

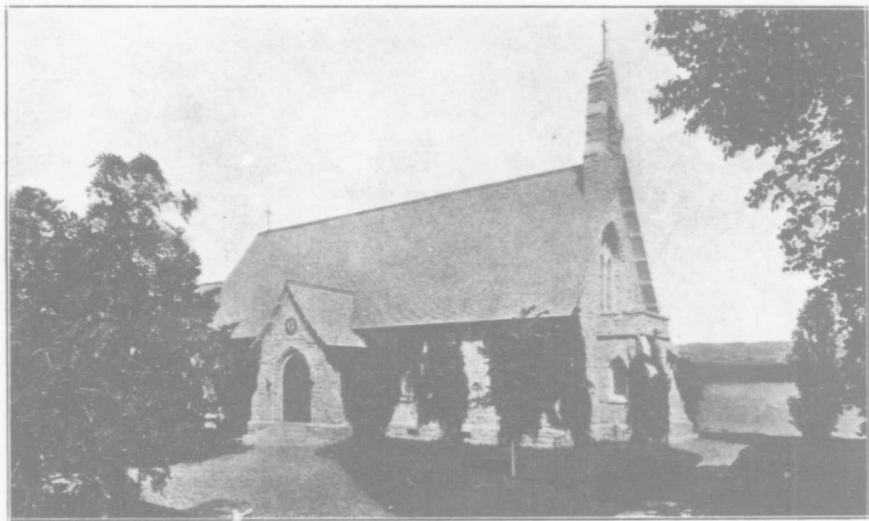
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The Murray Bay Protestant Church

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THE MURRAY BAY PROTESTANT CHURCH

The Murray Bay Protestant Church for Fifty Years.

The year 1917 marked the fiftieth anniversary of the existence of the Murray Bay Protestant Church. It was in 1867 that services were first held in the just completed building which is still our church home here. From about 1861, however, the English speaking Protestants, who were passing the summer at Murray Bay, used to meet together for worship, as Mr. S. H. Blake has described it, "in rude fashion in an unfurnished house," which was the property of one Forgues, and was situated on the Chemin du Roi. Mr. Blake further described these meetings as "simple, pleasant and refreshing" and added "I believe we had God's blessing."

In 1865 opposition to the holding of Protestant services was made by Père Ducet, curé of St. Etienne de la Malbaie, who forbade M. Jean Warren to rent his premises for that purpose. This opposition acted as a spur to the Protestant residents who, on August 14th, 1865, met together and took steps towards the erection of a house of worship of their own. The minutes of that first meeting do not state who were present except in the case of J. M. Ferres, Esq., and John Lang Morris, Esq., both of Montreal, who acted as chairman and secretary of the gathering. But it is probable that among those attending were Rev. D. R. Wilkie and C. P. Champion, Esq., of Quebec, who were chosen as the first trustees, the Hon. Edward Blake, and Samuel H. Blake, Q. C., of Toronto, Dr. Reddy and D. C. Thompson, Esq., of Quebec, Wm. Bushby Lambe, Esq., of Montreal, and Col. Reeve of the Mount Murray Seigneurie, all of whom were deeply interested in the undertaking. Another leader in founding our church was the late Sir David Wilson of Toronto. A series of resolutions were adopted, regretting the action of Père Ducet, which was characterized as intolerant and illiberal in spirit, and declaring that it had

become necessary to erect a Protestant church. It was further provided that the church property should be held in the names of the members of the Church of England, the Church of Scotland and the Canada Presbyterian Church by two trustees to be named, one by the members of the Church of England and one by the members of the Presbyterian Church jointly, resident at Murray Bay on the first Monday of the month of August in each year and that the morning services in this church should be alternately Anglican and Presbyterian. The thanks of the meeting were expressed by resolution to Mrs. Katherine Leslie Nairne, widow of Seigneur Nairne of Murray Bay Manor, "for the free offer of a site and for a generous offer of aid in erecting the proposed building." Dr. D. Wilkie, Dr. Reddy and J. M. Ferres, Esq., were named as a committee "to take up subscriptions, erect a suitable building, procure the passing of an act of Parliament incorporating the church and generally to adopt such measures as will give effect to the above resolutions." The resolutions were ordered to be published in the papers of Quebec, Montreal and Toronto.

