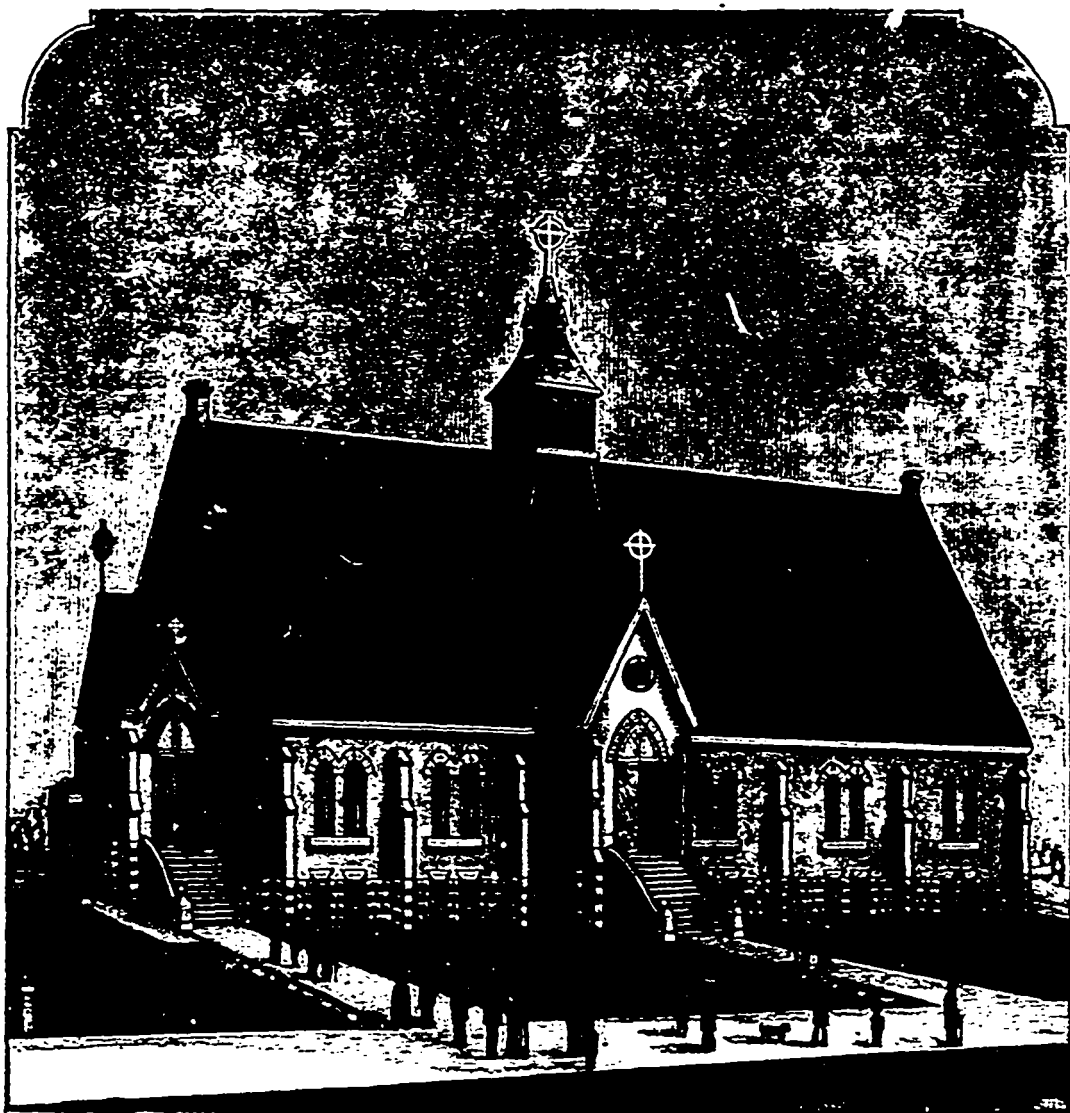




ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HAMILTON, ONTARIO.

clergy lived. They worked in their parish, holding services in the hospital and the jail, doing their own work in the house, and receiving as stipend the offerings of the people. Their work progressed until the building of 1887 was found too small for the requirements of the congregation and an addition was made, carrying the whole length of the church to the west 100 feet, and thus forming a building large enough to accommodate 700 people. The entire cost of this addition was a thank offering from a donor who has withheld his name. This edifice stands back some distance from the street, for the intention is to build some day a large church in front of it and relegate it to the duties of a School House, when it is hoped a Church

Parochial Day School may be formed. The sittings in this church are all free and the services are frequent, there having been held in 1887-8, one thousand and five. Underneath is a fine basement, the entire size of the building, used chiefly as a choir room and as a place for parochial gatherings.

All this work, of course, has not been done without incurring some debt, but the amount of this debt barely exceeds one-third of the value of the property, and the continuous exertions of the clergy indicate that a way will shortly be found to relieve the parish of this debt.

In 1888 Rev. Mr. Smith removed from Hamilton, since when the two remaining clergymen