

## Preface.

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ON the approaching sixtieth anniversary of the St. George's Church, New Hamburg, Ont., in September, 1913, it was suggested that a small booklet be issued for distribution, giving a history of the congregation from the small beginnings of 1853 to its present flourishing condition. On the proposal being put forward the idea was thought to be a good one, but it occurred to some that as such an enterprise was under way, why not also include Christ Church at Haysville and St. James' Church, Huron Road, in the record. This last proposal was adopted and the lot falling upon the undersigned to undertake the task of collecting and setting down the matter, the present modest effort is the result.

If these few pages serve no other purpose than to create in the minds of future members of the Parish of Wilmot a desire to emulate the earnest spirit which animated the founders, the labour involved will not have been in vain and the writer will feel amply rewarded.

The undersigned takes pleasure in acknowledging the valuable assistance so cheerfully rendered him in the task by the following: The Misses Ann and Frances B. Puddicombe, E. Sydney Smith, K. C., Stratford, Thomas G. Walker, Daniel Ritz, Alan R. G. Smith, Mrs. J. R. Feick, W. R. Plum, Mrs. Henry Z. Smith, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Thomas Mitchell, Mrs. R. B. Puddicombe, Misses Lucy and Marion Tye, R. C. Tye, Thomas A. Smith, Charles D. Brown, Mrs. Alan R. G. Smith, Miss Winnifred Cassel, Nile Hughes Winn, D. D. S., Burton Feick, Mrs. Henry Walker, James Vance, Jr., and the kindly interest manifested by the Rector, the Rev. Thos. Hicks, under whose auspices the work was put forth.

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To avoid any misunderstanding it is thought well to state that the entire proceeds of the sale of the booklet, after deducting the cost of printing, goes to the Church, the writer neither desiring nor receiving and, perhaps the reader would add, deserving no remuneration.