

I shall have a caretaker and one or two Japanese students—that is to say, if I can find a nice one or two. The Japanese student is apt to be a rough diamond, sometimes with the diamond left out. So I am quietly beginning what may, if God's blessing go with it, do the work that God intends it to do. And if God does not intend it to do any good deed, it will fall to the ground, and fail, as so much of all our work does fail.

"I have a great deal of interest just now in one of my pupils. His name is Goto. I baptized him in the country about five years ago. Since that time he has been through the course at St. Andrew's Divinity School, and is now acting as catechist at the Church of the Good Hope, my old church; at the same time, attending the literature course at the Keicijuku College. He is most anxious to get a year or two at a Canadian university; and in another year or so would be in a position to profit very much from the lectures at Trinity. Your Canadian mission will in the course of a few years need the services of some good Japanese clergy with a foreign education. Goto San would be a first-rate man for that work if he could be got and trained. Mr. Ryde, the priest in charge of the Church of the Good Hope, says that he is very spiritual in his sermons. I have never heard him preach, but I have known him for years, and just now I see a great deal of his work."

## OUR PARISHES AND CHURCHES.

### No. 98—ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, EGANVILLE.

**E**GANVILLE is an incorporated village in the county of Renfrew, 26 miles from Pembroke. The first services in its vicinity were held by Rev. E. H. M. Baker, now rector of Bath, diocese of Ontario. In point of fact, Mr. Baker's parish covered the whole county, and occasional services were held by him in the dwelling of the late Mr. John McMullin, about one and a half miles from Eganville. Mr. Baker soon left, and the people were again without the services of the Church which they loved, and to which they clung notwithstanding its long-continued neglect of them—a neglect which they felt the more bitterly when they saw the care bestowed upon their people by the Episcopal Methodists, Wesleyan Methodists and the Presbyterians, who provided regular services, and upon whose ministers the Church people had to depend for marriages, baptisms, and in times of sickness and bereavement. In the autumn of 1862 the Rev. T. S. Campbell came to Stafford, and, visiting Eganville, conducted the first Church of England services ever held in the village in the present dwelling of Mr. P. D. Campbell, which was just then building. In 1863 Mr. Campbell

opened regular fortnightly services in a small building called the Union Church. At the first vestry meeting, Mr. Wm. J. Warren, father of one of the present wardens, and Mr. J. Reeves were chosen churchwardens, a position which they continued to hold for many years. In 1863 Bishop Lewis paid his first visit to this section and held a confirmation service in the Presbyterian Church at Lake Dore, at which service a large number were confirmed, many of them adults. The Presbyterians had very kindly given Rev. Mr. Campbell the use of their church on every alternate Sunday with themselves. In 1864 the congregation determined upon building a church in Eganville. The work was pushed to completion and St. John's Church was opened for divine service on Christmas Day, 1864, the land having been donated to the Church by the estate of the late John Egan. The country was new, the people were comparatively poor, and the undertaking was a considerable venture of faith on their part; and although unfortunate circumstances caused them to struggle for many years under what to them was a heavy debt, they eventually overcame their difficulties. Early in 1867 Mr. Campbell left the mission, and the church was again without a clergyman. During 1867 Bishop Lewis paid his second visit to the parish and held the first confirmation service in St. John's Church, and the first ever held in Eganville, the class having been prepared by Mr. R. D. Mills, a young layman who was studying theology with a view to ordination. During the vacancy the Rev. Mr. Henderson, now Rev. Canon Henderson, D.D., Principal of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, who was then stationed at Pembroke, kindly came to Eganville and held occasional services.

In the fall of 1867 the Rev. C. R. Bell, now of Toronto diocese, was appointed to Douglas, and Eganville was attached to that mission. In the following year the churchwardens, chiefly through the kindness of Mr. James Bonfield, obtained for the Church a commodious lot for a cemetery.

In October, 1869, Mr. Bell left, and the mission was vacant until March, 1871, when Rev. Basil Bevis was appointed. Mr. Bevis was the first clergyman to make Eganville his headquarters. He left in March, 1872, and the mission remained vacant until June, 1873, when the Rev. T. Godden took charge. Mr. Godden, who was an earnest worker, was energetic in getting the debt reduced and in improving the church property. In 1875 he built the present parsonage, but left that fall previous to its completion, and was immediately succeeded by the Rev. W. R. Clark, now of the Niagara diocese, who only remained six months. The mission was then vacant until September, 1875, when the Rev. Mr. Scammell was placed in charge. Mr. Godden, who was stationed at Renfrew, came