

J. H. Sheppard hands over the Parsonage.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this twenty-third day of December, 1893.

Signed. J. H. SHEPPARD,
THOMAS RAWSON,
GEORGE MURPHY.

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of J. C. STEELE.

Many bees were held and the hauling of the stone, lumber, brick, and the excavating for the cellar was all free work, much being done by those outside the congregation, as can be seen from those who helped us: Messrs. A. Walker, G. Walker, Edmund Walker, J. Walker, W. Rose, C. Rose, A. Woodrow, G. Higginson, J. Faulkner, J. Ryan, J. McLean, R. Ferguson, T. Rawson, J. Freeman, T. Cross, T. Shaw, G. Shaw, O. Hopkins, J. Greatrix, E. Walker, W. Orr, J. Cole, T. Lovering, W. Caswell. All these gave one day free, and some of them gave as many as four days. The work went merrily along and on Thursday, Feb. 15th, 1894, Mr. J. Greatrix kindly moved us over.

As nothing was subscribed by the congregation, all the money the Incumbent had on hand to finance the undertaking was the receipts of the two picnics of May, 1893, and May, 1894, amounting to \$227.08, the debt was necessarily large, consisting of a mortgage for \$1,400.00 in favor of Mr. Joseph Brown, dated June 1st, 1894, made payable in five years, bearing interest at six per cent. Four notes of \$150.00 each, one to be paid each year, also in favor of Mr. Brown. There was also an account for lumber to the Georgian Bay Lumber Co. of \$100.00, which the Incumbent paid out of his own pocket later on. The notes were paid as follows: In October, 1895, the first was paid and was made up as follows:—Proceeds of annual picnic, \$92.05; collected at Port Huron by the Incumbent, \$25.00; and from Mr. Gault, \$10.00, and the following offerings:—Confirmation, \$5.60; Oddfellows, \$9.83; Thanksgiving \$8.47.

In June, 1896, the second was paid, being made up by the proceeds from the annual picnic, \$101.39; the balance of the note, \$48.61 was loaned by Mr. George Murphy and was paid to him out of the proceeds of the picnic next year.

The third was paid in October, 1898, as follows:—proceeds of Annual Picnic, \$88.00; contributed by Mr. Murphy, \$25.00; by the Incumbent, \$25.00; collected from friends outside the Parish, \$12.00.

The Annual Picnic being dropped no further payment was made until 1901, when it was tried again, and on August 23rd netted \$82.45, which with the sum of \$75.00 received from Mr. Waldie for the old Church in the Harbor, paid off the last note and left a balance of \$7.45 which was applied on the organ just purchased for the Church.

Nothing further was paid until the summer of 1907, when the Women's Guild with a bazaar and a dinner supplied on the 12th of July, raised \$180.00, and the Incumbent gave \$20.00, making up a payment of \$200.00 on the mortgage, thus reducing it to \$1200.00, at which sum it stands at the present time. The fixing up of the grounds, the planting of the trees and every other expense with the keeping up of the Parsonage was borne by the Incumbent himself.

In May, 1893, Mr. Cole moved from near St. George's, in Medonte, to the Fesserton Road, and he and his good wife during their long stay in the Parish worked earnestly for the welfare of the Church. Many loads of sand were given and hauled by him.

The picnic and concert in May, 1893, netted \$122.23, which went to pay for the bricks for the Parsonage.

On the 23rd of June, 1893, the Church was consecrated, the service beginning at 7 p.m., when the Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese was met at the door by the Revs. J. M. Jones and the Incumbent with the Wardens, where the following petition was read:—

To the Rt. Rev. Arthur Sweatman, Bishop of Toronto,—We, the Incumbent, Church Wardens, and other inhabitants in the Village of Coldwater, in the Township of Medonte, having acquired this land, more particularly