



ST. JAMES', CARLETON PLACE, ONT.

Clayton, Innisville and Lanark, each of which, with the exception of Innisville, is now an independent parish. From an inspection of the Parish Register it appears that the first Incumbent was the Rev. E. J. Boswell, who was in charge from the year 1833 to 1844. He was followed in succession by the Revs. J. A. Muloch, A. Payne, J. A. Morris, J. S. Lauder, R. C. Cox, E. H. M. Baker, J. A. Preston, H. Auston, G. W. G. Grout, G. J. Low, and Arthur Jarvis, the priest now in charge.

In Dr. Boswell's time an early Canadian church was erected, which lasted for nearly fifty years, and was superseded in 1881 by a substantial stone building, as shown in our engraving, with a seating capacity of about 500. The new church was begun by Mr. Grout and finished by Mr. Low, the debt being cleared off and the church consecrated three years ago, under the present incumbent. The church is gothic in style, and notwithstanding some architectural defects is a credit to the congregation, and an ornament to the village. Lately a handsome oak reredos has been erected by the young men of the congregation, the work being done with their own hands, and efforts are now being made to furnish the chancel in oak throughout. The Woman's Guild a short time ago presented the

church with one of the most beautiful and expensive chalices in the Diocese. It is of solid silver, heavy, with handsomely jewelled cross.

In connection with the parish there is a flourishing Missionary Union (the first organization of the kind in the diocese) now in affiliation with the Woman's Auxiliary. The Union supports an Indian boy in the Shingwauk Home. There is also a branch of the Children's Church Missionary Guild in active operation. The Holy Communion is administered weekly and Morning Prayer is said daily. The congregation, according to latest returns, is the largest in the Diocese. There are now nearly 300 families belonging to the church.

SAMUEL MARSDEN.

THE name of Marsden is one of the first that meets us in the history of New Zealand. Before Bishop Selwyn, before any of the settled missionaries, Samuel Marsden brought to those islands the good news of Christ's kingdom, and began the evangelization of the inhabitants. Not only was he the first Christian minister in New Zealand, but he was almost the

first in Australia—one clergyman only having arrived there before him. It is now nearly 100 years ago (1793) since he landed at Port Jackson, and began his work as chaplain to the convict establishment there.

It follows almost as a matter of course that he was what is known as Evangelical in his religious views. Bishop Selwyn left England 48 years later when the influence of Newman, Pusey and Keble had begun to work. In Marsden's youth a different set of teachers were directing the religious life of the nation—men, such as Charles Simeon and Samuel Wilberforce, whose name is well known in connection with the abolition of the slave trade. It was indeed by the influence of Wilberforce that Marsden—then a young man and not even ordained—was selected by the Government to act as chaplain to the newly founded settlement at Port Jackson. Immediately after his ordination he set sail, accompanied by his young bride and after three months spent with fellows of the most abandoned kind, he landed at the spot where Sydney now stands, and began his ministerial labors.

It was indeed no easy task that lay before the young chaplain. His charge was chiefly made up of criminals, hardened by long contact with vice.