Subscriptions for the new church were at once solicited and a sufficient amount obtained from forty-four persons in sums ranging from fifty cents to fifty dollars. Two gifts, only, of the latter amount were received from S. H. Blake, Esq., and D. C. Thompson, Esq. An architect, Mr. Scott, made and gave, as his offering, the design and plans for the building. In the summer of 1866 a contract for its erection was signed between Hubert Warren, described as "son of John Warren, navigator and carpenter," and Wm. Bushby Lambe, Esq., advocate of Montreal, acting as resident chairman of the building committee named in August, 1865, and again at a meeting held on the 20th of August, 1866. The contract price was \$400.00 for the building of a wooden church, fifty feet by thirty feet, with a chancel fifteen feet wide and eight feet deep. John Warren, the father of Hubert, was mentioned in the contract as being present and as guaranteeing the performance of the work, engaging himself to fulfill the contract should his son be unable to do so. An additional payment of \$225.00 was made to S. Peters for sashes, doors, etc., and the first insurance taken out on

the church building in 1867 was for \$600.00. In a letter written many years after by Mr. Lambe to Mr. Champion, he says: "It is interesting to look back to the time when this first Protestant chapel was built at Murray Bay. Its archaeological interest may not equal Westminster or Canterbury but our friends, (dear friend Wilkie included), united in establishing a union church on a solid basis and fortunately *not* endowed except with a Christian spirit. The drafting of the contract puzzled the notary, the contractor and myself, as we found difficulty in framing an architectural nomenclature in French with the sole aid of a dictionary. The key to the whole is found in my sketchbook where I represented what I wanted. Buttresses, architraves, columns, etc., are aesthetically beautiful, but, as the contractor had never built anything other than a barn, he easily adopted the simplest rules of construction and gave us what at first was truly a barn. That little church with God's Spirit blessing its congregation is all that is required to prove useful." The church was finished and opened for services in 1867 and it has always been open since then during the summer months. It was the first Protestant church founded in this part of the province of Quebec and a meeting of Protestants held at Tadousac on August 21, 1866, just a year after the initial meeting at Murray Bay, resulted in the erection of a union chapel there also. The conditions prescribed for the Tadousac church were similar to those adopted for the church at Murray Bay.

At the annual meeting of the Murray Bay church held on the 3rd of August, 1868, two persons from the United States were present who were, perhaps, the first of their countrymen to come as visitors to Pointe au Pic. They were Rev. Mr. Stanton of Illinois, and M. Stoddart of Savannah. At this meeting it was stated that the balance of debt then due for the church was \$288.00 and Messrs. S. H. Blake and D. Wilkie were appointed "to collect from the visitors at Murray Bay for this object." Doubtless this debt was largely for an extension to the church on which \$133.00 had already been paid in 1867. It was also announced that, by the will of the late Mr. Nairne, Mrs. Nairne, his widow, was left all his property but was prohibited from alienating it



THE OLD WOODEN CHURCH

during her lifetime. A codicil to her will was being prepared by her notary leaving to the church the land offered by her as a site. It was resolved on motion by A. Morris, Esq., that "the trustees take the necessary steps for perfecting the title to the church property and that, pending the coming into effect of the codicil to Mrs. Nairne's will, a lease of the ground be obtained from her with the right of removal of the materials of which the church is built."

The little old account book kept by Mr. Champion from September, 1867, to June 30, 1874, with the reports of the meetings of 1865 and 1868 and a copy of the contract for the church building are the only records we possess of those early years. The church was opened for the Sundays of July and August only. The collections from 1867 to 1872, inclusive, averaged \$193.00 a summer. Besides this there were, as in later years, special gifts from individuals and mention is made of occasional entertainments in aid of the church. Among the original subscriptions to the building fund was \$40.00, being the part proceeds of the Misses McIntosh' bazaar. In 1869 a concert netted \$92.00 and a few dollars came from a reading by Mr. Andrews. Officiating clergymen received \$5.00 for each service.

