

THE BARBY CHAIR.

Made from the Wood of Barby Church,
in Northamptonshire, England.

The parish church at Barby, near Rugby, Northamptonshire, England, dedicated to St. Mary, dates from the close of the 12th, or the beginning of the 13th century. The vicar of the parish from 1795-1813 was Rev. Earle Gillbee, D.D., LL.D., great-great-grandfather of J. Sinclair and Irving Earle Robertson, sons of Mr. J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto. Dr. Gillbee was a descendant of Anthony Gilby (Gillbee), the celebrated preacher and theologian, who between the years 1547-1584 published several books and pamphlets, and was one of the translators of the Geneva Bible, known as the Breeches Bible. The sons of Mr. Robertson are his only descendants on this continent. In 1900 the church was restored, and oaken timber obtained from the vicar by Mr. Robertson, and his second son, Irving Earle Robertson, B.A. Oxon., an alumnus of the University of Toronto, had a chair, lectern and table made and presented on 13th October, 1908, the chair being first used on the occasion of Lord Milner's visit to the University, 21st October, 1908, when he was welcomed in the Convocation Hall.