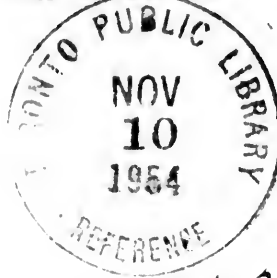


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PREFACE.

The following sermon was preached, as its title explains, on the 50th Anniversary of the erection and opening of the old Parish Church of Port Hope, now St. Mark's. The Church was built and opened in the year 1824, the late Rev. M. Thompson being the first Incumbent, and the late Thomas Ward and the late David Smart, the first Churchwarden. Services were held uninterruptedly in the old Church, until the erection of a Church on the other side of the Town, when it was abandoned, and closed for Divine Service. In the Spring of 1873, the Parish was divided, and the old Church, under the name of St. Mark's, was re-opened for Divine Service. On Sunday, the 3rd August of the same year, the Reverend Charles W. Paterson, B. C. L., being appointed Incumbent. The Church is *free* and is *entirely* supported by the offertory without even the adoption of the Envelope System.