



EGANVILLE CHURCH.

to Eganville at stated intervals and held services during the vacancy. Mr. Scammell left in May, 1876, and was succeeded by the Rev. M. G. Pool, who stayed until October, 1878. The mission remained vacant until July, 1879, when the Rev. R. D. Mills, now of the Montreal diocese (whose name has been already mentioned as a layman), took charge. Mr. Mills remained until January, 1890, and during his incumbency the debt was very much reduced, the chancel was added to the church, Victoria Hall with a large driving shed was built, the cemetery was laid out into lots, and other improvements were made upon the church grounds and premises. Mr. Mills was succeeded by the Rev. Jas. Robinson, now of Combermere, who remained one year, and was succeeded by the Rev. Mr. Saddington, who also remained one year. After a four months' vacancy the Rev. R. Orr, now of Beachburg, was placed in charge and remained for fifteen months. During Mr. Orr's incumbency the pretty little church at Lake Dore was built. The mission was again vacant for six months, but during this period services were regularly provided by Rev. Rural Dean Bliss, then in charge of the Petewawa mission, either by himself or by his lay readers. On Easter, 1894, Rev. Rural Dean Bliss took charge of the parish, and it is the earnest wish of the parishioners that he may long remain their pastor.

Previous to Easter, of the present year, a largely attended vestry meeting was held, when it was resolved to make some necessary improvements upon the church premises. The parsonage was reshingled and the interior thoroughly renovated, a summer kitchen, woodshed, and a good stable and carriage house were erected, while the church itself, in the interior, has been completely transformed. The ceiling has been panelled in ash and basswood, diagonally, and in sections, the tower has been lined and ceiled in a similar manner,

the wainscoting has been enriched by ash and basswood original finish, the inner door of the tower has been enlarged and arched, while the main entrance has been greatly improved by the entire removal of the old door and frame, substituting therefor a very handsome Gothic door of red oak, the arched finish of which shows some fine work. The walls of the nave

and chancel have been papered, a very fine quality of paper being used with suitable ecclesiastical pattern, harmonizing with other work in the church, the whole giving a very subdued yet chaste appearance, which at once pleases and satisfies the eye. The chancel has been carpeted throughout, the main aisle covered with matting, and, through the work of the ladies, five powerful lamps suspended from the ceiling.

The reopening services were held on Sunday, June 10th. The church was crowded both morning and evening, the services were bright and hearty, the rural dean preaching eloquent and appropriate sermons. At the morning service Holy Communion was administered. The collections at both services were to be devoted to paying for the improvements, and the congregation made a liberal response to the appeal, the morning collection amounting to \$111.38, and the evening collection to \$15.72, a total of \$127.10—a most satisfactory result, considering all that had already been done.

## SOME MISSIONARY HEROES.

### IV.—JOHN PATON.

From the time of its first appearance, five years ago, the autobiography of John G. Paton has been generally recognized as one of the most wonderful stories of missionary life. The one of whom it tells came from a humble home in Scotland, and it cost him a hard struggle to gain an education. But from his earliest years he had learned well the lesson of consecration and faith, and he put aside without hesitation attractive offers that came to him, because they would interfere with his giving himself to the service of God. While engaged in city missionary work in Glasgow, he was impressed with the claims of the foreign field, and in answer to