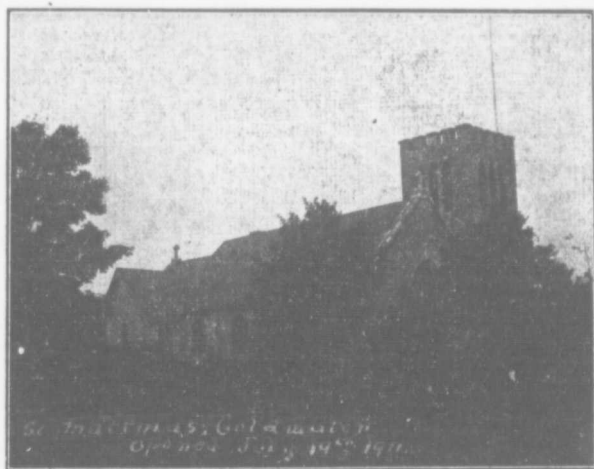


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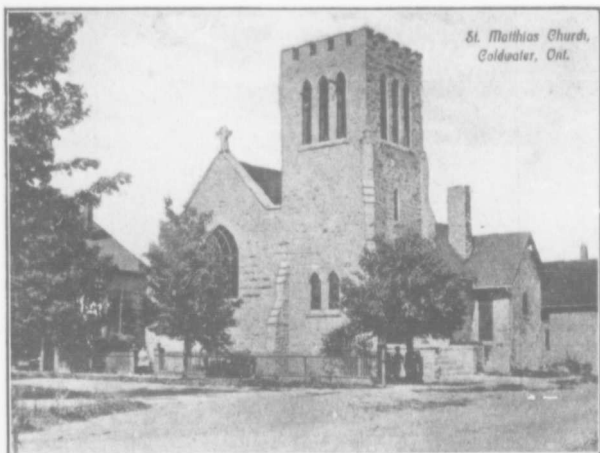


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CHURCH IN 1891

In April of the year 1891, I was asked by the late Archbishop Sweatman if I would accept the Mission of Coldwater on my ordination as Deacon, which was to take place on the 28th of June, and he suggested that I had better visit the Mission before deciding. Therefore following out the arrangements made by his Lordship, I visited the parish and took the services at Coldwater and Waubaushene on Sunday, May 4th, 1891. I was notified of my appointment shortly afterwards.

My predecessor, Rev. Mr. Shutt, had preached his farewell sermon on March 1st, 1891, and until my coming in July the parish was in charge of a Mr. Lawrence, who had been for some time with Mr. Shutt previous to his appointment to St. Barnabas, St. Catharines.

The May issue of the Parish Magazine gave the following account of my visit in May:—"Mr. J. H. Sheppard of Trinity College, Toronto, whom the Bishop has sanctioned to come to this Parish and who we understand will be appointed after the former's ordination in June, preached on Sunday morning last in St. Matthias' Church, and judging from the opinions we heard expressed on leaving the service, the appointment will be gladly welcomed. Mr. Sheppard is an excellent reader, and a very lucid preacher, showing every sign of being an eloquent one in a short time."

As soon after my ordination as possible we moved to Coldwater and on Sunday, July 5th, I read myself into the Mission, there being present at that service sixty of a congregation and the offering was \$1.49. My salary was

to be \$779.00, made up as follows, Mission Board \$400.00, Waubaushene \$200.00, Coldwater \$120.00, Matchedash \$50.00. Out of this modest sum I had to pay house rent and keep a horse.

On the following Sunday the Rev. J. Jones, then Incumbent of St. George's, Medoute, took the service and administered Communion to twelve people.

In the July issue of the Parish Magazine there appeared the following:—"The Rev. Joseph Sheppard has now taken charge of the Mission, commencing work on the 5th inst. By the time our August issue comes from the press we expect to report favorably of his reception, and the kindness and help he has received from the several congregations. The Reverend gentleman's good lady and child, a daughter of about seven years of age, are also here and have settled down in the residence lately occupied by Mr. Lazonby and formerly occupied by Rev. C. H. Shutt. Any person desirous of seeing Mr. Sheppard at any time will find him at his residence on Gray Street, two blocks from St. Matthias' Church."

My first baptism was a private one in the home of Mr. George Rawson, a little baby named Edgar Victor, who died a day or two afterwards.

My first funeral was on August 12th, Rachel Maud Cooper, a three months old child of Charles and Sarah Cooper of Feserten.

On August 23rd, 1891, Margaret, daughter of Robert and Amy Ferguson was baptized in the Church, this was my first public baptism. On the 5th of August, 1913, I had the pleasure of marrying this young lady to George Biggs.

On October 7th, 1891, I performed my first marriage ceremony, the contracting parties being W. R. Harvie of Orillia, and Louisa Victoria Gill, the youngest daughter of Mr. Joseph Gill, then the loveable churchwarden of St. John's, Matchedash, and long since gone to his rest.

In September I was compelled to take full charge of the Parish Magazine and assume all responsibility for the money to pay the printer for its publication. So the following appears in the September Number.

#### SALUTATORY

To the parishioners of Coldwater, Waubaushene, Matchedash and Cross's:—With this number of our little paper I assume its management as announced in the August number. Before beginning my first article to you, I must thank Messrs. Lazonby and Murphy, who have borne all the trouble and work of its management since my arrival amongst you and for some time before, and will continue to assist me in the good work. First, then, I ask for your hearty support and co-operation in all work for the furtherance of God's Kingdom here upon earth. Let us put to one side, as unbecoming Christians, petty jealousies, if such exist in our respective neighborhoods. Stand up for your Church when occasion calls for it, and be ready to give an answer as to the reason of your being a Churchman.

In all your prayers remember me your pastor, ask that I may be guided and directed by Him who does all things wisely and well. Do not be too ready to find fault, remember that I, like you, am human, and therefore liable to err. I have many to please, and in doing my duty may unintentionally wound some one else's feelings. If sickness exists in your family let me know it at once. You do not wait for the doctor to find it out for himself; you at once send for him. Do the same with me. Before you make any arrangements as to the hour of a funeral consult me, so that your arrangements may not clash with any already made by me. Never arrange to have it on Sunday, if it can be avoided at all, as that must necessarily interfere with my Sunday appointments. Attend service regularly and when there take part in the responses. These at Coldwater, Waubaushene and Cross's are very feeble and half-hearted, a very poor way to serve God. You have a duty to perform, why not do it? At Matchedash I thoroughly enjoy the service. Why? The people respond as if they meant what they were saying. I ask then as a special favor, and one that will make a hard day's work very much less tiresome and burdensome, that you respond heartily and loudly.

I would affectionately ask the parishioners of Coldwater that a greater number should attend our week night service. Surely we can spare time to devote one week night to the service of Almighty God. The fifteen or twenty that do attend are a very small percentage of our congregation here. Lastly I ask every one of my parishioners to become a subscriber to our parish paper, which can be made one of the most aggressive agencies for the work of the Church in the parish. It is not only a medium for circulating parish news and parish notices, but is a means of communication between you and me.

To the many friends who have aided me in my work since my arrival, and for the many kindnesses received, and fully appreciated, I return my heartiest thanks. Praying that God's gracious guidance may be with me, and that strengthened by His Almighty Power, I may be to you a true Spiritual guide; and that under my ministrations, this mission may be abundantly blessed from on High, I remain

Your loving Pastor,

J. H. SHEPPARD

The annual Sunday School picnic was held in Hawke's Grove on September 2nd, and of those who helped to make it a success were Messrs. Murphy, Freeman and Newsam and Mesdames Freeman, Botting, Murphy, Henly, Gibbons, Woodrow and Currie, but few are left.

