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## Preface.

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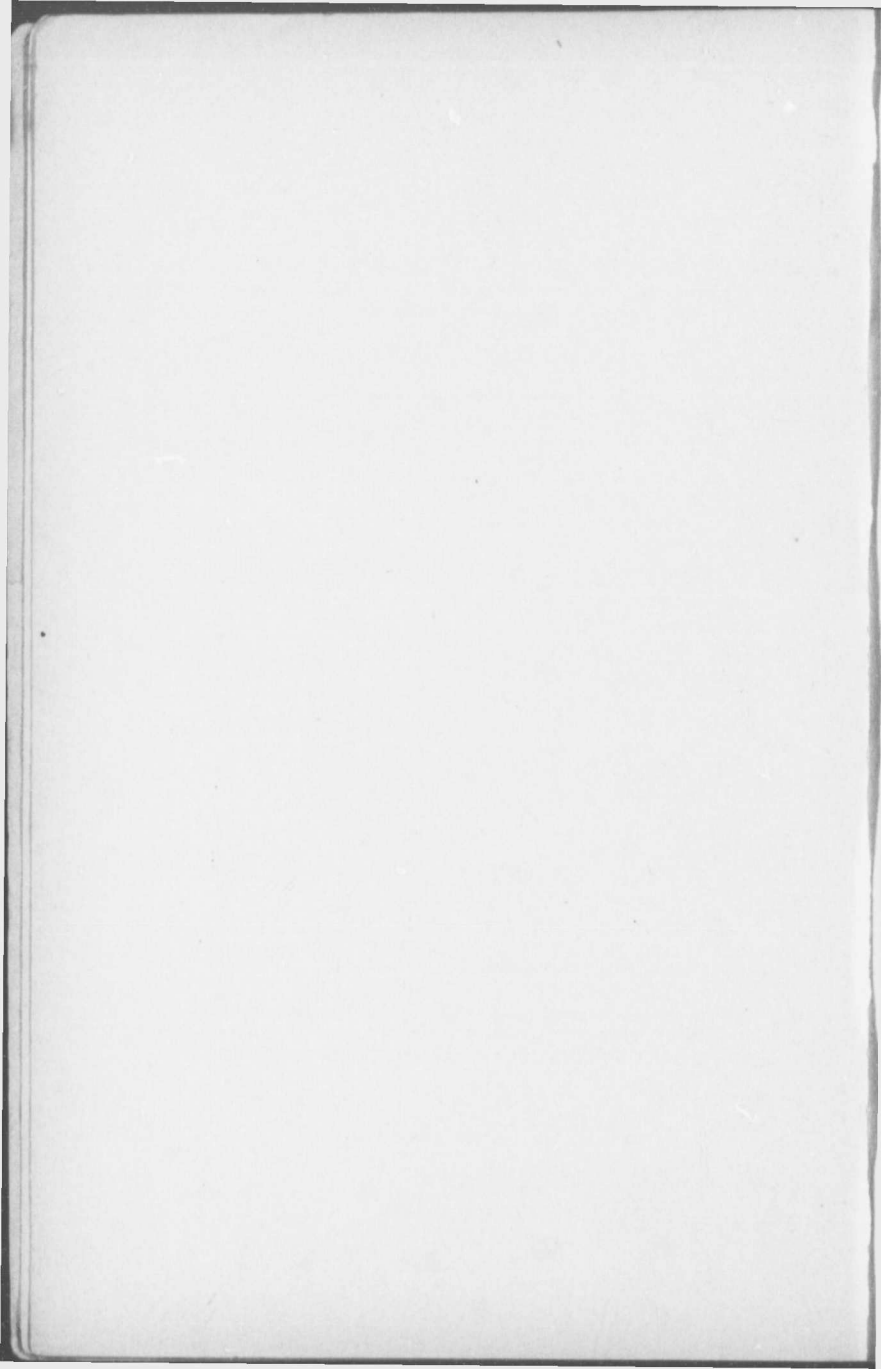
ON the approaching sixtieth anniversary of the St. George's Church, New Hamburg, Ont., in September, 1913, it was suggested that a small booklet be issued for distribution, giving a history of the congregation from the small beginnings of 1853 to its present flourishing condition. On the proposal being put forward the idea was thought to be a good one, but it occurred to some that as such an enterprise was under way, why not also include Christ Church at Haysville and St. James' Church, Huron Road, in the record. This last proposal was adopted and the lot falling upon the undersigned to undertake the task of collecting and setting down the matter, the present modest effort is the result.

If these few pages serve no other purpose than to create in the minds of future members of the Parish of Wilmot a desire to emulate the earnest spirit which animated the founders, the labour involved will not have been in vain and the writer will feel amply rewarded.

The undersigned takes pleasure in acknowledging the valuable assistance so cheerfully rendered him in the task by the following: The Misses Ann and Frances B. Puddicombe, E. Sydney Smith, K. C., Stratford, Thomas G. Walker, Daniel Ritz, Alan R. G. Smith, Mrs. J. R. Feick, W. R. Plum, Mrs. Henry Z. Smith, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Thomas Mitchell, Mrs. R. B. Puddicombe, Misses Lucy and Marion Tye, R. C. Tye, Thomas A. Smith, Charles D. Brown, Mrs. Alan R. G. Smith, Miss Winnifred Cassel, Nile Hughes Winn, D. D. S., Burton Feick, Mrs. Henry Walker, James Vance, Jr., and the kindly interest manifested by the Rector, the Rev. Thos. Hicks, under whose auspices the work was put forth.

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To avoid any misunderstanding it is thought well to state that the entire proceeds of the sale of the booklet, after deducting the cost of printing, goes to the Church, the writer neither desiring nor receiving and, perhaps the reader would add, deserving no remuneration.



## Parish of Wilmot.

Behind the squaws light birch canoe  
The steamer rocks and raves  
And city lots are staked for sale  
Above old Indian graves.

I hear the tread of pioneers  
Of Nations yet to be,  
The first low wash of waves where soon  
Shall roll a human sea.

The rudiments of Empire here  
Are plastic yet and warm,  
The chaos of a mighty world  
Is rounding into form.

**I**N beginning this short sketch of the long and honourable career of the Church of England in the Township of Wilmot, County of Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, one is struck with the singular appropriateness of the sub-title used by the author of Waverly, "'Tis sixty years since", for almost exactly that period has elapsed since Christian services were first conducted here according to the rites and ceremonies as laid down in the Book of Common Prayer.

Owing to the character of the population, most of the early settlers being of German extraction, the honour of being first on the ground must be given to other denominations, with which that grand race of people is more closely affiliated.

The entrance of the Church of England on the field almost coincides with the coming of the first English settlers who located in the southern part of the Township and sustains the enviable reputation which the Church has long held of carrying the Gospel message to her children even into the uttermost parts of the earth.

It might not be out of place here to interpolate a few paragraphs on the social conditions which confronted the great grandparents of the rising generation on their first entrance into the then almost pathless wilderness of 1830

and which stretched along what was afterwards the Huron Road, a stage route running from Hamilton to Goderich, and which the late Wm. Illingworth, father of Mrs. Thos. Walker, Mrs. Samuel Mark and Mrs. Wm. Kerr, assisted in surveying. The contrast between the six days' Atlantic voyage now with the often six weeks' voyage then, the modern ocean liner and the old sailing vessel, the lightning express of our day with the old ox team, the automobile and the stage coach, the aeroplane, the self binder and the cradle, the steam thresher and the old flail, electric farm appliances, electric lights and the old tallow dip, the telegraph, the telephone, all these things so commonplace now, were unknown in the days when the Church delivered her first message to the hardy pioneers of the Parish of Wilmot.

The nearest mill and market were at Hamilton and as settlement progressed, Dundas, then Galt, then Goldie's at Ayr, and afterwards Haysville and New Hamburg, and however enjoyable and safe a journey to Hamilton may be in our time, when a few hours in an automobile or a train covers the trip, it is well to recall that it was not always so. In the days under review the way was infested with robbers, one named Townsend making himself a terror to the whole district by his frequent depredations.

There were giants in those days however and the broad-shouldered yeoman of the British Isles soon cleared a space and made a home for himself and the rosy cheeked young woman, who accompanied him on his long journey to the forests of the then West.

But to return to our subject, the workings of the Church in the Township of Wilmot. It was among these wild and unpromising surroundings that the work first took root and it will be the object of the following pages to trace it from the beginning to approximately the present day, introducing as far as possible at this late date the names of those who contributed by work or means to the upbuilding of the cause.

It is thought best to take the three churches, St. James', St. George's and Christ Church, separately as the interests of each were in many things not common, although working generally for a common end.

## St. James' Church.

In this sketch of St. James, the mother Church of the Parish, more attention will be paid to the people, who for the past sixty-five or seventy years have occupied its pews, than to the Church itself, although that will have its share. St. James' Church however lends itself to this method of treatment far more readily than St. George's or Christ Church, as owing to their rapid shifting, village populations are not good material out of which to construct a story of individuals.

The earliest records we have of church services according to the Anglican rite was in 1842, although small settlements of English people had arrived ten years earlier.

The Reverend Mr. Hickey, the first clergyman, arrived from Ireland in 1842 and took up the work in the district, and could almost quote the words of John Wesley, "The world is my Parish", so scattered was his flock and so wide the district he had to cover.

Tradition has it that the reverend gentleman was of a sociable disposition and drank no longer water, but be that as it may, he was zealous in the cause and contented himself with the hardships of his lot until 1850, when he was removed to Stratford. The services were in the earlier days of his pastorate held in barns, sheds or any place where a congregation could conveniently or inconveniently be housed and the luxuries of kneeling benches and cushioned pews were reserved for a later date.

However, he remained to see the beginning of better things, as a building was soon erected opposite to where St. James' Church now stands and was used both for a church and a schoolhouse, the yard being used for a cemetery.

On the appointment of Rev. E. Patterson to Stratford and parts adjacent, services more or less regular were continued until 1852, when Wilmot became an organized parish with the Rev. Peter Van Linge as the first incumbent, holding his first service on May 29th of that year. Could we have stepped into the church on that morning sixty-one

years ago, we would have noticed no doubt the following families earnestly at prayer: That of Hy. Puddicombe, Jas. Mallett, R. C. Tye, Daniel Tye, James Smith, Wm. Illingworth, John Sydney Smith, Geo. Smith, Anthony Smith, H. D. Tye, Thos. Walker, P. T. Howell, John Jury, Wm. Puddicombe, R. Puddicombe, Robt. Campbell, Wm. Elliott, Wm. Ball, John Crackle, Wm. White, Wm. Collum, Wm. R. Plum, Sr., Wm. Davis, Wm. Mitchell, Senior and Junior, John Facey, John Bean, John Sander-son, Dr. O'Conner, Jas. Facey, Wm. Anderson, Robert Barber, John Blatchford, Arthur Barber, Wm. Lake, Wm. Diamond, J. Anderson, Robt. Leathorn, G. Everatt, Molby Stewart, C. Rumball, Wm. Gilmour, Andrew Hummason, Wm. Crowe Smith, Samuel Johnson, Wm. Woods, Malcolm Allen, Alexander Baird, Henry Everatt and Thos. Allshire. John Sydney Smith, father of E. Sydney Smith, K. C., Stratford, and Wm. Crowe Smith, father of Wm. H. and Fred. C. Smith, were the first wardens.

We feel quite sure that the newly appointed rector at this, his first service, fairly surpassed himself in eloquence and that the discourse was a model of pulpit oratory, while the other parts of the service were equally hearty and absorbing.

Far be it from us to cast any reflections on the church conduct of such a devout people, as the members of St. James' Church were always known to be, but should it have happened that any of the young men of the congregation had cast their eyes about on that bright May morning, despite the rigid parental control of sixty years since and the fact that eyeing girls in Church was unheard of until last year, being unknown even in the younger days of the writer, but to repeat, had the young gallants of those days the temerity to do so, their glances would no doubt have lingered longest at the pews where sat the girls and young ladies of the day mentioned hereafter: The Misses Maria, Martha, Sarah, Margaret and Hannah Illingworth, the Misses Margaret, Janet, Mary, Ann Elizabeth and Sarah Allen, the Misses Henrietta, Elizabeth, Ann and Caroline Mallett, the Misses Jane and Margaret Collum, the Misses Anne, Jane, Elizabeth and Sarah Smith, the Misses Mary B. and Frances B. Puddicombe, the Misses Lucy, Annie



and Minnie Tye, the Misses Ann, Mary, Rebecca, Elizabeth, Jane and Margaret Mitchell and the Misses Betsy and Hannah Daniels.

But alas for the picture we have endeavored to draw. Of the heads of families gathered together on the auspicious occasion of the opening of the new parish, only R. C. Tye, Wm. Woods and John Facey remain, while the building in which the service was held and where Miss Margaret Somerville taught during the week the rudiments of learning to the rising generation, has long since been numbered with the things that were.

Among the important events of Mr. Van Linge's term were the donation by the Canada Company of the present church site and three acres of land for a cemetery. As there is no other record in this section of this Company ever giving away anything else, and as Mr. Mark had to pay as much for his lessened acreage as he would have had to pay for the whole, it is thought well to make a note of this.

In 1854 the nave of the present Church was built by the congregation and although no attempt at architectural display was made, there is, to the occasional visitor at least, a hallowed atmosphere about the place which more modern and elaborate buildings fail to attain.

It might be interesting to note here that in the market reports of this day among the necessaries of life whisky was quoted at twenty cents a gallon. In spite of the many conveniences and advantages of modern life, one often hears a very old man still sigh for the good old times and wish for their return. Can it be that there is any connection between the two?

Rev. Mr. Van Linge was succeeded in 1856 by the Rev. Wm. B. Rally. Mr. Rally took up his residence in the house recently occupied by Mr. Sylvester Everatt.

In 1858 the Diocese of Huron was set apart and Bishop Crounyn, the first Bishop of the new Diocese, held Confirmation service at St. James' Church on the 30th July, 1858. The names of those confirmed at that time might be interesting. They were Hugh Collum, Geo. Crackle, Zaccheus Hollicott, Robert Kerr, Henry Wm. Mallett, Thomas Mitchell, Robert Clayton Tye, Catharine Crackle, Mary Ann

Crackle, Elizabeth Jury, Susan Jury, Fanny Marlton, Jane Mitchell, Fanny Puddicombe, Elizabeth Glover Smith and Helen Glover Smith.

Rev. Mr. Rally relinquished the work at St. James' in 1858, removing to New Hamburg. Among the items of interest in the Parish Register of his day are noticed the marriages of Robert Wallace to Mary Ann Cook, Conrad Dench to Elizabeth Crackle, Nathaniel Allen to Janet Meekle, John Van Sickle to Elizabeth Grant, Isaac Bean to Louisa Josephine Tindall, Daniel Steiner to Barbara Geyer, Geo. Crackle to Catharine Regan, Conrad Keutsch to Catharine Ganter, Henry Daniel Tye to Mary Puddicombe and Chas. Robt. Beyer to Elizabeth R. Gabel, while the deaths of Alice O'Conner (infant), Eliza Allen, Robert Barber (infant), Lieut. Walter Campbell, 37th Regiment, John Wallace, Mary Crackle, Louisa Daniel Sharp and Elizabeth Spray are recorded. It might here be noted that eight of these weddings were by publication of banns which later almost fell entirely into disuse.

After Mr. Rally's departure the services appear to have been taken for a short time by the Rev. Wm. Clotworthy, who was succeeded by Rev. Henry Mellish in 1860.

Rev. M. Mellish remained for fourteen years and appears to have become very much attached to his charge and they to him and his estimable family, as at his death in Caledonia, where he afterwards removed, his last wish was to be buried at St. James'.

New names now commence to appear in the affairs of the Church from 1859 on, and in very important and creditable connections. We refer to subscription lists, Charles D. Brown, Frederick D. Brown, Geo. Master, James Facey, Herbert M. Johnson, Robert Barber, T. R. Smith, Robert and William Kerr, Hy. Everatt, Miss E. A. Warnes, Samuel Mark, H. R. D. Brown and Francis Sanderson being among the number.

It is said there are sermons in stones, so we will now turn to the Cash Book of the period to see what can be gleaned from there to throw light on the times.

In these days of extravagance it may be interesting to know that small things were looked after then as well

as great, the cash balance carried forward in 1865 being Two dollars eighty-seven and one-half cents.

In 1866 as a token of respect the rector was presented with a cow which cost twenty-five dollars. As the source from which the animal came, assures us that she was a good one, it is almost safe to say that seventy-five dollars would hardly duplicate the gift now.