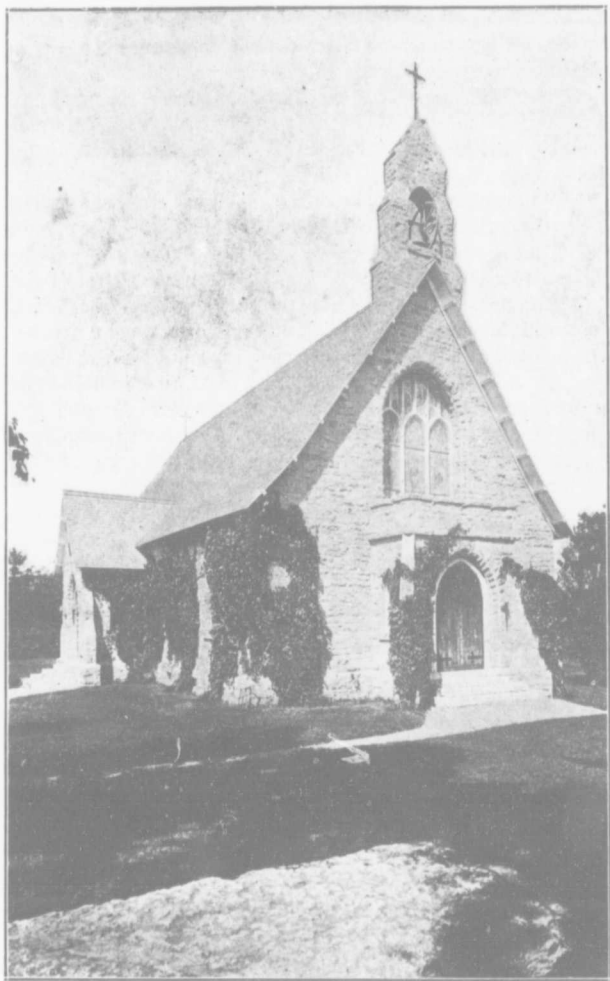
The first trustees, Rev. Dr. Wilkie and C. P. Champion, Esq., were continuously elected until 1875 and possibly again that year. Dr. Wilkie died in 1876 and Mr. Champion, who had removed to Cap à l'Aigle, retired. Unfortunately from 1874 till 1888 we have no records of the church. Doubtless such records were made but the books containing them are missing. Nor has it been possible to learn from persons who were here then who were the trustees during these eleven years. The general opinion, however, is that Hon. S. H. Blake, if he did not actually succeed Mr. C. P. Champion as Anglican trustee, was elected to that office within a few years of the latter's retirement. His Presbyterian colleagues are unknown to us until the records are again available in 1888 and the re-election of Dr. Daniel M. Stimson of New York is mentioned. Mr. Blake's services to our church were great and long continued. Indeed, to some of the "old timers" at Murray Bay, the thought of our church is inseparably linked with the remembrance of that strong, ardent

and open handed man, of witty and stimulating speech and of abounding energy of action, who, from the very beginning, was its earnest supporter and who, as trustee, for over twenty years gave to the duties of his office a zealous and generous devotion which knew no abatement. He believed and said that it was important that, in the midst of a Roman Catholic community, Protestants should drop for a time, at least, the unessential differences which separated them. To his influence is very largely due the conscientious observance of the Sabbath as a day of rest, set apart for the worship of God, which has been so characteristic of the summer life of the place. Of the Sunday School, which was established very early and continued for some thirty years, Mr. Blake was the mainstay. He was the first superintendent and was succeeded by C. W. R. Biggar, Esq. The kindly hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Blake, which filled their large house to overflowing every summer, was always extended to the clergymen who came to take the services. Dr. Stimson, himself a faithful and generous friend of our church, in speaking of his long association with Mr. Blake as trustee says: "He was good to work with. We had no differences in all these fourteen years. His mind was constantly occupied in working out the problems of the church but if there was anything which I felt ought to be done he would, if he approved, concur very warmly."

