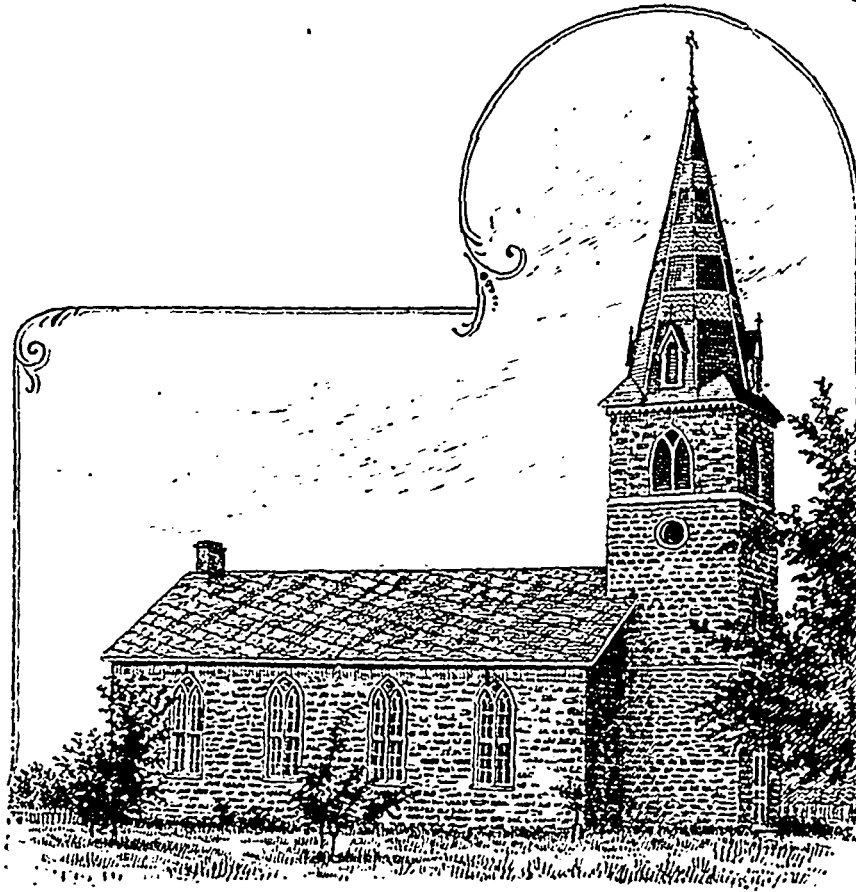




ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, GRENVILLE, QUEBEC.

Laurentian Hills, six miles north of Grenville. It was named St. John's. Services were held here weekly till Mr. Rollit's incumbency, but finally ceased, owing to family removals, and dissenters creeping in. Now the building has fallen to decay.

The late Rev. Fred. S. Neeve, 1859 to 1871.

The late Rev. Mr. Codd was at Lachute in 1869, and did duty in eight townships.

The late Rev. John Davidson, M.A., also travelled through these parts as missionary at this time.

The Rev. James H. Dixon, from 1871 to 1875.

The Rev. John (now Canon) Rollit, from 1875 to 1887.

The Rev. A. J. Greer was incumbent for a year and

that pervades the quiet cemetery that lies to the immediate rear of the church, between it and the river, where sleep those who, sixty years ago, were its active members.

Gazing to the west, you view the calm, still waters of Grenville Bay; then looking in the opposite direction you still can see the foaming rapids, which extend for six miles to Carillon, near which place in 1660, on the Quebec shore of these rapids, a memorable battle was fought, the account of which is preserved in the historic records of our country.

Rev. Mr. Abbott was assisted by the Rev. E. G. Sutton at this time, who held a register which gave him the right to work over one-third of the diocese.

During the sixty years the incumbents were as follows:

The Rev. E. G. Sutton officiated in 1846 and 1847. Mr. Sutton is still living, after fifty years of hard missionary labor for his Master. "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness."

The late Rev. Charles Forest, M.A., 1847 to 1859. During Mr. Forest's incumbency, a wooden church was built in 1850 in among the

a half. During this time he built Trinity Church at Calumet, three miles distant. This church was consecrated by Bishop Bond in 1889. Service is held in this church on Sunday afternoon and on Thursday evening.

All of these missionaries did a noble work in the parish.

The present rector, Rev. William Harris, for three years missionary in Arundel, began his work here in 1889. He at once restored the interior of the old church—the furnishings that had stood so many years now were crumbling with decay. This renovation made a great change for the better. A few of the improvements were: A new floor; new pews; the chancel enlarged; a new organ bought; also carpet for chancel and vestry; curtains made for the vestry; a small infant class-room made and fitted up with small benches and a black-board; new communion linen and embroidered cloth procured.

In 1890 the parish became a rectory, and each year finds it in the same position.

In 1893 the walls and ceiling were sheeted with basswood, oiled and varnished. Altogether, since 1889, these improvements have