



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PETERBOROUGH.
Diocese of Toronto.

The portion of country to the north was swampy, hence the town grew towards the south. In 1827 the name was changed to Peterborough, in honor of the Hon. Peter Robinson, an active and public-spirited gentleman of the day. In 1832, the place had a population of about 500, and from that time it has steadily increased, till now it is about 9,000. It was set apart by Sir John Colborne, as one of the famous fifty-seven rectories, only thirty-nine of which, however, were actually created. A block of land on Hunter, Water and Brock Streets, together with other lands, was granted for the benefit of the Church. Services were first held in the locality, by Rev. Samuel Armour, who had to be content with a log school house for his church. The present stone church was built in 1834-5, and dedicated to St. John, the Evangelist. About the year 1854 alterations to the extent of about \$2,000 were made on the interior which resulted in a great improvement to the building. A school house was built in 1879, and in 1882 the old church was completely restored, a chancel built,

an organ procured, and the grounds laid out at a cost of \$20,000. The rectors, in the order of their appointment, are as follows:—

Rev. S. Armour, Rev. Richard D'Olier, Rev. Charles Wade, M.A., Rev. R. J. C. Taylor, Rev. Mark Burnham, Rev. J. W. R. Beck and the present rector, Rev. J. C. Davidson, M.A., who is assisted in his work by Rev. C. B. Kenrick, M.A. Mr. Beck was rector of Peterborough for thirty-three years, during which time the most of the parish work was done by himself. He died on the 7th of December, 1889. Mr. Davidson, who succeeded him, at the urgent wish of the congregation, is the son of Rev. John Davidson, for many years a well known clergyman of Toronto Diocese, and is a young man of much promise.

INTEREST IN MISSIONS.*

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MANY of my fellow workers have, I am sure, sometimes undertaken a task without fully considering all that it might entail. This is the position in which I find myself with regard to the paper that I undertook to write on "The Best Means of Arousing Interest in the Cause of Missions." I must, therefore, ask you to receive what I have to say rather as a few thoughts contributed to a discussion than as a full and exhaustive statement.

All Christians acknowledge that the cause of missions is one in which we ought to feel a lively interest. We acknowledge, too, that we ought to feel *love* and reverence for the great Creator of all things. Yet what could have brought the feeling of love and reverence home to us as the

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