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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, JARVIS.

The illustration given on the front page of the cover of this number should prove extremely interesting. It is a moon-light view of St. Paul's church, Jarvis, taken on a night on which for a short time the acetylene gas was burning in the church and illuminating the stained glass of the windows. The view shows on the left the new church with its completed tower and steeple and adjoining this edifice the old church with its southern chancel. The old, still dear to many of the parishioners, is now used for S. S. and other seemly purposes. The present vestry is a section of the old church, and is situated between the S. S. and the southern wall of the new church. The chancel of the new building is in its proper place, the east end. An interior view may be shown and a description of it given before the close of the present volume of the magazine. On the right appears a part of "God's acre."

The first clergyman who performed the service of the Anglican Church in Jarvis was Rev. Francis Evans, of the parish of St. John's, Woodhouse township. The service in those early days was held in the residence of Mr. John Jones, father of Mr. E. F. Jones, present lay delegate to Synod. Mr. Evans' ministry here began about 1846.

He was followed by Rev. Bold Cudmore Hill, who lived in York and travelled over an immense area in order to hold occasional services for the benefit of Church people in various places. He also utilized Mr. John Jones' private house in Jarvis, until the inhabitants of the village erected a public school and sanctioned the use of it for religious purposes.

Two earnest laymen in the early years of the village did useful religious work. These were Mr. John Mencke and Mr. Wm Wood, of Nanticoke, who acted as lay readers and S. S. teachers.

The next clergyman was Rev. Mr. Stimson, who came periodically from another village. He was succeeded by Rev. Thos. S. Campbell, who resided at Nanticoke, that place being the headquarters of the mission.

The first resident clergyman of Jarvis, was Rev. Solomon Briggs, who began his ministry a short time before the erection of the old church, the date of the opening of the building being Christmas day, 1858, on which occasion boards placed on blocks were used for seats. The cost of finishing and furnishing the interior was borne by a Ladies' Aid Society, which raised the necessary sum by means of a festival held in Feb., 1859. A special service of dedication was held on Easter day of that year. In Oct., 1860, the church and cemetery were consecrated by Right Rev. John Strachan, first Bishop of Toronto, who also on the occasion confirmed no fewer than 45 persons.

In the summer of 1864 the charge of the parish was placed in the hands of Rev. Jas. Morton, who continued incumbent until the spring of 1868. During his period of service the main portion of the substantial brick parsonage was erected. There followed him Rev. John Francis, who enlarged the parsonage, and labored for ten years in the mission of Walpole. His successor was Rev. Gabriel Johnstone, who remained until the beginning of 1889, when Rev. Robinson Gardiner was appointed to the cure. During Mr. Gardiner's incumbency a considerable sum of money was collected for the erection of a new church; but the actual work of building was reserved for his successor, Rev. F. C. Piper, who became incumbent in Aug. 1896. The corner stone of the new church was laid on 27th July, 1897, and the building was opened for Divine worship on Jan. 9th, 1898. Mr. Piper continued in charge until Aug., 1899, when the present incumbent, Rev. P. L. Spencer, was appointed. The church is a commodious and handsome building, the windows being extremely beautiful. Over the altar is a delicately-carved maddalion of the head of our Lord in purest marble. The font was present by Rev. John Francis as a memorial. The debt is about \$700.00. The present church-wardens are Mr. C. E. Bourne and Dr. Thos. Lewis.

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NANTICOKE.

The work of digging a cellar under the parsonage has at last been accomplished. Although it required more labor than any one had anticipated yet everything was carried out speedily and successfully. The Committee, consisting of Messrs. James Vokes, R. J. Evans and W. H. Evans with the wardens, are to be congratulated on the way in which the congregation turned out en masse to their assistance. Mr. W. H. Evans was chief engineer.

The annual meeting of the W. A. was held on 6th inst., at the parsonage. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Mrs. Cotton; Vice-President, Mrs. Davidson; Rec. & Cor. Secretary, Miss Mencke; Treasurer, Mrs. Low; Rector's Nominees, Miss L. Thompson and Miss Carney; Auditors, Mrs. Davidson and Miss Thompson; Delegates, Miss Mencke and Mrs. Hallam, with substitutes, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Ward.

One important resolution passed at the meeting was to the effect that this branch should assist in parochial work.

A successful oyster supper was held on the evening of the 7th inst., at the residence of Mr.