"With a spiritual ancestry drawn from men and women of heroic blood, with a Church history associated with many of the most interesting eras and incidents in the annals of the human race, we should be unworthy of our high descent were we to let the records of the past die away from our memories."

This historical sketch has been written with the sole purpose of preserving in some permanent form the religious zeal, temperament and peculiar characteristics of those worthy men and women to whom we owe lasting gratitude for the material and spiritual blessings that to-day we enjoy.

To the eye of the descendants of such a race who see to-day the unfolding of the vision splendid, we humbly dedicate the following pages.

## Sketch of Presbyterianism

First General Assembly in Scotland in 1560.

Presbytery of Wandsworth formed in England in 1572.

First Presbytery in Ireland in 1642.

The first Presbyterian minister to Canada was the Rev. James Lyon, a graduate of Princeton College, New Jersey, who came from the United States to Nova Scotia in 1764.

The first Presbytery to meet in Canada was convened in Halifax on the 3rd of July, 1770. At this meeting Mr. B. R. Comingoe was ordained to the office of the ministry, this being the first ordination of a Presbyterian minister in the Dominion of Canada.