On Sunday, September 20th, a special sermon was preached to the Orangemen, there being 225 of a congregation.

On October 1st the annual Harvest Festival service was held, Rev. Mr. Low being the special preacher; there were 180 present and the offering was \$6.00.

On Nov. 12th, at the evening service held on Thanksgiving Day there were 55 present.

On Christmas Day, service was held in the evening, with the largest congregation ever present at that Festival, 82 being there. The offering for the whole Mission was \$22.00, \$10.00 being from Coldwater.

The first Epiphany appeal brought \$7.08 and the first Diocesan appeal brought \$16.50 from the whole Mission.

The first Lenten address was as follows:—

Dear Parishioners and Readers,—Once again, in the course of the revolving Christian year, the Church calls upon you, as she does upon all her children, to the observance of a blessed and Holy Lent. She does this for your Spiritual welfare, that you may continually "grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ". Grace is plentiful in Lent, if you will avail yourselves of its sacred privileges. While it is true that God is ever waiting to be gracious, if you at this lenten season "cleanse your hands", "purify your hearts" and "draw nigh to God" in the appointed services of the Church, most assuredly will "He draw nigh to you". To the performance of what special duties are you called? To extraordinary contrition and repentance for sin, to solemn humiliation, and earnest prayer for forgiveness, a stated attendance upon, as far as possible, all the Lenten services of the Church: to the observance of a Holy Fast so that you may be able to say, with St. Paul, "I keep under my body and bring it into subjection" and grant the largest charity to your fellows, that you may grant that forgiveness to others, which you seek for yourselves. Coming thus honestly, penitently and trustfully before the Lord, "give yourselves to fasting and prayer," remembering that the purpose of all abstinence is "to starve thy sin". The body is the temple of the immortal Spirit, but if sin be allowed to dominate the body, the temple is marred and may be destroyed. Use such fasting and self-denial during this sacred season as shall keep under your bodies and bring them into subjection to the law of Christ. Brethren, meditate upon these things, ever remembering that Jesus "gave Himself for our sins," and that "you should present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service".

Your sincere Friend and Pastor,

J. H. SHEPPARD

On the 18th of February, 1892, a beautiful con overcoat was expressed to me from the congregation at Waubauskene with their best wishes.

On March 13th of this year I took my first Sunday off. Mr. Steele very kindly took all the services for me.

At the first Good Friday service there were 40 present and the offering was \$2.12. At the first Easter service there were 70 present.

At the Annual Vestry Meeting of 1892, there was a deficit of \$60.00 due Mr. Murphy for money advanced to pay my Stipend; this was forgiven by Mr. Murphy. At this meeting I brought up the subject of the debt then outstanding against the Church, and all promised to make some effort to meet the debt which would have to be paid early in the following year. The officials elected at meeting were Clergyman's Warden, T. Rawson; People's Warden, G. Murphy; Vestry Clerk, J. C. Steele; Sidesmen, Messrs. Steele and Alvin Robinson; Lay Delegate, Lawrence Baldwin, Esq., who has acted in that capacity ever since.

At the annual picnic and concert held on the 24th of May, the following monies were taken:—

RECEIPTS.		EXPENSES.	
Taken at Gate .....	\$45.85	Band .....	\$12.00
Taken at Tables .....	46.13	Printing .....	8.00
Concert .....	45.70	Express .....	.50
Booth .....	7.00	Tickets .....	.30
Sale of Goods .....	33.05	Fixing Hall .....	11.28
Sale of Scenery .....	10.00		

TOTAL	\$187.73	TOTAL	\$32.00
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leaving a balance of \$155.73 which later went on the Church debt. On July 10th I was priested in St. Albans Cathedral Toronto. Mr. Murphy took the services on this Sunday.

On Sunday, July 31st, administered Communion for the first time; there were nine Communicants.

On Sunday, August 13th, I took my annual holiday, Mr. Hill of Orillia taking all the services for me.

In September, 1892, the woodwork of the Church outside was given two coats of paint by the parson, and the little tower was painted for the first time. The iron cross was gilded by Mr. Ambrose Robinson; and the Incumbent and Alvin Robinson paid for the gold leaf, eight books being used. The furnace was moved from under the Chancel and placed under the nave, Mr. Newsham did the brickwork free; Mr. Borland furnished the necessary bricks free, and the Incumbent pulled down the old furnace and did the excavating for the new one.

The Christmas offering for 1892 for the whole mission was \$25.17.

On January we had our first Surprise Party. The friends from Matchedash brought in 19 bags of oats, a load of hay, a load of wood, a bag of flour, 6 lbs. of butter, and a supply of eggs, pork, beef, tea, preserves and cranberries. To a man on \$770.00 a year and who had to pay house rent and keep up a horse out of that, you can well understand how acceptable were these gifts.

On the last day of March, 1893, the debt of \$1430 was wiped off the Church. The Incumbent collected from his friends in outside places, and the other denominations here, the sum of \$507.50, and gave \$100.00 himself, the balance was made up as follows: J. Murphy and brother, \$495.00; E. Walker, \$50.00; W. H. Robinson, \$19.00; Alvin Robinson, \$10.00; Mrs. Woodrow, \$25.00; T. Rawson, \$25.00; J. Freeman, \$10.00; George Rose, \$10.00; H. Hoyland, \$7.00; J. C. Steele, \$5.00; Edgar Rawson, \$5.00; Mrs. Jackson, \$5.00; Mrs. Rose, \$5.00; Miss Shaw, \$1.50, and the \$150.00 from the concert.



PARSONAGE IN 1894.

Parsonage:—A meeting was held in the Church on February 22nd, 1893, and it was resolved to build a parsonage according to offer made by the Incumbent. This agreement was signed on December 23rd, 1893, and was as follows:—Articles of agreement entered into December 23rd, 1893, between Rev. J. H. Sheppard, Incumbent of St. Matthias', Coldwater, and Messrs. Thomas Rawson and George Murphy, Wardens of said Church.

Whereas a parsonage is being erected for the said J. H. Sheppard, he the said Incumbent binds himself to keep the following Covenants:—

FIRST—The said J. H. Sheppard agrees to pay all interest monies on a mortgage which will be put on said Parsonage. Said interest shall be paid annually or whatever way the mortgage calls for.

SECOND—He also binds himself to pay the regular taxes, but not such as might be placed by a frontage tax for sewers or sidewalks.

THIRD—He also agrees to keep it insured for a reasonable sum.

FOURTH—He agrees further, that in case of his resignation and an unmarried man receiving the appointment, and not requiring the Parsonage, that he will fulfil the above covenants for one year from his resignation.

They the said Wardens for themselves and their successors in office bind themselves as follows:—

FIRST—To endeavor to raise annually and pay on the principal of said mortgage the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, thus lessening by nine dollars the interest annually paid by the said J. H. Sheppard, who shall receive the benefit thereof.

SECOND—They agree to allow the said J. H. Sheppard to remove the two mantels and the furnace which he is putting in at his own cost, and any further improvements such as he may need for his convenience or comfort, as a bathroom outfit, etcetra, but the congregation have the privilege of buying said improvements from the said J. H. Sheppard at what they cost him.

THIRD—They also bind themselves to allow the said J. H. Sheppard to remove the Sunday School building erected by him at his own expense or pay him the sum of \$800.00 for said building.

FOURTH—They also bind themselves to pay said J. H. Sheppard a reasonable sum towards account of what he may spend on fixing up the grounds and the sum of two dollars for every tree living when the said



J. H. Sheppard hands over the Parsonage.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals this twenty-third day of December, 1893.

Signed. J. H. SHEPPARD,  
THOMAS RAWSON,  
GEORGE MURPHY.

*Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of J. C. STEELE.*

Many bees were held and the hauling of the stone, lumber, brick, and the excavating for the cellar was all free work, much being done by those outside the congregation, as can be seen from those who helped us: Messrs. A. Walker, G. Walker, Edmund Walker, J. Walker, W. Rose, C. Rose, A. Woodrow, G. Higginson, J. Faulkner, J. Ryan, J. McLean, R. Ferguson, T. Rawson, J. Freeman, T. Cross, T. Shaw, G. Shaw, O. Hopkins, J. Greatrix, E. Walker, W. Orr, J. Cole, T. Lovering, W. Caswell. All these gave one day free, and some of them gave as many as four days. The work went merrily along and on Thursday, Feb. 15th, 1894, Mr. J. Greatrix kindly moved us over.

As nothing was subscribed by the congregation, all the money the Incumbent had on hand to finance the undertaking was the receipts of the two picnics of May, 1893, and May, 1894, amounting to \$227.08, the debt was necessarily large, consisting of a mortgage for \$1,400.00 in favor of Mr. Joseph Brown, dated June 1st, 1894, made payable in five years, bearing interest at six per cent. Four notes of \$150.00 each, one to be paid each year, also in favor of Mr. Brown. There was also an account for lumber to the Georgian Bay Lumber Co. of \$100.00, which the Incumbent paid out of his own pocket later on. The notes were paid as follows: In October, 1895, the first was paid and was made up as follows:—Proceeds of annual picnic, \$92.05; collected at Pprt Huron by the Incumbent, \$25.00; and from Mr. Gault, \$10.00, and the following offerings:—Confirmation, \$5.60; Oddfellows, \$9.83; Thanksgiving \$8.47.

In June, 1896, the second was paid, being made up by the proceeds from the annual picnic, \$101.39; the balance of the note, \$48.61 was loaned by Mr. George Murphy and was paid to him out of the proceeds of the picnic next year.

The third was paid in October, 1898, as follows:—proceeds of Annual Picnic, \$88.00; contributed by Mr. Murphy, \$25.00; by the Incumbent, \$25.00; collected from friends outside the Parish, \$12.00.

The Annual Picnic being dropped no further payment was made until 1901, when it was tried again, and on August 23rd netted \$82.45, which with the sum of \$75.00 received from Mr. Waldie for the old Church in the Harbor, paid off the last note and left a balance of \$7.45 which was applied on the organ just purchased for the Church.

Nothing further was paid until the summer of 1907, when the Women's Guild with a bazaar and a dinner supplied on the 12th of July, raised \$180.00, and the Incumbent gave \$20.00, making up a payment of \$200.00 on the mortgage, thus reducing it to \$1200.00, at which sum it stands at the present time. The fixing up of the grounds, the planting of the trees and every other expense with the keeping up of the Parsonage was borne by the Incumbent himself.

In May, 1893, Mr. Cole moved from near St. George's, in Medonte, to the Fesserton Road, and he and his good wife during their long stay in the Parish worked earnestly for the welfare of the Church. Many loads of sand were given and hauled by him.

The picnic and concert in May, 1893, netted \$122.23, which went to pay for the bricks for the Parsonage.

On the 23rd of June, 1893, the Church was consecrated, the service beginning at 7 p.m., when the Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese was met at the door by the Revs. J. M. Jones and the Incumbent with the Wardens, where the following petition was read:—

To the Rt. Rev. Arthur Sweatman, Bishop of Toronto,—We, the Incumbent, Church Wardens, and other inhabitants in the Village of Coldwater, in the Township of Medonte, having acquired this land, more particularly

described in a deed between John and Sarah Gray, and the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, duly registered according to law, on the 14th day of April, in the year of 1888, on which there is a Church, which we certify to be free from any legal encumbrance, do humbly pray your Lordship to separate the same from all profane and common uses, and to consecrate the said Church and set it apart for ever to the worship of God according to the rights and discipline of the Church of England in Canada. J. H. Sheppard, Incumbent; George Murphy, Thomas Rawson, Church Wardens; and Messrs. John Murphy, J. C. Steele, Wm. Robinson, Alvin Robinson and Wm. Newsham.

The Bishop then said: "Brethren, if this is your desire and the desire of the parishioners, we will now proceed to the Act of Consecration. The bishop, preceded by the Churchwardens and the Clergy, went to the Chancel repeating the 24th Psalm. When the Bishop was seated, the deed was presented to him by Mr. Murphy, when it was placed on the Holy Table by the Bishop, after which the consecration prayers were read. Then the Rural Dean read the sentence of Consecration, which the Bishop signed, and ordered it to be recorded in the Registry of the Diocese.

The Confirmation Service was then begun and the Incumbent's first class, consisting of twenty-six candidates, were presented.

The W. & O. fund was paid in full this year for the first time, \$15.44 being the assessment for the whole Mission and \$16.96 was given.

At the Vestry Meeting in 1894, Mr. George Murphy gave the sum of \$80.00 necessary to make up the Incumbent's Stipend of \$120.00.

In 1894, the pickets were pulled off the fence and planed, and the posts were lowered, and the whole was painted. The cost was \$49.75, as usual paid by the Incumbent. Once since, the whole fence was painted at a cost of \$25.00 to the Incumbent.

In the Spring of 1895, I began putting out trees and shrubs, and have kept it up to some extent ever since, but as I did most of the work myself, I have expended only about \$50.00. This year I also put down the first wooden walks at an expense of \$25.00 to myself.

In 1905, the boulevard was put in front of the Parsonage and Church at a cost of about \$75.00, also borne by myself.

In 1900, the Parsonage was papered throughout at an expense of \$99.00. Some of the rooms have had the second papering at a cost of \$35.00. It is not necessary to say I paid for it all.

Mr. H. Martin came to reside here in August, 1894, and has been intimately connected with the Sunday School, of which he is now the Superintendent.

The second Confirmation Class was presented on Thursday, July 25th, 1895, sixteen in number.

In November, 1896, the Chancel was extended ten feet, Mr. George Murphy bearing all the cost.

The total Christmas offering in 1896 was \$25.03.

In January, 1897, Mr. Newsham moved to Orillia and the Church lost one of its very best workers, in fact no one has ever tried to fill his place.

At the Good Friday Services in 1897 there were present in Waubauskene 100, and at Coldwater 60.

On June 22nd, the 60th Anniversary of Queen Victoria's reign, a special service was held and the Church could not hold all that wished to be present, the Orangemen and Foresters coming in a body.

On Sunday, October the 31st, the Church was lighted for the first time with acetylene; the plant was installed in the Parsonage cellar at a cost of \$161.09, borne by the Incumbent. The four beautiful centre gasoliers were also given by him two years later.

In October of 1897 the cellar floor of the Parsonage was cemented, Mr. Usher of the Queenston cement works giving the cement, some eight barrels, and the Incumbent aid for the labor.

On January 30th, 1898, Messrs. Baldwin and Ryerson, two laymen from Toronto, made a special appeal for the Diocesan Mission Fund, asking the

whole Mission for \$40.00, and they received \$46.25.

On Ash Wednesday, 1898, there were present at the service thirty-five.

On Friday, February 18th, 1898, the boy choir from St. James', Orillia, took charge of the musical part of the service. The large Congregation present thoroughly enjoyed the service.

With the December Number of 1898, the Parish Magazine died a natural death, not from lack of readers, but the lack of desire on the part of the parishioners to pay the small sum of fifty cents per annum to cover the expense of printing and the Little Magazine that was incorporated with it. When it ceased publication the Incumbent assumed responsibility for the printer's bill, which was then about \$75.00. He paid the bill a little time after, but was unable to collect one single subscription from those who were in arrears, some for the whole eight years.

