

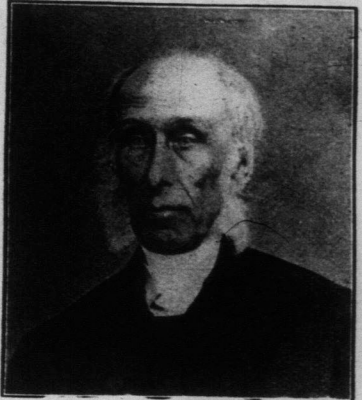
QUAINT LITTLE ST. BARNABAS

One of the Early Churches Near Toronto to be Replaced Shortly by a Modern House of Worship.

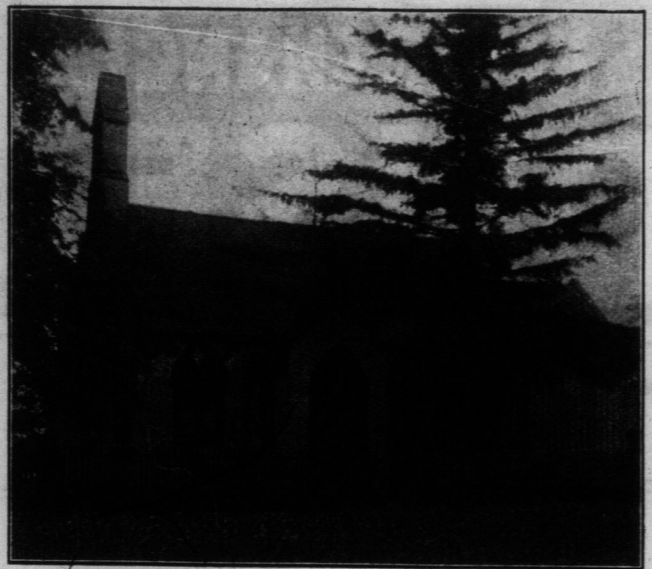
Help not those who help themselves: Help those who help others.

The rector and congregation of the Church of St. Barnabas (Chester), are looking forward to June 11 (St. Barnabas Day), for on that date they hope to witness the laying of the corner stone of their new parish church. They make an appeal for assistance only after having done all in their power, and more than seems to lay in the power of a few, at least, to set a generous example.

The Church of St. Barnabas is fifty-two years old and is just outside the limits of the City of Toronto. It was erected thru the efforts of the late Rev. Dr. Beaven who was the first rector



The late Rev. James Beaven, D.D., first rector of Parish of Berkeley and Chester.

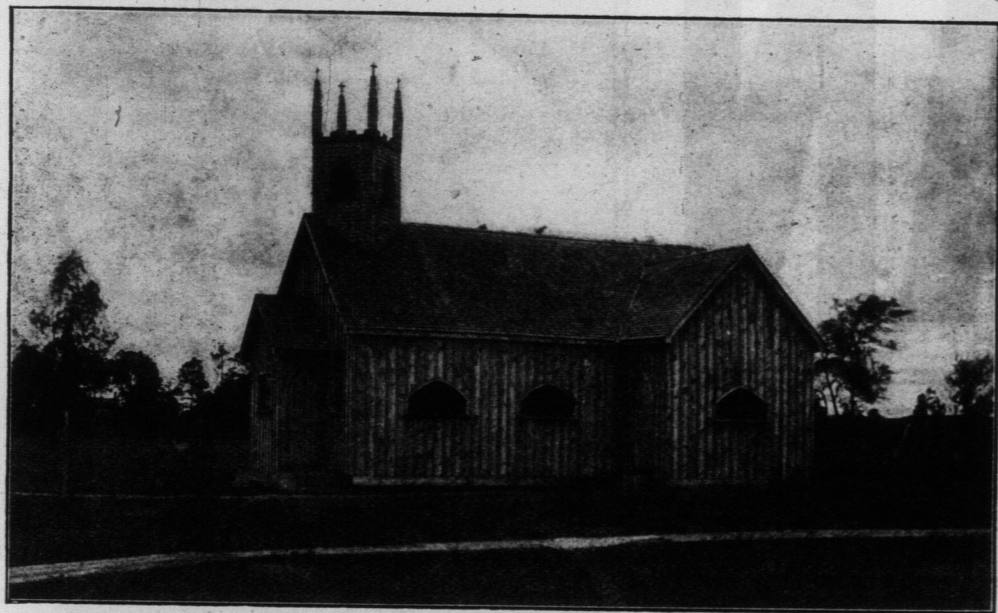


CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS, AS BUILT IN 1858.

of material at his disposal—men and means. The population of the district was gradually increasing and something must be done to offer the people opportunity to worship. And then came the test. St. Barnabas needed the cooperation of all its parishioners to build a new church parish, or choir vestry. But it was too far removed from the northern part of the district to be of much benefit to people in that quarter. Was an effort going to be made to advance the interests of a particular locality or enhance the possibilities of the church in general?

