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Edward" Prayer books will not be printed in combination with the old hymnal. For these reasons the step was a wise one. Mr. Chadwick announced his intention of following out the advice of the Bishop in shortening the services, so that on the first Sunday of the month the service would be simply the Communion office. "Adaptability" is the need of the church today. There was good evidence of the advisability of this on July 6th, when in spite of the great heat there was an unusually large number of communicants, and yet the whole service was over at 12.20.

ST. JOHNS CHURCH.

Of the two churches in the present parish of Port Maitland and South Cayuga, that at Port Maitland (an illustration of which appeared in the Jan. No.) was the first built, probably about 1840 or 1841. Port Maitland is in the South East corner of the Township of Dunn; and for some years the church people living along the Lake shore at the Western extremity of the Township, some 6 or 7 miles distant went there to worship. Soon there was felt the need of a nearer church. And no wonder. These people often walked to service and not the men only but the women as well. And for their convenience and at the same time to provide a place of worship for the settlers to the west in the Township of South Cayuga a site was selected in the latter Township; but only just in it, on the townline between it and Dunn. There a church—one of the four in the County dedicated to St. John the Evangelist—was built, a few years later than the one at the Port, but in the early forties for both were consecrated in June, 1848. The corner-stone was laid on the occasion of one of the Bishop's visits—presumably in 1843, for we know that Bishop Strachan made triennial visitations of his enormous Diocese and he came in '48 for the consecration. Mrs. Docker (one of the aforementioned walkers) who still lives at 'The Elms' in what was then her home of a year, and who at the age of nearly 91 still attends with wonderful regularity the Sunday services in the church, laid the corner-stone almost 60 years ago. The original building was just half the size of the present one, the west end being on a line with the west side of the porch, clearly shown in our illustration. The western half together with the vestry—a much more commodious one than is found in many larger churches—has been added since. Unfortunately for the success of the historic mother church in this part, the location of the of the church proved a mistake, for the hamlet which nearly always appears, and forms a central meeting place, in Townships remote from any larger centre, sprang up in South Cayuga some distance away, and the other religious bodies, which came later and built their churches in it, have gradually but effectually

absorbed the Church of England families of the Township, so that the present congregation is drawn almost altogether from the western part of Dunn. If small, it is, however true and loyal to "the Faith of our Fathers." As the clergy who have had charge of St. John's have been those who served Port Maitland, it is unnecessary to repeat the list given in the Jan. No. Changes were made in the interior of the church during the Incumbency of the Rev. P. W. Smith. For the improvements which make the interior a contrast to the severely plain exterior, a debt of gratitude is owed to the taste and zeal of the Rev. M. W. Britton, the first Rector after the separation from Dunnville. Since the present clergyman took charge 5½ years ago, the exterior has been painted, the vestry and porch have been plastered and refitted, and a Bishop's chair and a walnut pulpit desk (the latter the gift of the congregation to mark the close of the 19th century) have been added.

The photograph from which the engraving appearing on the title page was made, was taken a winter or two ago, by Rev. P. L. Spencer of Jarvis.

PORTMAITLAND AND SOUTH CAYUGA.

The two branches of the W. A. are to be congratulated on the success of their Socials on the 14th and 15th of May. The sales were unusually large, and were full of useful articles which will minister to the comfort of many in Rev. Mr. Holmes' distant mission at Lesser Slave Lake.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Y. P. S. of Christ church was held at Mr. Hornibrook's on Tuesday evening, June 3rd. The Rev. Mr. Trotter presided and gave an amusing reading.

The Rector returned from Minden on Friday evening, June 20th. The Rev. Mr. Trotter seems to have enjoyed his brief stay in this parish, and has many good words to say of it.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. Logan on the marriage of their daughter Hattie, to Mr. F. Collins of Buffalo. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Collins every happiness in their married life.

The Rev. J. Bushell, who will be remembered by the people of the parish as being in charge of the Choir Boys' Camp the last two summers, sailed on the 19th of June for Ireland on a well earned visit to his relatives.

BAPTISM—By Rev. L. A. Trotter, B.A., on Sunday, June 1st, at Christ church, Minnie May, child of William and Bella Aikiens, born Feb. 13th 1901.

MARRIAGE—On Wednesday, June 11th, by the Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick, M. A., (in the absence of the Incumbent) Hattie Alberta Logan to Frank Collins.