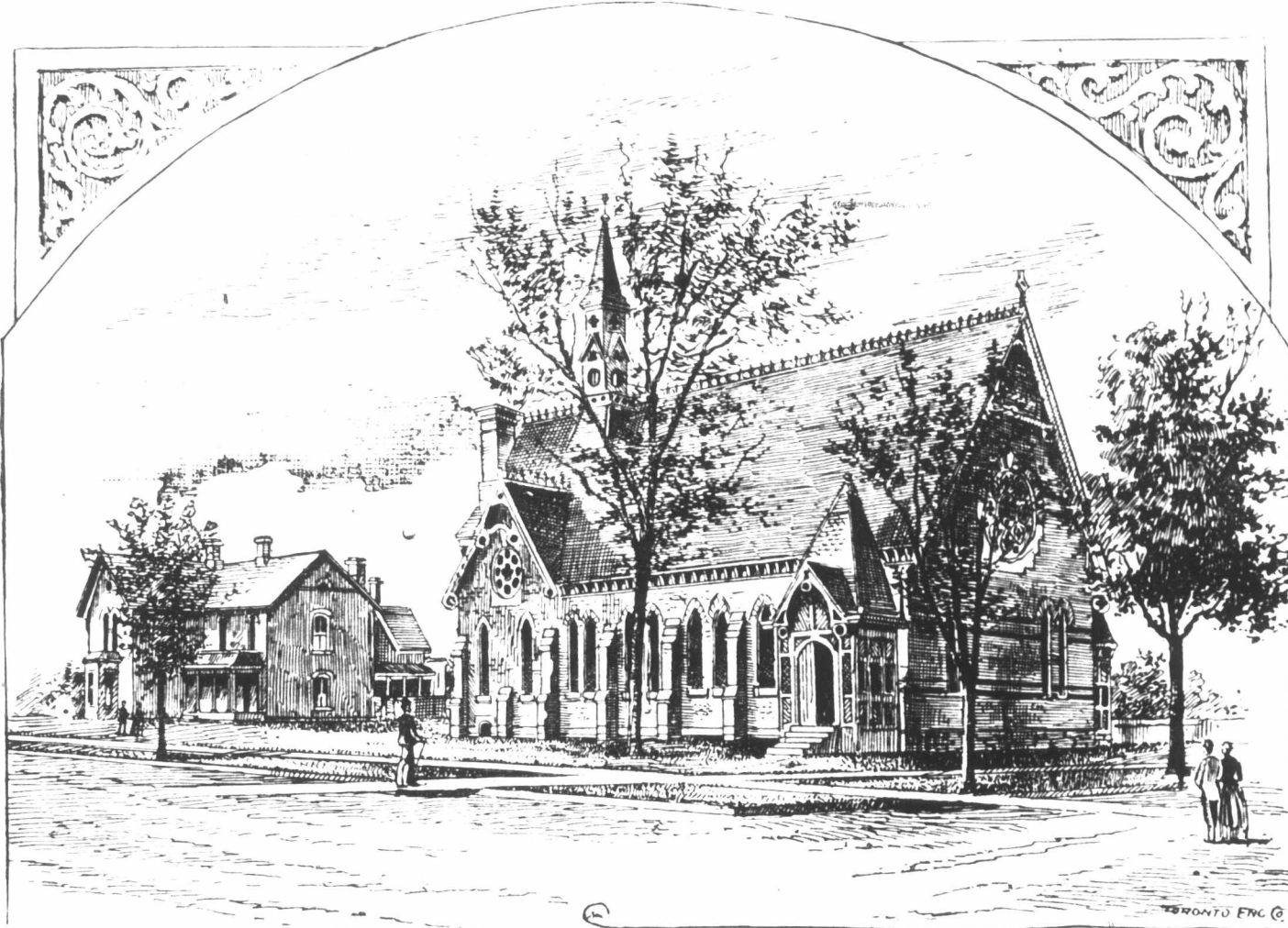


HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, NORTH CHATHAM, ONT.

About the year 1872-3, a mission Sunday school was in operation in this part of the city, then having only the status of a town. The Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, now rector of Grace Church, Brantford, was at this time acting as *locum tenens* for the late Ven. Archdeacon Sandys, D.D., then rector of Chatham, and took a lively interest in the progress of this little mission. The school gathered strength, and constantly grew in interest among the parents and friends of the children. About the year 1874, it was thought desirable by a number of influential people in North Chatham that a church should be organized in that part of the town. The matter was agitated for some time, with opposing opinions as to the expediency of such a move. The Sunday-school was already in existence, and that seemed to be a nucleus of operations around which all those who were favourable to the proposed undertaking might rally. The new movement found a leader in the person of the late Thos. McCrea, Esq., P.M., who was the chief promoter in establishing the new parish. As soon as it was seen that he had sufficient backing to go on with the work, a site was obtained and a temporary building erected thereon at a cost of \$600. It was opened for Divine service in the year 1875. The Rev. Freeman Harding was then appointed the first rector of the new parish. Two years later the present substantial and handsome brick church was erected on a portion of the same lot as the former building, at a cost of \$1,500. It is a fine structure, gothic in style, with chancel and transepts. It is neatly finished in the natural wood and oil, and is provided with modern seats and kneeling stools, the choir seats being disposed antiphonally in the chancel. The seating capacity of the church cannot be far from 400 sittings. The whole aspect of the interior is bright and cheering, and reflects the good taste and Churchly instincts of those concerned. Next the congregation built a handsome rectory of brick, which cost \$2,000, on a site adjoining the church ground. The land upon which the buildings are erected, cost \$1,000. The building committee was composed of the rector, the Rev. F. Harding, Thos. McCrea, D. R. Van Allen, R. Little and Dr. Forsythe. The wardens were J. C. Small and Frederick Skey. Representative to the Diocesan Synod was John E. Brooke. The original wooden building is now used as a Sunday-school room, and has been enlarged and otherwise improved at an additional cost of \$600. About \$1,000 has been further spent in improving the church. Two years ago a new Williams pipe organ was provided by the ladies of the congregation at a cost of \$1,500—the whole property costing \$20,700. Last October the church was consecrated, the balance of the mortgage debt of \$3,800 having been paid off, partly by the congregation and partly by members of the congregation of St. Thomas Church, Dover, who came to the assistance of the former. The following is the list of rectors who have occupied the parish since the foundation: The Rev. Freeman Harding, the Rev. A. A. W. Hastings, the Rev. R. O. Cooper, the Rev. Jeffrey Hill, the Rev. Arthur Murphy, and the Rev. Robert Simms, the present rector. At this church several of the usual parochial organizations are actively engaged in their good work. There is

