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Certain it is that some substantial arrangement was made with regard to the debt, for on the 22nd of October, 1851, the building was consecrated by Rt. Rev. Dr. Binney, the fourth Bishop of Nova Scotia.

The church was built entirely of wood. It had no chancel, and the vestry was a small room at the northwest end of the church. It had galleries, of course, according to the custom of the age, and the pulpit, a high one, presented by Admiral F. Bullock, was placed in the centre, in front of the communion table. A person was engaged at £20 a year to "lead the choir." The black gown was worn in the pulpit.

In May, 1856, St. Luke's was set off as a separate parish, but as the vote in favor of it was a narrow one, standing 30 to 28, no action was taken regarding it till two years afterwards, when, by a vote of 27 to 15, a second resolution in favor of subdivision was passed, and the boundaries between the two parishes were fixed. St. Paul's was allowed to retain "all the glebe lands."

The Bishop's "deed of constitution" appointed St. Luke's as a separate parish on the 14th of May, 1858. The three gentlemen who

composed the committee to arrange for this separation from St. Paul's were Col. Myers, Mr. P. Lynch, and Mr. W. C. Silver. Mr. Silver still remains a member of St. Luke's. He and Mr. B. W. Salter were appointed the first churchwardens on April 25th, 1859, Rev. Wm. Bullock being the first rector.

In 1860 the lot adjoining the church, on the corner of Queen and Morris streets, was purchased at a cost of \$435. The income of the church about that time was \$2,532.37, which included \$360 for "putting in the gas." In 1861 the sum of £150 a year was voted for the support of a curate, and Rev. John Abbott was appointed to that position. In the following year a schoolhouse was erected on the new corner lot, the rector having secured for the purpose, by subscription, nearly \$3,000. In 1864 a chancel was built, and in the following year Bishop Binney made St. Luke's the Cathedral Church of the diocese, with Rev. Wm. Bullock as the first Dean. On the 1st of April, 1872, a congratulatory address was presented to the Dean on his having completed fifty years of ministry in the church; but in March, 1874, to the great grief of all, he died.

Before the appointment of a new rector, the vestry made an arrangement by which the Bishop was to have the disposal of the pulpit on the morning of the first Sunday in every month, and on the evening of the third. This arrangement has continued in force ever since. The Rev. John Abbott was elected rector in 1874. Shortly afterwards Rev. John L. Bell was appointed curate, at a salary of \$1,000, but he only retained the position till the following Easter. A legacy of \$100, left by Mrs. Wallace, was devoted to the purchase of a small bell for the church. The two bells still ring to call people to worship; they do not ring simultaneously, but separately, the large one first, and then the small one, to let the people know that the last chance for not being late is almost at hand.

In 1878 the church was reshingled and otherwise repaired, at a cost of \$1,200, but at the Easter meeting in 1879 the finances were reported in a bad condition, so much so that the services of the curate (Rev. Mr. Sills) were dispensed with.

Towards the close of 1881 the parish met with a great loss in the death of its rector, Rev. John Abbott, who died on the 3rd of October. In December, 1881, the parishioners elected the Rev. F. R. Murray, a missionary who had labored most successfully at Heart's Content, Newfoundland, to be the third rector of St. Luke's. Mr. Murray carried on the work with vigor, but through his heroic conduct in trying to save the inmates of the Poor's Asylum while it was in flames, his lungs were scorched and his general health so much injured thereby that he was forced to seek rest in a milder climate.

\* By a printer's error which we much regret, the title of this portrait last month was incorrectly given. We, therefore, insert it again with its proper designation.