The treasurer at this time also charges up an item of fifty cents, loss on bad coppers, seeming to show that the old jokes about buttons &c. on collection plates appear to have some foundation in fact.

On October 29th, 1871, a collection was taken up for the sufferers from the great Chicago fire and eight dollars and fifty-three cents forwarded to the relief committee.

The word "Esquire" applied so indifferently nowadays both here and in England, was used with greater discrimination sixty years ago, as we find in a long column denoting the quality, trade or profession of the people, three entries wherein the head of the house is denoted as an Esquire, although a farmer by profession.

People of title were also among the parishioners according to the records, Lady Hearsey standing sponsor at the baptism of her godchild, Emily Hearsey Tye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clayton Tye.

It would appear from a motion on the minutes in 1864 that the passing of the collection plate in the church was offensive to some and it was moved that a box at the entrance be substituted for it. The Vestry were perhaps of the opinion that some might fail to see the box ; at any rate the motion was lost.

In 1866 a vote of thanks appears on the minutes tendered to Mr. Charles Davy Brown for having raised the handsome sum of Six hundred and thirty-seven dollars for the Church among his friends in England.

In 1869 extensive repairs were made to the parsonage aggregating three hundred dollars in cost.

In 1870 a motion to pay the organist six dollars and twenty-nine cents for her valuable services during the past year was lost. It was no reflection, however, on the musical ability of the young lady, now a prominent matron of New Hamburg, the method only being objected to, a special

collection being afterwards taken up for the purpose of shewing their appreciation of the services.

The Church is now enjoying the foresight and labours of Mr. S. J. Collum, who during his term as Warden, 1871-2, the period now under review, planted the magnificent row of trees which surround the property.

During Mr. Mellish's long pastorate the people began to get better acquainted and we find the following entries set down among the marriages : Wm. McDermott to Mary Ann Morden, John Nelson to Susanna Capling, Wm. Smith to Sarah Ann Illingworth, Charles Cameron to Sarah Woodcock, John T. Bean to Sarah Eby Smith, Adam Beam to Mary Keenan, Robert Smith to Jane Blatchford, Edward K. Thrupp to Caroline Mallett, Robert S. Blatchford to Sarah K. Plum, Wm. Kerr to Hannah Elizabeth Illingworth, Gideon Weaver to Elizabeth Smith, Joseph A. Laird to Agnes M. Plum, John Cowan to Mary E. Johnson, Charles Davy Brown to Elizabeth Ann Warnes, this last by the Rev. M. Boomer, Dean of Huron.

The following burials are also recorded : Mary Crackle, James Touchborne, Clayton Robert Tye, Mary Ann Wallace, John Dench, Alice Neville, William Tye, George Smith, Elizabeth Mailett, Catharine Crackle, Matilda Campbell, Francis Woods, Mary Campbell (widow), Elizabeth Smallden, James Geo. Ross, Lucy Tye, Sarah Cameron, Robert Brown, Mary J. Blatchford, Anthony Smith, Thos. Arthur Rumball (infant), John Sanderson, Ann Charlotte Mellish (infant), Maria Kellsey (widow), Edmond O'Connor, Jane Mitchell, Eva O'Connor, Sarah Allan, Elizabeth Puddicombe, Jane Cairnes, James Smith.

The Rev. Peter Fox succeeded Rev. Mr. Mellish in 1873.

The Parish Register of his day has the following entries : The marriages of Francis Dealtry Woodcock to Matilda Louisa O'Connor, Andrew Hay to Emily Brown, Alvin Neal to Eliza Campbell and Wm. Duncan Forrest to Alice Maud O'Connor, Rev. E. Patterson of Stratford, officiating.

The following deaths were also set down : Wm. White (father of the late Mrs. Wm. Collum), Emma Tye, Johanna Puddicombe, Mary Ann Everard, Margaret Cochrane,

Dr. O'Connor, Mary Barber (child), Elizabeth Mitchell, Charles Alfred Kellsey, and William Daniells,

Before the arrival of Rev. Mr. Softly as successor to Rev. Mr. Fox. a considerable time elapsed during which the services were taken by Mr. Frederick D. Brown, brother of Chas. D. Brown, and who was afterwards ordained and now holds a parish in England.

Rev. Mr. Softly took charge of the Parish in November, 1876, and remained until 1880.

With the exception of the following items taken from the Parish Register Mr. Softly's incumbency was uneventful: Marriages: William Glover Smith to Margaret Colum, James Grimmer to Elizabeth Smith, Thomas A. Smith to Sarah Mitchell, Angus Nichol, M. D., to Ruth Sangster Plum, Christian Zimmerman to Lucinda Christner, Thomas B. Puddicombe to Sarah Elizabeth Walker, Wm. Hewitt to Mary Faverly. The deaths of the following persons are also recorded: William Puddicombe, Sarah Touchbourne, Matilda and Sarah Helen Mitchell, Helen Radcliffe Smith, Richard Henderson, William Mitchell, Melton Evans Hay, Wm. Anderson, W. Morton, Joanna Smith, Eva Smith and Henry Stacey.

For the first two months after the departure of Rev. Mr. Softly, B. D., in January 1880 the Parish was without a clergyman and at a meeting presided over by Mr. Thos. Walker as Chairman, a letter was read from the Bishop asking among other things whether it was necessary to continue services at St. James'. This appears to have been low water mark in the long career of the Church, but it weathered the storm and at the Easter Vestry meeting in 1880 the new Rector, the Rev. Freeman Harding presiding, affairs took a fresh start under the Wardenship of Major Robert Campbell and Mr. Henry Mallett.

In September 1880 it was decided to add a chancel and porch to the body of the Church and four hundred and seventy-five dollars subscribed on the spot for the purpose. A building committee was formed consisting of Rev. F. Harding, Wm. Kerr and Robert Campbell, Jr., with H. Puddicombe as Treasurer. The work was promptly and efficiently carried out by the Committee, who received an honourable discharge.

In December 1880 one of the children of old St. James' Church, namely St. George's of New Hamburg, became unruly and allowing ambition to mock her useful toil, desired to separate from the rest of the Parish and launch out for herself. To those who are only familiar with the cordial relations which now subsist between the two congregations, it is hard to believe that they were ever otherwise, but the tie that bound them then appears to have been like the tie that binds some married couples and accounting for their faithfulness by the fact that neither of them could get away.

It was found however that acceding to the request of St. George's Church, would so disarrange the Parish that Bishop Alford refused his consent.

In January 1881 a special Parish meeting was called for the purpose of considering the building of a new rectory (the present one). St. George's Church was not represented at the meeting and took no part in the undertaking, although an effort was later made in March to have the rectory located in New Hamburg, but the work had become so far advanced that it was impossible to change the plans.

The January meeting resolved to build at Haysville and thirteen hundred and ninety dollars was subscribed at once for the purpose.

A building committee was appointed consisting of H. M. Johnson, Robt. B. Puddicombe, Thomas Walker, Robt. N. Kerr and Rev. Freeman Harding to carry on the work and the present commodious rectory stands as a monument to their labours.

Another important change took place in 1884, when the Parish resigned its claims to help from the Mission Fund and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and became a self-sustaining Parish or Synodical Rectory, as it is called.

In 1885 leaded stained glass windows were placed in the Church at a cost of four hundred and fifty dollars, the rector, Mr. Harding, donating those in the chancel.

In 1887, on account of ill health, the Rev. Freeman Harding severed his connection with the Parish after a very successful pastorate of seven years.

Among the items of interest in the Parish Register of

this period are noted the marriages of Robert Wilford Wellesley to Margaret Fairbairn, James Barber to Elizabeth Collum, Robert John Kellsey to Adelaide Raby, Joseph Knight to Maggie Silverthorn, George M. Smith to Elizabeth Barber, William Ellenbaum to Matilda Bailey, Samuel B. Cassel to Anne Adelaide Mark, Geo. M. Veitch to Anne M. Walker, Joseph Dench to Elizabeth Ann Mitchell, Hy. Walker to Frances Puddicombe Tye.

The following deaths are recorded : Frederick Alexander Mark, Jno. Blatchford, Clara Mabel Barber, Mrs. Everatt, Maria S. O'Connor, Edward Alex. Smith, Miss Squires, Christina Cook, Robert Cook, Charles Everard Kellsey, Emma Love, Eliza Rebecca Brown, three Sandersons, one Brown and one Smith, all in 1881 --- christian names not given, Ida May Mitchell, Mary Gertrude Tye, Henry William Barber, Nancy Mitchell, Thomas Walker, Henry Puddicombe, Ralph Warner Tye, Ann Illingworth, Edward Tye, Clayton Tye, Janet Somerville, Mary Ann Mark, Henry Everatt, Mary Jane Illingworth, James Baker, Sophia Raby, Edward Everatt, Anne Belle Tye, Mrs. Daniels, Anne Kerr, Sarah Ann Smith, Wm. Ellenbaum, Matilda Ellenbaum, James Bennett, Francis Edward Tye, Ethel Mildred Rebecca Tye, Margaret Blatchford and David G. Barber.

For nine months after the removal of Mr. Harding the services were taken by Mr. Charles D. Brown, who is a licensed layreader of the Church, and Mr. G. W. Freeman, a student, with an occasional Priest to administer the Sacraments.

In April 1887 the Rev. J. Edmonds entered on his duties as successor to Rev. Mr. Harding, Mr. Samuel Mark being the delegate from St. James' Church to confer with the Bishop in the matter.

In 1888 the rector was presented with a new cutter by his congregation and a new organ was also purchased.

The writer has before him a subscription list of 1892 on which are the following names : T. R. Smith, William Kerr, Robert N. Kerr, Samuel Mark, William G. Smith, A. Barber, Sr., R. C. Tye, Thomas A. Smith, James Barber, A. A. Barber, Mrs. Smith, W. G. Smith, Samuel Cassel, Miss Allen, Mrs. W. Mitchell, Wm. Mitchell, Thomas

Allshire, Geo. Smith, Wm. Little, James Grimmer, James Forest, Joseph Lennox, Mrs. Lennox, Robert Lennox, Wm. Woods and the Illingworth endowment. Compare this list with the list of 1852 in the forepart of this sketch and note the ravages of forty years.

In November 1891 Rev. Mr. Edmonds severed his connection with the Parish.

During his term he officiated at the following marriages: Charles H. Godbould to Nancy Hilliard, Arthur A. Barber to Mary Hannah Mark, James Kellsey to Amelia Cressman, John Baird to Maggie Smith, Cyrus Witmer to Kate Helen Tye, Arnott Ballingal to Emma Minnie Tye.

Among the deaths were: Margaret (Mrs. Dr. Morton), James Mallett, Donald Crackel, Ruth Sangster Plum, Margaret Ferguson Allen, Robert Campbell, Sr., retired military officer, Chas. Woodhead, Sarah Blatchford, Albert C. Barber, John Crackel, Wm. C. Smith, Nora Cudmore, Richard Mitchell, Emily Hersey Tye, Wm. Illingworth, Fred. Marlton Tye, V. S., Walter Daniels, Mary Florence Smith.

On Nov. 15th, 1891, the Rev. James Ward took charge of the Parish and remained until October 1903, with a three months' vacation during which he visited his former home in England.

In 1895 by the will of the late Samuel Mark St. James' Church received a legacy of four hundred dollars to be used for the purchase of a bell, providing the congregation erected a tower in which to hang it. The offer was gladly accepted and the present handsome and architecturally harmonious tower was built at a cost of eight hundred and fifty dollars. The bell was used for the first time on Sunday, June 27th, 1896. Special services were held, Rev. Rural Dean Jno. Ridley, of Galt, officiating. The bell is a very fine one and can be heard in the most distant parts of the Parish on a clear day.

In 1900 extensive improvements were made on the property. The south wall of the nave was taken down and rebuilt, the foundation threatening to give out. The pitch of the roof was raised, the interior decorated, new seats put in and a new furnace. The total cost of these improvements was eleven hundred dollars, of which sum



the Ladies' Aid contributed one hundred and thirty dollars.

The re-opening services were held on Sunday, October 7th, 1900, Rev. W. A. Graham, of St. Thomas, officiating both morning and evening.

On June 30th, 1901, the Fourth Sunday after Trinity, His Lordship Bishop Baldwin paid the Church an official visit and formally consecrated it, thus completing the work begun in such a small way sixty years before.

To the Rev. Mr. Ward belongs the rather unique honour of having two churches consecrated during his pastorate, St. George's being the other one in 1893.

Items of interest during Rev. Mr. Ward's incumbency taken from the Register are: The marriages of Frederick James Walker to Margaret Ellen Kerr, Charles James Wynn to Kate Roe, Finley Mackenzie to Ellen Smith, Sydney Mitchell to Eliza Jane Grutch, John Love to Lottie Hawes, Thomas Ballingal to Minnie Knox, David Burgess to Agnes Hall, George Evans to Clara Mabel Daniels, Samuel George Miller to Margaret E. McKee. Alan R. G. Smith to Annie E. McCallum, John J. Walters to Annie Elizabeth Puddicombe.

The following burials are recorded: Robert Barber, Henry D. Tye, Mrs. (Rev.) Mellish, James Johnston, Richard Puddicombe, Louis Stewart Morton, Fanny Barber, Mrs. Allshire, William Walker, William Mitchell, William Collum, Eliza Squires, Sarah Henderson, Annie Tye, Samuel Mark, Arthur Barber, Francis Tye, Rea Jean Walker (infant), James Hawes, Wm. R. Plum (the elder), Mrs. Ann Mitchell, Geo. Forsythe, Major Robert Campbell, Wm. Baker, William G. Smith, Emily Warner Tye, twin children of Thomas G. Daniels, Malcolm Allen, John E. Brunk, Anne Allen, James Grimmer, Ellen White Collum, Rachel Everatt, James Brown, Mary Hannah Barber, Emma Brown Hay and Thos. R. Smith.

The Rev. C. H. P. Owen succeeded to the Parish on November 15th, 1903.

At the annual Vestry Meeting of 1905 it was deemed advisable to re-organize the Ladies' Aid of St. James' to co-operate with the other two churches on Parish matters. Mrs. F. J. Walker reported cash on hand of seventy-two

dollars and Mrs. Jas. Barber was appointed President by the Rector.

Rev. Mr. Owen brought a successful but uneventful pastorate, so far as St. James' Church was concerned, to a close in October 1911. He officiated at thirteen weddings, rather an unlucky number, but no complaints have been made so far. Those at St. James' and Haysville were Hy. Joseph Davis to Mabel Smith, Walter Hollands to Edna Mabel Little, Lorne A. McTavish to Frances Pearl Puddicombe, Elijah Chapman to Eva Maud Daniells, Wesley Irwin Vance to Caroline May LaFortune.

The Register contains a record of only one burial, that of John Daniels.

The Rev. Mr. Hicks, the present rector, succeeded the Rev. Mr. Owen in November 1911 and enjoys the unique distinction of being the only native Canadian among the long line of ministers who have served the Parish.

Rev. Mr. Hicks is highly popular with the people of St. James' and his career in the Parish promises to be a successful one.

We will now bring this sketch of St. James' Church to a close with a list of the past and present Wardens, the ladies who presided at the organ, a list of gifts to the Church with the donors' names and also a list of people who have been attendants and benefactors of the Church, but who have not yet taken a prominent part in its management.

## CHURCH WARDENS

- 1858 - Henry Puddicombe, W. C. Smith
- 1862-70 - Henry Puddicombe, James Mallett.
- 1871 - Simon Collum, James Mallett.
- 1872 - Simon Collum, Hugh Collum, Wm. Illingworth.

### REV. PETER FOX.

- 1873 - Hugh Collum, Wm. Mallett.
- 1874-75 - Thomas Walker, William Kerr.
- 1876 - Thomas Walker, Robert Campbell.

### REV. EDWARD SOFTLY, B. D.

- 1877 - Simon Collum, William C. Smith.

- 1878 - William G. Smith, George M. Smith.  
1879 - William G. Smith, James Barber.

REV. FREEMAN HARDING.

- 1880 - Robert Campbell, Henry Mallett.  
1881 - Samuel Mark, Robert Campbell.  
1882 - Samuel Mark, William Kerr.  
1883 - Robert Kerr, Samuel Mark.  
1884-85 - William G. Smith, Robert Kerr.  
1886-87 - George M. Smith, Samuel Mark.

REV. J. EDMONDS.

- 1888 - William Kerr, Fred, Smith.  
1889 - William G. Smith, James Barber.  
1890 - Samuel Mark, James Barber.  
1891 - Robert Kerr, Arthur A. Barber.

REV. J. WARD.

