

parish. Upon the unanimous invitation of the Vestry he was appointed rector by the Right Rev. Bishop Baldwin, D.D., and has continued his labours with unabated zeal and interest to the present. During his rectorship many changes have taken place in connection with the growth and prosperity of the parish, and also in connection with the removal by death, and other causes, of prominent parishioners. But it is gratifying to know that the parish has made steady progress and with gratitude to the Great Head of the Church it is today in a most flourishing and prosperous condition.

The first notable event during the past 25 years was on Sunday, March 18th, 1888, commemorating the anniversary of the Church's restoration, when special sermons were preached by Canon DuMoulin, M.A., rector of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, and late Bishop of Niagara, when the offerings amounted to the handsome sum of \$1,245.88. Two years after, viz., on Sunday, 28th, 1900, the jubilee of the parish was celebrated, when Canon DuMoulin again preached, and on the following Sunday the Right Reverend Bishop Baldwin, D.D., the special offerings amounting to the large sum of \$1,414.83. The rector has all along strongly advocated direct and systematic giving, so that nothing whatever has been raised for church purposes in any other way. The success of the whole method, based as it is upon scriptural principles and upon a practical financial basis, fully justifies the course taken. The result has been phenomenal and beyond the most sanguine expectations, and during the 25 years just passed, nearly \$1,200,000.00 have been contributed by the parishioners for all purposes, and all by direct giving. This speaks volumes for the zeal and liberality of the congregation.

In addition to all this, valuable gifts have been presented to the church during the long period of its history. The cemetery, the park, the first schoolhouse, and notably \$12,000.00 bequeathed by Mr. Shade, \$9,000 to build a rectory, and \$6,000 as a parish endowment. It is needless to say that this generous gift has been greatly appreciated. Then there is the handsome stone tower, which adds so much to the appearance of the church, presented by Matthew Wilks, Esq., of Crickleton Park.

The following resolution with reference to this generous gift speaks for itself:—

"Special Vestry meeting held, Nov. 10th, 1885.

"Moved by Mr. A. Warnock,

"Seconded by Mr. R. Blain,

"That this Vestry accept the generous offer of Matthew Wilks, Esq., to build a tower to Trinity Church, Galt, and that formal approval be hereby given to the same, the tower to be built according to plans submitted by Mr. Windeyer, Architect, of Toronto. At the same time the grateful thanks of the congregation are hereby tendered to Mr. Wilks."

The solid oak communion table, the brass altar desk, a silver chalice and paten, and the handsome brass lectern, were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Dykes, Sr. Hence the following, taken from the Vestry Book, April 11th, 1887:—

"Moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. R. S. Strong, that the thanks of the congregation be tendered to Mr. Dykes and family for the communion table and lectern."

The solid brass pulpit, of exquisite design and workmanship, standing on its massive base of polished oak, supported by prettily carved pillars of the same material, and the open brass panel work, with the three appropriate monograms, was the gift of Miss K. L. Wilks, of Crickleton Park, in memory of her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Wilks. The same generous