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committee consisted of the Rev. T. W. Fyles, Joseph Benham, J. D. Shufelt, Wm. Moffatt, Terence Courtney, Hollis Cutting, Murray Palmer, H. D. Chapman, E. C. Benham and Martin Jenkins. These men and others subscribed liberally for team work and labor.

All through the winter preparations for the building went on. A forty-foot horse shed was built on the church ground, and in this lumber was stored and kiln-dried. Logs were cut, hauled out of the woods to the outlet of Brome Pond and sawn there into boards; and these were taken on to East Farnham to be planed and afterwards brought home. Mr. Charles Jones of Bromemere, gave twenty dollars' worth of pine lumber, and this was fetched a distance of eight miles. There was also much carrying of material from the railway station.

The frame of the church was raised on the Queen's Birthday, 1864. A full account of this interesting event will be found in "Contributions to the History of the Eastern Town-

ships, by C. Thomas," page 291.

In the spring of 1864, having returned the pony lent to me by Mr. Hicks, I purchased a mare, wagon and harness. Mr. Hiram Foster of Knowlton, chose the animal for me, and a useful beast it proved.

I could now pursue my business with greater comfort, and I visited the neighboring parishes asking for subscriptions in aid of my work.

In the record of the "Semi-Centennial Anniversary of the Parish of Nelsonville, 1854-1904" there is a report of a speech in which I gave some reminiscences of my early days in Brome. The report is full of mistakes, which I had not an opportunity for correcting, for proof sheets of it did not reach me. One or two examples will show how faulty the report is. On page 50 of the Record I am made to say "I next met Mr. Dyer, the grandfather of Mr. James C. Pettes, now of West Brome.