

luxuriant verdure of the trees and grass help to lend a pleasing old-world aspect to the scene.

The oldest parish church is that of St. Jean dating from 1735, though the first established was St. Pierre, commenced in 1651 and finished in 1653.

The ecclesiastical divisions of the island consisted till quite recently of 5 parishes; and the churches were founded in the following order—1st as already noted, that of St. Pierre; 2nd St. Famille, 1671, then two in the same year (1675) namely St. Jean and St. Laurent, and 5th St. Francois 1683.

The first chapel of St. Pierre, a wooden building, was burned about 21 years after its completion, and was rebuilt in 1675; the second building stood for over 90 years, when in the spirit of the man who pulled down his barns to build greater, it was removed, and the present building erected in 1769, so that although it was the first parish established, the edifice itself is the most recent except one, that of St. Laurent. The first church of Ste. Famille, 1671, was built of stone, and was occupied until near the middle of the last century, when the parish having outgrown it a new building was begun in 1745, was dedicated in 1749, and still stands.

The first chapel of St. Jean, dated from 1675, was replaced by the present church in 1735, so that the good people of St. Jean can this year celebrate the 150th anniversary of their church building and that it may be preserved as long as its stones and mortar are able to hold together, is a prayer to which I am sure every antiquarian will say Amen.

Another chapel built in 1675 (a great year you see for church building, on the island) was that of St. Laurent; this was only occupied for twenty years when it was replaced by a larger one. This parish must have developed very fast, as we find another change 6 or 7 years later; for it was lengthened in 1702, and just here it naturally occurs to one as a strange fact that so little