In 1889 a committee, composed of Hon. J. M. Courtney, Dr. Stimson and George T. Bonner, Esq., was appointed to confer with Wm. Edward Duggan, Esq., (to whom Mrs. Katharine Leslie Nairne, on her death in 1884, had left her property at Murray Bay), as to the terms of a deed of gift, from him to the trustees, of the land on which the church stands. Mrs. Nairne had not made the codicil to her will which she had spoken of doing, but Mr. Duggan acknowledged her intention of making the gift and was very willing to fulfill it. In September, 1889, the committee recommended that the deed of gift, as agreed upon between them and Seigneur Duggan, be accepted by the trustees, which was accordingly done and the deed of gift procured on the 7th of October following. In the same year, Hon. S. H. Blake, Dr. Stimson and Dr. Daniel G. Elliot were appointed a

committee "to consult an architect and make such alterations in the building and seats as may be considered desirable, the expense not to exceed \$500.00." As a result the summer of 1890 found the church enlarged by the erection of the south aisle and by several rows of seats at the rear and the vestry made more commodious. The number of summer residents was steadily increasing and the proportion among them of people from the United States was larger.

The year 1900 was made memorable by the resignation of Hon. S. H. Blake and Dr. D. M. Stimson, who had so long and faithfully served as trustees, and by the election of Mr. Justice John Marshall Harlan, of the Supreme Court of the United States, as Presbyterian trustee, and of Rev. Professor George M. Wrong, of the University of Toronto, as Anglican trustee, to succeed them. For eleven years, until his lamented death in 1911, Mr. Justice Harlan gave of his valuable time to the conduct of our church affairs in a spirit of loving and happy devotion. To him and his sweet wife, Mrs. Malvina Shanklin Harlan, our services were times of spiritual joy and refreshment. Mrs. Harlan used to say that she never felt so near heaven as when worshipping in our union church. Most of us remember well the tall, distinguished and venerable figure of Mr. Justice as he stood on Sunday mornings under the birch tree near the door at the end of the church welcoming with his kindly, genial presence the entering congregation. His appreciation of the influence of our services is well shown by quotations from the trustees' reports put forth by him and his colleagues. In 1907 they said: "The trustees deem it not inappropriate to say that every year in the life of this church demonstrates the wisdom of those who organized it more than thirty years ago. It has been a power for good in this community and a blessing to all who have attended upon its services from year to year." And again in 1908: "The good which this church has done cannot be overstated and we should strive in every way to increase its usefulness." The Rev. George M. Wrong continued as Anglican trustee till 1905 and did much to merit the sincere gratitude of the congregation. Largely owing to his efforts a spirit of co-operation was brought about between the Murray Bay Protestant Church and the newly



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THE EAST END WITH BEACH JONES WINDOW

established Church of St. Anne, so that, in 1904, it was arranged that the two churches should be served by the same Anglican clergyman and now, on those Sundays when there is Anglican service at the Union Church, the congregation of St. Anne's joins with us. This naturally led, in 1907, to there being one treasurer for the two churches. In 1905 Rev. Professor Wrong retired as trustee and was elected treasurer and he continued his very helpful work for both churches in this capacity for eleven years. Ezra B. McCagg, Esq., the eminent lawyer of Chicago, was elected Anglican trustee in 1905 in the place of Professor Wrong. Mr. McCagg's age and serious illness prevented his attendance on our services, which he dearly loved as a practical expression of Christian unity, but he gave generously both of his means and of his wise counsel. Some earnest letters from him to his fellow trustee, Mr. Justice Harlan, which are preserved in our records, are touching evidence of the interest he felt and the part he took even from the retirement of his invalid life. During these years from 1900 to 1908, some important changes were made in the interior of the church. In 1902 the chancel was enlarged and embellished in memory of Dr. A. B. Mackay by special contributions from Mrs. E. N. Crosby and Miss Crosby, Mrs. Minturn, Dr. and Mrs. Stimson, Dr. and Mrs. S. Beach Jones, and other improvements were provided for by Mrs. Crosby, Mrs. C. P. Taft, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McCagg, Messrs. Blake, Bonner, Tibbits, Scribner, Arnold, Byrd and Dr. R. M. Lawrence. In 1906 electric lights were installed.

