

Grace Church

Waterdown

1913

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Waterdown, Ontario, Grace church (Anglican)

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After Sixty-
six years

Two Acres deeded 1847

Chancel part built 1860-5

Addition, 1866

Sheds, 1867

Rectory, 1871

Parish Hall and Vestry, 1911

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Easter, 1913



REV. JOHN DOUGLAS, B. A.

THE RECTOR, Rev. John Douglas, B. A., is a graduate of the University of Toronto and also of the Diocesan Theological College, Montreal. Besides, he holds the Canada Voluntary Preliminary Certificate, and thus is entitled to three graduating hoods. At the age of eighteen he began teaching and obtained Third Class and Second Class Public School Certificates, and also Second and First Class Academy Diplomas for High Schools. After teaching twelve years he entered the ministry, being ordained Deacon 1903, Priest 1904, by Archbishop Bond. For a short time he was connected with L'Eglise du Redempteur, Montreal; for four years incumbent of Nanticoke, during which time he presented 78 candidates for confirmation. In 1908 he was made Rector of Grace Church, Waterdown, where he has been active in restoring Church property and building a Vestry and Parish Hall.



GRACE CHURCH and PARISH HALL (East End View)



GRACE CHURCH and PARISH HALL (West End View)

Grace Church.

History. In 1847, Frederick Feilde and Elizabeth Gil-
dart Feilde issued a deed of gift of about two
acres of land on the north side of what is now known as
the Village of Waterdown for the purpose of the Church,
Cemetery and Rectory. The parchment deed is in the
vault of the Synod Office, Hamilton.

Occasional services were held in the Township Hall
by Rev. A. P. Morris, head master of the Grammar School,
Hamilton, during the years 1858-1860. The Rev. Geo.
Higginson was the first incumbent of Grace Church parish.
During his time in charge (1860-5) a church building was
erected. In the following year Rev. H. Stringfellow, a
Southern refugee, was appointed and built an addition.
Rev. Stewart Houston, M. A., was appointed to the parish
of Waterdown and Lowville in October, 1860. In 1867
the sheds were erected. In 1870 the Rector gave up St.
George's, Lowville, and took charge of St. Matthew's,
Aldershot. The Rectory was built in 1871. In 1878 Rev.
John Francis, B. D., succeeded Mr. Houston and remained
until 1889. During his incumbency the Revs. Bennett and
Munson officiated for some time. Then Rev. Arthur
Boulton took charge. On his decease the Rev. Robert
Cordner became incumbent, and remained until 1903,
when Rev. H. C. Higginson, B. A., was appointed. Two
years later Rev. Thos. McKim, B. A., became incumbent.
In 1908 Rev. John Douglas, B. A., was made Rector by

the late Bishop DuMoulin. From the time of the gift of land till the present year, 1913, there are 66 years. From the time of the first incumbent there are 55 years. During the incumbency of Mr. Douglas the Vestry and Parish Hall have been added, so that the work began 66 years ago still progresses and God's lamp still burns.

The W. A. was organized in 1904 by Rev. Alex. Higginson, and has done noble work ever since. The A. Y. P. A. was organized by the present Rector in 1910. Mr. W. G. Spence was the first president and Mrs. W. G. Spence the second. Grace Church Boys' Club was organized in 1913 also, by Rev. Mr. Douglas. The Missionary Executive of Grace Church began work June, 1908.



Former Luke Mullock, Hamilton O'Reilly, Wm.
Wardens. Stuart, Samuel Gallagher, Sr., Joseph E.
Eager, Capt. Feilde, T. Leather, Ed. Burns,
John Nicholson, Sr., David Davis, Sr., Col. John McLaren,
Edmond Feilde, Jas. Higginson, Sr., Arthur Freeman,
Samuel Gallagher, Jr., John Gallagher, Daniel Gallagher,
Wm. Nicholson, John Nicholson, Jr., Jas. E. Eager, David
Davis, Jr.



The Rector and Wardens acknowledge the kindness of Sir Edmond Osler and others.



STEWART GALLAGHER



HARRY FEILDE

These Wardens began the work of building the Parish Hall and Vestry of Grace Church.



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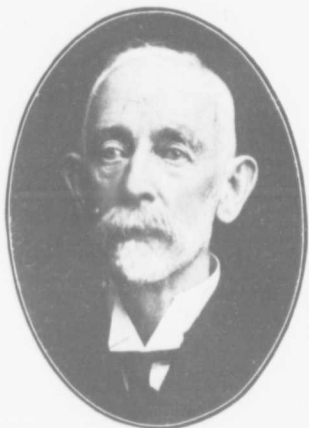


R. J. VANCE, D. D. S.

These Wardens finished the building of the Parish Hall and Vestry, and paid off all indebtedness. The congregation nobly supported all these officers in their undertaking.



JOHN NICHOLSON



JAMES E. EAGER

These are the Delegates to the Synod. They both took a very active interest in promoting the building operations.



MRS. ANNIE E. VANCE

Mother of the present Warden of the Co. of Wentworth.
First President of Grace Church W. A.



MRS. ANNIE E. DOUGLAS

The wife of the Rector,
Second President of Grace Church W. A.



MRS. A. PILGRIM.

Mrs. Pilgrim, president of Grace Church W. A., 1911 to present time. She has been of great financial assistance in the building of the Parish Hall and Vestry. At the annual meeting this year, 1913, held at the Rectory, she was made a life member of the W. A. and presented with the W. A. badge.



The Rector wishes the blessings of Him who is the Resurrection and the Life upon all the congregation under his ministration.