- 1892 - Robert Kerr, Thomas G. Walker.  
1893 - Manley J. Mark, James Barber.  
1894 - William H. Smith, William H. Kerr.  
1895 - Herbert M. Barber, James M. Smith.  
1896 - Robert N. Kerr, William G. Smith.  
1897 - Arthur A. Barber, F. J. Walker.  
1898 - R. N. Kerr, Wm. G. Smith.  
1899 - Robert N. Kerr, William H. Kerr.  
1900-01 - Robert N. Kerr, Alan R. G. Smith.  
1902 - James Barber, James M. Smith.  
1903 - Alan R. G. Smith, George M. Smith.

REV. C. H. P. OWEN.

- 1904 - Fred Walker, James Barber.  
1905 - James Barber, Fred J. Walker.  
1906 - A. E. Kerr, Manley J. Mark.  
1907 - William H. Smith, Samuel Cassel.  
1908 - Albert R. Smith, Alan R. G. Smith.  
1909-10 - Samuel Cassel, Alan R. G. Smith.

REV. THOS. HICKS.

- 1911 - Alan R. G. Smith, Samuel Cassel.  
1912 - Alan R. G. Smith, A. E. Kerr.  
1913 - Manley J. Mark, Wm. H. Smith.

## ORGANISTS

Miss Carrie Mallett, Miss Woodcock, Miss Mary H. Smith, Miss Fannie Wright, Miss Lizzie Collum, Miss Annie M. Walker, Miss Annie Mark, Miss Clara Walker.

## GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

These in the case of St. James' Church, with the exception of the bell donated by Samuel Mark, were almost all in the shape of memorial windows as follows: Three by Rev. Freeman Harding, four by Samuel Mark, two by Mrs. Maria Walker, two by Robert Campbell, two by Wm. Kerr, two by Wm. Collum, two by Wm. G. Smith, one by R. N. Kerr, one by Malcolm Allen, two by Wm. Illingworth, one by the Barber family, one by Thomas Allshire, one by Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Kerr and Mrs. Mark.

## FRIENDS AND BENEFACTORS

Miss Annie Laird, Mrs. Eliza Chapman, Mrs. Thomas Gundry, John Graham, Bruce Graham, William Graham, Nathan Chapman, Elijah Chapman, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Christner, Walter Kerr, James Grimmer; Jas. Baker, Sydney Mitchell, Wm. Mitchell, Geoffrey Mitchell, Joseph Lennox, W. H. Kerr.

# St. George's Church

New Hamburg, Ont.

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While an entry in an old service Bible states that this Church was established in 1846, the services must have been intermittent and irregular, probably an occasional visit from the Rector of Stratford or a travelling missionary.

It was not until 1853, as stated on the window at the rear of the present Church, that a permanent incumbent was appointed for the Parish of Wilmot, including, of course, St. George's, by Bishop Strachan, of Toronto, in whose diocese it then was, the Diocese of Huron not being set apart until 1857 under Bishop Cronyn.

The name of this clergyman was the Reverend Peter Van Linge, a native of Holland, who according to an old undated memorandum, first lived in the house afterwards used by the late John Pletsch as a bakeshop, on the lot where Mr. Philip Bruder now resides. He afterwards moved to a log house on the Helmer property on Bleam's Road, quite in the rear of the dwelling now owned and occupied by Mrs. Margaret Bier.

A congregation was soon organized and services were held in the old schoolhouse on Jacob Street, long used afterwards as an Agricultural Hall, but now displaced by the Skating Rink.

This served for some years until through the kindness, which should ever be remembered, of the good people of Trinity Lutheran Church and their Pastor, the Rev. Mr. Schmitt, permission was obtained to use their church for a nominal rental of ten dollars per annum.

An old receipt signed by the late Geo. A. Haussamen, father of H. L. Haussamen, North Dakota, and Mrs. Gottfried Bauer, dated 1866, is still on file.

This arrangement continued until 1868, when a separate building was obtained as noted elsewhere.

Little is now remembered of the Rev. Van Linge, who

remained in charge until 1856, but he must have been a man of considerable activity, particularly on Sunday, as he conducted services at New Hamburg, St. James' and Washington, the latter appointment often being filled on foot, as he was a famous pedestrian.

The Washington service has long since been withdrawn.

He appears to have been a scholarly gentleman with a quiet sense of humor and according to the late Major Robt. Campbell, enjoyed many a pleasant sally with the members of his congregation, who were mostly very patriotic Old Country Britons, over the naval victories of his Countyman, Admiral Van Tromp, who with broom at the mast-head swept the British Navy from the seas and rode at anchor in the Thames. His stay in the Parish embraced the stirring times of the Crimean War and the building of the Grand Trunk Railway through to Sarnia.

Among the Parish events set down in the old memorandum, which is being quoted, as having been performed by him, were the marriages of Thomas Walker to Maria Illingworth and John Helmer to Jane Smith, sister to Mrs. W. R. Plum.

The Rev. W. B. Rally succeeded the Rev. Van Linge in 1856 and was appointed School Inspector under the old laws.

He was a native of Switzerland and had formerly been a minister in the Lutheran Church, but had exchanged the Geneva gown for the Episcopal habit.

He was a man of sterling worth and his long services to the Church from 1856 to 1869 are most gratefully remembered by all who enjoyed the benefit of his pastoral care and an entry in the Treasurer's Book of a donation by him to the Church towards the purchase of a new organ long after his departure from the Parish, bears mute testimony to the love and interest he still took in his former flock. A brass tablet on the altar railing of St. George's Church helps to perpetuate his memory through future generations.

It might here be stated that while the stipends of our clergy of the present day are far from what they ought to be, considering the services they render to the community,

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EVENTS OF REV. PETER VAN LINGE'S TERM  
(1853-1858)

At which he officiated.

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MARRIAGES.

Adam Jacob Ruby to Celia Elizabeth Harbin, Johann Bieman to Ernestine Zarranthin, Daniel Wagner to Elizabeth Ritz, Ludwig Kraft to Elizabeth Deichert, Andreas Eickmeier to Elizabeth Capling, Jacob Waltz to Wilhelmina Groszman, Hannes Prueter to Maria Prueter, Jacob Jungblut to Juliana Wettlaufer, Christian Ernst to Catharine Wilker, Werner Weppeler to Margaret Beilstein, Geo. Nicholas to Maria Christner, John Tew to Ann Maria Bass, Geo. Hewitt to Mary Ann Bradnock, Andreas Kohl to Maria Weisenbach, Conrad Welnes to Elizabeth Arnold, Friedrich Langefeldt to Catharine Adolf, Philip Kompf to Ann McClouth, Geo. Schultz to Maria Kurtz, Ludwig Dietz to Margaret Frischoltz, Christoph Thomas to Sophia Garve, Louis Major to Catharine Brill, Adam Pavenbach to Margaret Miller, Ferdinand Cesar to Eva Pfriemer, McFerris O'Connor to Elizabeth Ross, Johannes Nicolaus to Karoline Eshler, Wm. Gill to Ann Ellecott, Eckhart Siegner to Barbara Damer, John Neberland to Mary Getting, Alex. Mark to Elizabeth Tyndal, John Smith to Sophia Elmsden, Peter Harloff to Maria Smith, Wm. Peters to Ann Leonard, Johann Ritz to Christina Lohr, Francis Gilmore to Hanna McGie, Val. Wettlaufer to Catharine Kaufman, John Roedding to Anna Elizabeth Josky, Peter Schmitt to Elizabeth Miller, John Crackell to Susanna Kleinknecht, Conrad Schwing to Hannah Maria Froehlich, Geo. Friedrich Goehring to Maria Dorothea, Johann Goehring to Catharine Schlegel, Andrew Jones to Grace McIntosh, Conrad Lemp to Elizabeth King, Sebastian Gfroerrer to Katharina Wagner, Wm. Bierwirth to Scharsina Marhencken, Chr. Rentschler to Elizabeth Jagge, Daniel Sachs to Ann Margaret Froehlich, Jacob Ankerman to Gertrude Rupert, Johannes Horman to Maria Schneider, Karl Wehl to Katharina Reiber, William Lake to Elizabeth Cudmore, John Schwing to Christiana Schmidt, Jacob Schuh to Catharina Seeball, Conrad Krug to Catharina Buchanan, Heinrich Debus to Elizabeth Wilker, Johann Gottfried Francke to Julia Plaetzer, John Smidt to Elizabeth Graft, Andreas Hartmeyer to Catharine Heidrich, William Carpenter to Anna Park.

BURIALS.

Reinhard Liesemer, Janet Longhead, William Longhead, James Squires, Robert Barber, Rupert John Van Linge, John Mitchell Caroline Dickson, Wm. Anderson, Margaret Bell, Sarah Jane Lake, James Benjamin Reed, James Mauer, James Gilmour, William Tyndel, (School Teacher), Michael Andreae, Sarah Anderson, Mary Duty, Emma Lake, Adam Thomson, John Jagge.

some consolation may be found in the fact that things are looking up.

The largest sum which the Treasurer's book shows to have been given to Mr. Rally in any one year was seventy-five dollars and ranges down in varying degrees from sixty dollars to fifteen dollars and some years nothing. This refers, of course, to the share of St. George's Church in the stipend, St. James' Church no doubt making a much better showing.

One of the Church events of Mr. Rally's pastorate was the purchase by him in 1869 of the shoe store on Boulee Street (called after the late Dr. Boulee, father of W. H. Boulee, the well known druggist), from Tappe & Peine, the latter the father of our townsman, Mr. Louis Peine, and the presentation of it to his congregation.

It was remodelled and served as a place of worship until the purchase of the Reformed Church building in 1882, on Huron Street, opposite the Church of the Holy Family.

The Peine property is now owned by Mrs. Katzenmeier, mother of Ex-Reeve John F. Katzenmeier, Town Clerk.

Services were also provided for what was called Emanuel Church, Petersburg, during 1859, but were discontinued and never resumed.

Among those who were prominent in the work of the Church or as financial contributors, counting back from 1870, the following names are found : John Allchin, Jacob Niebel, Dr. Stiefelmeyer, Chas. Cameron, W. Guggisberg, R. Williams, D. Fisher, J. L. Wilson, L. Mohr, John Wilker, Christian Ernst (Postmaster), W. Hunter, T. P. Hawley, A. J. Scott, Benj. Forrest, W. Spanmann, Thos. Waters, Jno. Nopper, Geo. Holwell, Richard Gilbert, T. Cloffin, Geo. James, Jno. Davis, R. Douglas, W. Dunwoodie (Station Agent), W. Buckrell, L. Nicholas, G. Pacey, Frederick Merner, G. A. Read, Jno. Jackson, T. G. Flach, Jno. Engold, Benj. Brooke, H. Steinbach, Thos. Hirst, C. Woodhead, Jemima Hermiston, John Waterhouse, W. Turnbull, H. D. Bott, Chas. Campbell, Kenneth Goodman, K. C., Joseph Watson; Jno. Cairnes, H. Bogue,



C. F. German, J. E. Nevills, L. Helmer, H. Nave and Mr. Chapman.

Such are the ravages of time that of this list Mr. John Wilker is the only one still living in New Hamburg and probably the only one who survives, but who has for years been a victim of almost total paralysis, much to the sorrow of a wide circle of friends.

During the latter part of Mr. Rally's stay in the Parish he was assisted by the Rev. H. F. Mellish, who assumed sole charge of New Hamburg together with Wilmot in 1869 and relinquished both in 1873.

Mr. Mellish was a bachelor and made his home for a time with T. R. Smith, South Wilmot. After his marriage he lived in a house on the lot now occupied by the dwelling of Mrs. Guthrie in Haysville, in which village the various Rectors have since continued to reside.

Services were then also organized at Shakespeare, the Rector of Stratford and Mr. Mellish taking the Sunday services alternately.

Among a list of candidates confirmed at Shakespeare in 1864 were Joseph, Harriet and Catharine McNichol, of South Easthope, and the marriage of James McNichol, of the same place, afterwards a prominent cattle dealer of Washington, to Catharine Gable, of Blenheim Township, is also chronicled.

The Rev. Mr. Mellish did all his parish work on horseback and his black mare "Flora" purchased from Wm. Crowe Smith about fifty years ago, was a familiar sight on the highroads.

He also essayed the keeping of sheep, with what success we are not told, but one can imagine that his human flock would be more in his line.

Among the chattels which the Parish possessed at this time was a portable organ, which was carried about by the Rector from place to place as required and which, no doubt, contributed its share to the general harmony of the Parish.

Mr. Mellish was succeeded in 1873 by the Rev. Peter Fox, M. A., an Irishman, who remained until 1876.

This gentleman had formerly been a Chaplain on a British Man-of-War and according to tradition had imbibed some of the social customs of the wardroom mess.

He was an excellent type of the old style hunting parson and his arrival at the Grand Trunk Station created quite a sensation as his collection of dogs, guns, parrots and rabbits slowly emerged from the baggage car.

During his stay here services were carried on at Platts-ville, but were afterwards abandoned.

His pastorate was not without its happy events, however, as we find in the Parish register of his day the following items of local interest: The marriages of Robert B. Puddicombe to Jane Collum, Jonathan Cook to Ellen Smith, William Robert Plum to Mary H. Smith and H. R. D. Brown to A. Adelaide Allchin, Rev. Mr. Boomer, Dean of Huron, officiating at this last.

The Rev. Mr. Fox afterwards removed to Kentucky and, we are pleased to relate, filled some very important church appointments in the United States with much success and credit.

At this period we commence to emerge from the twilight of fable and the mists, which, owing to the frailties of human memory, seem to surround the earlier doings of the Church, unsupported as they are by any written records, into the fuller light shed by well kept minute books. The fact might also here be noted with a pleasure which the people will share, that in the books which it has been the duty of the long line of rectors to keep Registers of baptisms, marriages and deaths, the work has been done with great care, accuracy and neatness.

The Rev. Edward Softly, B. D., was appointed as successor to the Rev. Mr. Fox and entered upon his duties on the twenty-first Sunday after Trinity, Nov. 5th, 1876, and preached his farewell sermon on the same Sunday, 1879.

During these years St. George's pursued the even tenor of its way, the attendance at the Sunday services ranging from thirty to fifty.

The services were still held on Boullee Street, but a desire for better accommodation was making itself felt, as on April 25th, 1878, a building committee with full powers was formed, consisting of Messrs. Chas. Dunwoodie, F. D. Woodcock, Jno. Allchin and H. R. D. Brown. After a vigorous canvas eight hundred dollars in subscriptions were

secured and advertisements were inserted in the Hamburg Independent calling for tenders. The late Jno. Mayer, father of Mrs. Albert Fisher, and the late Geo. Hildebrand, father of Councillor Chas. Hildebrand, were among those who responded. Nothing further appears to have been done in the matter, but the seed sown bore fruit later.

Other events of interest during Mr. Softly's term were the marriages of Geo. D. Flowers to Isabella E. Plum and Louis Helmer to Ellen Sarah Allchin, and the deaths of Captain Joseph Harrison Evans and Richard Henry Gilbert are recorded.

The Church appears to have been without a regular clergyman until February 29th, 1880, when the Rev. Freeman Harding preached his first sermon and assumed charge of the Parish, remaining until October 3rd, 1886, when he resigned, owing to ill health, and removed to British Columbia, where death overtook him.

In the Preachers' Book at this period the name of H. R. D. Brown occurs a number of times as having taken the services during the absence of the rector, and his many old friends in the Parish will be pleased to have it recorded that such was the force of his eloquence, that the attendance according to the book seemed to increase on those Sundays on which it was known that he was going to hold forth.

In 1880 a movement was set on foot to erect New Hamburg into a Parish separate from Haysville and St. James' and a deputation consisting of W. R. Plum, H. T. Denison and F. D. Woodcock, waited on the Bishop at London to urge the matter on His Lordship, but nothing further came of it.

In July 1882 the premises on Boullee Street were abandoned and sold, and the Presbyterian Church on Huron Street, west of the School, was rented and afterwards purchased, the late Dr. Sterling, V. S., and W. R. Plum, Wardens, being a deputation to wait on the Guelph Presbytery, then in session at Elora, to complete the transaction.

The present site of the Church on Byron Street was also purchased from the Honourable Samuel Merner and vested in Jno. Allchin (in trust) for the congregation and

the old building committee revived with the names of Wm. Sterling, H. T. Denison, W. R. Plum, S. G. Holley and F. H. McCallum added, Mr. Allchin to be Chairman and Wm. Millar, Secretary.

In April 1882 a new organ was purchased and in order to raise the necessary funds, Miss McCallum, the organist, undertook the preparation of the opera, "Queen Esther", for a public presentation and which was carried through with her customary energy and skill.

