

church and parochial school. He had no desire to see others exchange such advantages for anything Hepworth could hope to offer, a possibility in which the interests of children especially would be involved, and there was a danger of a church in Hepworth being an invitation to other Catholic families to make that very change. However, he was succeeded a year or two later by a pastor of more kindly and sanguine temperament, who at once acceded to Mr. Eldridge's proposal. As might have been expected, Mr. Eldridge was willing to assume the entire burden of seeing his project to a finish. From his non-Catholic neighbors as well as from the little congregation generous contributions came in. Cash subscriptions were supplemented by unstinted voluntary labor. Mr. Eldridge gave all his time and attention to the work. The blessing and formal opening of the church took place November 14th, 1906, on which occasion the pastor, Rev. J. B. Collins, C.S.B. was handed the key of a beautiful little church, finished in every detail, with vestments, plate and all requisite furnishings, and, what was not less interesting, practically free of debt.