In 1901, the organ now in the Sunday School, was bought for the Church at a cost of \$75.00 and the freight was \$2.45. This amount was made up as follows: Special service offertory, \$8.75; Mrs. C. M. Robinson, \$1.00; A Friend, \$5.00; Balance from Concert of 1901, \$7.45; A Friend, 25 cents; Concert given by the Sunday School to pay the sum of \$25.00, which they gave for the small organ that had been in the Church; Ada Sheppard, \$5.00; J. H. Sheppard, \$7.75; Special Harvest Festival Service, \$17.25.

On Thursday, March 8th, 1900, Mr. George Murphy entered into rest, and the Church in Coldwater lost its best friend. He had been ill but a couple of days, with a slight cold which developed into bronchitis, and during a fit of coughing, a small blood vessel burst in the brain, causing paralysis. He had been confirmed in 1893, and from that date was never absent from a Communion Service. From the time I took charge until his death, he missed but two Sunday services, and two week night ones. At the time of his death he was Superintendent of the Sunday School and had held that position for many years, and with Mr. Newsham was joint sexton of the Church. Honest, modest, moral and upright, a type of man that was a credit to the community and to any Church.

In the latter part of May this year, 1900, I was offered a salary of \$2,000.00 per annum to return to business life, but I felt I had still much work to do here.

On June 12th, of this year, I left for an extended trip across the Atlantic, and was absent until the following September. This was my only vacation that lasted over one service, and during my Incumbency of the Mission, lasting nearly twenty-two years, the congregation was never asked to pay one cent for Sunday supply. I was presented with an address and \$34.00 from St. Matthias' congregation and also an address and \$21.00 before leaving, from St. John's, Matchedash.

In October, 1900, I began a fortnightly service at St. John's Tay, and from the day the services began until the Parish was divided in October, 1912, I had the loyal support of the congregation, and I will always look back with the most grateful remembrance to the happy hours spent among them. As a type of their ardor I mention but one instance. In Lent, 1901, I held a week night service with an average of seventy-seven.

In the winter of 1902, a new furnace was put in the Church, the walls were covered with heavy paper and covered with metal, the Chancel was floored with oak, and very artistically ceiled, the whole cost being \$424.70. This amount was made up as follows by the Congregation:—J. Murphy, \$25.00; W. H. Robinson, \$10.00; Charles Robinson, \$5.00; J. C. Brokovski, \$5.00; J. Freeman, \$5.00; W. Lye, \$7.00; J. Barnard, \$2.00; E. Walker, \$5.00; Mr. Steele, \$5.00; C. M. T. Leith, \$3.25; Mrs. Woodrow, \$4.00, a total of \$76.80. Outside collections and from other denominations \$111.00. Grant from the Synod, \$50.00, and the balance of \$236.85 the Incumbent paid himself.

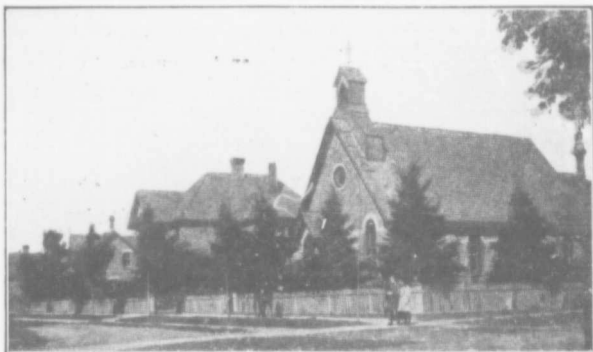
In the Summer of 1904, the cement sidewalk and steps were put into the old Church, and in the following year the cement walks and steps around the Parsonage were laid by Mr. Ernest Walker who with the Incumbent bore the full cost.

In 1904, the beautiful butternut pulpit was presented by Mr. Newton. It

is all his own work and the hand carving is much admired; fortunately it was not destroyed by the fire. The brass desk upon it was the gift of Mrs. J. H. Sheppard, the incumbent's wife.

In 1995 the beautiful Chancel rug was given by Messrs. T. H. Sheppard and the Incumbent.

In April, 1908, services were begun in the Orange Hall, Victoria Harbour, thus necessitating help for the work. Mr. Orpwood was engaged, but was soon followed by Mr. Jarvis, who when college opened in October, was followed by a Mr. Agar, who in a short time gave up to Mr. Young, who stayed with us until his appointment to Massey, giving excellent satisfaction to everybody. Mr. Greene, a student of Trinity College, spent the summer here and was followed by Mr. Slein.



#### CHURCH AND PARSONAGE 1909

In February I called a meeting of the congregation and placed my resignation in their hand, as I felt that I could no longer do the work of the caretaker of the Church, having to light the fires and clean the snow from the paths in the winter and other such chores. After Mr. Murphy's death in 1902 it had fallen on my shoulders.

I was earnestly requested to withdraw my resignation, and all sorts of promises were made to look after fires and the other chores. I withdrew my resignation and the promises held out for about five weeks and then it was a case of doing it myself or leaving it undone.

In July, 1911, shortly after the opening of the Church, I was offered a position with Trinity College at a salary of \$1200.00 and my living. This I placed before the congregation, and again asked to be released, but was again pressed to stay, and so I pludded on.

On Wednesday morning at six o'clock, the Sunday School Building was found to be in flames, and as it was a large wooden building and no system of fire protection it soon spread to the Church, and inside of three hours what had been one of the beauty spots of the village was a scene of desolation. The Sunday School Building had cost me \$1,000.00, and its contents, a horse, buggy, cutters, harness, automobile valued at about \$2,000.00. My loss was very heavy, having only \$300.00 insurance. The Church was insured for \$1,000.00 and the furniture, with the exception of the Communion Frontals, were saved. By dint of hard work the Parsonage was but slightly damaged. Before the buildings had been reduced to ashes, the Presbyterians and Methodists very kindly placed their Churches at our service. The offer of the Presbyterians was accepted as the hours of service did not in any way clash, and service was held on the following Sunday.

I immediately bought the two lots adjoining on the east, and work was at once begun on the new Sunday School building, which was hurried to completion at my own expense. The first service was held here on Sunday, January 30th, 1910. Archdeacon Warren being the special Preacher. There were present at the morning service 97 and at the evening 174. This property I deeded to the Synod of Toronto, on June 18th, of 1913, subject to a mortgage of \$1,500.00 held by Mr. H. L. Lovering, who very kindly forgave the back interest.

Many bees were held in the winters of 1910 and 1911, and a very large part of the stone was placed ready to hand for the Church. Those who helped were Messrs. N. Ryan, Wm. Walker, James Walker, Andrew Walker, Clarke Spence, Wm. Boland, James Blaney, Thomas Blaney, Wm. Orr, Ernest Walker, Wm. Orton, Wm. Langman, C. Rose, G. Higginson, and Wm. Lye; all gave one full day and some three and four. The people of the Cross settlement cut and hauled the hemlock logs that were used in the joists. Mr. J. Greatrix gave the timber.

Excavation on the Church cellar began in May and the work went steadily along until we were ready for the laying of the corner stone, which took place on September 2nd, 1910. His Honor Judge MacWatt, who at that time was Grand Master of the Masonic Order, at the request of the Incumbent, performed that ceremony with full Masonic ritual. Many Masons and friends from far and near were present and everything went as merrily as a marriage bell. Work was continued until the Church was ready for the opening, which took place on Wednesday, July 19th, and the following account appeared in the Coldwater "Planet" of July 27th:

"Although not quite completed, the new St. Matthias' church was opened on Wednesday last by His Lordship the Bishop of Toronto, and we have no hesitation in stating that it will be one of the neatest and handsomest little churches in the Province, and would do credit to a much larger place.