The cast consisted of sixty persons, among whom were the following well known local talent of the day: Mr. Ahrens of Stratford, Rose Andrich, Mrs. Bechtel, Mrs. Asmus, Mr. Clemmer, W. I. Becker, L. Peine, Theodore Peine (deceased), the Misses Peine, Miss Wells, Otto Pressprich, Bruno Pressprich, August, Mary and Sophia Spring, the Misses Sidmilla, Hedwig and Alma Pressprich, Jennie, Lizzie and Thomas Sterling, F. H. McCallum, Jesse McCallum, Wm. Millar, J. C. Cook, Dr. Brooke, H. A. Ernst, Etta Ernst, David White, Elizabeth Heppler, Miss Gabel (Baden), Misses Louisa and Mary Endress, E. I. L. Crease, Jonathan Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Dealtry Woodcook, Miss Nunn and Ida Millar.

The records fail to show that our Church People in New Hamburg either married or were given in marriage between 1880 and 1886.

The following deaths occurred: William Irwin (died in Winnipeg), James Sterling (drowned).

In 1883 two valuable members were added to the congregation in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. William Collum, who removed to New Hamburg to retire from farming.

The Rev. Jabez Edmonds succeeded Mr. Harding and assumed charge on the first Sunday after Easter, 1887, and remained until November 8th, 1891.

It has been Mr. Edmonds' fortune, whether by accident or design on the part of the Diocesan authorities, to be always appointed to Parishes that needed an absolutely new church, or that had an old one needing extensive repairs, and if a list of the church fabric that has been added to the Diocese under his various incumbencies were available, it would be formidable indeed.

Wilmot proved no exception to the rule, for no sooner

had he become comfortably settled in his new home, than the question of a new church for St. George's congregation in New Hamburg began to assume definite form.

On July 4th, 1887, the old Presbyterian Church and some lots on Byron Street, where Frederick Schaefer and Thomas Mitchell now live, were sold to Ritz Bros. (John and Louis), for \$1100, and a set of plans kindly donated to the Church by Mr. Darling, an architect, of Toronto, were adopted.

Meantime some re-arrangement of the building committee was made, and to the following gentlemen must be allotted the honour of carrying the plans of the present St. George's Church to a successful conclusion. Building Committee: Dr. Wm. Sterling, V. S., D. E. Brooke, M. D., W. R. Plum and Thos. D. Allin; Subscription Committee: John R. Feick, Wm. Collum and S. G. Holley. S. G. Holley was elected Chairman, W. R. Plum, Secretary, and Jno. Allchin was appointed Treasurer.

Mr. Soule, an architect of Guelph, was engaged to draw the specifications from the plans and the contract for the mason work was given to Geo. Hildebrand, and the wood work to Thos. Allshire, of Ratho. On Thursday, May 3rd, 1888, the Lord Bishop of Huron, Bishop Baldwin, assisted by Canon Patterson, Rev. S. L. Smith, Rural Dean, Rev. J. T. Wright, Rev. Mr. Cox and the Rev. Jabez Edmonds, the rector, laid the corner-stone in the presence of a large gathering. Copies of the current newspapers, the Canada Gazette, etc., kindly furnished by Mr. Daniel Ritz, now of His Majesty's Customs, were enclosed.

The first service was held in the new church on the sixteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 19th, 1888, the sermon being preached in the morning by the Rev. G. M. Innes, Dean of Huron. The afternoon service for the children was addressed by him, and the Rector and Canon Patterson, of Stratford, preached in the evening. The Rev. John Gemley, of Simcoe, officiated at the second Sunday of the opening services held on the 23rd of September.

On October 7th, the Masons held a Church Parade, and were addressed by one of their number, the Rev. R. Kerr, of Stratford.

In June 1888 the congregation received a welcome ac-

cession by the removal of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Puddicombe and family from Haysville to New Hamburg, taking up their abode in the handsome residence built by Mr. Simpson Merner. They at once entered heartily into the work of the Church and have ever since been the largest contributors to the support of the Parish.

At this time is also noted a motion on the minutes, expressing the regret of the Congregation, at the removal of Mr. Jonathan Cook to Berlin, where he still holds the position of jailor. A motion of the same general tenor refers to Dr. D. E. Brooke's removal later to Windsor.

The Building Committee at the completion of the new Church found a debt of five hundred dollars, still due, and Dr. Sterling was appointed a deputation to go to London and interview the Executive Committee with a view to mortgaging the property. Consent was granted and the outstanding claims were met.

During 1890 the Rector visited his former home in the Old Land, on a two months' vacation, and at the Easter Vestry meeting in 1891 tendered his resignation after a successful pastorate of four years. His many friends will regret to learn, that owing to failing health, Rev. Mr. Edmonds has found it necessary this year (1913) to retire from active work and go on the superannuation fund.

Among the items of interest in the Parish Register during the foregoing term we note the marriages of Jno. R. Feick to Elizabeth Sterling (the first in the new church), and Edwin Goodman, Physician, to Jessie Georgina McCallum. A diphtheria epidemic in New Hamburg in 1888 caused the deaths of many children, among them being Warren Niles Millar, Roy Plum and Kathleen Brown.

The Rev. James Ward succeeded Mr. Edmonds and preached his initial sermon on Thanksgiving Day, 1891.

Mr. Ward soon proved himself to be a most diligent, self-sacrificing servant of the Church, and through storm and sunshine, rain and snow, pursued the work of the Parish with energy and ability. During his term the debt on the Church was early paid off, the mortgage cancelled and the Church consecrated on the fifteenth Sunday after Trinity, September 10th, 1893.

The Lord Bishop of Huron, assisted by our old friend

Rev. W. B. Rally, M. A., (then retired), and the Rector carried out the ceremonies of the day.

For this happy consummation of the work of years, accelerated by the further gift of one hundred dollars by Mr. John Allchin, great credit is due to the Ladies' Aid Society, who were untiring in their efforts towards the object now obtained.

On October 25th, 1903, the Rev. Mr. Ward preached his farewell sermon and removed to Waterford.

The following events are set down in the Register : The marriages of Henry Allen Ernst to Annie Jane Sterling, Frederick Charles Sterling to Catharine Isabella Millar, Egbert Brant Anderson to Mary Margaret Millar, Henry Walter Smith to Ellen Puddicombe, Samuel Schmidt to Louisa Maguire, Robert James Kerr to Ada J. Mitchell.

The deaths of the following prominent members also occurred : Wm. Collum, Dr. Wm. Sterling, V. S., Major Robert Campbell, Mrs. Fanny Gilbert, Mrs. Spicer, Mrs. Wm. Collum, Ruth Laird, George Sterling Ernst (child), and John Allchin.

The Rev. C. H. P. Owen succeeded Mr. Ward and assumed charge of the Parish on November 15th, 1903, remaining until October, 1911.

Mr. Owen was a man of boundless energy and was incessant in his labours on behalf of the Church, of which many outward and visible signs remain.

Under his pastorate a rear porch and entrance to the Church was added, as it was felt that the front entrance was embarrassing to strangers and generally prejudicial to the interests of the congregation.

Cement sidewalks and curbing were put in and the cellar cemented. The Church was also repainted and an electric lighting system installed.

One of Mr. Owen's commendable hobbies was a frequent interchange of pulpits with other clerical friends in the Church, and during his term this congregation had the pleasure of listening to some of the most famous preachers on the clergy list, among whom were the Reverends Dyson Hague, Canon Tucker, Lawrence Skey, Principal O'Meara, of Wycliffe College, Bishop Farthing, of Montreal, Principal Waller, of Huron College, and others.

During his pastorate the Church received a most valuable and welcome bequest of one thousand dollars under the will of the late Peter Acres, who with his wife, a confirmed invalid, resided here in retirement for many years. Mr. Acres was a retired clerk in the Commissary Department of the British Army at the Gibraltar garrison, where both he and his wife were born.

His valuable library of rare old books was also left to the Church and is now installed in the Vestry in a large bookcase, given to the Church by Miss J. C. Allchin.

Cupid continued busy in New Hamburg and the marriages of Charles F. W. Sterling to Annie Helem, Philip H. Huyck, M. D., to Winona Holley, Wm. B. Walsh to Minerva Daniells, C. Herman Quirnbach to Helen Glover Plum, Norman H. Hepworth to Alice Daniells, Joshua A. Stevers to Ruth Daniells, Alfred J. Moulton to Agnes Knott, John Moss to Constance Ashley are recorded.

One item of melancholy interest, which it is impossible to pass over, occurred during Mr. Owen's term. On the 12th of September, 1906, the whole Country was horrified as the news came over the wires of a most disastrous collision on the Canadian Pacific Railway, near a place called Azilda, on the north shore of Lake Huron, between a heavily loaded tourist train, speeding west, and a freight. Of a long death list the largest number from any one place was furnished by New Hamburg and vicinity, four of our best known families being drawn upon. The victims were Thomas B. Puddicombe, of Haysville, Wm. B. Puddicombe, of New Hamburg, Louis Pfaff, of New Hamburg, and Henry Herman of North Easthope. The funerals and memorial services of these unfortunate men were the occasions of the largest gatherings of recent years.

The present rector, the Rev. Thos. Hicks, succeeded Mr. Owen in November, 1911, and although he has been here only a short time, has already made his presence felt.

The cause of the Church in Baden is assuming form under his care and on January 2nd, 1913, he presented to the Bishop what is stated to be the largest class for confirmation (twenty-five in number), in the history of the Parish.



In June, 1913, property adjacent to the Church was purchased, on which it is proposed to eventually erect a Parish Hall for the uses of the various Societies in connection with the work, a flourishing branch of the A. Y. P. A. organized by Mr. Hicks being one of them.

We will now bring this sketch of St. George's Church to a close with a list of the adherents and benefactors of the Church back to 1870, (not elsewhere mentioned), a list of the Wardens and Organists, and also a list of donations of church furnishings, legacies, etc.

### WARDENS.

(So far as can be ascertained.)

Geo. Daniells	Sydney Otto
H. A. Ernst	W. L. Sutherland
R. J. Kerr	T. Sterling, V. S.
C. J. Fox	W. R. Plum
Wm. Millar	Thos. Mitchell
Hy. Mallet	S. G. Holley
Mr. Zimmerman	Dr. Stammers
R. Campbell	Wm. Sterling, V. S.
D. E. Brooke, M. D.	J. A. Laird
Jno. Cairnes	Jno. Allchin
E. L. Gales	Capt. F. H. McCallum
W. J. Ward	

### ORGANISTS.

Miss Isabella McCallum  
 Miss J. C. Allchin  
 Mrs. Henry Ernst  
 Miss Mary Puddicombe

### ADHERENTS AND BENEFACTORS.

(Not elsewhere mentioned.)

F. D. Woodcock, J. S. Bean, Jesse B. Kitchen, J. W. Baumann, Geo. Holwell. Wm. Couch, J. C. Appel, Jno. Cairnes, J. H. Evans, Hy. Dawson, W. R. Jaffray, Mrs. Flowers, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Spicer, Wm. Linton, Dr. Nichol, G. A. Morson, James Young, H. G. Bean, F.

Bourne, Jas. Spicer, Jno. Mills, C. M. B. Lawrence, Wm. Anderson. Rev. Mr. Spring, Chas. Wood, Dr. Stiefelmeyer, H. J. Stiefelmeyer, Jos. Daniel, L. Hahn, Jacob Becker, Pressprich & Ritz, Jacob Seyler E. I. L. Crease, Thos. Woodcock, Wm. Odbert, Ralph Bolton, Mr. Cottrell, Jno. Wood, D. H. Waugh, Miss Kate Laird, Mrs. (Dr.) Sterling, Dr. A. Nichol, Jno. Woods, Jas. Spicer, J. B. Woods, G. W. Drysdale, Geo. D. Flowers, S. Everatt, W. H. Asmus, Allen Steckle, Dr. R. T. Winn, G. E. Sterling, Wm. Davidson, Mrs. Borman, Wm. Marshall, J. T. Ellis, Mrs. Ellen Maguire, Wm. Woods, Fred Tucker, Mrs. Cairncross, Christian Ernst, David Eby, Effie Hunter, Zingg and Tauber, R. W. Cressman, Alex Brandt, Chas. S. Cairncross, Sangster, Wm. R. and Roland Plum, J. R. Callanan, Wm. Bishop, Jas. A. Vance, Brook Puddicombe, Helen Allchin, S. Cleland Holley, R. S. Blatchford, Robert N. Kerr, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Smith, H. I. Millar, R. C. Puddicombe, Jas. Forrest, Dr. Darragh, E. R. Fitzgerald, Hy. Knight, Thos. Daniells, Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson McMullan, W. C. Livingstone, Wm. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. S. Ireland, Ethel Salvadge, C. Norchall, A. Boot, Mr. Spicer, Miss Janet Morton, A. Moulton, Maurice Daniels, Thos. Daniells, Jr., S. Murden, T. Lipscombe, Meredyth Holt, F. H. Johnston, Messrs. Foston, Brown and Labran, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Valliers, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Smith, Jno. Mitchell, Albert Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. H. Borgerding, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Moss, Geo. Emslie, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Remeley, Jos. Milard.

## GIFTS.

Oak Choir Stalls -- S. G. Holley

Oak Prayer Desk -- Rev. Jas. Ward

Oak Lectern -- Mrs. S. G. Holley and J. Allchin

Stained Glass Windows in Porch -- Sunday School under H. R. D. Brown, Supt.

Three Stained Glass Windows in Church -- Miss Sault.

Three Stained Glass Windows in Church -- Frederic C.

Brown.

White Silk Drapery for Communion Table -- Mrs. J. C. Platt, memorial to her son, Vivian (drowned).

Linen Communion Cloth -- Miss Roper, Toronto,  
memorial to the same.

Stained Glass Windows in Vestry -- Ladies' Aid So-  
ciety.

Book Case -- Miss J. C. Allchin.

Service Bible -- Rev. Jno. Ridley, R. D., Galt.

\$1000 Legacy -- Peter Acres.

# Christ Church

Haysville, Ont.

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Before commencing the description of the Church and religious life of this Congregation, the writer thought it might be of interest to his readers if some idea were given of the kind of place a flourishing Canadian Village was, in and around 1830 and later.

To this end Mr. R. C. Tye was again called upon and gladly proffered his assistance, which has been invaluable throughout the whole work. The following paragraphs are largely a summary of data furnished by him.

The first settler in Haysville was William Hobson, who came to Canada in 1818 and went to London when there were only two settlers there, and after remaining for ten years went back to Ireland.

In May, 1828, the Canada Company having the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Concessions of the Township of Wilmot and all the Huron Tract to Goderich, started to open up the country, as it was then a dense wilderness untrodden by the foot of white man, from a few miles east of Haysville to Goderich. Among those who started out from Guelph on this expedition under the leadership of Surveyor McDonald were Mr. William Illingworth and two Richards, all of whom subsequently became pioneer settlers in Wilmot.

When they arrived at where Haysville now is it took three days to cross the river and get up the hill by the ravine in front of the home of the late Thomas Puddicombe. It took the expedition till September to reach Goderich. There they found a white man, William Gooding, who had gone there the year before and was trading with the Indians.

Mr. Illingworth was the first man to drive a yoke of oxen down the Goderich hill.

In the Spring of 1829, Mr. Hobson and his family returned from Ireland and went to Guelph, and the Canada

Company sent a man with them to spy out the land and they camped one night where Haysville now is.

When they arrived in Goderich they did not like the look of the Country, so they turned about and came to Wilmot and took up Lot 18, 1st Con., Block A, and Mr. Hobson and family thus became the first settlers in Haysville. He built a log house close to the road and used to entertain the newcomers.

In 1832 or 1833 he sold out his property to Mr. William Puddicombe and moved to where Haysville now stands, and took up two hundred acres and started hotel. Soon after Everatt and Bennett took up two hundred acres on the other side of the road and also built an hotel where the Haysville School now stands.

Another old settler was an American named Horn Stevens. He built a saw mill on Lot 19, the only one then in the district and supplied the neighborhood with lumber for a good many years, until Mr. Wm. Puddicombe bought him out. Mr. Stevens left for Michigan with his Prairie Schooner.

From 1832 to 1836 a number of pioneers came in, among them Robert Hays, Henry Puddicombe, Wm. Illingworth, Mr. Magee, Thomas Walker, James Mallet, Mr. Stockwell, John and Samuel Laird, and to the South Mr. Bean, Mr. Green, Mr. Wm. Anderson and J. Stauffer.

