
History of the Anglican Church ...Gorrie...



RECORDS can be found of the establishment of the Anglican Church in the Township of Howick, as early as January 22nd, 1860, when the Rev. Edward E. Newman, administered the rite of baptism to William Charles, infant son of William Charles and Mary Hooker. Similar services are mentioned of baptisms taking place throughout Howick and Turnberry. At Fordwich public worship was being held of a Sunday at this time. It is not until a later period that we find the Rev. Andrew Elias Millar, a missionary, taking his first (recorded) baptism, of Elizabeth, the four year old daughter of James and Mary Campbell, August 23rd, 1863, in the vicinity of Gorrie, or Leechville as it was called then. It is assumed, however, that services on Sundays were being held in private homes between the years 1863 and 1870. Miss Margaret Harding, one of the members of our present congregation, well remembers services being held February, 1869, in the old Orange Hall, over Mr. Hueston's tannery. The church wardens at that time were Mr. Jas. Perkins and Mr. Joseph Wildridge.

As early as July 6th, 1868, at a Vestry meeting the following gentlemen were elected: Dr. Worthington, Richard
