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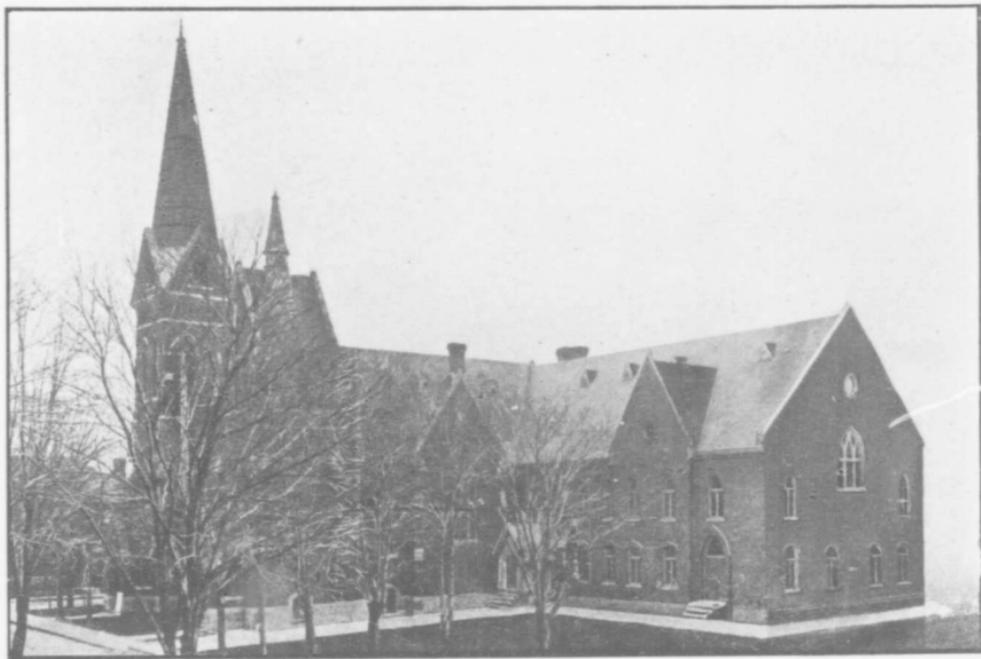
A History of the Parish
from 1885-1910

By a member of the Congregation



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History of St. George's Church, Ottawa.

CHAPTER I.

OPENING OF THE CHURCH, AND RECTORSHIP OF REV. P. OWEN JONES.

The first Church of England service was held in St. George's Church, on Sunday, April 12th, 1885, twenty-five years ago.

A word as to the conditions under which the congregation was formed may be of interest.

Ottawa then had a population of 32,500, or, including the territory since added to the city, perhaps 35,000. While the population has since then more than doubled, its distribution is quite different.

The city of Ottawa was originally built up from two centres, "Lower Town," between the Rideau Canal and Rideau River, and "Upper Town," on the flats of the Chaudiere.

These two centres were connected by the thoroughfares of Wellington and Sparks Sts., along the course of which business gradually developed, but it was many years before this section of the city extended southward to any distance. Central and Wellington Wards, now containing almost as many people as the whole city did at that time, were built up for but a few blocks south of Sparks Street, and beyond were fields extending to the nearest suburb, Stewarton. Bank Street was a country road; the first retail stores upon it had been built but a short time before. The building up of Metcalfe Street and the fine residential quarter, of which it is the centre, had just begun.

In accordance with the distribution of population, congregations of the Church of England were formed at the different centres. Thus in the early eighties we find Christ Church at the west end of the City, St. John's, nearly equal in adherents to Christ Church, in the centre, St. Alban's on Sandy Hill, and St. Bartholomew's in New Edinburgh. St. Luke's, in the adjacent suburb of Rochesterville, with Trinity Church, Archville, and Holy Trinity, Billings' Bridge, situated as then considered far off in the country, completes the tally of churches situated in the area now covered by the city. Since then, six churches have been added, of which St. George's was the first.

With the growth of the central part of the city, and the promise of the greater growth which the future would yield, came a demand for further Church accommodation.

Early in 1885, a movement to form a new congregation was initiated by four members of Christ Church congregation, Messrs. James Adamson, A. J. Cambie, Charles Magee and Chas. S. Shaw.

The church building at the corner of Metcalfe and Gloucester Streets, belonging to a congregation of Episcopal Methodists, and known as the Metropolitan Church, was for sale, being no longer needed since the amalgamation of the congregation with that of the Dominion Methodist Church, only four blocks away.