On the death of Mr. McCagg in 1908, Robert Shaw Minturn, Esq., was elected the Anglican trustee, and Dr. S. Beach Jones was made secretary. The church edifice had become very shabby and dilapidated on the exterior and, at the Annual meeting of 1909, under the leading of the trustees, plans were formulated and steps taken to make the building at once durable and beautiful, by encasing it in the stone of the country, while preserving unchanged the interior which is endeared to so many of us by long and hallowed associations. The estimated cost of this work was \$6,000. Large and generous contributions promised by Mrs. Robert B. Minturn, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Taft and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Minturn,

together with a cheque very promptly sent by the President of the United States, Hon. William Howard Taft, and an additional subscription from Miss S. B. Tibbits, made it possible to announce almost immediately that over one-half the amount necessary had been secured. I. N. Phelps Stokes, Esq., added greatly to the impetus thus given by his kind contribution of the architectural drawings made by his firm, Messrs. Howells & Stokes of New York. The meeting empowered the trustees to make contracts for these improvements and for repairs where needed. The knowledge of this wise and well thought out plan for preserving our old church in an attractive and appropriate form caused such general satisfaction that further contributions poured in generously and did not cease until the requisite funds and something over had been raised from the gifts of Mr. Justice Harlan, Hon. Edward Blake, William H. Blake, Esq., George T. Bonner, Esq., Alfred Chapin, Esq., Dr. Stimson, Mrs. McCagg, Rev. R. D. Harlan, John M. Harlan, Esq., Mrs. José Aymar, Rev. George M. Wrong, Mrs. T. B. Blackstone, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Sedgwick, Mrs. George T. Dixon, Miss Susan B. Schenck, Miss Ida Z. Schenck, Dr. and Mrs. S. Beach Jones, Mrs. F. W. Henshaw, Mrs. Samuel B. Ward, the Misses Janeway, Mr. and Mrs. Hanbury Budden, Dr. Patterson Smyth, Miss Emily H. Bourne, Miss Mitchell, Messrs. J. J. Gormully, Howard H. Henry and L. C. Haskell, and one anonymous giver. In all thirty-nine persons contributed in sums ranging from \$1.00 to \$1,500. Their names are given as they are, with few exceptions, those of members of our church for many years, loving its services and wishing to aid in perpetuating them and as such may well be preserved in this record. In 1910 our joy was great when we beheld the results of these efforts ably carried out by M. Charles Warren, architect and contractor of Pointe au Pic and a nephew of Hubert Warren, the original contractor. Our gray stone church, substantial and pleasing to the eye as it stands in its enclosure of green lawn with the great river and the noble outlines of Cap à l'Aigle and Nine Mile Point as a background, is a sight which is dear to every one of us.

In 1910 Leonard Chester Jones, Esq., was elected Secretary, succeeding in that office his father, Dr. S. Beach Jones,

the beloved and trusted physician whose quiet and unselfish devotion to our church was unfailing. In 1912 Mr. Leonard Jones was made Presbyterian trustee on the death of Mr. Justice Harlan. Mr. Robert S. Minturn, greatly to the regret of the congregation, was obliged, on account of failing health, to resign in 1916. His term as trustee had been of great value and the very successful remodelling of the church was very largely due to him and to his family. Rev. Professor Wrong was chosen to replace Mr. Minturn, but owing to his not being able to come to Murray Bay and to Mr. Jones also being in war service of the Red Cross, the good offices of Henry Dwight Sedgewick, Esq., were invaluable in carrying on the business of the church. He also served as secretary from 1912 to 1918. In 1916 James Scott, Esq., was elected treasurer. In 1917 Samuel A. Tucker, Esq., was elected Anglican trustee, F. Wilson Fairman, Esq., Presbyterian trustee, and Edward Bowditch, Esq., treasurer. These three gentlemen were re-elected in 1918 and Mr. Jas. Scott elected secretary.

For a long time the ladies had attended to many of the details of church services and care of the building. The church meeting of 1917 established a woman's committee to have charge of the opening and shutting and cleaning of the building, to have an oversight of the music, to arrange for ushers and for the taking up of collections, to provide flowers and care for the chancel, etc., and named as members Mesdames E. B. McCagg, S. Beach Jones, George T. Dixon, Alexis Stein, Miss Ida Z. Schench and Miss Gertrude Ely to whom have been added Mrs. William H. Blake and Miss Tibbits.

