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SOME twenty years ago, the Rev. Henry Holland, B.A., the scholarly, faithful, and hard-working rector of St. George's, St. Catharines, whose memory will long be cherished by many of the old families of that city, set his heart upon the erection of a church in the eastern portion of the town, in which the seats should be free and unappropriated, and the services choral and congregational.

This desire was brought into effect by the erection on John Street of a small wooden structure, which hitherto has served as a temporary church. For some five or six years it was a mission of St. George's, and the services were conducted on Sunday evenings by the clergy of the parish church.

In 1879 the Bishop of Niagara, Dr. Fuller, set apart, with title deeds, all that portion of the city east of Geneva Street as the parish of St.

Barnabas', and appointed as its first rector Rev. A. W. Macnab, who had previously held a curacy under Mr. Holland. Mr. Macnab, under great difficulties and no little opposition, carried on the work successfully, laying a good foundation for progress of church life in the future. After some twelve years' labor, he decided to remove the structure from John Street to its present site on Queenston Street, placing it on the rear of the lot, with a view to the erection of a substantial and permanent building when the prosperity and size of the congregation would warrant the undertaking. It was not the unanimous opinion of the parishioners at the time that this change of site would be beneficial, but experience has shown that Mr. Macnab's judgment in this particular was not mistaken.

In answer to a request from Bishop Worthington, of Nebraska, Mr. Macnab, in 1890, accepted the rectorship of St. Matthias', Omaha, leaving the work at St. Barnabas' to be carried on by the present rector, Rev. Charles H. Shutt, M.A.

In April, 1891, the vestry deemed it desir-