If the cause of the northern section could be sacrificed to the needs of St. Barnabas there might soon be a new and adequate St. Barnabas, for help had been promised by the extension committee of the deanery. The congregation were unanimous in their self-annihilation. "Extend the work," was its voice.

And then came the recompense. Funds were found to provide a parish room and enlarge their church to accommodate 45 worshippers. And their



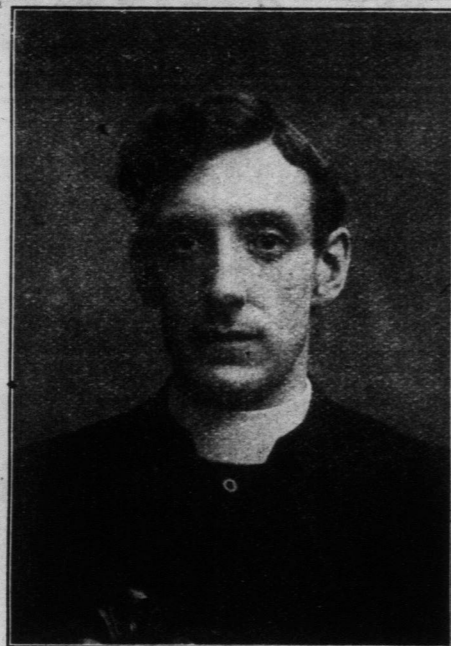
MISSION CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, IN ST. BARNABAS PARISH, CHESTER.

of "Berkeley and Chester" and professor at Toronto University. For 45 years the church was sustained by wage-earners whose worldly emoluments were by no means grievous to be borne.

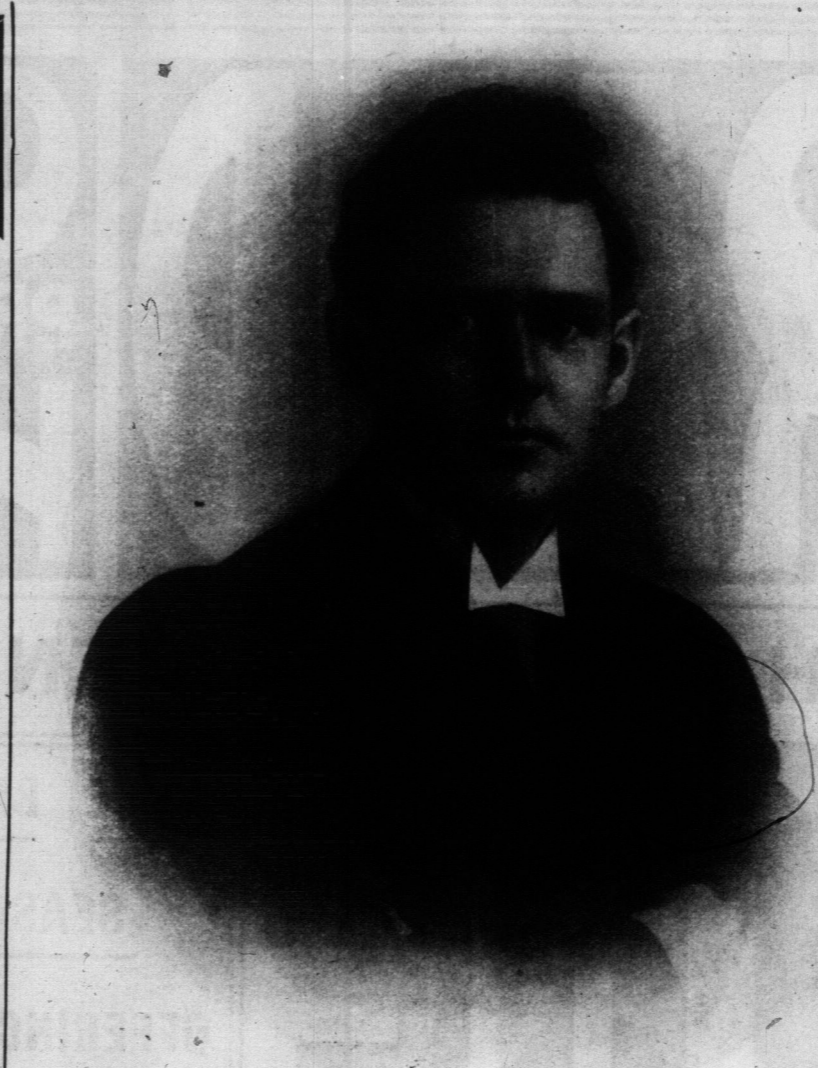
The little building was in a picturesque but rather secluded part of a large district with scattered population, and it was permitted to sleep unmolested in its shady retreat by many of the congregation. Those who found themselves able or willing to attend the services doubtless gave as freely as they could, but "widows' mites" take a long time accumulating to anything substantial. Thru all the quiet years between 1858 and 1905, devotees of the Sunday school cause had to pursue their labors of soul-education as best they could within the narrow confines of the little wooden church.