Besides the structural changes which have been made to the church many gifts, most of them memorials, have been received. The chancel windows were given by Mrs. R. B. Minturn in 1902. The large eastern window was put in to the memory of Dr. Jones by his friends Mr. and Mrs. Isaac N. Seligman of New York. This memorial is interesting in that it was made by two persons of the Hebrew faith to their Christian friend. In 1902 Mrs. George T. Bonner gave two alms basins in memory of her friends Mrs. S. H. Blake and Mrs. D. C. Thompson. In 1906 Mr. Bonner presented the

communion service and three years later gave an additional chalice in memory of Mr. McCagg. In 1906 Dr. Daniel G. Elliot and Miss Elliot presented the altar cross and vases in memory of Mrs. Elliot and her daughter, Mrs. Kenneth McPherson. Mrs. E. B. McCagg in 1907 gave the two hymn boards in memory of Mrs. E. N. Crosby and Mrs. D. M. Stimson. In 1909 Dr. Stimson gave an additional alms basin in memory of Mr. McCagg, and Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Minturn presented a new bell, a gift which is very highly appreciated by all who hear it. The deaths of the two distinguished men to whom our church owed so much, Mr. Justice John M. Harlan in 1911, and Hon. S. H. Blake, Q. C., in 1914, aroused in many of our members the desire to perpetuate their memory in outward form. Accordingly in 1912 Mrs. Henry D. Sedgewick was empowered to procure a large clock to be placed on the outside of the church, and a suitable tablet to be erected within to the memory of Mr. Justice Harlan. This was most acceptably done and both memorials were put in place the following summer. In the season of 1914, a fund of \$550 was subscribed by his friends at Murray Bay in memory of Hon. S. H. Blake, to be known by his name, the interest of which is to be used for the payment of clergymen serving late in the season when the offerings are small. A tablet in memory of Mr. Blake has been placed by his children on the wall near the pew so long occupied by him. In 1917 Miss Susan B. Schenck gave the bronze torches at the two entrances to the church in memory of her sister, Miss Anna Schenck, and in 1918 Dr. Stimson placed the bronze hand rails at the entrances in memory of his daughter, Miss Margaret Stimson. The untimely deaths of these two young women who from childhood had been associated with the happy summer time at Pointe au Pic and whose lives were so useful and precious to those near them are much regretted.

In 1906 a committee consisting of Mr. Justice Harlan, Mrs. S. Beach Jones and Mrs. E. B. McCagg, was named at the church meeting to have charge of the grounds surrounding the church. These two ladies have ever since continued to give us the benefit of their taste and experience and have greatly beautified the church yard, which is well

kept and adorned with trees, shrubs and vines. The stone wall which has replaced the old fence has greatly improved the grounds.

Besides the offerings made to maintain and beautify our church and its services, our people have not been unmindful of those whom our divine Master chose as his representatives on earth, the poor and lowly. The Convalescent Home was founded about 1874 and for very many years a collection has been taken up on a Sunday appointed for the purpose in aid of this most helpful institution. The convalescents have access at all times to the church beach and grounds where seats have been placed for their comfort. In response to suggestions made at our church meetings the Home has of late established an out-patient department where the natives may receive advice and treatment for minor ills and a district nurse has been installed at Malbaie whose salary is partly derived from members of our congregation. Each year \$100 is sent to the Bishop of Quebec and \$100 to the Presbytery of Quebec to enable poor clergymen to take much needed vacations. In 1909, 1910 and 1911 Mrs. George T. Dixon was appointed chairman of a committee to collect funds for the relief of the poor of the place. They succeeded in putting in the hands of Miss Chamard for distribution about \$900 during the three years. Our church has at different times made gifts to the Anglican and Presbyterian churches of Cap à l'Aigle and to the Protestant church at Port-au-Persil.

