



KINGSTON CHURCH

occasionally, and made some preparation for building in Kingston.

On Thursday, the 7th day of October, 1784, I had the honour of the first marriage by the first minister. On the death of the Rev. John Sayre, in 1786, the Rev. John Beardsley was removed to Maugerville.

The vestry appointed to hold church at the house of Elias Scribner, and Mr. Frederick Dibblee to read the prayers. Public worship was then attended regularly on Sundays till July, 1787, when Rev. James Scovil came from Connecticut, with a view of removing to this province as a missionary. As an encouragement we voted him the lot reserved for the parsonage, and on the following summer he removed with his family into Kingston, and attended public worship on Sunday in the house of Elias Scribner, where he found, much to his comfort, a full congregation of church people in the wilderness ready to do everything in God's name the exigencies of the Church required.

With the coming of the Rev. James Scovil and the establishment of all the ordinances of religion, our little community was well content.

At the meeting held on the 5th day of July, 1787, to arrange with the Rev. James Scovil about his coming to reside with us, Messrs. Silas Raymond, Elias Scribner and John London did in the presence of said meeting, give each of them, severally, one acre of land of the adjoining corners of their respective lots to the said church free and clear of all incumbrances for ever, as a privilege to build a church house thereon. At the same meeting it was voted to build a church on the hill upon the land given by Silas Raymond, Elias Scribner and John London.

Later in the season a subscription paper was drawn up as follows:—

“KINGSTON, December 5th, 1788.

“We, the subscribers, impressed with a full and vigorous sense of the importance of religion, and the strong obligations we, as Christians are under, to pay all due homage, adoration and obedience to Almighty God the common Father and benevolent Governor of the Universe, in whom we live and move and have our being—and upon whom all our hopes depend for both time and eternity; and being firmly persuaded that a due performance of the duties of religion in His house of prayer are the most likely and effectual methods of cultivating and keeping alive a proper sense of religion, according to the laws of the Gospel among us, do for the best good of ourselves and our children for ever, covenant and agree to pay to the Church Wardens and Vestry of the Parish of Kingston, in King's County, or their order, such sum or sums as shall be by us affixed to our names, in labour, money, or other articles as we shall sign—which sum or sums signed by us shall be appropriated and applied in the most prudent and effectual manner for the erection of a House to the Honour and for the Public Worship of Almighty God according to the usage of the Church of England, in the Parish of Kingston aforesaid upon the square or plot of ground near the house of the Rev. James Scovil.”

The subscription paper was returned in a few weeks with seventy-two signers—total amount subscribed £134 16s.

In February it was agreed to build the church fifty feet in length and thirty-eight in breadth under the direction of the vestry, and it was further agreed to allow fifteen shillings a thousand for eighteen inch shingles and three shillings a day for common labour.

On Saturday the 27th day of June, 1789, the frame was raised in perfect harmony and in good order, and by united exertion was so far advanced that on the 5th day of November it was dedicated to the service of Almighty God by the Rev. James Scovil by the name of TRINITY CHURCH.

On examining the records in the clerk's books, I found no mention of the consecration of Trinity Church. I cannot omit giving my statement of the same from my own recollections and such statements as I find in my possession, however imperfect they may be found by those who may have more and better information.

(To be continued.)

THE Bishop of Sierra Leone, is anxious to educate native women to be sick nurses. In this matter he is being ably seconded by his wife, who says the native women are deplorably ignorant on the subject. She, therefore, pleads for two English nurses to go out to teach the women how to be nurses themselves.