In 1903 the Rev. Frank Vipond was appointed curate in charge and he was inducted as the first rector of St. Barnabas, Chester, when Chester was erected a separate parish by the late Archbishop of Toronto in 1905.

But time works its changes in religion and religious institutions as in the world itself, so the new rector found a dearth



THE REV. FRANK VIPOND, First rector of the separated parish of Chester.



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St. Andrew's mission fund was swelled to \$1300 by the benevolence of the Ruri-decanal Conference. But in order that the gift may be appreciated now as it was then it may be well to remark that the amount "swelled" was only \$100. All this was done before a general appeal could be got out by the rector—which appeal has been held back until the present.

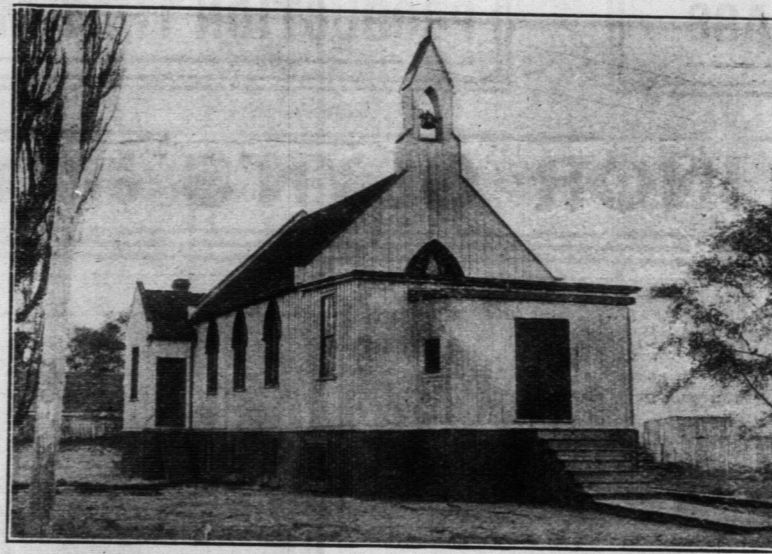
The year after the completion of St. Andrew's, the worshippers who, it will not be forgotten, had contracted the enthusiastic spirit of their benefactors, further evinced their zeal by erecting a hall on the church grounds.

Back to the parish church. A new site was in time procured on a main street with frontage of 143 feet and a depth on another thoroughfare of 120 feet.

shovel. Between 1908 and 1909 the church families on the register numbered over 400—a tenfold increase since 1903. The parish church has increased its membership also, and an enlargement will be necessary there in the near future.

At the Parish Church and at the Mission Church volunteers do all the janitor work. But with all the acquired economy of years the helpful congregation finds it imperative to have a new church at last.

"Building-fever" is not behind the movement for a commodious building; that craving must surely have been sated in the miraculous construction of St. Andrew's. The good folk of St. Barnabas require room. Their pushing propensities have formed in them the



CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS AS IT IS TO-DAY.

at a cost of \$2800. To-day it is worth \$6000. In September, 1907, the old parish church was removed bodily to the new site. "The excavations around which is now built our Sunday school were the voluntary work of a number of parishioners who for several weeks came nightly and worked by lantern light until nearly 10 p. m." The indefatigable workers even gave away their afternoon pleasure-strolls and manned themselves with pick and

shovel. They are pushing out the walls that have become too narrow just as they have forced aside every fettering obstacle in the way of their laudable progress. It is evident that the parish of St. Barnabas will grow; that is its nature.

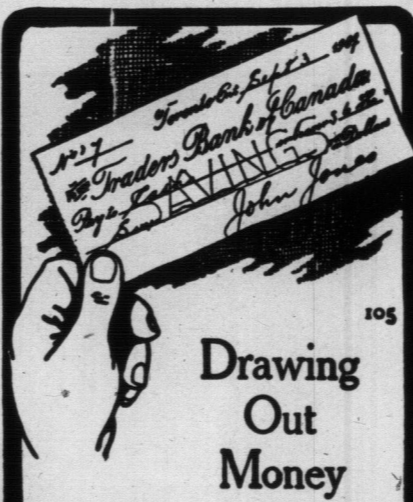
But knowing the wealth of giving, the rector and congregation of St. Barnabas are asking for the opportunity of helping others by suffering others to help them in their present undertaking.