In 1840 any one that had any law suit to settle had to go to Hamilton to do the business. There were no Division Court Judges; three Commissioners attended to these matters once a month. The Commissioners at this time were Wm. Puddicombe, W. Wallace, and the name of the third is not remembered.

It is only just to pause at this point for the purpose of paying a slight tribute to Mr. Wm. Puddicombe, who from the time of his arrival in the Parish in 1832 till his death in 1877 bore a leading part in the affairs of the Church and community. In all the records of church meetings and subscription lists, which the writer has had to go through in gathering material for this sketch there is one name never absent, and that name is Wm. Puddicombe. His activities in other lines will appear further on.

Mr. Robert Boucher taught school in an old log house belonging to Mr. William Puddicombe, there being no regular school.

The four-horse stage came through from Hamilton with mail and passengers for Goderich and at Haysville horses were changed. The stage went up the Huron Road by way of Helmer's Hotel. There was no mail to New Hamburg and no post office there until about 1844.

In 1837 Mr. Robert Hays was appointed the first Postmaster of Haysville, and was succeeded by his son John in 1853. He owned the grist and saw mill which in 1846 he sold to Mr. Robert Runciman, who in turn sold it in 1853 to Mr. A. W. Cleland, who afterwards erected another mill and built a store.

The woolen mill was run for some time by Mr. Yemet and later by Mr. Woodhead.

An American named White had a small tannery and shoe shop and supplied the neighborhood with home manufactured goods. He also made his own shoe pegs.

Mr. W. A. Cutter bought out Mr. White and made harness as well as leather and kept the Brick Hotel for some time.

Mr. Jno. Sydney Smith had a general store for a number of years, and Mr. W. Smith, who afterwards removed to London, also had a store on the hill. Mr. James Brown carried on the store for a number of years, and Miss Margaret Somerville carried on a very successful store business in the premises vacated by J. Sydney Smith. Mr. W. R. Plum had the first carriage shop and afterwards kept the Elgin House. Mr. Jno. Blatchford carried on a Blacksmith and Wagon business for a long time. Jardine Bros., J. Armstrong and Mr. Dingwall also carried on the same business.

The medical men of the time and later were Doctors Vastbinder, Bell, O'Connor, Hurlbut and Nichol.

Mr. F. Cousin carried on the Furniture Factory for some time and Robinson and Cole manufactured fanning mills in the same building later. Cheeseman and Warren were also manufacturers of furniture. Stonehouse and Fraser had harness shops in the village, Mr. Cockwell was a cooper as well as contractor and Mr. Bennett had a drug

store for a good many years and did a little cupping and bleeding as was the fashion in the earlier days.

Sutherland, Platt, Buckwell and Daniels were millers during their residence in the village. Mr. J. Cook carried on a tin shop.

It will be seen from the foregoing that Haysville was quite a busy place and boasted a population of about five hundred people. The building of the Grand Trunk and the withdrawal of the stage coach soon diminished the importance of the Huron Road and Haysville began rapidly to shrink and New Hamburg took its place as a station.

The Church or religious life of Haysville may be divided into three periods. The first from 1830 to 1842 - when there wasn't any—the second from 1842 to 1866 when with some irregularity, but in a broad sense, the Church of England and the Methodist Church endeavored to bring the gospel within hearing of the people, and from 1866 until the present day, during which period the Church of England has alone ministered to their spiritual needs. The Rev. Mr. Hickey, afterwards the first Rector, of Stratford, was the pioneer in the work here as he was at St. James, and commenced holding services in 1842 in the hotel barn of Mr. Edward Everatt, which was used for several years as a Church until the use of the old log schoolhouse previously mentioned, about a mile east of the present village, was obtained. The old Bible in use on these occasions, printed by Mark and Chas. Kerr, His Majesty's Printers, Edinburgh, in 1795, is still in the possession of Mr. Chas. Everatt, of Baden, Ont.

I might here counsel the reader if he wishes to gather a full idea of the early times, not to rest content with reading only the biographies of his particular friends at the end of the book, but to read them all if he wishes to be informed as completely as is now possible of the social conditions of the pioneers.

Rev. Mr. Hickey was after a few years removed to Stratford, and for some time or until 1852 occasional services only were held, Dean Boomer of Galt coming up at intervals and holding services and administering the sacraments in the afternoons in the schoolhouse.

The Methodists, who had a circuit to the West and a Church called Mt. Carmel on the corner of the farm of Mr. R. N. Kerr, and who counted among their members some of the prominent families of the village, the Hays and others, undertook to supply more regular opportunities for worship for the village people than had hitherto been possible.

To this end their staff of local preachers was called upon, among them being Jared Hilborn, Esq., J. P., of Plattsville, a gentleman long held in the highest esteem there for his sterling worth and character until his death a few years ago.

Protracted meetings or revivals were held in the school-house, but their success does not seem to have been any more brilliant than that of the Anglicans. They also failed to gain sufficient support to warrant them in erecting a Church Building.

It seems hard to understand the lack of interest which both Churches seemed to experience at this time in Haysville. One might say that the Church of England was not suited to the environment of a pioneer village, but the Methodist Church has few equals in this class of work and they failed even more dismally than the Anglicans.

The village was a flourishing one of, as before stated, some five hundred in population, and yet the failure of either of these two religious bodies, to one or the other of which nearly every one in the village properly belonged, to take root is one of the outstanding features of the times.

While it is not the purpose of the writer to single out any individual and give him credit for work in which all rightly inclined people must have had some share, yet it is only fair to state that the coming of Mr. Chas. D. Brown to the community in 1858, from what can be learned from others, as the gentleman is very reticent on the matter himself, seemed to work an almost immediate change in the religious life of the village.

A Sunday School was started, of which he was Superintendent, and in which position he is now serving his fifty-fifth year.



It was a union one at first, but the Church being for the time left to herself, it was soon merged with the Anglican Congregation and has ever since provided religious instructions to the youth of Haysville. A person born in the village would have to be now pretty well on in years not to have at some time or other passed through Mr. Brown's hands.

The Rev. Mr. Van Linge and the Rev. Mr. Rally ministered to the Congregation from 1852 to 1860, the services being held in the schoolhouse in the afternoons.

In 1860 the Rev. Mr. Mellish took charge of Wilmot and the Rev. Mr. Rally removed to New Hamburg, taking the work at St. George's. For a time Mr. Mellish boarded, but after his marriage he lived in a wagon shop converted into a Rectory.

About 1864, during Mr. Mellish's incumbency, land was bought for a site for a Church and Rectory. The Church, a frame one, was soon erected on the ground which now constitutes the present Rectory garden.

It served its purpose for twenty-six years, or until about 1890, when it was sold for fifty dollars and removed to Clayton Farm, where, we understand, it is used for a hen house and in which no doubt its feathered inhabitants endeavor to preserve a gravity and dignity becoming the edifice which shelters them and, if environment counts for anything, ought to be good hens and good chickens.

A frame parsonage was also erected on the Church land and was used as a residence by the various clergymen of the Parish until the present one was built in 1884.

In 1873, during Mr. Mellish's term, the first confirmation service was held in Christ Church, Bishop Hellmuth officiating.

The candidates were Matilda L. O'Connor, Fanny C. Tye, Emma Brown, Henry G. Brown, Robert S. Blatchford, Sarah K. Blatchford, Annie Allen, James Albert Gill, Richard Mitchell, Cassandra Allchin, Maria Dunwoodie, Ellen Eliza Dunwoodie, Henry Baker, Elizabeth and Alice Baker.

The following were the supporters and communicants of the time, excluding those who are mentioned in the St. James' list, but who attended Christ Church as well :

Mr. and Mrs. Touchbourne, Miss M. Somerville, Mrs. Daniels, H. M. Johnson, W. Ellenbaum, Bernhard Eichler, Jos. Kellsey, B. Warnes, Maria Kellsey, Henry Everatt, Gerald Gwynn, G. Byron, G. S. Blatchford, Geo. Forsyth, James Brown, H. Wright, F. D., Thomas and Clara Woodcock, Mrs. Agnes Brown, Mrs. Stacey, Jno. Stacey, Mrs. Simons, R. S. Blatchford, Chas. Torrance, F. D. Brown, Jno. Hays, Dr. Angus Nichol, Thomas Callanan, Geo. Vance, W. McMahon, Mrs. Brown, M. S. Callanan, Wm. D. Forrest, Thomas Daniels, (New Hamburg), Robert A. Facey, Michael Vale Facey, Jonathan C. Cook, (Jailor, Berlin), W. Lindsay, Ezekial Bailey, Thomas Pettit, W. Tennant, N. Livergood, Jas. Raby, G. Porter, R. B. Puddicombe, T. B. Puddicombe, Chas. D. Brown, Frances Tye, Henry D. Tye, Mrs. Tye, Mrs. O'Connor, W. Scott, Misses F. B. and A. B. Puddicombe, Charles, Sylvester, Rachel, Mary and Sophia Everatt, Herbert and Howard Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Laird, Mr. and Mrs. Capron.

The Rev. Mr. Mellish was succeeded by the Rev. Peter Fox, who moved into the Rectory on the 12th July, 1878. So far as Christ Church was concerned this pastorate was uneventful as was that of his successor, the Rev. Mr. Softley, who succeeded him in 1876.

The Rev. Freeman Harding became Rector in 1880.

During the incumbency of the Rev. Mr. Harding, Mr. John Hays donated a piece of ground to the Methodist cause and their Church at Mt. Carmel previously mentioned was taken down and removed in sections to Haysville and re-erected.

Services were commenced, but the experiment was not a success and the attempt soon abandoned, it being found that those who would not attend the Church already there would not go to any.

The present Rectory was built at this period in the year 1884, and although it is now surpassed by more modern structures, was and still is a very fine type of residence.

In April, 1887, the Rev. Mr. Edmonds, succeeded the Rev. Mr. Harding, who resigned owing to ill-health.

It is mentioned elsewhere that Mr. Edmonds appeared to be fore-ordained to be Rector of Parishes that needed new Churches or had old ones that needed remodelling.

It is then no matter for surprise that soon after his arrival at Haysville something of this nature should immediately take form.

It came in the shape of a project by the Congregation to purchase the abandoned Methodist Chapel next door and remodelling it to suit the needs of its new Congregation.

An arrangement was soon made with the former owners and the task of remodelling began.

The building was bricked over and a chancel and vestry added, leaving it on completion very much as it stands to-day.

The old Church was re-sold as previously stated.

This all cost money, which was readily subscribed, and in all about sixteen hundred dollars were spent.

The opening of the remodelled Church for divine service was held on Sunday, Nov. 23, 1890, Bishop Baldwin being present.

Eighteen months later, on the Fifth Sunday in Lent, 1892, it was consecrated, being then free of debt.

The Rev. James Ward succeeded to the Parish in November, 1891, and with the exception of the consecration of Christ Church, so far as Haysville was concerned, his ministry was uneventful.

The same may also be said of the terms of the Rev. Mr. Owen and the present Rector, Rev. Thomas Hicks, it appearing that Christ Church had experienced all its troubles many years before and had now settled down to a career of quiet usefulness to the community in which it is situated, having the good will of the entire population, every individual of whom having at one time or another need of its services which are willingly and gladly given to all.

The following are the names of some of the more recent supporters as well as those of the past :

Jas Hamilton, J. J. Graham, Wm. Williams, Percy Lane, Wm. Cook, Mrs. Boehmer, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Mrs. Cyrus Witmer, Wm. Little, D. Hilborn, Hy. Knight, Thos. Somerville, Stephen Hawes, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hilborn Alf. Studer, Mr. Coult, Hon. a' Court, Jno. Clayton, Chas. Livergood, Hy. Callanan, Mrs. Allan Dymond, Mrs. Jno. Piper, L. Ashton, Percy Field, R. D. Ramsay, R. J.

Neal, Wm. Walker, Thomas G. Walker, Wm. Dingwall, Robt. Hawes, J. Ramsay, Richard Anderson, Geo. Veitch, Marcus Calvert, H. G. Brown, Henry Neal, Frank Tye, Mrs. Daniel Tye, Henry Walker, Edward Tye, Franke W. Tye, Miss Eliza Brown, Misses Marion and Lucy Tye, Frank Blatchford, V. S., Jno. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Green, Andrew and Miss Maggie Callanan, Mrs. Guthrie, Arthur Chapman, Wm. Walton, R. Riehl, Wm. Roth, Geo. Miller, Jno. Sissons, Hy. Klinkman, John Philip, William and Bruce Graham.

We will now close this sketch of Christ Church with a list of Wardens, Organists and gifts with the name of the donor.

### WARDENS.

J. S. Blatchford	H. G. Brown
H. M. Johnson	Charles D. Brown
Hy. Walker	R. C. Tye
T. B. Puddicombe	Edward Tye
Thos. G. Walker	Tom Brown

#### OMITTED FROM ST. GEORGE'S LIST.

Jesse B. Kitchen	H. T. Denison
Col. Kenneth Goodman	W. Dunwoodie

### ORGANISTS.

Mrs. Mellish, Mrs. Chas. D. Brown, Miss Wright, Mrs. Hy. Walker, Mrs. Ballingall, Miss Lucy Tye.

### DONATIONS.

Hand-wrought Altar Rails -- M. S. Callanan.  
 Legacy, One Hundred Dollars -- M. S. Callanan.  
 Bible -- Miss F. B. Puddicombe, in memory of her brother, T. B. Puddicombe (killed).  
 Bible -- Rev. Jabez Edmonds.  
 Prayer Book -- Miss Marion Tye.

Stained Window -- Geo. Forsyth.  
" " -- To memory of Mary Everatt.  
" " -- R. S. Blatchford, in memory of de-  
ceased wife.  
Stained Window -- R. C. Tye, in memory of loved  
ones.  
Chancel Windows -- Mr. and Mrs. Thos. B. Puddi-  
combe.  
Pulpit -- Miss Puddicombe.  
Reading Desk -- Rev. Mr. Harding.

## Conclusion.

In bidding farewell to the task of writing a sketch of the Church affairs of the Parish of Wilmot, the writer begs to lay before the reader, if he is so far favored as to attract any, the few statements following as a fair summary of the conclusions drawn from the material which has been placed before him.

To begin, it has not been discovered that any new Saints have been added to the Calendar during the seventy-one years that the Church has labored in the community, but much evidence has been seen of an every day common sense exercise of the three graces of faith, hope and charity, and if our people do not make a loud profession of superior sanctity, they have at least accepted the sorrows and afflictions visited upon them and of which they have all had many, with a Christian fortitude and resignation to the Divine will which can only be spoken of with reverence and respect. Two hundred and forty-eight times have the solemn words of the priest, "I am the Resurrection and the Life", sounded down the aisles of the three Churches as the remains of some loved one were conducted to the chancel for the last sad rites prior to depositing them in their final resting place.

While however the Parish may be devoid of Saints, it is not devoid of martyrs, the Misses Margaret Elizabeth and Ann Henrietta, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crowe Smith, the former the first warden of St. James' Church, being the ones offered as a sacrifice to the cause.

While laboring in the mission field in China Miss Margaret was burned to death during the Boxer troubles and Miss Annie succumbed to disease at Shanghai.

There have been joyous occasions in the Parish as well as occasions of sorrow. One hundred and thirty-four times have the wedding bells sounded as the young people of the Parish reached the stature of manhood and womanhood and knelt for the Church's blessing on their united journey through life.

Three hundred and sixty-three candidates have knelt before our Venerable Bishops Cronyn, Hellmuth, Baldwin

and Williams and received the sacred rite of Confirmation, resolving, with many short-comings it may be, to keep His holy will and commandments and to walk in the same all the days of their lives, while five hundred and one infants and adults have been presented at the baptismal font and undergone the mystical washing away of sin.

The writer regrets very much that space cannot be given for more extended mention of the ladies who have presided at the Rectory during the Churches' long sojourn here, but suffice it to state that from what can be learned they have been without exception women of high character and true helpmates to their husbands. They have been foremost in all the good works which flow from the inexhaustible riches of the Church and have at the same time discharged the social duties inseparable from their position with grace and tact and are invariably spoken of with affection by those who had the pleasure of an intimate acquaintance with them.

Of the various Rectors, who have come under review, the writer has found them all to have been men zealous in the cause of the Church and possessed of a high minded conception of their duties. They have done all that in them lay to turn the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just and have proclaimed the gospel to the passing generations often with force and eloquence and always with a sincere belief in its truth. Of the people who have made up the Congregations of the past seventy years, the writer may be, as a comparative outsider, permitted to pass an unprejudiced opinion. They have, as they would be the first to admit, fallen short in many ways of their high calling, but when we look about and see recorded the crime, sin and iniquity that daily disgrace our country, which is at that superior to most others in this respect, the people of the Parish of Wilmot as they survey the long past with its comparative freedom from serious scandal and almost entire absence of crime, can without being considered at all pharasaical be thankful that they are not like some others at least, and the Church of England can justly claim that she has had some share in one corner of our vast Dominion in bringing about that righteousness which exalteth a nation.

