



THE TRIVITT MEMORIAL CHURCH,—FIRST VIEW. EXETER, ONT.

On the opposite side the inscription is as follows:—

"This tablet is erected by the parishioners of the Trivitt Memorial Church to express their heartfelt gratitude to Thomas and Elizabeth Trivitt, through whose generous liberality they now enjoy the many privileges which this holy place affords. Rev. Samuel F. Robinson, Rector; John Spackman, Rector's Warden; Alex. A. C. Denovan, Parishioners' Warden. A. D. 1888."

This tells the whole story of a munificent gift, appreciated highly by the people who receive the direct advantage of it. Here in a village of only two thousand inhabitants is a large, commodious and handsome brick church, consisting of nave, transepts, chancel and tower, a fine specimen of early English architecture, provided with a suitable pipe organ and graceful gasoliers, heated by hot air from a furnace below, and adorned with beautiful stained glass windows—a church fit for any city

in the Dominion, and all, with the exception of the site, and we believe, the organ and some other furnishings, erected at the expense of one man and his wife, with, too, this happy proviso that "This church shall remain free for ever," not with the condition that might have been made and would have savored of olden days, that the donors and their heirs shall have a family "pew" in it forever, but that it shall be free for all.

This is the story of Exeter and its church, and since its erection, in fact quite recently, Mr. Trivitt has made the following offer which was gratefully accepted by the parish:

He will give to the Synod of Huron for the erection of a rectory house on the east side of the church property for the use of the Incumbent of the Trivitt Memorial Church, \$2,000, to be supplemented by proceeds of the sale of the present parsonage; the house to be of an architectural design in keeping with the church. Also he will give the sum of two thousand dollars to erect a school house and vestry on the north side of the church property. This four thousand dollars to draw 6 per cent. per annum, to be paid Mr. Trivitt during his life by the Synod of Huron, the vestry to guarantee repayment to the Synod. Mr.

Trivitt will also give the sum of two thousand dollars to place in the tower of the church a peal of eight bells at an early date. This is a free gift without any conditions, and at his decease he will endow the church in the sum of six thousand dollars.

The present parsonage is at some distance from the church, and its sale, followed by the erection of a new rectory close to the church, will be a matter of great advantage to the parish. How easily all such things are done, when the money is forthcoming wherewith to do them, and how easily the money comes, when there is the inclination! We believe we are right in saying that Mr. Trivitt is not a man of very great wealth. There are churchmen enough in Canada as wealthy as he is to build and endow handsome churches in every town and village in it, and the happiness of doing it, one would suppose, would be very great.

It is becoming now that a word or two be said