

"Memory of Robbie Burns." "May Sons of Caledonia ne'er feel want nor want feeling."

Niagara was still the military headquarters in 1826, as in a Toronto paper, June 10th, it is stated 70th Regt. Highlanders arrived at York from Niagara.

EARLY CHURCHES—ST. MARK'S AND ST. ANDREW'S.

This sketch would be still more incomplete than it is were no reference made to the churches, with two of the oldest records in the province. The present writer, in a paper read before the Canadian Institute, has told part of the story, and at the risk of repetition a few items must be given. The record of St. Mark's dates from 1792. In that century there have been but three incumbents. The first, the Rev. Robt. Addison, sent out by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, who ministered to the country around for many miles. The register, as kept by him, has many quaint remarks, and tells a history of the population of that time, Indians, negroes who were slaves, high English officials; U. E. Loyalists, waifs and strays from all lands. His library, now in possession of the church, has many books dear to the bibliopolist.

The next incumbent, who had also been curate to Rev. R. Addison, was Rev. T. Creen, a graduate of Glasgow University, in whose time of thirty-one years the church was enlarged and improved. It had been burnt with the rest of the town, only the walls remaining, and was rebuilt, £600 being granted by S. P. G. for that purpose. A fine water color drawing of the church in 1834, before the additions were made and when there was a spire, is in possession of a resident. The present incumbent, Rev. Archdeacon McMurray, has been fifty years in the ministry, thirty-five of them having been spent in this charge. The many tablets on the walls form a history in themselves.

St. Andrew's has not so romantic a history, but dates from 1794, as shewn in a curious old volume of thick yellowish paper, giving most of the business transactions of the congregation from that date, the money subscribed for first church, size of windows, timbers, etc., throwing curious light on prices in those days of rope, glass, rum,