also a good choir and good responding. The churchwardens for the present year are Messrs. Wm. Ball and C. D. Williamson. The lay representatives to the Synod are Messrs. John E. Brooke and J. E. Johnston. The latter of these gentlemen is the superintendent of the Sunday-school. To Holy Trinity, North Chatham, is for the present linked the following important outpost:

DOVER EAST.—*St. Thomas Church*.—This church, a neat little brick structure, is situated five miles down the River Thames, not far from its western bank. It was the result of a bequest by one of the ladies of the congregation, Miss Ann Smith, now a good many years deceased. She left a will by which provision was made for the payment of one-half of the cost of erecting a church in the township of Dover East, on condition that the congregation should provide the remaining half. Besides this, she bequeathed two hundred acres of land, including the site for the church, for its endowment. The land yields an income of over \$500 a year, of which a portion is applied to make up the stipend of the clergyman in charge, who at the present time is the rector of Holy Trinity Church, North Chatham. The church was built in the year 1875, and being



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free from debt, was duly consecrated the same year, since which time it has been connected with Holy Trinity. The rectors of the latter church have continued to minister to both congregations. The churchwardens of St. Thomas Church are Messrs. George G. Cook and William Wallace, the latter of whom is also the lay representative to the Synod. As there is no bridge across the Thames nearer than that at Chatham, about one-half the congregation have to cross over in boats to attend the services, making it sufficiently troublesome for many to get to church. The services are, however, well attended. The present rector, the Rev. Mr. Simms, has won the hearts of all, and we doubt not but the blessing of God will rest upon his labours.

REVIEWS.

The Christmas number of *Harper's New Monthly* is much to be admired. "By Land and Sea," a series of four sketches by Howard Pyle. The twelve illustrations are charming, especially the frontispiece. A new novel, "Briseis," by William Black, is begun in this number. This gentleman's many admirers will, no doubt, welcome another story from his prolific pen. "The Hebridean Isles," with drawings and photograph, being anecdotes of ancient lore, and

superstitions of the Northern folk. This is a careful piece of erudite work, and evokes profound respect for the collaborators engaged thereon. "The German Struggle for Liberty" is continued; but the story mainly concerns Napoleon, and one is weary of the very name of the dastardly Corsican. There are several other stories, and some verses, notably one by G. D. Roberts, all admirable. Not the least of the attractions of the number are the advertisements, where every conceivable thing seems to be offered, especially in the book world.

Scribner's Magazine for December is a most enjoyable number, pleasant to read, and although a Christmas edition, makes no departure from its usual features. Some splendid specimens of the paintings of Alma Tadema are shown, reproduced from photographs. The engravings are superbly executed, and although familiar to the art student, are always interesting. Wm. Stockton has a Christmas story consisting of a complicated incident, and a comforting sequel. There is a unique trifle, "On a Forgotten By-way," and an exciting story, "The River Syndicate"; and other tales and sketches all readable, and just the right kind of intellectual comfort for a cold night.

The Xmas number of *McClure's Magazine* opens with a life-like portrait of Abraham Lincoln, and many of the friends of his youth. A dozen pages of anecdotes devoted to that period of his life are interesting beyond measure. Hall Caine are his work, with some sweet views from the island of the Manxman, will be appreciated. And thirty specimens of "Madonna and Child," by masters, old and new, are all admirable. These beautiful engravings are accompanied by some critical and descriptive matter, written by Will H. Gow, which may be read with profit. Indeed, the whole number is much to be commended.

If you desire something choice to read, buy the *Cosmopolitan*. This magazine opens with a Legend of King Arthur's country—with some lovely views of the Glastonbury neighbourhood, Robert Louis Stevenson's "Sarah Grand," "Onida" and "Zanguill," are all represented. "Onida," from her Italian home, has a story glowing with local colour. And "Zanguill"—in a fanciful sketch—is brilliant as in the "King of the Schovoners" or anything else he has written. Some examples of art are delightfully drawn. In viewing these exquisite specimens, we are thankful to the proprietors for their conscientious and unfettered choice of subjects.

A SERMON.

Passages from a sermon preached on the evening of Tuesday, November 12th, in Napanee, before the R. D. Chapter and congregation, by the Rev. R. S. Forneri, B.D.; text, II. Corinthians vi. 6. Subject, "Some Characteristics of the Christian Ministry. Lay or Clerical." Under the first head—"By Purity," the preacher observed: "Without this grace there can be no real service done for God. There may be activity, there may be zeal, there may be eloquence, but without purity of heart or motive there will be no true and laudable service. It is only the heart made clean by grace that can render pure service: it is only the life set free from impuri-