



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, THOROLD.

the amount due to him from the Thorold congregation was still unpaid. By this time the principal and interest together could not have been less than \$11,000. Before leaving Thorold, however, Dr. Fuller freely, fully, and affectionately forgave the debt, thus almost virtually making St. John's Church a present to the parish. Well might the people in gratitude and love beg him to accept as a parting gift a small silver model of the building—an object which he ever afterwards highly prized.

During Dr. Fuller's incumbency, a powerful but sweet-toned bell was placed in the tower of the church, the purchase being effected by the congregation. A handsome clock was presented by a member of the rector's family. The font, which dates back to 1846, was transferred from St. Peter's Church. The rectors since Dr. Fuller's time have been these: Rev. Dr. Read, from 1862 to 1865; Rev. T. T. Roberts, M.A., from 1865 to 1880; Rev. W. E. Grahame, from 1880 to 1887; Rev. P. L. Spencer, from 1887 to the present time. Improvements were made in the interior of the building during Canon Roberts' time. The spire was erected, at a cost of \$1,000, during Rev. W. E. Grahame's tenure of the parish.

Further improvements have been made since the present rector assumed charge. The building has cost from the beginning about \$15,000. It is one of the finest ecclesiastical structures in the Diocese of Niagara, of which diocese the first rector was chosen in 1875 to be the first bishop. A desire of the present rector is to place within the church a memorial tablet indicating that the existence of the building is chiefly due to the noble and generous action of the late Dr. Fuller. It has been thought that some of the many friends of the late bishop would like to contribute towards this object, or towards some other suitable memorial.

REV. JOSEPH ANNAND, a missionary in the New Hebrides, writes to *Gospel in all Lands*: "One of the finest sights that I have seen in the New Hebrides I saw at Tongoa in June this year. On

a grassy hillside were assembled nearly 600 natives, joining heartily in singing sacred songs, and reverently bowing their heads in prayer. Fifteen years ago I happened to be one of three missionaries who were on Tongoa, seeking to open the island for teachers or a missionary. On the Sabbath we spoke briefly to the people on the same hillside; but what a different congregation! Then we addressed a company of naked, painted cannibals that were almost constantly at war, killing and devouring one another. Now what a changed scene! I fancy no sane man could witness those two assemblies and not exclaim, 'Behold, what miracles and wonders God has wrought among the Gentiles by them.'

Of the Christians of India, 193,313 are members of the Anglican Church; 133,122 are Baptists; 62,838 are Lutherans; 37,395 are Presbyterians; 32,381 are Methodists; 17,466 are Congregationalists. The communicants are distributed as follows: 53,801 Baptists; 52,317 Church of England; 24,207 Lutherans; 15,782 Methodists; 13,775 Congregationalists; and 11,128 Presbyterians.