

and there a Churchman. He founded St. John's Church, which was built by a few earnest Church people who lived about half way between the present Bond Head and Tottenham, and where the church is situated. Mr. Osler at once began to agitate a church for Bond Head, but the people were too poor to respond. He was not easily discouraged, and soon began to build. The year after his arrival—in 1838—he had erected Trinity Church near where the old parsonage of Tecumseth now stands. The land for the church and parsonage was given by a man named Armstrong, and the cost of building was furnished by Mr. Osler himself. The church has since been removed to the village of Bond Head, where it was remodelled and rebuilt by the present rector of Tecumseth. In 1838 the parish had but the two churches—Trinity, which was the parish church, and St. John's, which was about four miles farther west.

Services were also opened at Clarksville, now called Beeton, and also at Tottenham. The services at Beeton were held in a schoolhouse, and at Tottenham in Henry Hammell's house, until 1860, when a church was built near the present town. The Turners, Trains, Evans, Dillams, and Morrisses were the fathers of the early church at Tottenham. Mr. Osler having moved away, the work was taken up by Rev. John Davidson. There is nothing peculiar to the work during his incumbency to which we can especially refer; but any one going now among the people will find that he left an impression for good upon his flock which has not yet passed away. He was dearly beloved by all.

Mr. Davidson, after a few years, was called to a larger sphere of duty, and the bishop appointed the Rev. Thos. Ball to succeed him. He is the present rector of the parish of Tecumseth and Rural Dean of South Simcoe. During his incumbency the old Church of St. John's has been replaced by a very handsome model in brick and stone. In 1880 St. Paul's, Beeton, was finished and opened for divine service. It is a very pretty brick structure, as will be seen from the accompanying illustration, taken from the cover of the Beeton and Tottenham *Parish Magazine*. In 1886 the old church near Tottenham was abandoned, and a new one built in the town. The model is very fine, and, on the whole, the church is one of the finest in the neighborhood.

About this time began an agitation that Beeton and Tottenham should be formed into a separate parish from Tecumseth. To this the bishop consented, and in 1888 the separation was made.

The first rector of the new parish was the Rev. J. K. Godden, who after a year was called to St. George's, Allandale. Owing to the people not being able to agree upon a successor, the

parish was vacant till 1892, when they gave an unanimous invitation to the Rev. J. T. Bryan, of Wycliffe College. The matter was referred to the bishop, who very graciously consented to the choice. After a very successful year's work, Mr. Bryan was called to the rectory of Trinity Church, St. Stephen, New Brunswick, which he accepted, owing to domestic affairs which demanded his presence in the east. He was succeeded by the Rev. W. E. White, who is the present incumbent.

A glance back over the history of this parish cannot be made without some feeling of sadness. Most of the old families who belonged to the Church are gone; but where are their sons and daughters? Many of them are gone, too—not to the grave, but to various sects and denominations. We cannot assign all the reasons for this. Some have left us through marriage; the dissenters were in the country before the Church. The Church looked for men of education to represent her. They took men from the plough and the ordinary walks of life, and as the latter were more plentiful than the former they had more men to show than the Church, and so occupied the territory first. Meetings were held in all parts of the country. Church people, having no other place of worship, attended, and became so accustomed to them that when the old Church came in they did not return to her. The children had been so long away from their mother that they had forgotten her love.

At these meetings the conduct of the young people was not always reverent. This caused the spirit of irreverence to spread even to the Church, so that the work of the Church to-day is difficult, so many of her children being without respect for divine things.

GIVING.

HAVE you ever noticed that all through the Bible whenever there was anything to be done which called for the gifts or the help of the people—the building of the temple, the support of the priests, the care of the poor—everybody was called upon to give? The rich people gave large sums, the poor small sums, but everybody gave something according to his ability. Evidently it was not God's purpose that His work should be carried on by a few, but every one was offered a share.

We ought to look into this matter of giving a little more closely. In the first place, every one ought to be a giver. Not even the poorest need feel excepted. "Many shoulders make a light load," and a load that is borne by all ceases to be a load.

Then our giving must be with a willing mind. God makes no demand on us for our money.