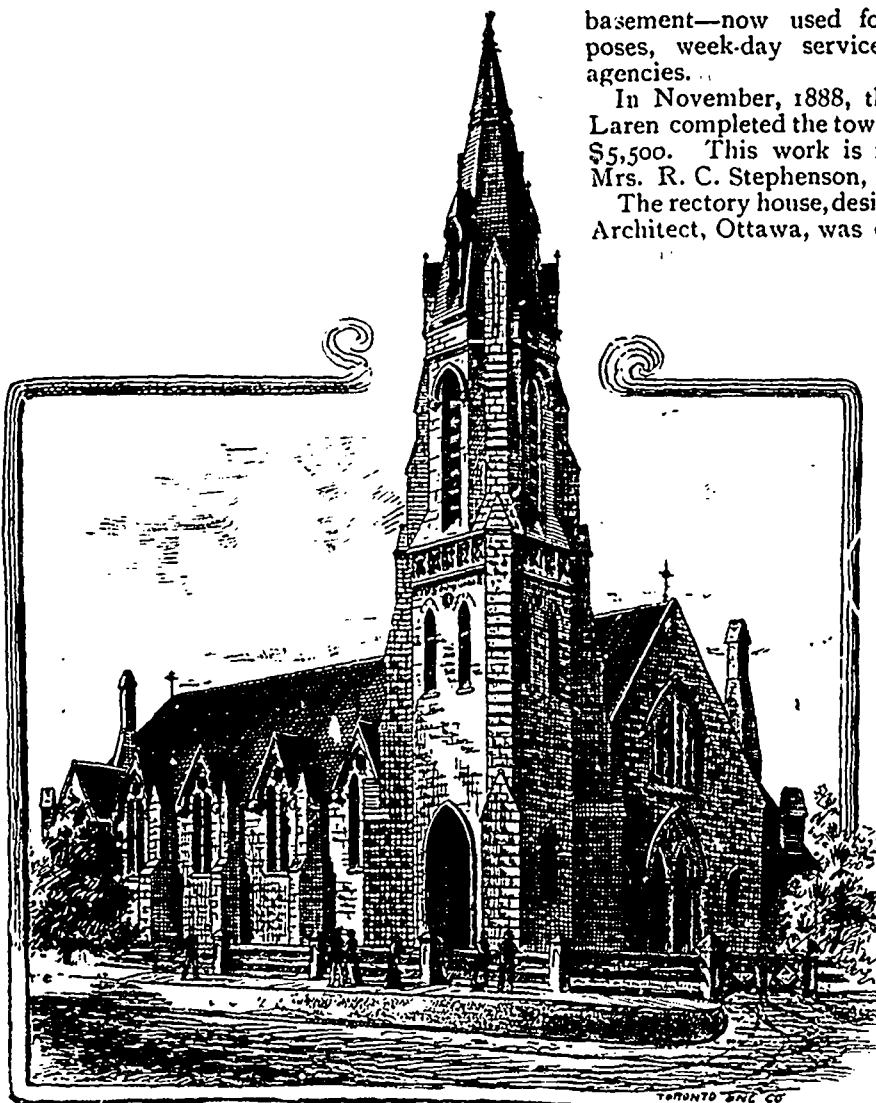




ST. JAMES' CHURCH, PERTH, DIOCESE OF ONTARIO.

partment, Racine College, Wisconsin, U.S.A., from the firm of T. Pratt & Sons, a set of communion plate, duly inscribed, consisting of silver-gilt chalice, silver-gilt paten, with spoon and pyx box of the same material, pair of crystal cruets, polished brass altar-desk, with suitable altar linen and office book, at a cost of \$250, all enclosed in a strong oak chest. Date on brass plate, All Saints' Day, 1886.

In 1887, the handsome gift of Mrs. H. D. Shaw, amounting to \$1,000, was also expended on the chancel, in the shape of two beautiful chancel screens, in memory of her husband, the late H. D. Shaw, Esq. The font, near the west door, was also donated by Mrs. H. D. Shaw, in memory of a dear one departed, at a cost of \$70. Mrs. Shaw's contribution was also largely instrumental in making a most useful addition to the church fabric, in the completion of the

basement—now used for Sunday school purposes, week-day services, and other church agencies.

In November, 1888, the Hon. Senator McLaren completed the tower and spire, at a cost of \$5,500. This work is in memory of the late Mrs. R. C. Stephenson, wife of the rector.

The rectory house, designed by Mr. K. Arnoldi, Architect, Ottawa, was erected in 1875, on the

church grounds, at a cost of over \$5,000. The church-wardens at that date, who lent most valuable aid to the rector in carrying this work to completion, were Col. A. J. Matheson, and Mr. J. A. Douglas, Barrister.

The old Church of England burial ground was consecrated June 15th, 1887, by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Niagara. Church-wardens: William Butler, Esq., Mayor of Perth, and Mr. A. W. Playfair. In carrying the tower and spire to completion, the congregation are under much obligation to Judge Senkler and E. Elliott, Esq., Barrister, who carefully took charge of the financial arrangements.

The organ, a very fine instrument, built by Warren, of Toronto, was placed in

the chancel by the efforts of Mrs. J. Ings, now of Alberta, N.W.T., assisted by the rector's daughter, now deceased.

Other gifts received, were, an alms-box for the porch of church for the sick poor, and book markers from the Misses Matheson for the different seasons, at a cost of \$40, and two flower vases for the altar from Allan Matheson, Esq.

It is proposed to further beautify the sacrum by placing at the east end three windows of coloured glass—glass in which the entire substance is coloured, and not that in which the colour is on the surface only.

The cost of church and rectory, exclusive of site and memorial gifts, has been \$37,000.

The Rector, Rev. R. L. Stephenson, has been in charge of the parish for thirty-four years, "nor e'er has changed, nor wished to change his place." His hard-working curate is the Rev. R. Coleman.