

Preface

The story of the circumstances which brought about the writing of this book is soon told. As editor of the Montreal Churchman I have to acknowledge the great and continuous help and encouragement which I received from the late beloved author of this History. He wrote a sketch of the history of the parish of Hull for the Montreal Churchman some years ago and told me he would like some day to write the story of the Church in Clarendon for the same magazine. I repeatedly urged him to undertake the task but as Rector of Farnham he could not find time to do it. On his superannuation I again approached him about it and on December 22nd, 1917, he wrote to me to say that he had made a beginning.

The first chapters were soon in my hands and I realized that the Author was writing more than a sketch, that space could not be found for his work in the magazine and that it would have to be published, if given to the public, as an individual work. On March 4th, 1918, Archdeacon Naylor wrote me, "I would like to have it take a permanent book form." Thenceforward our ambition grew. Again on March 21st he wrote, "I shall be most thankful if the 'Story' can be published in permanent form." On May 20th he sent me the final chapters and wrote,—"I need not say that I am glad I have been able to finish this piece of work. I have enjoyed doing it and I only hope there will be some means of giving it permanence in book form, and that it may be of some value, spiritual or otherwise, to the Church." Two days