

After a successful and pleasant term at St. Paul's, Mr. Troop was appointed chaplain of Hellmuth Ladies' College, London, Ont., in 1881. In 1882 he was appointed curate of the Church of the Ascension in Hamilton, Ont., of which Dean Carmichael, now bishop-coadjutor of Montreal, was the rector. Before the year was out he received and accepted the call to the rectorship of St. James Church, St. John, N. B., where he remained until 1886, when he came to Montreal.

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patience and the greatest degree of unity and harmony of method and purpose have ensued.

When the Rev. Mr. Troop came to St. Martin's there was one thing that he did not approve of. The pews were allotted and rented. Coming from a free church and with very decided views on this question; and, moreover, feeling that there was a very important principle involved, Mr. Troop was not long in bringing the matter before the officials of the church. He proceeded to educate his people up to the idea of making the sittings absolutely free.



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fore he arrived here to take charge of the parish. They did not know much about each other's ideals, history or work. There were recommendations, but no introduction or long courtship, but the union has proved a satisfactory one to both parties. Fifteen years of wedded life, as it were, have resulted in a thorough acquaintanceship and understanding between pastor and people. There have been little differences of opinion on some points, but these have been straightened out with prayer and

In his Lenten letter of 1890 the rector proposed that the system of pew rents should be abandoned, and formulated a plan to be tried for one year. This plan suggested that all members of the congregation should continue to occupy, by common consent, their accustomed sittings; that no member of the congregation should have the right to object, should he find his own usual seat occupied by a stranger; that the envelope system, so-called, should be adopted to meet the financial loss of the pew rents,