"On Wednesday at 8 a.m., the bell tolled forth to call the people to worship for the first time, it being Holy Communion administered by Bishop Sweeney. The service was well attended.

"At 11 a.m. service was held, Bishop Sweeney being the preacher. The service was a very impressive one and there was a good congregation. There were a number present from a distance and they were served with dinner after the service.

"It had been the intention to serve tea on the grounds at 5.30 but the rain changed the plans somewhat and it was found necessary to serve it in St. Matthias' Hall. The tea was a most bountiful one and a large number partook of it. The tables fairly groaned with the good things.

"Service was again held at eight o'clock when the pretty little church was filled to overflowing. This service was also very impressive and Provost Macklem preached a most excellent sermon. The service was taken by Rev. Canon French, Rural Dean J. H. Sheppard, Archbishop Ingles and Rev. E. A. Slemin.

"The clergy present were:—Bishop Sweeney, Archbishop Ingles, Rev. Canon French of Elmsdale; Rev. Canon Greene of Orillia; Rev. F. S. Macklem, Provost of Trinity College, Toronto; Rev. J. B. Anderson, Rev. Rural Dean J. H. Sheppard and his assistant Rev. E. A. Slemin.

"On Sunday the services were continued and at 11 a.m. there was a Confirmation service by Bishop Reeves when fourteen candidates were confirmed. The rite of baptism was also administered by the Rev. J. H. Sheppard. There was a good congregation present.

"At the evening service the older citizens had the privilege of hearing the Rev. Canon French once more. The rev. gentleman, as many know, was stationed here at one time and left about twenty-three years ago. Mr. French's many friends were pleased to see him looking so hale and hearty.

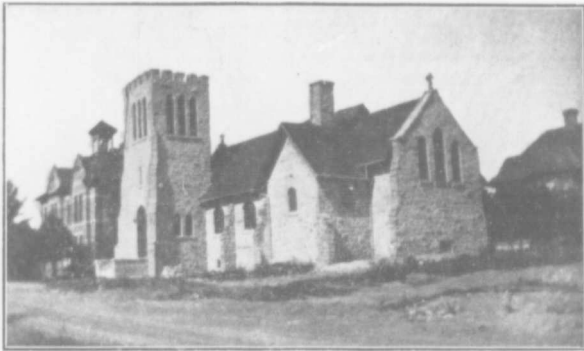
"Miss Edith M. Curry of Omeme, very ably presided at the pipe organ at both Sunday services, and Mr. Lye of Toronto, builder of the organ, at the Wednesday services.

"The services throughout were very successful and everything passed off without anything to mar the important event.

"The choir, under the able leadership of Mr. Howard Gover, fully excelled themselves.

"The offerings on Wednesday and Sunday amounted to \$150 while the proceeds of the tea were \$75 clear of all expenses, which are good when it is considered that the farmers are all busily engaged with their haying.

"The new St. Matthias' church, the corner stone of which was laid on September 2nd, 1910, is a beautiful stone structure built of limestone obtained from the Coldwater quarry belonging to Mr. George Caswell and the stone was presented by that gentleman. The church is built after the old English style, has a beautiful square tower forty feet high, and will comfortably seat 200.



"The interior of the church is finished in oak and metal, with birch floors, while the seats have an antique oak finish. All will agree that everything is in perfect harmony and shows excellent taste. We might state that the ceiling is finished in wood with the rafters and timbers showing. The furnishings of the church are of the very best and were donated by the friends of the church through the efforts of the Incumbent.

"The pipe organ which is an excellent and compact instrument was built especially for the church by Lye Bros., Toronto, and was donated by Mr. James Henderson of Toronto, in memory of his uncle, the late John C. Steele.

"The beautiful brass lectern of solid brass, was presented by the Caswell family in memory of the late George and Jane Caswell.

"The reading desk which is made of brass and oak was given by Mr. Ed. Haskell.

"The east window which is much admired by everybody, and represents Faith, Hope and Charity, was donated by the Sunday School scholars and teachers and by Mrs. O. K. Bush. The former gave the centre one in memory of the late Geo. Murphy, who was for many years Superintendent; and the latter the two side windows in memory of her son Charles Edgar, and her brother and sister, Charles and Hilda Beauford.

"The west window, although not in place yet, is the gift of those who were confirmed in the old church.

"The side windows, seven in number, are also memorial windows in memory of John Woods, Esther Freeman, William Rawson, Frances Rawson, John C. Steele, Margaret Robinson, and Richard Rose, and were given by the families and friends of the departed ones. The windows in question are of a very neat design and are all alike.

"The windows in the church entrance were presented by the Sunday

school scholars.

"The artistic wood carving in the entrance is the work of Miss Ada Sheppard as was also the carving in other parts of the church, and is very pretty.

"The flag which flew from the top of the tower was given by the members of Coldwater L.O.L., and mention of the same was made in a former issue.

"Last, but in nowise least, the church tower was erected in loving memory of the late Mrs. J. H. Sheppard by her husband and daughter, Miss Ada, and is a lasting monument.

"As we have stated before and it will bear stating again, the Church of England people of Coldwater, having through the untiring efforts of the Rev. J. H. Sheppard and his daughter, Miss Ada, one of the prettiest little stone churches in the Province and we make this statement without fear of contradiction. In some future issue we intend giving half tone cuts of the church together with the history of the congregation since it was organized here."

On June 18th, 1910, Minnie, the beloved wife of the Incumbent, entered into her well earned rest. The shock resulting from the burning of the Church brought on an attack of nervous prostration from which she never rallied. She had been very closely connected with all God's work in connection with St. Matthias', giving freely of her strength and ability and depriving herself of many needful things, so that the Church might be beautified. The Sunday School, Choir and Labrador Mission were all heavy losers by her death. She was buried in Omemea, her former home, and of which she had been one of its truest children.

"On July 12th, 1911, the Orangemen, before going to Midland, marched to the Church and presented a beautiful flag, which the Incumbent accepted on behalf of the congregation, and hoped that it would always be raised on the 12th of July.

The following letter needs no explanation and was received in August, 1911.

Coldwater, August, 1911.

Rev. J. H. Sheppard, Coldwater, Ont:—

Rev. and Dear Sir,—We, the officers of St. Matthias Church, respectfully beg to tender to you this expression of our estimation of your faithful labor among us, which we desire to do in our own behalf, and which we are desired to do by the congregation. Now that you have completed our beautiful church, which has commanded the admiration of all classes alike, we realize more than ever that we have occasion to thank Almighty God for so capable a rector.

For many years your people have received, in addition to your able and faithful spiritual ministrations, advice in all perplexities, and material benefits, which would have been outside the scope of ordinary clergymen, however faithful, to render. You have been a father not only to this congregation, but to the residents of this parish at large irrespective of denomination, and have been therefore true Priest in the fullest meaning of the word. We note with gratification that we are an increasing congregation, and now that the great burden of building is lifted from your shoulders, we hope and pray that under the Providence of God you may be long spared to lead us to still greater things, in the accomplishment of which we confidently hope, knowing that you will not fail us, and tendering to you, Rev. Sir, our unflinching love, esteem, loyalty and service. Signed

G. T. TIPPING.

JOHN FREEMAN, Wardens.

JOHN REINBIRD, Sidesman.

HOWARD GOVER, Vestry Clerk.

HARRY MARTIN, Supt. of Sunday School.

