

PREFACE.

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At the Annual Congregational Meeting of Saint Andrew's Church, Saint John, N. B., held on January 15, 1908, it was resolved, upon the suggestion of the pastor, Rev. David Lang, that a history of the Church from the time of its inception be prepared, and if possible that it be published in time for distribution at the approaching One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Celebration of the Founding of the Church, in the month of May, 1909. This proposition was at once acquiesced in by a unanimous vote of the congregation. Owing, however, to the extent of the work, the amount of research for suitable data involved, in consequence of the frequent losses by fire which at various periods had destroyed many of the Church records, the completion of the book in such a short time proved an impracticable task. The plan of a Church history has, however, been vigorously followed up, and the results are presented in this volume.

The late James A. Tufts, for many years an elder of St. Andrew's Church, lately deceased, and frequently referred to in the following pages, had, aided by the valuable reminiscences of his venerable father, Hugh Kearns Tufts, whom the writer well remembers,