

sional ministrations of clergymen resident elsewhere, of travelling missionaries, and of students acting in the capacity of catechists. Among those who then most frequently visited it may be mentioned the Rev. Wm. Boulton, the Rev. Chas. Dade, the Rev. Mr. Padfield, the Rev. Adam Elliot, the Rev. Mr. Athill, and the Rev. Mr. Scadding, while those who more rarely officiated were the Rev. Mr. O'Neil, the Rev. W. McMurray, the Rev. Mr. Givins, and the Rev. Mr. Ripley. Of the zeal and labours of these early pioneers of the church, there are no records, and, beyond the erection of the shell of a church in the front of the township, no visible monuments; but they doubtless formed a bond of union to the members of the church, kept alive their attachment to the church their spiritual mother, and prepared the way for the more effective labours of the settled minister.

UNITED CHURCH

The church services in the front of the township, then called the Irish settlement, were commenced about the year 1830, by the following students of divinity, viz.: Messrs. Padfield, Elliot, Givins, and Powell, under the direction of the present Bishop, then Archdeacon of York. They were held for the first four years in the house of Mr. Richardson, and afterwards for a short time, in Mr. Adam Anderson's. In 1833, Simon Washburn, Esq., a large landholder, in this neighbourhood, by deed of surrender, devoted two acres of land on lot 12, con. 2, to the use of the inhabitants of Scarborough, being members of the United Church of England and Ireland, as a site for a church and burying ground." In the same, or following year, the frame of a church was put up, chiefly by the exertions of Mr. Ignatius Galloway, sear, who raised some money in the neighbourhood, and did, with his two sons, a good deal of labour at the cutting and hewing of the timber, the Ven. Archdeacon Strachan having given £25 to the building fund; but owing to the poverty of the settlers, and the troubles of the times, it was not until the year 1839 that the shell of the church was completed, and about this time the Rev. R. Athill, of Trinity College, Dublin, occasionally performed divine service in it. In April, 1840, the Rev. W. H. Norris, of Clare Hall, Cambridge, was appointed to the Mission of Scarborough and parts adjacent, being the first resident minister of the Church of England in this township, and in the course of the summer following the church was pewed and completed. The pulpit and reading desk formerly belonged to the old Church of St. James, Toronto, having been purchased and placed in it. In 1841 it was consecrated and dedicated, by desire of the donor of the land, to St. Margaret.

In the beginning of 1844, the Rev. W. H. Norris having resigned, was succeeded by the Rev. W. S. Darling, who two years afterwards (St. Margaret's having been deemed either insufficient of accommodation, or incommensurate of necessity) built the church known as Christ's Church on a piece of land part of lot 15, con. D, the gift of Mr. James Humphry, senr. The Rev. Mr. Winstanley, formerly of Oxfordshire, England, but then a resident and property holder in Scarborough, was a great benefactor of the church, having raised among his friends in England more than £200 sterling towards the building fund; the friends of the Rev. W. S. Darling, in England, about £125 more, and these two sums, together with the contributions of the building committee, (who, having raised what they could in the neighbourhood, generously divided the remaining expenses among themselves, furnished the greater part of the cost of the church.

On the accession of the Rev. Mr. Belt to the

incumbency in 1853, the dilapidated state of the exterior of Christ's Church rendered some repairs both necessary and urgent. These were accordingly effected in the course of that and the following summer, at an expense of about £150 currency, by new shingling the roof, tinning the tower, substituting boards chamfered and painted, for plaster on the sides. In 1855, a new piling was also erected by subscription around the burying ground. The erection of a parsonage house now began to engage the attention of the parishioners, and at length, in 1856, steps were taken to accomplish that object, by the purchase of six acres of land, as a site, and the formation of a subscription list on the equitable principle of a voluntary rate, proportioned to the means and circumstances of each individual. The building commenced in a time of general prosperity, was prosecuted to completion during the trying years of 1857, at an expense of about £375 cy., and the parishioners may now congratulate themselves on the accomplishment of this, their crowning work, which gives prominence to the establishment of the church amongst them, effected without the aid of a farthing from abroad, and mainly by the efforts of this single congregation.

