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was laid, the congregation contributing the sum of £767 towards its cost. Three years later the Church was completed.

There was a deficit of $\pounds 2034$. 1. 2, and to meet this amount the pews were offered for sale. Forty persons faithfully promised to purchase seats—but unfortunately very, very few fulfilled their obligations, and in 1862 the debt, with interest added, amounted to $\pounds 2305$. 5. 2.

When Dr. Fuller was removed from Thorold to S. George's Church, Toronto, he freely forgave the congregation this large debt.

In 1875 the Synod of Niagara was formed, and Dr. Fuller was elected as first Bishop.

Thorold's second resident clergyman was the Rev. T. B. Read, but his incumbency lasted only from 1862 to 1865.

Rev. T. T. Robarts entered upon his duties as Rector in 1865, when one of the earliest Harvest Festivals in Canada was held at S. Peter's Church, the Preacher being the Rev. Provost Whittaker of Trinity University, Toronto. Another important

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