## HISTORY OF THOROLD PARISH

Parish a Rectory, and S. Peter's Church was consecrated by Bishop Mountain of Quebec Diocese.

The first time that the Churchwardens kept systematic accounts was in the year 1838, when Mr. George Keefer was warden.

Thorold had its first resident Priest in 1840, when the Reverend Thomas Brock Fuller was appointed. Just one year before Dr. Fuller's appointment to Thorold, Upper Canada had been set apart as the Diocese of Toronto, and Dr. Strachan was consecrated as its first Bishop.

The first Missionary meeting took place on August 20th, 1842. On that evening a branch of the Church Missionary Society was formed. Addresses were delivered by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong of Louth, the Rev. A. M. Atkinson of St. Catharines, the Rev. Wm. Leeming of Chippawa, the Rev. Thos. Creen of Niagara-on-the-Lake, the Rev. J. G. Geddes of Hamilton, the Rev. Arthur Palmer of Guelph, and the Rev. John Armstrong of Buenos Ayres. In the same year Thorold contributed  $f_{28.2.6}$  for Missionary purposes.

In 1853 the Cornerstone of S. John's Church

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