

THE CHURCH OBSERVER.

There are records of two meetings held in 1823. One in the school-house for choosing wardens and vestry, and one in September of the same year, held in the church to arrange for the building of the pews in the church. When these pews were built they were sold or rented, bringing in the sum of £46, 10s. A pall was purchased in 1825 at a cost of £6.19.9, the subscribers to the cost of it "to have the use of it for themselves and their families."

In June, 1926, S. Peter's Church, "having been built for many years" was duly consecrated, along with the burial ground, by John Nova Scotia, but there is no record of the building of it or any preliminary arrangement.

In 1827 it was decided to build a gallery across the West end of the church. It was also ordered by resolution that the pulpit and desk should be taken from the ground floor of the church "and be put back against the wall, on either side the chancel window" and the vacant floor filled with 5 pews.

In 1832 it was resolved that "the pew known as the Healy pew, be filled up as a vestry room."

A motion was unanimously carried that a house to cost £110 be purchased for the Missionary's use, of which amount the Rev. Alfred Gilpin offered "of his good-will" £25, and later added enough to make up the amount to £33.9.11½. It appears that the house was not purchased, but Mr. Gilpin paid his money which was recognized by a resolution, thanking him "for his kind and liberal donation to the parsonage," this parsonage is the present Rectory, the site for which was purchased in 1834.

Mr. Gilpin was a liberal giver during his life, and at his death

he left many legacies to the Church amongst which were £100 to the Diocesan Church Society; £100 for the relief of disabled clergymen; and £100 each, to the parishes of Wilmot, Weymouth and Yarmouth, "toward the permanent endowment of the same, for the use and benefit of the incumbents thereof."

Mr. Gilpin was succeeded in 1836 by the Rev. William H. Snyder, a son of Henry Snyder, originally spelled Schneider, a German United Empire Loyalist who came from the old Colony of New Jersey to Shelburne about 1784.

We find Mr. Snyder's name mentioned in the minutes as a layman, so that he must have been elected Rector of the parish upon his ordination.

Sixteen years afterwards Mr. Snyder removed to Mahone Bay and was succeeded here by the Rev. James Philip Filleul who was elected in 1852 on the recommendation of the Bishop.

It was only in 1854 that by resolution "a set of registry books be purchased for the parish," the register up to this time being kept on sheets of paper sewn together.

The stipend raised then by the people was £50. That grand and noble Society, the S. P. C. K. which so long paid the salaries of many of our older clergy, paid £200 towards the old S. Peter's Church, and the people raised £32, half of which was given by James Moody, the giver of the site on which the old S. Peter's stood and the present new one stands. This Society also gave the books for use in the ministrations of the Church.

The second part of the history of this parish rightly begins with the ministry of the Rev. James

Philip Filleul, D. D., for all the extended work in the parish was begun and successfully carried out by him. Not only was a new parish church built, but three other churches were built under his indefatigable exertions, which stand as monuments to his energy, zeal and humble confidence both in his people and in his God. He was wisely, faithfully and generously supported by his parishioners, and many other friends, and we are reaping to-day the fruits of his loving labours. Long may he live to enjoy the reward of honest and faithful work, well performed.

Dr. Filleul was appointed Rural Dean in July 1869 and filled that office most worthily, till his resignation of it, when age and infirmity compelled him to give up active work.

In 1877 a committee was appointed "to see what could be done towards getting a new church built."

At the following Easter meeting, plans were accepted, and the work was so rapidly pushed along that the church was ready for consecration and was consecrated on Nov. 18th, 1879.

This church is very beautiful, especially upon the inside, being furnished and decorated by the gifts of willing hands and loving hearts.

The Hon. A. G. Jones, a native of Weymouth, gave \$500 and Colin Campbell, Esq., \$500 towards the building fund, and later, to liquidate the remaining debt upon the church, Mr. Jones gave \$166 more, the Hon. John Boyd \$100. and G. D. Campbell, Esq., made up the balance.

Some of the gifts to this beautiful church are the following, viz: The Chancel Window and the Lectern by Colin Campbell, Esq. (All the side windows are memorials of departed friends.)