THE END.

The Wilmot Branch  
OF  
THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE  
MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION  
BY  
MISS WINNIFRED CASSEL

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ANY sketch of the Church of England in the Parish of Wilmot which did not take into account the W. A. M. A. would be very incomplete indeed.

With the exception of the regular Parochial assessments for Mission purposes, the meeting of which causing no particular hardship or labor on the part of anyone, the Woman's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society is the only channel through which flows the entire missionary and charitable work of the Church outside the Parish.

Since its organization twenty-four years ago the contributions of the Society to the Mission cause have steadily grown from the small contribution of twenty-seven dollars in 1889 to the very creditable sum of three hundred and thirty-six dollars in 1912, thus earning by the zeal and generosity of its members the proud title, both relatively and actually, of being the banner Branch of the Diocese.

The Wilmot Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Association was organized by Mrs. (Bishop) Baldwin at Christ Church, Haysville, April the first, 1889, with the following office-bearers:

President -- Mrs. Edmonds.  
Vice-President -- Mrs. R. C. Tye.  
Treasurer -- Mrs. T. B. Puddicombe.  
Cor. Secretary -- Miss M. Allen.



Rec. Secretary -- Miss J. C. Allchin.  
Committee of Management -- Mrs. Holley and Miss  
Fanny Tye.

#### THE OBJECTS OF THIS BRANCH.

1. To pray for Missions.
2. To aid the Diocesan Branch of the W. A. in interesting Church women in Missionary work.
3. To receive contributions towards the Missions of the Church, Diocesan and General.
4. To help in raising the Parochial apportionment towards the Missionary Society of the Church in Canada, by collecting from the women of the Church; and to send clothing, etc., to needy Missions.

The first meeting was held at the Rectory, Tuesday, April the eleventh, 1889.

#### THE MEMBERS.

Mrs. Edmonds	Miss J. C. Allchin
Miss M. Philip	Mrs. H. D. Tye
Mrs. T. B. Puddicombe	Mrs. William Kerr
Mrs. Thomas Walker	Mrs. Samuel Mark
Mrs. S. G. Holley	Miss Clara Walker
Mrs. W. Millar	Mrs. R. N. Kerr
Mrs. H. R. D. Brown	Mrs. R. C. Tye
Miss Margaret Allen	Miss Puddicombe
Miss Frances Tye	Miss A. Puddicombe

#### MEMBERS WHO JOINED LATER, INCLUDING JUNIOR MEMBERS.

Miss Hannah	Mrs. J. R. Feick
Miss Mabel Smith	Miss Margaret Kerr
Miss Ida Walker	Mrs. R. B. Puddicombe
Mrs. Jas. Ward	Miss C. Callanan
Mrs. W. G. Smith	Mrs. H. A. Ernst
Miss Eliza Brown	Miss Ida Millar
Mrs. Claydon	Mrs. C. H. P. Owen
Mrs. W. C. Smith	Mrs. W. R. Plum
Mrs. Henry Walker	Mrs. R. T. Winn

Miss Bessie Tye	Mrs. Hicks
Miss Lucy Tye	Miss Minerva Daniels
Mrs. A. R. G. Smith	Miss Minnie Daniels
Mrs. S. Cassel	Miss Florence Puddicombe
Miss M. H. Allchin	Miss Carrie Brown
Miss Fanny Puddicombe	Miss Ada Greenaway
Miss Mary Puddicombe	Miss Pearl Greenaway
Mrs. C. J. Fox	Miss Kate Sterling
Mrs. R. J. Kerr	Mrs. Saunders
Mrs. George M. Smith	Miss Gladys Marty
Mrs. Jas. Barber	Miss Laura Knight
Mrs. Sutherland	Miss Florence Becker
Mrs. Boehmer	Mrs. Jos. Zimmerman
Miss M. Callanan	Mrs. Alfred Kerr
Miss Ethel Parker Winn	Mrs. Waugh
Miss M. Cassel	Mrs. Maurice Daniels
Miss Alice B. Fox	Mrs. Empky
Mrs. H. B. Puddicombe	Mrs. Ball
Miss Jennie Bishop	Mrs. S. Shelley
Miss Vera Holley	Miss Forster

#### THE PRESIDENTS.

Mrs. Edmonds  
 Mrs. Ward  
 Mrs. Owen  
 Miss J. C. Allchin  
 Mrs. Henry Walker

#### WORK.

The Branch takes a certain number of pledges to help support Missionaries in China, Japan, India, Africa and the Canadian Northwest.

In the Fall a bale is sent to the Deaconess' Home in Toronto, consisting of vegetables, fruit, eggs, butter, etc.

There are bales sent to the Mission Schools in the Northwest, consisting of new material, clothing, canned goods, fruit, jam, cereals, groceries, etc.

There are bales sent to the hospitals in the Northwest, clothing, groceries, bedding, towels, etc. A cot is maintained in Dynevor Hospital, Manitoba.

There are also bales sent to China for the lepers, white socks, mufflers, armlets, print and squares of turkey red cotton, dolls.

A sum of money is given each year to the Educational Committee to help educate the children of our Missionaries.

#### THE LIFE MEMBERS.

1897 -- Mrs. Jas. Ward and Miss J. C. Allchin.

1902 -- Miss Margaret Allen.

1908 -- Miss C. Callanan, Miss M. Callanan and Miss Ida Walker.

1910 -- Mrs. R. J. Kerr.

1911 -- Mrs. C. H. P. Owen.

## Supplement to St. George's Church

Perhaps our readers would be interested in knowing what kind of place New Hamburg was when Rev. Mr. Van Linge arrived in 1852 to 1856, a New Hamburg that has long since almost entirely passed away. The following information kindly furnished by Mr. W. H. Boulee, gathered from the newspaper published at the time by his father, Dr. W. H. Boulee, "The Hamburg Neutrale", may assist. The streets were about as they are now and the various businesses were at the locations named where such could be ascertained.

John Schuler, Jacob Laschinger, Werner Brodrecht, Christopher Rau and Simpson Merner are the five oldest natives of New Hamburg still living here.

Dr. W. H. Boulee, Physician and Druggist, on lot where son, W. H. Boulee, now resides.

W. H. Allen, General Store and Brick Yard, where Councillor John A. Hartmann now resides.

T. G. S. Nevills, General Store, all of present front of American Block.

J. Wagner & Co., General Store, where L. Hostetler's Jewelry Store, Ed. Pfaff's Barber Shop and Post Office now are.

Samuel Merner, (afterwards Senator) Foundry and Threshing Machinery, Frame Building where Foundry now stands; Mr. Merner lived in present office.

Franz Schoen, Weaver, where Bank of Hamilton dwelling is.

Henry Matteson, Baker, where Methodist Parsonage now stands.

Wm. Scott, Mill and Store; mill directly in rear of Jacob Ernst's store. Afterwards in 1853 the present mill site was built on; the mill burned in 1902.

Ribburn & McVin, Ambrotypes (Photos), where Commercial Hotel stands.

John Allchin, Commissioner on Queen's Bench, office in rear of Alex Hahn's residence.

Wm. Scott, (Lieut.-Col. 4th Battalion Waterloo Infantry) Postmaster in store in Ernst's Block, which he built. He resided in the Senator Merner house which he also built where Dr. Anderson now is. His first store was in the middle of the street in front of the Wm. Tell Block.

George Ruchty, "Sun" Saloon, where St. George's Church now stands. He also had a shoe shop at the same time where Jacob Hahn now lives.

Jacob Clos, Saddler, where Mrs. Jos. Buckel resides.

John Goehring, Weaver, next to Wm. Mansz' residence and later where Wm. Woods lives.

Nicholas Bartholomeus, Cooper, where Morris Miehm now lives.

John Wallace, Potter, where Hy. Brodrecht now lives.

Hy. Deichert, Saddler, where his son Henry now carries on business.

Aug. Stahlberg, Jeweler, where Mrs. John Rieder now lives.

Richard Engelhardt, Bookbindery, where D. Becker's Furniture Store now is. (Uncle of late Mrs. Dr. Boulee.)

Hy. Phillippi, Weaver, where Mrs. Meier now lives.

Louis Reidt, Village Schoolmaster and Private Tutor, to teach English, German, French, Italian and Dutch languages.

John Brandau, Weaver, on the Mill Road.

Carl Bauer, advertises for lost pocket book containing 13 shillings, the currency those days.

Wm. Hunter, General Store, where Dry Goods Department of D. Becker's now stands.

Frederick Merner, Carriage Shop, where Hardware Department, D. Becker, now stands.

Wagner & Co., Merchants, in frame building where the Bank of Hamilton stands.

Chas. German, Hotel, where Daniel Ritz now lives.

Theodore Seyler & Son, Merchants, where Mr. Ernst Franke's Butcher Shop now is.

Mrs. M. Bailey. Milliner and Dressmaker, Waterloo Street, on lot where C. J. Fox now resides.

The "Hamburg Neutrale", German Newspaper, W. H. Boulee, M. D., Publisher, where Jacob Graff's smaller house stands.

T. G. S. Nevills, Theo. Seyler and Chas. German were School Trustees. New Hamburg was S. S. No. 11. They advertised for tenders to build the School House where the Skating Rink now stands, the old Show House.

Hy. Plaetzer, Butcher, father of the late Mrs. Gottfried Franke, where the late Louis Miller resided.

Jacob Bettschen, Reeve; John Ernst, Deputy-Reeve; Geo. C. Master, Treasurer; Michael Mayer, Township Clerk; Councillors: Wm. Scott, David Millar, Wm. Puddicombe. Township Hall, then at Wilmot Centre, is now the dwelling of Andrew Schmidt, corner Boulee and Jacob Streets.

Dr. Geo. Neimeier, Physician, opposite Evangelical Church.

Christopher S. Nahrgang, Hotel, where George Bean now lives.

Fred. Tappe, Shoemaker, in log shop, where John Zinn's house now stands on Peel Street.

Jacob Brill, Soap and Ashes, where Hy. Hartman now lives.

Edward Aken, Barber, where Geo. Bean now lives.

Various ads for sale of several yokes of oxen are noted.

One Hotel advertises in large letters Bier! Bier! Bier!

Waltman & Acterberg, Tailors, where Commercial Hotel Sheds are.

Dr. Stiefelmeyer, Physician, where Louis Pieper lives.

L. Klein & Bros., General Store, where John Otto now lives (frame building).

Wm. Asmus, Vinegar Factory, where Mrs. R. B. Puddicombe now resides.

Jacob Niebel, Shoemaker, near Helmer's Bridge.

John & Jos. Rau, Brewery, the present premises.

Nich. Roth, Blacksmith Shop, where Jacob Zurbrigg's house stands.

Samuel Roberts, Hotel, in old red building between Foundry and Felt Co.

Henry Ratz, Blacksmith, built and occupied red building which formerly stood where machine shop now is.

Geo. Morley, first Constable, lived next to John Wilker's house on J. Graff's Lot.

Xavier Boehler, Potter, where pottery is now.

Joseph Hartman, Butcher, under where Hartman's bridge now stands.

Ernst Gartung, Coffin and Cabinet Shop, in log house where Michael Dietrich lives.

Hy. Schierholtz, grand-father of Emil Schierholtz of the Schierholtz Furniture Co., Shoemaker, where Chr. Rau now lives. (Conrad Seim first worked for him on coming to Canada.)

Adam Kraft, Blacksmith, on lot where Hy. Heinbecher lives. The house is the same.

Helmer's Hotel, mentioned in text, where house now stands on Wm. Schildroth's farm, Gravel Road.

The Clergy of the period were: Rev. Wendall Schuler, Lutheran, who preached in the church recently removed from the present site, and taught school in Henry Heinbecher's house; Rev. Joseph Umbach, Evangelical, who held services in building on present site; Rev. Peter Van Linge, Anglican; Rev. Eugene Funcken, Roman Catholic, St. Agatha.

New Hamburg was incorporated in 1858 with the following as its first Council: Reeve, T. G. S. Nevills; Councillors, Joseph Hartman, Geo. Morley, Fred. Merner, Theobold Seyler; Jacob Seyler, Clerk.

## Supplement to St. James' Church.

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The following short sketches gathered from the Parish records and other sources are given of those who bore the heat and burden of the day and who may be classed as the Charter members of St. James' Church, constituting a Roll of Honour which should prove stimulating to their descendants in their devotion to the Church in which their fathers took so much pride and for which they sacrificed much time and labour.

ALLAN, MALCOLM.---Born in Paisley, Scotland, in 1804, died in Wilmot in 1900. He was married to Margaret Ferguson, also of Paisley, in 1828, and came to Canada with his wife in 1829 and lived near Bridgeport until 1837, when they came to Wilmot and settled on the farm now owned by Mr. Ephraim Cassel, where they resided until a few years prior to his death. There were nine children, of whom three only survive: Miss Margaret, of Stratford, (a most earnest churchwoman), Mrs. Edward Johnston, Howick, and Mrs. R. N. Kerr, of Stratford. Mr. Allen was a great friend of education and gave his children very superior advantages in this respect.

ANDERSON, WM.---Came to Wilmot from Belfast, Ireland, about 1830, accompanied by his brothers, John and James, father of Fred. and Frank, of Haysville. William took up the 400 acres recently owned by Isaac Christner of New Hamburg and Mrs. Isaac Nahrgang, deceased. In 1844 he married Miss Mary Keegan, sister of James Keegan, New Hamburg. The following are the children: Wm. of Seaforth, deceased, Eliza, Mrs. Wm. Habkirk, of Seaforth, Isabella, deceased, Jacob, of Haysville, Sarah, Mrs. W. M. Veitch, formerly of Plattsville, James, of Detroit, Charles, of LaSalette, Ont., Minnie and Eugenie with Miss Keegan, New Hamburg. Mr. Anderson was one of the oldest and most prominent members of St. James' Church and was spoken of as a gentleman of the very best type. He died in 1894.



ALLSHIRE, THOMAS.---Came to Canada from Ireland in the fifties and located at Ratho. He was a carpenter by trade and fulfilled most of the contracts in connection with the Church of the Parish, notably St. George's, New Hamburg, St. James' and the Rectory. He was a man of sterling integrity and had the confidence of the entire community.

ALLCHIN, JNO.---Was born in Merton, Surrey, England, in 1814. Died at New Hamburg in 1903. He came to Canada in the early days and located near New Dundee, where he farmed until 1855. In 1847 he was married to Miss Ann Smith, sister of Mrs. W. R. Plum. Mrs. Allchin was for years a confirmed invalid. In 1855 they retired from farming and removed to New Hamburg where they resided until their decease. Mr. Allchin was for 50 years Clerk of the 4th Division Court of the County of Waterloo and we understand was the senior official of this order in the Province at the time of his resignation. A perusal of the sketch of St. George's Church shows his intense interest in religious matters, to all of which he gave a most generous support. The surviving members of the family are Minnie H., Toronto, Ellie, Mrs. Helmer, Lincoln, Neb., Adelaide A., Mrs. H. R. D. Brown, Toronto, and Cassandra, Lincoln, Neb.

BARBER, ARTHUR---Came from Sligo, Ireland, in 1835 with his mother and sister (later Mrs. John Little, mother of Wm. Little of Haysville). After a short stay in Toronto, they made their way to Wilmot and settled on the farm now owned by Jeremiah Good. He married Miss Fanny Graham in 1850. Their eleven children, including two who died in infancy, are John, retired, of Fordwich, James, retired, of Galt, Elizabeth, Mrs. Geo. Mallett Smith, of Peace River, Robert in Southern States, Arthur Alexander, of Barrie, David, Henry and Albert, deceased, and Herbert, of Niagara Falls.

BARBER, ROBERT---Came from Sligo, Ireland, to Canada in 1839 when he was eleven years old with his sister Eliza, nine years old, (later Mrs. Hy. Squires, long since deceased). First settled at Little York, near Toronto, till

1842, when he moved up to Wilmot, walking the entire distance, landing in Strasburg the first night and finishing the journey the next day. He took up the farm now owned by Levi Master. The first \$200 he had saved up to pay on it was stolen. He was married in April 1854 to Miss Agnes Vance, sister of Joseph Vance, of Tavistock, father of Mr. James Vance, of New Hamburg. Four boys and three girls were born to them, two of the girls dying in infancy. The others are Robert, traveller, New Hamburg, James, who died in 1904, Arthur, with the Union Car Co., Pittsburg, Pa., Annie, Mrs. Jas. McKie, of Wingham, and John, Carriagemaker, of Orillia.