Of the long list of clergymen who have ministered to us it would be interesting to write at length if we had the knowledge. In early days, when the place was small and difficult of access, no clergymen seem to have been engaged beforehand. "The practice was," writes Professor Wrong, "to wait till Thursday or Friday, find out what parsons were at Murray Bay and then decide. I was often asked on Saturday to take the service on Sunday! No one clergyman was prominent in those years." Nevertheless two notable figures stand out as having greatly endeared themselves to the community. The venerable Bishop Bond of Montreal, who lived to be over ninety years of age, was very often here, making long visits to his friends, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Henshaw. He

was already an old man at the time he officiated at our church but always attended the Presbyterian service as well as the Anglican. He was interested in the Convalescent Home and gave regularly to its support. Rev. Dr. Alexander B. Mackay for nearly twenty-five years conducted most of the Presbyterian services and is still kindly remembered by many of us. Vigorous of person, unmistakably Scotch in speech and showing his warm Christian convictions in all his words and ways, his was a strong and winning personality. That he was an ardent fisherman and a great lover of this beautiful country added to his sympathetic qualities. Dr. Mackay conducted his last service here on July 11th, 1901, and died quite suddenly just two weeks later. Of late years, when clergymen have been engaged by the month or for the season, we have had the privilege of the ministrations of Rt. Rev. Bishop Bidwell, Rev. Canon Herbert Symonds of the Cathedral of Montreal, and Dr. Paterson Smyth of St. George's, Montreal, among the Anglican clergy, and of Rev. Dr. Herridge of Ottawa, Dr. Law of Toronto, and Dr. Duncan of Montreal, among the Presbyterians.

It is interesting to recall the special services which have been held in our church. Very many years ago an infant died at the Point and was buried in our church yard. In 1903 took place the sad funeral of Mrs. Kenneth McPherson who had from childhood spent her summers here and whose sudden death caused general sorrow among us. Two happy weddings have been celebrated within these walls, that of Miss Jeanie Law of Montreal and Mr. William H. Blake of Toronto in 1889, and of Miss Edith Minturn and Mr. I. N. Phelps Stokes of New York in 1903. Several baptisms have also taken place in the church, those of John Ogilvy, son of Col. and Mrs. Ogilvy (née Adelaide Clapham), Edith Harlan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Harlan in 1909, and Alexis William, son of Rev. and Mrs. Alexis Stein. On the occasion of the death of President McKinley in 1901 a memorial service was conducted by Rev. Dr. William S. Rainsford of St. George's Church, New York, who read the burial service while appropriate hymns were sung by a large choir. The hearts of Americans were touched by the large attendance of their Canadian friends, French as well as English, for the

principal native citizens of Pointe au Pic were present to show their sympathy and respect. During the great war, just over, there have been several special services of intercession for the success of the allied armies and for peace which have drawn together Canadians and Americans in the bonds of a common ideal and a common need.

To our choir it might well be said in the words of the psalmist, "Old men and maidens, young men and children praise ye the Lord," so well have men and women old and young responded to the call to lead us in singing the praises of God. And, if in these latter days, there has been less faithful attendance at the weekly choir practice it should be remembered that life at Murray Bay both in duties and pleasures is more "strenuous" than formerly. The first mention of an organ is made in Mr. Champion's account book in 1872 when an item of \$50 appears "on account of harmonium." In the following year a like sum was paid as balance on what was termed "the instrument" and an additional \$55 given to procure a better one. It was probably this harmonium which was given in 1888 to the new Union Church, now the Presbyterian Church at Cap à l'Aigle, when Dr. and Mrs. Stimson presented our church with a new harmonium in memory of their adopted son, Daniel Lindley. In 1903 they most generously gave a fine Mason and Hamlin organ which we still use, their first gift being turned over to the Convalescent Home. As we think of the open organ with its varying group of men and women singers about it every Sunday during these fifty summers there arise pleasant memories, too numerous to chronicle. Foremost among them must be our kind Dr. Stimson who, in addition to his other large gifts presented \$1,000 to the church in 1906 as a memorial of Mrs. Stimson, the interest on which is to be used for the salary of an organist. Dr. Stimson was elected choir master for a number of years beginning in 1900 and was kindly seconded by Dr. Jones who acted in that capacity when he was absent. For over twenty years Miss Josepha Anderson did loyal service as organist. Miss Mary Kingston of Montreal played for a season or two and Miss Katherine Blake for one summer. Of those who have sung in the choir Miss Holloway is remembered as leading the singing for