The service of the Church of England in the L'Amoreux settlement, in the north-western part of the township, was celebrated at the request of the settlers for the first time on the 9th of May, 1830, by the Ven. Archdeacon Strachan, then Archdeacon of York. On this occasion, several children were baptised, and a sermon preached on the services of the church, which is still remembered by a few who were present. The services continued to be held in a school house on Mr. Ezar Patrick's farm, lot 31, con. 3, till interrupted by the troubles preceding the rebellion, and afterwards in private houses, or (when the congregations were too large) under the shelter of the adjoining woods; and the clergy most usually officiating were the Reverends Padfield, Elliot, Shaw, Boulton, Athill, and Scadding. A very warm feeling seems from the beginning to have prevailed between the clergy and several of their congregation, by whom they were most hospitably entertained. Their usual stopping places were first at the house of Mr. John L'Amoreux, afterwards till his decease at Mr. John Hannah's, and also at Mr. W. B. Burk's. Very few now survive of those who formed the original congregation, and it is believed none remain, at least in this neighbourhood, except Mr. John Hooper, Mr. Myers, Mr. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Burk, Mr. and Mrs. Benker, and Mr. and Mrs. Christy. Immediately on the settlement of the Rev. Mr. Norris (1840) steps were taken to erect a church. A public meeting being called, Capt. Ward, now of Walpole, offered an acre of land, eligibly situated, and \$100, upon condition that a church should be built within a year. So earnest did the people appear, that the missionary at once accepted of the deed of the land, and gave Capt. Ward a bond for £500 that a church should be opened for divine service within the time specified. Tenders were advertised for, and the building put under contract for the sum of £250 cy. The Societies for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and for Propagating the Gospel in Foreign Parts, gave, each, £10 to the Building Fund, the missionary gave £10, in addition to over £30 collected from his friends in England. Captain Ward £25, and Rev. H. Scadding £5. The building was erected within the time agreed upon, and was consecrated by the Bishop of Toronto, in 1841.

But though erected and opened for divine worship, it was not finished till two or three years afterwards. When the Rev. Mr. Darling took charge of the mission in January, 1844, the then

existing debt upon the church was paid off by the Building Committee, who raised what funds they could, and then (like their brethren in Christ's Church) generously supplied the balance themselves. The nave was now properly pewed and seated, and a new pulpit and reading desk substituted for the "three decker," which had hitherto occupied the centre of the church, the funds for this purpose (some £36) having been furnished by the friends of the Rev. W. S. Darling, without appeal to the congregation.

Before the Rev. W. Belt came to the incumbency, in 1853, the exterior of the church had also been painted. In 1856 a house was erected on the corner of the church-yard, for the sexton and caretaker at an expense of £40. In 1857, the interior of the church was further completed and beautified, by the erection of permanent sittings in the gallery, as well as of three additional pews in the nave, by the placing of tablets containing the ten commandments, the Lord's Prayer and the Creed in the chancel, and by painting and varnishing the whole of the interior; gutter pipes being at the same time supplied to the stoves, and the walls whitewashed. The cost of those improvements was about \$60. Finally, an addition of 20 feet has been made to the driving shed, at an expense of about £7 10s.

ST. JUDE'S—EARLY PLANTING, &c.

No services appear to have been held in the neighbourhood in which this church is situated, till the appointment of a resident minister to Scarborough in the year 1840. On the appointment of the Rev. Mr. Norris in that year, he was directed to supply six stations, three each alternate Sunday, his charge extending from the River Don on the West, to Duffin's Creek in Pickering on the East. On one Sunday service was held at eleven at Duffin's Creek, at three, at St. Margaret's, Scarborough, and at half-past six at Norway Steam Saw-Mill, near Berkley.

On the other Sunday at L'Amoreux at eleven, at Moffatt's School-house, now St. Jude's, at three o'clock, and at Helliwell's Mills, now Todmorden, at six. About 1842 the Rev. J. Pentland was appointed to Whitby and Pickering, and the congregation at Duffin's Creek was taken charge of by him; and at the same time, or probably somewhat earlier, Mr. Thomas Champion was appointed catechist for East York, holding service at Norway and Todmorden, so that the duties of the Missionary to Scarborough were more circumscribed. In 1841, Mr. Parkins, (then one of the congregation worshipping at Moffatt's School-house) gave a deed of two acres of land on lot 35, con. D, Scarborough, eligibly situated on the Town-line of York and Scarborough, as a site for a church. The deed was duly executed and forwarded to the Bishop, for approval and registration, but by some means was unfortunately mislaid, and never afterwards found. A sum of about (\$600) six hundred dollars was subscribed towards building a church, but in consequence of the loss of the deed, and Mr. Parkin's death, on the resignation of the Rev. W. H. Norris in January, 1845, nothing had been done except getting out some timber and making some shingles.

One of the objects to which the efforts of the Rev. W. S. Darling were directed during his incumbency of Scarborough, was the completion of the work thus initiated. Mr. Parkin's widow, being applied to grant a new deed in place of the one lost, could only be prevailed on to bestow one acre of land instead of the two originally given by her husband. The congregation was small and poor, and it was with much difficulty the church was completed; large balances having been assumed and paid by the incumbent.