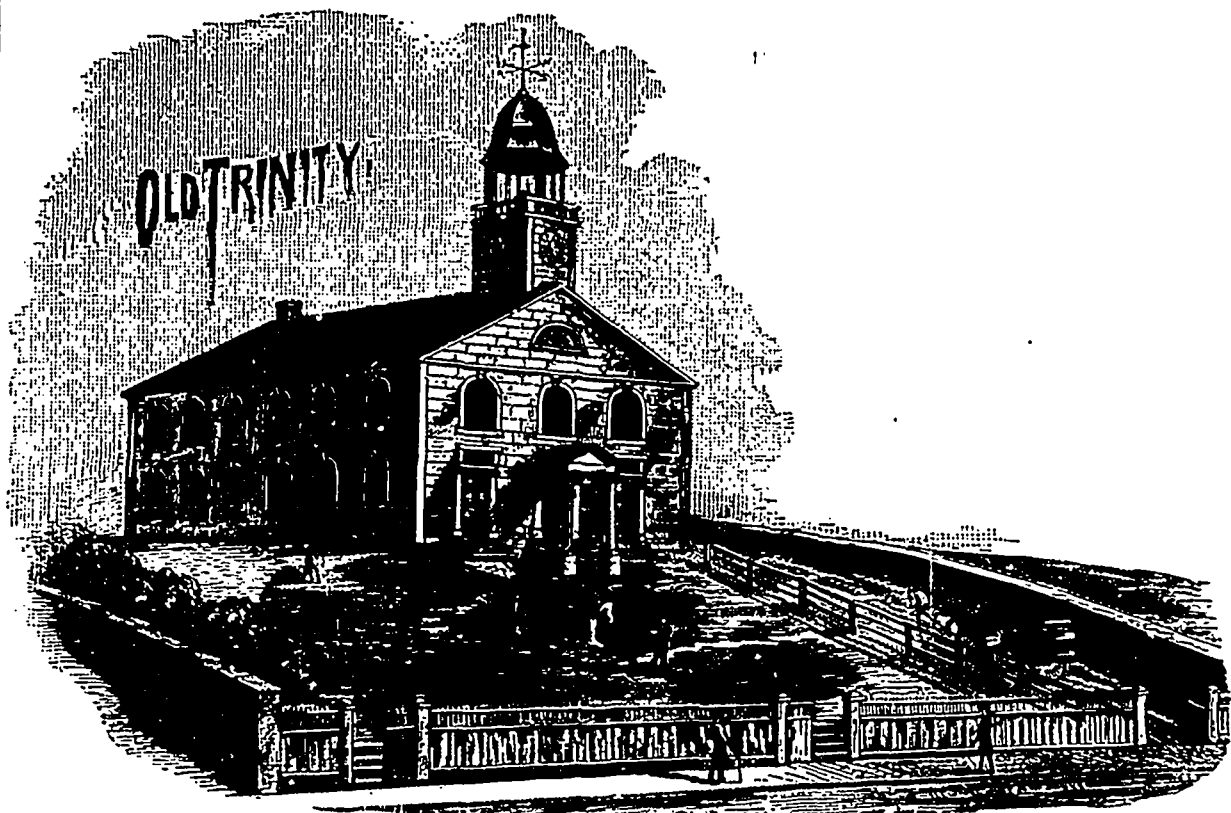




OLD TRINITY CHURCH, ST. JOHN, N. B.

Mohawks, the man John John, who was confirmed on the "big day," and Hannah Barr, who has been bed-ridden for years.

The present stone church was erected on a rise of ground overlooking the bay and surrounding district in 1843, at the sole expense of the Mohawks. The parsonage was put up in 1835, and re-constructed last year on the old foundation, a beautiful spot between the site of the original church and the new one,—no dense forest as on the day when good Bishop Stewart confirmed my friend, but nestling among tall elm and hickory trees, with a pretty lawn sloping towards the water, admired by all who pass it.

There are now two flourishing congregations in the Mission. The services conducted in English are very hearty. Holy Communion is celebrated monthly in the parish church, erected in 1843. The average number of communicants this year is sixty-nine.

Before I took leave of my old parishioner yesterday he said: "Great improvements since the big day. I wish the Good Father see us now. May be he does. He would know we took his advice to be good members of the church that our fathers accepted in our old hunting grounds, and often to use the Communion service given to the Mohawks by Queen Anne."

OUR PARISHES AND CHURCHES.

No. 25—TRINITY CHURCH, ST. JOHN, DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON.

The history of Trinity church furnishes many particulars of much interest, inasmuch as it dates back, and is intimately connected with that memorable period, A. D. 1783. On the founding of the city of St. John by the loyalists, one of their first cares was to erect an edifice for divine worship. The sight first chosen for that purpose was abandoned in consequence of a fire which swept over that part of the city. A dwelling house was then purchased and fitted up as a temporary place of worship. It was a very unpretentious building, and never consecrated; nevertheless, it was the first place of worship in the city, and constituted the beginning of the parish of St. John. The first clergyman who officiated in this building was the Rev. John Beardsley, of Stratford, Connecticut. He was succeeded in 1785 by the Rev. Samuel Cooke, who, on his removal in 1786, was succeeded by the Rev. George Bissett, from Newport, Rhode Island, who was the first rector of the parish of St. John. He took immediate steps for the erection of a larger and more suitable edifice, and his labours resulted in building what was known as "Old Trinity," on a commanding site compris-