BUCKNELL, JOHN---A miller, came to Canada from England in the fifties. John Blatchford, Jr.'s first wife, who died in 1867, was a sister. He worked for Mr. Cleland, of Haysville, who built the house where Harry Pudicombe now lives. He later moved to New Hamburg and then to Woodstock, where trace is lost of his further movements.

BALL, WM.---Brother-in-law of Jno. Sanderson, came to Canada from Ireland in the fifties and took up the farm now owned by Chr. N. Christner. He was married in 1868 to Miss Mary Gilmar, sister of Robt. Gilmar, of New Hamburg. Two girls were born, one, Fanny, Mrs. Thos. Allshire, Jr., and Jane married in the West.

BROWN, CHARLES DAVY.---Although Mr. Brown cannot be numbered among those who came to the Parish in its earlier days, yet his eminent services to the Church compel us to break the rule which we laid down for our guidance in selecting names for brief biographies and which was that they should be the heads of the families of 1852. The subject of our sketch was born at Hemingstone Rectory, Suffolk, England, and was one of the twelve children of the Rev. Thomas Brown, B. A., J. P., for sixty years rector of the Parish. He came to Canada in 1856 on the paddle steamer "Canada" of the Cunard Line, landing first at Boston, where he and his brother, now the Rev. Frederick, of England, who accompanied him, were energetically canvassed for votes by the henchmen of the two

candidates for the Presidency of the United States at the time, Mr. Buchanan and Mr. Fremont. They at once set out for Galt, Ontario, as previously arranged, and where they entered as farm pupils with Mr. Wm. Tye. In 1858 Mr. Brown purchased the farm now owned by Mr. Ferdinand Schramm and where he and Frederick remained until 1864, when they purchased the farm of 300 acres from Mr. Daniel Tye. Mr. Frederick Brown sold his 150 acres and entered as a candidate for the Priesthood, while Charles D. kept the remaining half known as Nith Grove where he still resides. In 1872 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Ann Warnes, a talented young English lady. Mr. Brown has always been an active worker in the cause of religion and started the first Sunday School at Haysville, a union one, but which afterwards became the Church of England Sunday School of Christ Church and in which he has for the past fifty-five years held the position of Superintendent. In addition to this Mr. Brown has always taken his share of the Church work proper, having been warden for many years with brief intervals and frequently acted as delegate to the Synod. In 1864 he went to England bearing a letter from Bishop Cronyn authorizing him to raise funds for the beginning of a small endowment for the Parish. During this trip which was at the time of the American Civil War, Mr. Brown quite frequently met, at shooting parties, a Mrs. Captain Lake and her sister, Miss Carrol of Carrollton, Baltimore, both nieces of the great Southern General Robert E. Lee, and at that time visiting in England. Mr. Brown is still active in the cause of the Church and a highly respected member of the Parish.

BLATCHFORD, JOHN.---Born in Devonshire, England, in 1815 and came to Canada, accompanied by his wife and five children, three sons and two daughters. He followed his calling of blacksmith at Haysville until he retired in 1872 and was succeeded by his son John, later of Manitoba, but now deceased. The other children were Margaret, deceased, Robert S., deceased, Jane, Mrs. Robert Smith, Trowbridge, William J., deceased, Denver, Col.

CAMPBELL, ROBERT.---Major Robert Campbell and Robert Campbell, Captain. While our sketch has to do

only with the late Major Robert Campbell and his uncle, Captain Robert Campbell, it would appear that Lieut. Walter Campbell, of the 37th Regiment, who died in 1857, was the head of the family on their arrival in Wilmot in 1840. They located on the farm in East Zorra now owned by the Jno. Bonner Estate. Captain Robt. Campbell lived and died a bachelor, but the late Major was married in 1878 to Margaret Eliza Smith. The Campbells were a family of strong military instincts and possessed a high sense of honour and chivalry and dispensed a princely hospitality at their handsome residence, East Zorra. Major Robert Campbell died at New Hamburg in 1898 and Captain Robert Campbell in 1888.

COLLUM, WM.---Came to Canada from Fermanagh, County Cavan, Ireland, in 1841, walking from Toronto to Wilmot. He purchased the farm of the then recently deceased Robert Puddicombe, opposite Mrs. Thos. Walker's and which was the birthplace of all his children. He was married in 1841 to Mrs. Ellen White Kerr, the widowed mother of Wm. Kerr, Rebecca, afterwards Mrs. M. G. Miller, now deceased, and Robt. N. Kerr. Hugh Collum, deceased, Simon J., of Winnipeg, Jane, Mrs. R. B. Puddicombe, of New Hamburg, Margaret E., Mrs. William G. Smith, of St. James, Elizabeth, Mrs. James Barber, Galt, and Fanny, Mrs. A. Sinclair, West Toronto, are the children. After farming successfully for forty years he retired to New Hamburg, purchasing the residence of Mrs. Christian Merner, where he died in 1897. Mrs. Collum died six years later. The late Mr. and Mrs. Collum were among the oldest members of the Church in this Parish, he being until his death one of its most liberal supporters and which support Mrs. Collum continued until her own demise. Miss Edith Jane Miller, of Portage la Prairie, the noted Canadian singer, who has filled many important professional engagements in New York and London, and who was married in July, 1913, to Mr. Max Colyer-Fergusson, grandson of Sir James Rankin-Fergusson, Bart., at St. George's Church, Hanover Square, London, Eng., is a niece of Mrs. Wm. Collum.

CRACKLE JNO.---A native of Lincolnshire, England, where he was born in 1806. He first lived on the farm now owned by Samuel Zurbrigg, which he afterwards sold to Richard Reddaway. He was successful in his business career and was able to provide a farm for each of his sons, one of which, now owned by Rudy Roth, East Zorra, he re-purchased from his son John, and on which he resided till his death in 1858. His children were; John, deceased, Betsy, Mrs. Dench, William, farmer, George, farmer, Mary Ann, Mrs. Bristow, deceased, and Harriet, also a Mrs. Bristow, of Bright, Donald, deceased, Jonathan, David, Isaac, deceased, Annie, trace lost, Adeline, Mrs. Ellis, of Woodstock.

DAVIS, WM.---A native of Ireland, came to Wilmot in 1852, purchasing the farm now owned by Edward H. Tye. He had taken a partial course in the studies for the ministry in the Old Country, but discontinued them for a time. After farming for several years he resumed his studies and was ordained by Bishop Hellmuth. He filled several important Parishes and has given two sons to the ministry, Rev. Canon Thomas Davis, of Sarnia, and Venerable Archdeacon Davis, of London South. Wm. Davis, Magistrate, of Mitchell, John, of Mitchell, deceased, Henry, of H. M. Customs, Wingham, (married Miss Fanny Laird, of Haysville, sister of Jos. A. Laird), Richard, wholesale merchant, Toronto, are also sons of the subject of this sketch.

DIAMOND, WM.---Was born in Bedford, Devonshire, England, in 1834. He came to Canada at the age of 12 years with his parents William and Mary Diamond, who settled on the farm on which the subject of our sketch still lives retired, his son carrying on the farming operations. He was married in 1860 to Jane Leathorn, sister of John Leathorn, long a resident of Wilmot, but now of Wingham. The children are Elizabeth Ann, Mrs. Robert Murray, Martha, Mrs. James Bickell, Galt, Sarah Ellen, Mrs. Geo. Risk, Carrie, Mrs. Henry Mansz, Margaret, Mrs. Albert Facey, Mary Alice, Mrs. John G. Woods, William H., farmer, Wilmot, John A., on the homestead, Annie, Mrs.

Rev. A. Facey and Amelia at home. Mr. Wm. Diamond always took a live interest in the affairs of his district and is now enjoying the fruits of his labors which were liberal-ly rewarded.

ELLIOTT, WM.---Lived on fifty acres later added to R. N. Kerr's farm and now owned by A. E. Bean. He and Mr. Touchbourne lived together. He died about 50 years ago.

EVERATT, EDWARD.---Was born in Wildworth, Lin-colnshire, England, on August 12th, 1804, and died in Wilmot on December 19th, 1884. He came to Canada in 1833 with his wife and two daughters, Rachel and Eliza, his other children, Charles, John, Henry and Sophia being born in Canada and are well known in this vicinity. The Bennetts, Cornelius, Richard, James and Ann came with them to Canada. Edward Everatt and Cornelius Bennett took up the 200 acre farm at Haysville and built an hotel in 1834. In the barn of this hotel the first English Church service in Wilmot was held and carried on at the Everatt's for a number of years until Thos. Johnson gave the land for the Pine Hill cemetery and built a Methodist Church there and Henry Puddicombe built the English Church, now called St. James', Huron Road. Mr. Rally succeeded Mr. Hickey and after he left, the English Church in Haysville was a thing of the past until the coming of Rev. Mr. Mellish, who started services in the Haysville Schoolhouse and at St. James' and Shakespeare. The foregoing Church history was furnished by Mr. Charles Everatt, of Baden, and is inserted here to shew how good authorities on those old times disagree, as several discrepencies between this and the main text are noted. The first Division Court in the Township of Wilmot was held in the Edward Everatt Hotel, Mr. Everatt being the first Clerk. The Court was afterwards moved to Wilmot Centre and Mr. Everatt handed the Clerkship over to the late Mr. John Allchin. This Court now sits at Baden, Captain F. H. McCallum, of New Hamburg, being the clerk. Mr. Charles, of Baden, and Miss Sophia, an invalid, are the only representatives of the family now in this neighborhood, the former being among those present at the anniversary (1913) at St. George's.

FACEY, JOHN.---Was born in 1817 and is the oldest man in the Parish, being hale and hearty at the age of 96. He came to Canada from Devonshire, England, in 1840, with his wife Margaret Vale, who died in 1908, and an infant daughter of four months, and a sister, Elizabeth, afterwards Mrs. John Smart, of Plattsville, deceased. They lived with Richard Reddaway, a cousin, for about two years on the farm now owned by Mr. Alfred Kerr. He then purchased a farm in East Zorra from Mr. Proudfoot, of St. Catharines, but at the time occupied by a Mr. Daniels, and where Mr. Facey still resides retired, but which his son, John W. Facey, operates. Nine children were born to them as follows: Elizabeth, Mrs. Hy. Z. Smith, Robert of the 14th line, Zorra, Michael, wholesale honey, of Preston, Minnesota, Henry, merchant, Russeldale, Ont., James, of Chesterfield, deceased, Hannah, at home, Albert, farmer, East Zorra, and Richard, Methodist minister, of Paisley. He was connected with St. James'. His grandsons, Geo. A. and R. A. Smith are among the most prominent farmers of the Parish.

GILMAR, WM.---Came to Canada from Ireland in 1840 and took up the farm now owned by his grandson, Joseph Gilmar. He farmed the place for many years, finally handing it over to his son Robert, now retired. He was twice married and had a family of six children, three boys and three girls: Robert, retired, Wilmot, Frank at Sault Ste. Marie, Mary, married to Wm. Ball, died in States, John at Grand Rapids, Mich., Sarah, Mrs. Grills, Grand Rapids, Rachel, Mrs. Rood, also of Grand Rapids. Wm. Gilmar while living in Wilmot was a good supporter of the Church. He died near Kingston at the home of his daughter, the Mrs. Ball mentioned above.

HOWELL, PETER T., U. E. L.---Born in Ancaster, Ontario, in 1816, where he lived until 1854, when he moved to Wilmot and located on the farm until recently occupied by his son, J. Gordon Howell, and where he died in 1892. He was married in Beverley Township in 1849 to Catharine Elliott. The following are the children: James E., Preston, deceased, Mary Rebecca, Mrs. Isaac Green, Berlin, J.

Gordon, of Galt, Alice S., Mrs. John Green, Blenheim, Ont., Selma J., Mrs. Geo. Curliss, Paris, deceased, Ida Delight, Mrs. S. T. Plum, Brussels. Mrs. Peter Howell died in 1911.

ILLINGWORTH, WM.---Arrived in Canada from Yorkshire, England, about 1823, remaining for a time in Waterloo Township, in the meantime taking title to the farm on which John Gingerich now resides at Zurbrigg's Corners. He saw and assisted at the commencement of the Huron Road, which extends from Hamilton to Goderich, and remained with the surveying party until it was finished, clearing his farm in the intervals. He married Annie Ferguson, of Paisley, Scotland, a sister of Mrs. Malcolm Allen. Margaret, Mrs. James Cochrane, Wingham, deceased, Maria, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Huron Road, Martha, Mrs. Samuel Mark, Sarah Ann, Mrs. Wm. Smith, deceased, Hannah, Mrs. Wm. Kerr, Jane, spinster, deceased and William, deceased, were the children. He died in 1891 and is buried at St. James'. He was a strong supporter of the Church and bequeathed a sum of money at his death to the Parish, the interest on which materially assists the cause.

KERR, WM.---Was born in Fermanagh, County Cavan, Ireland, in 1836, and came to Canada in 1841 at the age of five with his mother, afterwards Mrs. Wm. Collum, with whom he remained until he located on the farm on which he died and which was part of the Collum holdings. In 1870 he was married to Miss Hannah Illingworth. Six children were born to them, five sons and one daughter, Annie, who died at the age of nine. The sons are; Wm. H., in Lumsden, Sask., Robert James, in Berlin, Alfred, on the homestead, Arthur, Brussels, and Walter, with his mother. Mr. Kerr was one of St. James' oldest and most generous supporters and was several times Warden. He died in 1907 aged 71,

MITCHELL, WM. SR.---Came to Canada from Devonshire, England, in 1837 accompanied by his wife and two children, first renting the farm in Wilmot where Conrad B. Schmidt now lives, afterwards moving to the farm now



owned by Manley Zimmerman. He remained there for some years and then took up the homestead where he died. This farm is now owned by Noah Klinkman. Mr. Mitchell had a family of fourteen children as follows: Ann, Mrs. Richard Chapman, now of Michigan, William, deceased, of Wilmot, Mary, Mrs. Jonathan Cowing, of Listowel, Rebecca, Mrs. Wm. McLean, of Marlette, Michigan, now deceased, Betsy, Mrs. Joseph Currah, of Sarnia, John, drowned at Holland Mills aged 15, Jane, deceased, Thos., retired, New Hamburg, Margaret, Mrs. John Roth, Blandford Tp., Susan, Mrs. Wm. Bright, Sandusky, Michigan, Sarah, Mrs. Thos. A. Smith, New Hamburg, Robert, of Ayr, and Richard, deceased, near Innerkip.

MALLETT, JAMES.---Conveyancer, came to Canada in 1836 from Devonshire, England, and took up a farm two miles south of St. James' Church, now owned by Mr. Hy. Klinkman. He had been a school teacher in England and used to do considerable conveyancing for the neighbors of the district. His youngest daughter, Caroline, now Mrs. John Price, of Port Stanley, was the first organist of St. James' Church. Henry Mallett, long identified with St. James' and St. George's, was a son, and Mrs. Thos. R. Smith is a daughter. James Mallett died in 1888, leaving in remembrance fifty-two years of earnest church support and work.

MARK, SAMUEL.---The subject of this sketch was born in Kemptville, Grenville County, Ont., in 1831, the son of Samuel Mark, one of two brothers, the other being Alexander, who came to Wilmot in 1860 and located, Alexander on the farm now owned by Mr. Samuel Cassel, Reeve, and Samuel on the farm on part of which his grandson, Manley, is now living retired. Samuel Mark, the younger, the subject of this sketch, was married in 1863 to Miss Martha Illingworth, and has since his arrival in the Parish identified himself heartily in the work of the St. James' Church. He was many times Warden and delegate to the Synod. Two stained glass windows in the chancel and two memorial windows in the body of the Church are his gifts, besides a legacy at his death of Four Hundred Dollars men-

tioned elsewhere. He died in 1896 and is survived by his widow, two sons and one daughter, Manley William, on the homestead (retired), and Allan Alfred, a partner in the firm of Walker Parker Co., a large shoe manufacturing house of Toronto, and Annie Adelaide, Mrs. Samuel Cas- sel. Mary Hannah, Mrs. A. A. Barber, another daughter, died in 1902.

O'CONNOR, MAURICE, M. D.---Came to Canada from Ireland in 1851 and took a degree of M. D. in Toronto School of Medicine some years later. In 1852 he married Minnie, daughter of the late Daniel Tye. He had a large family, among whom were Mrs. Dealtry Woodcock, Daniel O'Connor, traveller, Frank, deceased. He died in 1874 at the age of 48 years and is buried at St. James'.