some years and the charming face and lovely voice of Miss Katherine Blake will never be forgotten by those who saw and heard her. Nor can we forget the many family groups who have sung together in our choir: Mr. William H. Blake and his sisters, with their large circle of Blake and Cronyn cousins, Dr. and Mrs. Beach Jones and their three sons, Miss Mary Crosby and her brother Mr. F. V. S. Crosby and his daughter Miss Katherine, Dr. D. G. Elliot and his daughters and son-in-law Mr. Kenneth McPherson, Miss Laura Harlan and her brothers Rev. R. D. and Mr. John M. Harlan with their niece Miss Edith Child and Miss Elizabeth Harlan, the Misses Maria and Lucy Herron and Miss Helen Taft, Mr. Bowditch and his sons and daughters, the Misses Oliver, Mrs. Hoadley and her children. Dr. Stimson, Mr. Archie Kerr, Mrs. George T. Dixon, Miss Polly Anderson, Miss Atkinson now Mrs. Courtney and many others have helped in this way to make our services "joyful and pleasant." Of late years it has been our good fortune to have such competent musicians as Mr. McMillen and Miss Kate S. Chittenden at the organ. In 1902 the hymnal "In Excelsis," whose compilation was largely the work of Rev. R. D. Harlan, was adopted. That our singing is purely voluntary, that it is simple and hearty so that the congregation may easily join in the hymns and chants does much to create that sentiment and feeling for our services which no elaborate performances of professional singers could do.

Murray Bay has been honored by visits from two Governor Generals of Canada. In 1901 the Earl and Countess of Minto were here for a few days, and in 1911 Earl Grey and his family spent several weeks at the Point. They both worshipped in our church, and Lord Grey was so pleased and impressed with our Union Services that he said, half playfully: "I am going back to England to found a Union Church!"

The record of our last few years has been at once saddened and glorified by the sufferings and losses, the splendid courage and noble attainment brought about by the great war. Truly has it been said that the terrific struggle has affected the life of every human being. So, too, it has left its mark on all associations of men and the Murray Bay

Church is no exception to the rule. No one who noticed it could forget the serious expression on the faces of the young Canadians when in midsummer, 1914, in the full tide of their happy, carefree, out-of-door life, the challenge to their manhood came. They seemed to realize at once the transcendent importance of the issues involved. Nobly did they respond and as nobly did those who loved them share in the sacrifice they made. Less than three years later their young American friends heard the same call and hastened to obey, glad that, at last, under their own flag they might do their part in upholding a great and righteous cause. In the porch of our church hangs a list of men and women associated with the church or with this locality who have served their country in army or navy, or in the service of the Red Cross in invaded countries. Though far from perfect owing to the difficulty presented by the changing nature of our summer colony and congregation, it is an attempt to commemorate those who have served under government. Of the nearly eighty names on the list, eighteen have, in the Providence of God, laid down their lives. This honor roll includes ten English Canadians, four French Canadians and four Americans. They are as follows in the order of nationalities as named: Gerald E. Blake, Dalziel Browne, Donald C. Cameron, John Hewitt Laird, Percival Molson, Arthur McLaughlin, Edward Revere Osler, Henry H. Scott, William Richard Wright, Harold Wrong, Victor Harvey, Rodolphe Lemieux, Jr., Edgar Belley, Armand Warren, William Lawrence Breese, Sheldon Hoadley, Phillip Newbold Rhineland and Phineas Christy. It is not impossible to think of these young heroes without emotion. Their lives, cut short so early here on earth, were given for us all, for their country and for their God. Their memory is sacred and beautiful forever. With them we remember tenderly Robert Bayard Cutting whose good and useful life ended in France while doing noble work under the Young Men's Christian Association. In this summer of 1919 it is the greatest of pleasures to see many returned soldiers worshipping again with us and joining in the services of Sunday, July sixth, which commemorated the signing of the Peace Treaty.

As we bring these simple annals to a close, already two

years beyond the fiftieth anniversary, we may hope and pray for our old church that the same happy union services, simple, hearty and reverent, may continue with God's blessing to influence us for good and that we may all do what is in our power to uphold them and so to carry on the good work which those who loved to worship here have passed on to us.

Written at the request of the Church Meeting by Sarah B. Tibbits.