S. A. WHITE, President W. G.

Statement of amounts received by the way of Salary:—

As previously stated I was to receive the sum of \$770.00 per annum, made up as follows: Coldwater, \$120.00; Waubashene, \$200.00; Matchedash, \$50.00; Mission Board Grant, \$400.00. Out of this I had to pay house rent

and keep a horse. Previous to 1900, Coldwater paid its \$120.00 in full, as Mr. Murphy would not allow me to suffer, although he very often had to make up a considerable deficiency. Matchedash defaulted several times and Waubaushene twice. In 1900 notice came from the Mission Board that the grant was to be cut to \$350.00 at once and to \$300.00 the following year. Coldwater agreed to make up the deficiency of \$50.00 and also to increase to \$220.00 the following year. In 1901 the \$150.00 was raised and we had a balance of 78 cents. In 1902 the sum of \$220.00 was raised and we had a balance of 98 cents. 1903 shows a deficit of \$14.18; 1904, deficit of \$43.99; 1905, deficit \$44.71; 1906, deficit 39.77; 1907 deficit, \$123.33; 1908 deficit, \$15.78. I forgave all these deficits, a total of \$281.76, and at the Easter meeting in 1909 we had a balance of 77 cents, but again in 1910 a deficit of \$10.91 appears; in 1911 a deficit of \$13.84; in April, 1912, a deficit of \$32.03, and in December of 1912, a deficit of \$57.04.



PARSONAGE 1909

## AMOUNTS RECEIVED BY INCUMBENT AND THEIR SOURCE.

	Cold- water	Wau- baushene	Matche- dash	Tay	Victoria Harbur	M. Grant	Total
1901	\$170	\$200	\$ 50	\$100		\$350	\$870
1902	220	200	50	100		350	920
1903	205	200	50	100		200	755
1904	176	200	50	100		300	826
1905	175	200	50	100		300	825
1906	180	200	50	100		300	830
1907	96	200	50	100		300	746
1908	204	200	50	100		300	854
1909	220	200	50	100	\$150	800	1570
1910	209	200	100	100	150	800	1559
1911	206	200	100	100	150	800	1556
1912	188	200	100	100	150	800	1478

In 1909 and subsequent years I paid my Curate \$300.00; gave him his board and kept an extra horse for his use. So that I placed his salary as follows: Cash, \$300.00; Board, \$208.00; Feed of horse and upkeep of rigs \$200.00, a total of \$708.00, this taken from \$1570.00 the largest amount



received in any year, left me with \$962.00. In Mr. Slemin's case I boarded his wife as well, which made Cash, \$300.00; Beard, \$416.00; horse and rig, \$200.00. Total, \$916.00, leaving me out of the \$1478.00 paid that year \$562.00, out of this I had to pay house rent and keep a horse. Truly some Parsons are well paid.

To-day, November 15th, the Church at Coldwater stands indebted to me in the sum of \$76.00; made up as follows: balance of stipend, 1910, \$24.75; balance of stipend, April 1st, 1912, \$32.03; balance of stipend, December 31st, 1912, \$57.04; one valve on organ pipe, \$2.40; to wages paid Beach, \$11.00; to wages paid Challoner, \$18.00; to amount paid in taxes for sidewalk on Craddock street, \$47.10; interest on same for ten months at five per cent, \$7.91, a total of \$198.25. Against this amount there stands as follows: interest on Parsonage mortgage, June 1st, 1913, \$30.00; interest on said sum paid \$9.75; interest due again on December 1st, \$30.00; taxes on Parsonage for year 1913, \$62.50, a total of \$123.25. This balance of \$76.00 should have been paid long ago, as the following resolution shows: Meeting held in the Church, February 3rd, 1913, it was moved by Mr. H. Gover, seconded by Mr. W. Lye, that Messrs. G. T. Tipping, W. J. Sheppard, Jr., and H. Gover be appointed a committee to deal with the arrears of stipend, and that no charges shall be considered until the matter of arrears be declared cleared by the committee.—Carried.

The amounts paid to Messrs. Beach and Challoner, amounting to \$27.00, covers the upkeep of the Church grounds for nearly twenty-two years, all other bills I paid myself.

### COST OF BUILDING ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH,

#### COLDWATER, ONT.

##### Abstract Statement.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
Cash subscriptions from others than the Congregation .....	Wage account as per list....
..... \$1,900.00	..... \$2,947.34
Cash subscription from the Congregation .....	Bills and accounts .....
..... \$65.00	..... \$4,450.87
Insurance .....	
..... \$1,000.00	
First concert .....	
..... \$64.80	
Second concert.....	
..... \$58.00	
Concert Harbour .....	
..... \$25.00	
Laying of corner stone .....	
..... \$65.00	
Offertory Church Opening ..	
..... \$150.00	
Baldwin mortgage .....	
..... \$2,500.00	
Amount due J. H. Sheppard	
..... \$1,550.41	
\$7,398.21	Total
	\$7,398.21

We the undersigned have examined the accounts and vouchers of the Rev. J. H. Sheppard, and find them correct as per this abstract statement.

Signed      HOWARD CHESTER,  
                  JAMES McDERMID.

Dated at Coldwater, this 27th day of November, 1913.

#### LABOR ACCOUNT ON THE CHURCH.

##### Winter 1910, Getting Out Stone.

E. Windebank—23 days at \$1.50 .....	\$ 34.50
J. Gardiner—24 days at \$2.00 .....	48.00

## Summer 1910.

P. Ostertag 50 days at \$2.00 .....	100.00
S. Sallows, 16 days at \$2.00 .....	32.00
F. Ostertag, 22 .....	44.00

## Winter 1910-11.

C. Ostertag—4 days at \$1.75 .....	7.00
P. Ostertag—3 days at \$2.00 .....	6.00
S. Thompson—6¼ days at \$1.75 .....	10.75

## Summer 1911.

P. Ostertag .....	27.35
Cost of pulling down old walls and carrying brick from cellar .....	57.50
J. C. Beach, digging cellar .....	29.20
R. Boyd, digging in cellar .....	34.00
J. Low, cutting stone .....	215.00
M. Farewell, mason—35 days at \$4.25 .....	148.75
Lines for stonework .....	1.55
J. Russell, mason—99½ days at \$4.00 .....	398.00
A. Irish—103¼ days at \$4.00 .....	415.00
R. Malcolm, mason—78¼ days at \$4.00 .....	315.00
J. Haw—23 days at \$3.00 .....	78.00
J. Gardiner, mason—31 days at \$4.00 .....	124.00
J. In Craddock, laborer—59 days at \$1.75 .....	103.25
W. Bugg—57 days at \$1.75 .....	99.75
J. Bugg, laborer—79½ days at \$1.75 .....	139.15
A. Bugg—25¼ days at \$1.75 .....	44.20
R. Wilkinson, laborer—17 days at \$1.75 .....	29.75
J. Dickey—12½ days at \$1.75 .....	21.90
J. English—6 days at \$1.75 .....	10.50
S. Boyd—10 days at \$1.75 .....	17.50
J. Johnston—6 days at \$1.75 .....	10.50
W. Fletcher—32½ days at \$1.75 .....	56.90
J. Irish—66 days at \$1.75 .....	115.50
Wilkes—30 days at \$1.75 .....	52.50
Decrow—4 days at \$1.75 .....	7.00
Snow—4 days at \$1.75 .....	7.00
Crowe—27¼ days at \$1.75 .....	47.69
P. Ostertag—13½ days at \$1.75 .....	23.55
F. Ostertag—23 days at \$1.75 .....	40.25
T. Hutchinson—17 days at \$1.75 .....	29.75
J. Freeman, with horse—30½ days at \$2.50 .....	76.25
T. Hill, use of horse .....	10.00
Dynamite, per Higginson .....	6.00
Dynamite, per Gardiner .....	3.00
Dynamite, per Waterworks .....	1.50
J. Freeman, bringing pine from Waubaushene .....	1.50
J. Gardiner—8 days bricking 2 furnaces .....	32.00
J. Gardiner—6 days levelling cellar at \$1.75 .....	10.50
W. Lawson—3 days placing flooring and joists .....	9.00
F. Craddock—3 days placing flooring and joists .....	9.00
E. Chambers .....	92.75
B. Johnston, digging trench for waterworks .....	11.60
J. Shields, wood for furnace .....	2.00

