

To labor in a field for twenty-five years and to be much stronger in the affections of his parishioners at the end than during the first few seasons of his stewardship is cause for elation. The Rural Dean banks much on the humanity of man, and in stirring the finer and better feelings of those who look to him for spiritual advice he consciously or unconsciously smoothes the way for ready responses to his appeals for the betterment of the character of the individual. Galtonians recognize in Mr. Ridley an unselfish worker in his Master's Vineyard and will join 'The Reporter' in wishing him many more years of usefulness in the community that in various ways has honored him as a good citizen."

At the close of the long service, the Bishop publicly licensed Mr. William Baird, lay reader.

The rector received many congratulations from his parishioners and numerous friends, thus marking in an eminently satisfactory way his 25th year as rector of Trinity Church, Galt.

During Canon Ridley's rectorship of the parish, in addition to all the services of the church, preaching, visiting, lecturing, etc., week in and week out, and attending to all the details of parish work, he officiated during the 25 years at 507 baptisms, prepared 480 for confirmation, married 280 couples (560 persons), and buried 444.

The first person that he baptized in the parish was John Herbert, son of William and Bertha Johnston, on October 18th, 1886.

The first marriage was that of Mr. Hugh Alexander Cant and Miss Maggie Barbour, on October 13th, 1886.

The first burials were those of Col. Thomas Peck, on October 20th, and Mr. Thomas McMillan, on October 20th, 1886.