

ANNALS OF THE PARISH OF LENNOXVILLE
FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES TO THE
PRESENT DAY, BY THE
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PREFACE BY THE ARCHDEACON.

This paper is of greater value because though written to be read at once it never till now saw the light. Mrs. Scarth consents to print it by my advice being assured that many of the beloved Canon's parishioners will read it with both pleasure and profit.

WHEN I gave some reminiscences of my life as a clergyman this time last year I thought I had left nothing more to be said. And so when the Principal asked me if I could write a paper for this gathering I was very doubtful about attempting it. However in turning the matter over in my mind it occurred to me that a sketch of the life of the Parish with which I have been connected for so many years might not be uninteresting, and would at any rate, prove my willingness to contribute what I could to this most delightful and profitable gathering for which we are so greatly indebted to Dr. Whitney.

I would call this paper "Some Annals of the Parish of Lennoxville from the earliest times to the present day" though I must say the sources of information, especially of the earliest period are of the scantiest character. I have in my possession what seems to be the first Register for Baptisms, Marriages and Burials for the Township of Ascot, issued at Three Rivers, on the 17th of March, 1827. It was first used by the Rev. A. H. Burwell, who was, as far as I can ascertain, the first resident missionary at Lennoxville; and whose district extended northwards as far as Melbourne—and taking in Compton on the South. Some of the entries are very quaint. For instance I find the following entry—"Married at Shipton on the 3rd Sep