\$2,947.34

## BILLS AND ACCOUNTS ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH, COLDWATER, ONT.

C. Leatherdale, ladder .....	\$ 3.00	Aylesworth, mortgage .....	\$ 5.00
E. Long, castings .....	.50	Fortler, text over chancel .....	10.0
J. Corry, stone .....	15.00	One stove .....	8.50
J. Eaton, shaping oak .....	2.25	George Watson, lime .....	30.00
D. Griffin .....	8.60	Metcalf, dynamite .....	9.00
Hartman, help at furnace .....	1.00	Longford Quarry Co. ....	92.07
J. Sanderson, cutting stone ..	54.30	Clare Bros. rep. furnace .....	10.01
Metallie Roofing Company ...	377.79	G. Higginson, hauling stone,	
Freight and cartage .....	77.42	and lime .....	342.55
Alkenhead Co. Hardware .....	55.28	Victoria Harbour Lumber Co.	278.08
Central Chandelier Co. ....	35.45	C. Simons .....	158.53
J. Sawyer, carpenter work ...	937.33	Lewis, painting .....	50.00
E. Lye, bal. on organ motor ..	57.85	R. Stewart, cartage .....	20.30
C. Simons, water system .....	34.87	G. Borland .....	40.55
C. Stevens, carpenter .....	97.00	C. M. Robinson .....	43.43
Georgian Bay Lumber Co. ....	38.40	Balance on west window ....	53.25
R. J. Sanderson, corner stone		J. Kingsboro .....	65.03
and base of font .....	14.85	H. Gover, insurance .....	33.50
Crown Art Stained Glass Co.	11.94		
W. H. Manning .....	91.98	Total .....	\$3,249.42
James Robertson, white lead,		Coldwater Mfg. Co., per J. H.	
shellac, turpentine, oil ...	66.11	Sheppard .....	1,201.45
W. Chambers, trowell .....	7.15		
McGregor, castings .....	11.25	Total .....	\$4,450.87

It was proposed that those who were Confirmed in the old Church should buy a window for the West End of the new Church. In furtherance of this scheme, Miss Sheppard sent letters to the persons whose names follow; the amounts are as follows:

Miss Caswell, Sturgeon Bay	\$10.00	Miss Belch, Oshawa .....	\$5.00
W. Jackson, Oshawa .....	\$5.00	Miss W. Murphy, Bradford ...	\$1.00
Miss E. Wood, Coldwater .....		Miss L. Wood, Coldwater .....	
W. Wood, Coldwater .....		Mr. and Mrs. White, Coldwater	
J. Higginson, Oshawa .....		A. Higginson, Oshawa .....	\$1.00
Miss M. Gillbanks, Coldwater	.75	P. Tipping, Coldwater .....	
N. Tipping, Coldwater .....		Miss T. Borland, Coldwater ..	
Miss E. Borland, Coldwater ..		Miss A. Higginson, Coldwater	
Miss E. Higginson, Coldwater		Miss M. Higginson, Coldwater	
Mr. and Mrs. W. Nicholson,		C. M. Robinson, Coldwater ..	
Coldwater .....		H. Walker, Coldwater .....	\$1.00
A. Walker, Coldwater .....	\$1.00	Miss M. Walker, Coldwater ..	\$1.00
J. Walker, Coldwater .....	\$1.00	The Misses Tanaer .....	
Miss A. Walker, Coldwater ..	\$1.00	F. Wright, London .....	
F. Wells, London .....	\$3.00	Miss E. Rose, Eady .....	\$1.00
Mrs. Woodrow, Coldwater ...	\$1.00	Mrs. Tompkins, Coldwater ...	.50
W. Hamilton, Coldwater .....		The Ostertag family .....	\$1.00
Mrs. Brownlee, Lovering .....	\$2.00	Mrs. Rose Eady .....	\$1.00
Robert Walters .....		Mrs. Goodfellow .....	
Mrs. D. Laughlin .....		Miss Bowman .....	
Mrs. O'Donnell .....		B. Taylor .....	
Mrs. R. Orton .....		A. Swan .....	\$3.00
Mrs. Spooner .....		Mrs. George Hall .....	
J. Gill .....		Mrs. J. Greatrix .....	\$1.00
Mrs. Fisher .....	\$1.00	Miss L. Kinsman .....	.50
Mrs. Kinsman .....	.50	The Cross family .....	\$2.50
C. Carpenter .....		Miss E. Lye .....	.50
Mrs. Lee .....		W. Haggart, Midland .....	\$5.00
Ada Sheppard .....	\$15.00	Mr. and Mrs. C. Carpenter ..	
Annie McLaughlin .....	\$3.00	Isabel Kitchen, Lovering ....	\$1.00

James Kitchen, Lovering ....	\$1.00	Mr. and Mrs. B. Davis .....	
Mr. and Mrs. E. Carpenter ..		Meggie Hall .....	
Sydney Hall .....		R. Kitchen .....	
Russell Kitchen .....		Fred Dickens .....	
Mrs. Cotton .....		John Rawson .....	
Aggie Kitchen .....		John Silk .....	\$1.00
Minnie Rawson .....		John Dickens .....	\$1.00
Violet Dickens .....	.50	Mabel Oakley .....	
Kathleen Gill .....	\$1.00	Mrs. and Mr. Coombes .....	
Mrs. Reeds .....		Mrs. Cotton .....	.50
Mrs. W. Gill .....	\$1.00	Minnie Gill .....	
Della Gill .....		Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Spence ..	
Edwin Gill .....	\$5.00	Mrs. Johnston .....	
Mrs. Gillbank .....		Hazel Spence .....	
Edna Spence .....		Minnie Balkwell .....	\$1.00
Rena Oakley .....		Ludley Kitchen .....	
May Balkwell .....	\$1.00	Mrs. C. Spence .....	.50
Lottie Kitchen .....	.50	Joseph Lawson .....	
Maggie Kitchen .....	.50	W. Borrow .....	
Laura Lovering .....	\$1.00		
Lizzie Perrow .....	.50		
Edward Kitchen, Lovering ....	.50		
Arthur Kitchen, Lovering ....	.50		
Elka Robinson, Lovering ....	\$1.00		

## SUMMARY

Cst of Window .....	\$141.75
Amt. Collected .....	\$88.50
Amt. still due .....	\$53.25

## ST. MATTHIAS' SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING.

## Abstract Statement

RECEIPTS.		EXPENDITURES.	
Church Extension Grant ...	\$ 100.00	Wage Accounts .....	\$ 510.66
Brick Envelope Collection ..	187.75	Bills and Accounts .....	1,296.43
Opening Offertory .....	19.00		
Lovering Mortgage .....	1,500.00		
Amount due J. H. Sheppard ..	.34		

Total \$1,807.09

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We, the undersigned, certify that we have examined the accounts and vouchers in connection with St. Matthias' Sunday School Building, and find them correct.

Signed HOWARD CHESTER,  
JAMES McDERMID

Coldwater, November 27th, 1913.