PLUM, WILLIAM ROBERT, SR.---Was born in Licken- heath, Suffolk, England, in 1813, and came to Canada in 1834 and to Wilmot in 1836, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Thomas Plum, and two brothers and three sisters who settled around Dundas and Hamilton. In 1838 he was married at Preston to Ruth Sangster, of Cambridgeshire, England. The children are : Rachel, Mrs. Edwin Daniel of Guelph, deceased, Rosetta, Mrs. Andrew Casey, Phila- delphia, Hannah, Mrs. Hy. Green, Toronto, Sarah, Mrs. R. S. Blatchford, deceased, Agnes, Mrs. Jos. A. Laird, of Toronto, Isabella, Mrs. George Flowers, Vancouver, B. C., Ruth, Mrs. Angus Nichol, M. D., deceased, William Rob- ert, of New Hamburg. Mr. W. R. Plum was a staunch supporter of St. James' Church and a liberal subscriber to its needs. He died at the home of his son in New Ham- burg in 1895. Mrs. Plum died in 1888. They are both buried at New Hamburg.

PUDDICOMBE, HV.---Came to Canada from Bedford, Devonshire, in 1837, and settled on the farm now occupied by Mrs. Hugh Collum and her son, William Graham Col- lum. He was married in 1838 to Mrs. Elizabeth Stockwell Walker, mother of Thos. Walker, 1st. The Collum resi- dence was built by Mr. Puddicombe in 1838 and is probab- ly the oldest in the Parish. Their were no direct heirs. The Church books shew Mr. Puddicombe to have been a

liberal supporter of the Church, having for many years the honour of being the largest subscriber to its funds. He was Warden for twelve years and acted as Lay delegate to the Synod during many sessions of that body. He died on May 2nd, 1882, and his remains rest in St. James' Cemetery.

PUDDICOMBE, WM.---Came to Canada from Devonshire, England, in 1832 after a stormy voyage of six weeks, taking up the farm where Geo. Miller now resides. In 1835 he married Miss Joanna Balkwell, whose acquaintance he made on the boat. Dr. Cronyn, afterwards First Bishop of Huron, performed the ceremony, which took place in London. Wm. Puddicombe, who died in Arkansas, John, who died at Haysville, Mary Balkwell, Mrs. H. D. Tye, deceased, Frances B., at Haysville, Robert B., of New Hamburg, deceased, Thos. B., killed in the Azilda wreck, and Anne B., at Haysville, were the children. A window in Christ Church, Haysville, perpetuates the memory of a churchman and a churchwoman, who were among its most regular attendants and liberal supporters. He died and was buried at St. James' Cemetery in 1877.

PUDDICOMBE, ROBERT.---Came to Canada in 1832 and took up the farm now owned by Jacob H. Bender and also the Clayton farm. Mr. Puddicombe's career in Canada was cut short by his accidental death in 1838 by the falling of a tree. He was a bachelor and his remains are buried in the orchard of Mrs. Thos. Walker's premises.

RUMBALL, CHAS.---An old friend of the Tyes in England. He came to Canada in 1844, making his home with Daniel Tye for the first three years, joining his half-sister, Mary Ann, who was already attached to the Tye household. In 1852 at Port Talbot he married Miss Saunders, an old friend of his host and an aunt of Judge McBeth. He shortly afterwards moved to Muskoka, near Port Sydney, where he died. He was a man of many artistic gifts, being a first-class amateur actor, a rare narrator, a splendid cartoonist and an author of some local repute. These gifts are not much in demand in a pioneer community and his lack of business ability caused loss of fortune. The family

is rather a distinguished one in England, and at their Country Seat, Friday Hall, Clingford, had in days gone by often entertained King Charles II., The Merry Monarch. The story goes that on one of these visits the King returning from a hunt in Epping Forest to the Rumball's, noticed a huge and tempting hot loin of beef on the table. He drew his sword and knighted the cut, dubbing it Sir Loin, a name which still clings to this portion of the carcass. The Misses Tye, of Pomona Grove, Haysville, have an old oil painting of the Virgin and Child and two family portraits on ivory, the work of Miss Mary Ann Rumball, the half sister referred to above and whose remains are interred at Nith Grove. Another sister, after living with Mr. Daniel Tye for some years, returned to England and there married Sir John Hersey, a distinguished English General who afterwards lived at Holland House, the London residence of the Right Honourable Charles James Fox.

SMITH, JAMES GORDON.---Born in Prince Edward Island in 1801, came to Wilmot in 1836, walking the 1010 miles on snow shoes. He returned to P. E. I. and brought his wife and five children in 1837, taking up the farm now owned by his grandson, Alan R. G. Smith. Six children were subsequently born on the homestead. The names of the children are, Ann, Mrs. John Allchin, deceased, Gordon Smith, Stratford, deceased, Henry, Dubuque, Iowa, deceased, Elizabeth, Mrs. Gideon Weaver, Jane, Mrs. John Helmer, deceased, Ellen, Mrs. Jonathan Cook, Sarah, Mrs. John Bean, Wm. G. Smith, of the homestead, deceased, Sarah, Mrs. Benjamin Eby, deceased, Margaret Eliza, Mrs. Major Robert Campbell, deceased, Mary H., Mrs. W. R. Plum, New Hamburg. The home of Mr. Smith was and still is much noted for its open hearted hospitality and was a favorite stopping place for the clergy of the period.

SMITH, JOHN SYDNEY.---Was born at Brighton, Sussex, England, on October 15th, 1815, the eldest son of the late John Sydney Smith, who was surgeon to the Tenth Hussars and served under Wellington in the Peninsular Campaign, having acted at times as surgeon to Wellington's staff. He came to Canada in the early Thirties and

settled in Toronto and died there from Cholera in August, 1834, a sacrifice to his profession during an outbreak of that dread disease. Upon the death of his father, Mr. John Sydney Smith, the subject of this sketch, moved with his mother to the County of Waterloo, and some years after opened a general business at Haysville, where he resided until 1859, when he moved to Stratford with his family and died there in 1877. He married Annie Elizabeth, daughter of the late Daniel Tye, one of the early settlers in the Township of Wilmot. He left a family of six children, five of whom survive, namely: Albert Sydney Smith, mill owner, of Port Sydney, Muskoka, Edward Sydney Smith, Barrister, of Stratford, Annie Maria Mothersill, wife of Geo. A. Mothersill, C. E., of Ottawa, and Charlotte Machaffie, wife of W. A. Machaffie, Bank manager of Winnipeg, Man.

SMITH, GEORGE.---Born in Sedgfield, Durham, England, in 1792, and came to Canada with his wife, Hannah Crowe, in 1843, and took up the farm now owned by Julius Eichler, afterwards removing to East Zorra on the farm now owned by Geo. A. and R. A. Smith. They had five boys and one girl, as follows: George, the oldest, a Sea Captain, died in Australia in 1898, Richard, of Iowa, deceased, William Crowe, farmer, Wilmot, deceased, Thos. R., farmer, East Zorra, deceased, Henry Z., farmer, deceased. Margaret, the only daughter, died at the age of fifteen. George Smith was a staunch and liberal churchman and died in Wilmot in 1863.

SMITH, ANTHONY.---Came to Canada in 1845 from Durham, England, accompanied by his wife, Hannah Cummings, and three children, and settled on a farm in East Zorra, afterwards operated by his son, Thomas A., and now owned by Nicholas D. Roth. The children were, William, deceased in 1860, Anthony, now with his wife, Charity Jury, of Innisfail, Alberta, Robert and wife, Jane Blatchford, now retired, of Listowel, Elizabeth, Mrs. Jas. Grimmer, of Wilmot, Thomas A., retired, of New Hamburg. He died in Wilmot in 1868 at the age of 62.

STEWART, MOLBY---And his brother-in-law, Mr. Henderson, of Blandford, were early identified with St. James'

Church, but the interests of both families are now almost entirely in the Bright district.

SANDERSON, JOHN.---Was born in Fermanagh, Ireland, in 1794. He came to Canada in 1843 with his wife Prudence Ball, and Wm. Ball. He took up the farm in Wilmot where his son, Francis, now resides. His children were William, died in Howick Tp., Alice, deceased, John, died in Wroxeter, Joseph, died in Wroxeter, Sarah Jane, Mrs. Andrew Hummason, Jr., deceased, Francis, on the homestead, James, died in Wroxeter. Mr. Sanderson died in 1870 and is buried in St. James' Cemetery.

TYE, DANIEL.---Was born at Suffolk, England, on January 26th, 1793. He was one of a family of five, two sons and three daughters, viz: William, Daniel and Mrs. Dove, Mrs. Cavell and Lucy, unmarried. His wife, Anna Belle, was a daughter of Colonel Marlton, of the 60th Rifles. In 1837, he with a daughter, Mary, and Miss Rumball, an old friend of the family and sister of Mrs. Fenner, whose son, Henry, afterwards married a daughter of our subject, sailed for America, leaving the rest of the family in London, and who followed him in about a year, stopping at Newtown, Long Island. Daniel Tye had in the meantime gone on to Canada and taken up the farm now owned by Charles D. Brown, Nith Grove, and cleared five acres before returning to Long Island, where he worked the Fenner farm for a year and where they all had their share of fever and ague. In 1839 all started for Canada, father, mother and children. Robert C., Henry D., Frank and the four daughters, afterwards Mrs. Fenner, Mrs. John Sydney Smith, Mrs. (Dr.) O'Connor and Mrs. Harrison. A span of horses and a covered wagon were the means of transport, (the heavier goods going by canal boat up the Hudson to Troy.) The party then journeyed to Oswego, and went by boat to Queenston, driving to Hamilton, where part of the winter was spent. In February, 1840, they set out for Haysville with a load of goods, Henry driving with Annie, Lucy and Robert as passengers, arriving at their destination and putting up at Everatt's hotel, where they remained for a few days while the log house on Nith Grove was being got ready and into which they im-

mediately moved. Henry D. Tye returned to Hamilton in the sleighs for another load of household goods and the rest of the family, but the snow all disappearing in February, they had to return in the covered wagon and a little way the other side of Ford's Tavern on their return the wagon slipped over the hill and upset. The family escaped injury, but the wagon was damaged beyond recovery. As Henry was the oldest the hardest work fell to him and he helped to chop and log a good part of the land. He was only 16 years old when he came, but looked 21. After he became of age he was clerking for John Sydney Smith for a few years. He wanted to start a nursery and bought five acres from his father (Daniel) on the Skelly farm where the orchard is now, but the land was too heavy, so he sold it back to his father and bought five acres back of Thomas Somerville's store and then he bought the Clayton farm and moved the nursery to it and sold 80 acres to R. C. Tye. Henry D. Tye and Mary both received good boarding school education, but the rest of us had to pick up the little education we got as best we could. There were not any schools when we came to the country and we had too much work to do at home if there had been. I have copied the foregoing almost word for word from an old memorandum prepared by Mr. R. C. Tye, of Stratford, and kindly loaned by Mrs. Henry Tye Walker, as it gives the best account of the life of a pioneer that I have yet seen, as it was not written for publication. To return to our subject, Mr. Daniel Tye continued his farming operations, taking up 300 acres of land. He took an interest in public matters, being a strong Conservative. He was an enterprising man and was one of the first importers of Devon cattle, Southdown sheep and Essex hogs and won many prizes at the Provincial Shows of those days. He was a steady and consistent supporter of St. James' Church. He died on October 23rd, 1874 in his 82nd year. Mr. R. C. Tye, of Stratford, is the only surviving member of the family. Mr. Wm. F. Tye, the eminent Civil Engineer, is a grandson.

TYE, ROBERT CLAYTON.---Was born in Mitchem, Surrey, England. May 27th, 1829, the son of the Daniel Tye

mentioned elsewhere. He came to New York at the age of eight and in 1840 came to Haysville. On May 17th, 1853, he was married to Miss Emma Marlton, of Goderich, and rented the farm now owned by Hy. Einwaechter in South Wilmot, where he remained for a year and then purchased Clayton Farm, now owned by Simon Baer, and where the active period of his life was spent and where the children were all born and raised. Mr. Tye and family have been identified with the work of the Church at Haysville and St. James' ever since its inception. He was warden of Christ Church, Haysville, for 21 years and was always a liberal subscriber to its funds. Mr. Tye has been singularly unfortunate in the matter of family bereavements, as of his fifteen children only six now survive. His second wife, Emily Warner, long and favorably known in the Parish, died on March 30th, 1900. The children are: Annie, deceased, Fanny, deceased, Lucy, deceased, Emily, deceased, Clayton, deceased, Frederick, deceased, Emma Minnie, Mrs. P. A. Ballingal, of Galt, Frederick, V. S., deceased, Kate Helen, Mrs. Cyrus Witmer, deceased, Agnes Bertrude, deceased, Edith, Mrs. G. Osborne, of New Brunswick, N. J., Clarence, of Alberta, Frank, of Alberta, Alice, of Balcarres, Sask., Ralph, deceased, Howard, C. E., of Alberta. Clayton Farm was long noted for its open handed hospitality and an invitation to spend a day there was always the precursor of an enjoyable time. Mr. Tye has now retired from business and is living in Stratford.

WALKER, THOMAS.---Came to Canada from Lincolnshire, England, in 1832 at the age of 8, accompanying his father and mother, being their only child. Joseph Walker, the father, immediately took up the 200 acres where Mrs. Thos. Walker now resides, but merely held the title until his son, Thomas, of this sketch, was of age to work it and which he commenced to do about 1845. In 1854 he was married to Maria Illingworth, who still survives at the ripe age of 80 years. Nine children were born to them: Sarah, Mrs. T. B. Puddicombe, William, deceased, Henry of Haysville, Joseph S., Barrister, of London, Annie M., Mrs. Geo. Veitch, Plattsville, Thos. G., on the homestead, Ida E., Mrs. John McCallum, Shakespeare, Fred J., of Strat-



ford, Clara I., at home. The house has been the scene of much hospitality in which both Mr. and Mrs. Walker delighted.

WHITE, WM.---Came to Wilmot in 1861, accompanied by his daughter Mrs. Kerr-Collum and her son Wm. Kerr, who returned to Ireland for this purpose after the death of Mrs. White. He took up his residence with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Collum, where he lived until his death in 1873. He was a constant attendant at St. James' Church and his remains now repose in the cemetery, the monument to his memory being the first among the now large number there.

WOODS, WM.---Came to Canada from Norfolk, England in 1843 and settled on the farm in East Zorra on which his son, John G., now resides. In 1858 he married Miss Susanna Jickling, of Cassel. Four children were born to them, as follows: Mary Ann, Mrs. David Rudy, of Tavistock, Robert, of Chesterfield, Ont., Elizabeth, Mrs. James Facey, John G., on the homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Woods are now living in New Hamburg, retired, and have many pleasant recollections of the pioneer days, when logging bees, picking bees (wool), boiling molasses, husking and quilting bees with a dance at night were the order of the times.

WOODHEAD, CHARLES.---Operated a woollen mill at Haysville in the sixties. One daughter married Mr. Chas. Cameron, of New Hamburg. He moved from Haysville to Baden, where he continued in the woollen business for some time, but discontinued it and moved to some place on Lake Erie. He was an active and prominent member of St. James' Congregation.

NOTE A.---To those who would care to see an old-fashioned road house of stage coaching days, I may say that Mr. Fryvogel's house near Shakespeare, on the Gravel Road, is perhaps the only one still standing in this vicinity.

NOTE B.--- Additional donation to Christ Church, Silver Communion Service by Wm. Davis.

NOTE C.---Additional Wardens of Christ Church: H. C. Woodhead, F. D. Woodcock, Wm. Anderson.

NOTE D.---Married by Rev. Peter Van Linge: Eliza Mallett to Thos. Paddock, of Puslinch, in 1853.

NOTE E.---Our readers should be made aware that the New Hamburg described in the text is not the original New Hamburg which was first started in 1820 by a family named Gushmann, and probably consisted of a collection of huts. The place was then called Cassel. It was wiped out by a cholera epidemic in 1834, the victims being buried along the river bank between the race and the foundry sheds on Wilmot Street. The Isolation Hospital used was on John Brenneman's farm, South Easthope, about two hundred yards south of his present house.

NOTE F.---The Parish's claim to athletic prowess rests on Ira, son of Andrew Hummason, in the John Sanderson biography. He was a member of the tug-of-war team, of West Zorra, who were the Champions of the world in their day.