



ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, HALIFAX, N.S.

so favorably inclined towards the Church that he proceeded to England, and received ordination as Deacon from the Bishop of London, being sent out by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel as missionary to the Germans. He was a most accomplished and gentlemanly man, and his sons all occupied positions of trust, one of them being aide-de camp to the Duke of Kent, then Commander-in-Chief at Halifax. Mr. Houseal died in 1799, not before he had, however, seen the preparation made for the building of a much larger church for the rapidly growing congregation of St. George's.

He was succeeded by the Rev. George Wright, M. A., a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, a well known man in his day, having been Master of the Academy and Garrison Chaplain, as well as

missionary to the Germans. The new church was opened for divine service on July 19th, 1800.

Mr. Wright resigned in 1817, and died in 1819. He was succeeded by Rev. B.G. Gerrish Gray, who was afterwards Rector of St. John, New Brunswick, to which place he removed in 1825.

The next incumbent was Rev. R. Fitzgerald Uniacke, a graduate of King's College, Windsor, whose long and active pastorate terminated in 1870, he having then served the parish for 45 years. During his incumbency the church was completed and consecrated in April, 1827, by Bishop John Inglis. The Church of St. George then ceased to be a Chapel of Ease to St. Paul's, and was constituted a Parish Church, with Mr. Uniacke as first Rector.

On the death of Mr. Uniacke in 1870, he was succeeded by his nephew, Rev. James B. Uniacke, who resigned in 1881.

The present Rector is Rev. Canon Partridge, D. D., who is also Secretary of the Diocese, and Honorary Fellow of St. Augustine's College, Canterbury, of which he is a graduate. The Fellowship was bestowed upon him for "his honorable career, and great services to the Canadian Church."

The church is round, with semi-circular additions in front and rear for chancel and porch. The designs were furnished by a foreman of the works under the Duke of Kent, who had a fancy for this style of architecture. It is a very comfortable building and remarkably easy to speak and sing in.

The congregation is large, and has just finished a new school room of two stories, which is the handsomest and most convenient building of the kind in the Diocese.

Rev. Mr. Lloyd lately returned to London from Fuh-chow, where he had been laboring since 1876 under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society. He spoke with thankfulness of what he had seen of the Lord's hand visibly at work in the mission. The 1,600 converts whom he had found in 1876 had grown to 6,000, he himself having baptized 1,000 in ten years. He stated his conviction that the Chinese were misunderstood by foreigners, who only see them under their worst aspect in treaty ports. Inland they treat the missionary with hospitality and kindness.