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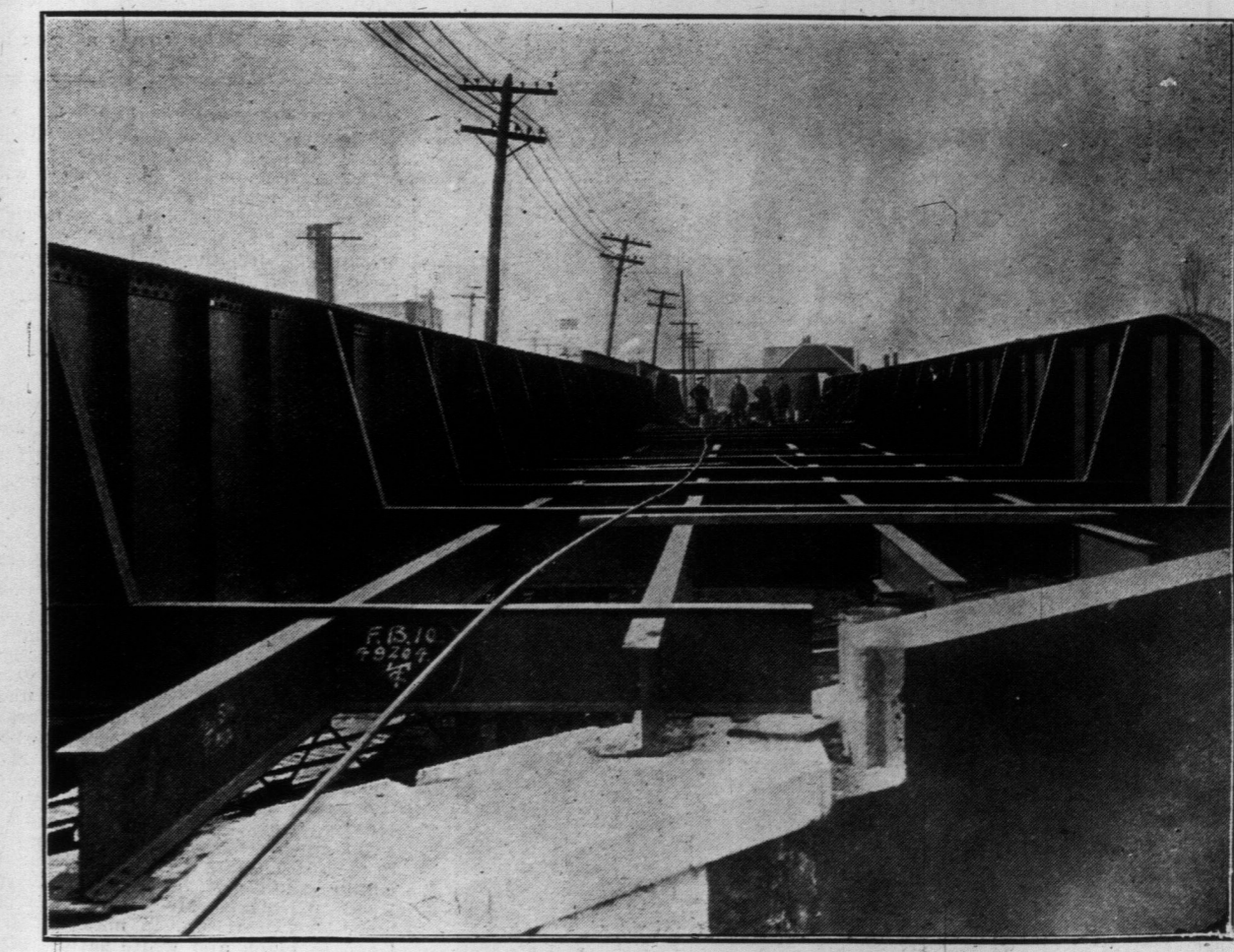
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Put geraniums around the cellar windows, where they will get the spring glow from the furnace fire.

A pleasant occupation is to secure from the government a package of hollyhock seeds and see whether they will be lettuce or morning glories when they come up.

Don't forget your corn. Plant the ears under the clothes line; sprinkle freely with pepper and salt.

Save your bulbs. The electric light season will come later.

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