

SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF THE

Late Ven. Archdeacon Naylor, M.A.

As an old friend and associate of the late Ven. Archdeacon Naylor, I have been invited to write a short sketch of his life as an introduction to his history of the Parish of Clarendon.

The late Archdeacon was born on the fifth of May, 1846, at Noyan, in the Province of Quebec, his parents being Henry Naylor and Elizabeth Vaughan. His mother, though dying when he was about twelve years of age, seems to have had a great influence in the formation of his character and his decision to enter the sacred ministry. Even at the early age above mentioned, his mind was apparently made up with this aim in view, as the goal of his future life and vocation. He attended the school at Clarenceville, about four and a half miles from his home, and at some seasons walked both morning and evening, doing also those odd jobs in connection with the house, which in the country are so necessary for comfort and existence. He thus early manifested that energy and unselfishness so evident in his later life.

He graduated at McGill with first rank in honours in philosophy (taking the Prince of Wales gold medal) in 1872. In the same year he was married to Miss Janet Struthers, who afterwards proved such a valuable helpmeet in his work. For a short time he was engaged in teaching as master of the school at Philipsburg.