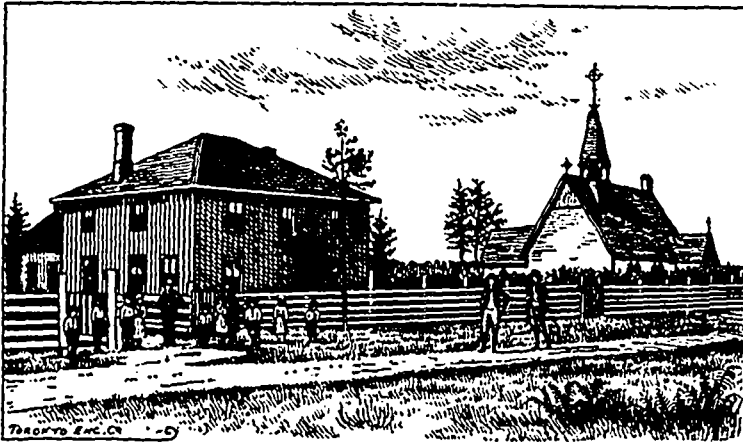




ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, PETAWAWA.

congregations, all under the supervision of the Rev. Mr. Bliss, with three lay associates. The subdivision took place in the following year, the western section comprising the eight townships adjacent to Mattawa, and the eastern section the six townships in the region of Chalk River, with Petawawa as headquarters. One of the associate missionaries, Mr. R. W. Samwell, was advanced to the diaconate and placed in charge of the Mattawa mission, while Mr. Bliss himself, after seven and a half years of pioneer work, took charge of the newer and less organized work at Petawawa, and in reward for his labors was made Rural Dean by his bishop. A mission house and parsonage was at once built on a lot of land adjacent to the church, and comprising fourteen acres, which the rural dean had secured from the government.

With two new points (North Alice and Point Alexander), which were at once opened from Petawawa, there were six congregations in the newly-formed mission, viz., Petawawa, Chalk River, Tennant's Settlement, North Alice, Point Alexander, and South Alice. Besides Petawawa, there was a church only at South Alice; but in 1891, chiefly through the offerings of an anonymous donor in England, one was erected at North Alice, and dedicated to St. Aidan. At once the congregations increased here threefold, many dissenters attending the services. In 1892 a church was also built at Chalk River, and dedicated to St. Oswald. A church has been commenced at Tennant's Settlement; but is awaiting funds for its completion.

In the meantime, Mr. Samwell, at Mattawa, had built an additional church in his mission; so that in a region where, twelve years ago, there was not a single church or mission station, there are now nine churches and another partially built, two parsonage houses and fourteen

acres of land. There are in the mission about two hundred communicants.

In the Petawawa mission the properties are all clear of debt; but in Mattawa a part of the original debt yet remains. This debt, from time to time, was reduced by the personal canvassing of Mr. Bliss in several of the wealthier parishes of Ontario.

The following laymen, ten of whom afterwards took holy orders, were from time to time associated in the work of this extensive and prosperous mission:— Messrs. W. Q. Ketchum,

G. J. Schrader, W. M. H. Quartermaine, Morris Taylor, F. Cecil Powell, M. McA. Harding, Walter Creswick, R. W. Samwell, Walter T. King, Thos. James, C. T. Lewis, R. Southwell, J. Empringham, J. A. Goodfellow, E. Coshgan, and E. M. Rowland.

A missionary work of this character commends itself to all who are interested in the extension of the Anglican Church in Canada. It is through such work as this that, according to the census of 1881, the Church of England in Canada has built more churches than any other religious body; and Mr. Bliss, the pioneer missionary of the Upper Ottawa, may well feel gratified at the result of his twelve years' work. He now retires from the mission, and has been appointed incumbent of Eganville.

T a missionary meeting held among the negroes in the West Indies, these three resolutions were agreed upon: (1) We will give something. (2) We will all give as the Lord has enabled us. (3) We will all give willingly. As soon as the meeting was over, a leading negro took his seat at the table, with pen and ink, to put down, as secretary and treasurer, what each came to give. Many came forward and gave, some more, and some less. Among those who came was a comparatively rich old negro, almost as wealthy as all the others put together, and threw down on the table a small silver coin.

"Take dat back agin," said the secretary; "dat may be according to de first resolution, but it not according to de second."

The rich old man accordingly took it up and hobbled back again to his seat, in a great rage. One after another came forward, and, as almost all gave more than he, he was fairly ashamed of himself, and again threw down a piece of money on the table, saying, "Dar, take dat."