

in the burial ground of St. Matthew's Parish Church, and was attended to the grave by the Bishop, who read the service, the Clergy of Georgetown, and two or three lay members of the church, desirous of paying the last tribute of respect to the earthly remains of one who, by his Christian fortitude and uncomplaining submission under prolonged sufferings, aggravated by separation from all most dear to him in life, had won their utmost admiration and regard. While in person, manners, character, and attainments he did infinite credit to the community in which he was born and reared, he has also left in the colony, whither he arrived but six months since an utter stranger in search of health, but wherein he has now breathed his last, an indestructible monument of his worth in the profound love and affection of all who came to know him."

Mr. Ede had been educated for the ministry at the Bishop's Theological College, Cobourg, and came to Hamilton highly recommended by the Principal, Archdeacon Bethune, afterwards Bishop of Toronto. The term of his ministry was short, but very fruitful in good works.

It was at this time, in the autumn of 1850, and while the church was in course of erection, that the Rev. John Hebden, M. A., and his young family, arrived in Hamilton. They had suffered great misfortune by shipwreck off the coast of Newfoundland, which had left them almost destitute. While there they had experienced great kindness at the hands of Bishop Fielde, of whom Mr. Hebden always spoke with grateful feelings, and after whom he

subsequently named one of his sons. It had been Mr. Hebden's intention in coming to Canada to have engaged in missionary work, and it was while on his way to London, C. W., with that end in view, that he was detained in Hamilton by the illness of his wife. He was very cordially received there by the Rector of Christ Church, and throughout that winter assisted Mr. Geddes in his parochial work.

The congregation which had been meeting at Judge O'Reilly's, having outgrown its quarters, was in the meantime moved to the Court House (the old building). It was a convenient place, and no services could have been more enjoyable than those held there. Many of the aged members of the church could, and did, attend them, singing the chants and old version Psalms of Tait and Brady, led by the late James Burgess, an excellent violinist. At this time, too, Mr. G. A. Bull (now Rev. Canon Bull, M. A., of Niagara Falls South) used to render valuable assistance by acting in the capacity of lay reader. This was shortly before his ordination in 1851.

When the new Church of the Ascension was nearly ready for opening, the Rector of the whole parish (Rev. J. G. Geddes) desired to retain it under his own charge as a chapel-of-ease, without any sub-division. The success of the Rev. Dr. Hook, Vicar of Leeds, in England, led him to wish to adopt this plan, he having carried it out in his own parish with great advantage. This idea, however, did not commend itself to those who had