## St. Matthias' Sunday School Building. Labor and Wages Paid Out.

Windebank, on foundation ..	\$ 6.00	Wilkes, carpenter work .....	23.47
J. Gardiner, chimneys .....	6.00	Smith, carpenter work .....	23.47
Brown, carpenter work .....	23.47	F. Dickens, carpenter work ..	57.00
R. Kitchen, carpenter work ...	121.75	Bricking Building .....	125.00
Ed. Chambers, carpenter work	53.50	F. Craddock .....	25.00
W. Lawson, carpenter work ...	30.00		
Gardiner, on foundation .....	16.00	Total .....	\$510.66

## BILLS AND ACCOUNTS.

Mrs. Berland, lots .....	\$375.00	Manning, hardware .....	\$ 64.88
Hobbs Mfg. Co., glass .....	16.42	Victoria Harbour Lumber Co.	66.44
Tipping & Co., cotton .....	51.00	R. Stewart, cartage .....	6.65
G. H'gginson, hauling sand ..	31.00	Metallic Roofing Co. ....	114.87
E. Gocmbridge, outside pt. ...	26.50	W. W. Carter, hemlock .....	9.81
E. Coombridge, inside paint ..	57.87	Freight and cartage .....	1.85
10 gals. roof paint .....	6.00	C. Simons, troughing .....	30.20
Stove .....	9.00	Coldwater Mfg. Co., per J. H.	
Cas piping and labor .....	20.00	Sheppard, doors, sash,	
Burners .....	5.00	flooring, etc. ....	399.44
Lantern .....	5.00		
Brackets .....	.50	Total .....	\$1,296.43

Of the Insurance Premium of \$15.00 on the Sunday School Building Mr. Eplett kindly gave \$10.00 and the Incumbent \$5.00.

Subscriptions in cash collected by J. H. Sheppard from others than the congregation towards the building of St. Matthias Church, Coldwater, Ont.

C. C. Millard .....	\$25.00	T. Ripley .....	5.00
N. M. Campbell .....	10.00	J. Kingsborough .....	10.00
R. S. Sheppard .....	5.00	R. A. Brown .....	10.00
J. W. Garrett .....	10.00	W. H. Manning .....	10.00
A. W. Robinson .....	10.00	J. A. Sawyer .....	5.00
J. McDermid .....	10.00	D. J. Woon .....	5.00
C. H. Eplett .....	10.00	W. J. Chambers .....	5.00
J. Leece .....	10.00	S. D. Eplett .....	100.00
H. L. Lovering .....	50.00	Dr. Harvie .....	10.00
R. D. Shields .....	10.00	P. Leadly .....	25.00
W. J. Sheppard .....	100.00	Mrs. Leadly, Sr. ....	10.00
The Bishop of Toronto ..	10.00	Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Sheppard ..	25.00
G. Scott .....	5.00	L. Howard .....	10.00
Gordon McKay .....	25.00	W. Griffith .....	5.00
C. Miller .....	10.00	Lawrence Baldwin .....	100.00
Perkins, Ince & Co. ....	5.00	Mrs. O. Macklem .....	10.00
J. Ross Robertson .....	5.00	D. Robbins .....	5.00
W. Jackson .....	10.00	Miss M. Smith .....	5.00
Mrs. J. C. Eaton .....	25.00	Rev. C. Ingles .....	2.00
F. Hodgins .....	5.00	Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bennett ..	6.00
E. Wardill .....	5.00	W. Finlayson .....	25.00
The Curry Family .....	9.00	George Bristol & Co. ....	10.00
W. Rogers .....	10.00	Mr. N. P. Clark .....	5.00
J. C. Eaton .....	100.00	F. Gray .....	25.00
H. Pellatt .....	5.00	J. H. Plummer .....	20.00
Church Extension .....	100.00	W. Tudhope .....	10.00
F. G. Osler .....	10.00	E. Hallen .....	100.00
J. B. Tudhope .....	40.00	Mrs. C. P. Stocking .....	10.00
H. Tudhope .....	5.00	Thomas Lovering .....	10.00
J. Lovering .....	25.00	Edmund Walker .....	13.00
W. H. Bennett, M.P. ....	10.00	C. Simonds .....	10.00
Rev. J. H. Sheppard .....	400.00	G. Borland .....	10.00
W. J. Sheppard .....	10.00	Ada Sheppard .....	200.00
T. Black .....	10.00		

Full amount from others, \$1,900.00.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS FROM CONGREGATION.

W. H. Robinson .....	\$20.00	Milton Eplett .....	10.00
Mrs. Woodrow .....	20.00	B. White .....	10.00
Spencer Higgins .....	5.00		
		Total .....	\$65.00

Full amount of cash subscriptions, \$1,965.00.

#### OTHER MONIES RECEIVED.

Insurance on old Church ..	\$1,000.00	First Concert .....	64.00
Second Concert .....	58.00	Concert in Harbour .....	45.00
Laying of Corner Stone .....	65.00	Church Opening .....	150.00

Total \$1,382.80, which added to the cash subscriptions gives \$3,347.80.

#### GIFTS AND THEIR VALUES.

Pipe organ, James Henderson, \$475.00; On organ pump, \$25.00; Prayer desk, E. Haskell, \$76.75; Lectern, Caswell family, \$255.00; east windows, two, Mrs. Bush, \$100; east windows, one, S. School, \$50; seven nave windows at \$15 each, \$105, given by John Freeman, W. H. Robinson, John Murray, Rawson family two, Woods family, Rose family; vestibule windows, Sunday School, \$24; choir vestry windows, Mrs. Higginson, \$6;

Incumbent's vestry windows, Ada Sheppard, \$6; pews Ladies' Aid, \$300; tablet thereon, \$10; dossal hangings, \$25; brass rail standards, \$48, and brass tablet in tower, \$15 A. Sheppard, birch for floor, \$19, Sheppard and Gover; Communion table from old Church, but given by Rev. J. H. Sheppard, \$25; pulpit from old Church given by Mr. Newton, valued at \$50; chancel rug from old Church given by T. H. Sheppard and Rev. J. H. Sheppard, \$40; Font from old Church, \$50; one furnace and register from old Church, \$95; the other furnace, given by W. Finlayson, taken out and hauled home by Rev. J. H. Sheppard, valued at \$50; altar frontal, white, Ada Sheppard, \$30; book markers, Mrs. Morrison, \$5; the cement steps at entrance and sidewalk to street and vestry steps at both sides of Church were done by Ernest Walker at his own expense, value \$44; stone for Church, value \$300, given by George Caswell; carving in butternut in vestibule and in oak on face of chancel arch, value \$150, Ada Sheppard; chancel chairs, money collected by Mrs. Brocoski, saved from old Church, valued at \$15; cross and vases, valued at \$15, given by Mrs. Shutt, saved from the old Church.

And now, in conclusion, I am sorry that I am leaving you with such a heavy debt, but you have a very valuable property. Contrast it now with what it was when I came here 22 years ago. A church valued at \$800.00 at the very outside, and a debt of \$1,430.00. To-day you have a church valued by competent judges at \$13,000.00; a Sunday School building valued at \$3,000.00, and a Parsonage valued at \$6,000.00, a total of \$22,000.00, and against all this you have a debt of \$6,700.00, and you must remember that you never gave one cent of subscription towards the building of the Parsonage or Sunday School, nor a cent towards the upkeep and the fixing up of the grounds in the twenty-two years.

A very cursory glance at the preceding figures will show how little you have given towards the Church, and to each one of you I put the question which was the text of your Bishop when he was last with you, "What owest thou thy Lord"?

### Summary of Official Acts.

During my Incumbency I have performed 186 marriages, officiated at 510 funerals, and have baptized 2410 persons. I have conducted 4876 services, administered Communion 1041 times publicly and 27 times privately. The smallest number of communicants was 4, the largest 46. I have driven for Sunday services and regular parochial work 54615 miles.