The gentlemen above named, finding that the proposal to establish an English Church in that quarter of the city was receiving hearty support, took steps to acquire the building.

The Bishop signified his approval in the following letter:—

OTTAWA, 25TH FEB., 1885.

"MY DEAR MR. MAGEE:—

"I am very glad to know that an effort is being made to procure a Church of England place of worship on Metcalfe Street, in this city. I have for a long time considered such a step necessary, and I wish it every success.

"I hope that the purchase of the Metropolitan Methodist place of worship may be soon effected, and a congregation organized. When that is done, I shall request the congregation to submit to me two or more names from whom to nominate the rector.*

"I am, faithfully yours,

"J. T. ONTARIO,"

"CHARLES MAGEE, ESQ."

On March 30th, a meeting of those interested took place in the school room, in the basement of the building, for the purpose of organization, Mr. Magee in the chair.

After the chairman had explained the transactions with the Trustees of the Metropolitan Church, and had read the foregoing letter, the following gentlemen subscribed their names as adherents:—Messrs. Chas. Magee, C. S. Shaw, V. C. Nicholson, K. Arnoldi, John Walsh, W. Horace Lee, A. J. Cambie, William Mosgrove, John Bichler, John Ackers, H. J. Hartney, Geo. F. Shaw, J. G. Butterworth, C. D. Graham, C. J. Anderson, John Tilton, R. Adams Davy, Geo. Morgan, C. E. Living, W. L. Blair, W. H. Morgan, W. M. Goodeve, J. F. Shaw, Geo. Rance, James Adamson, R. Constant, John E. Boyd, George Crain, F. C. Lightfoot, A. J. Routh, Alex. Mills, J. Carleton, E. Ash, E. W. Clement, Thos. Beament, R. Surtees, Geo. V. Ince, J. Fletcher Cross, H. Wotley, L. Booth, R. Crain, and F. W. Avery.

The purchase of the building for the sum of \$14,500 was agreed to, and a Committee named to complete the purchase and to carry on such matters connected with the temporalities of the Church as might be necessary until a vestry meeting could be held. Other Committees, to solicit subscriptions towards the purchase, to rent pews, to organize the Sunday School and the choir, were also appointed.

*In the original letter the word "first" appeared before the word "rector," but at the request of the Committee was scored out by the Bishop.



REV. P. OWEN-JONES,
Rector, 1885-1890.



REV. J. M. SNOWDON, M.A.,
Rector, 1890.



CHARLES STUART,
Vestry Clerk.



MRS. F. M. S. JENKINS,
Organist.

On motion of Mr. Nicholson and Major Tilton, it was resolved that the church should be called St. George's Church. It was decided to open the church for service on the first Sunday after Easter, and to ask the Lord Bishop of the Diocese to officiate on that occasion.

The Temporalities Committee appointed by this meeting, consisting of Messrs. Magee, Avery, Shaw, Butterworth, Arnoldi, Cambie, Lee and Adamson, met the next day, and named Messrs. Avery, Cambie, Butterworth, Shaw and Walsh as a sub-committee "to enquire and obtain information in regard to a clergyman suitable for the objects of the congregation," this duty having been assigned to the Temporalities Committee by the resolution appointing them.

The Committee duly completed the purchase of the building. The price was \$14,500. \$4,500 was subscribed by members of the congregation, and the balance, \$10,000 raised by mortgage. The church property was vested in four trustees, Messrs. Adamson, Cambie, Magee and Shaw, in trust for the congregation.

As already stated, the church was opened for Divine Service on Sunday, April 12th, the Lord Bishop of Ontario officiating. Miss Lampman acted as Organist. Sunday services were conducted thereafter by various clergymen, including Rev. Thos. Garrett, on April 12th (evening); the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop of Algoma, and Rev. Rural Dean Armitage, on April 19th; Rev. Rollit, on April 26th; Rev. P. Owen Jones, at both services on May 17th, until the appointment of the Rector. Messrs. C. S. Shaw and John Walsh acted as Churchwardens, under authority of a resolution passed at the meeting of March 30th.

The sub-committee which had in charge the submission of names for the Bishop's choice, actively engaged in correspondence to that end, and several of its members visited various places in the Dioceses of Toronto, Huron and Niagara, in the quest for information.

At a meeting of the Temporalities Committee, held on April 22nd, it was resolved to submit to the Bishop the names of the Rev. S. Weston Jones, of Lindsay; the Rev. E. Stewart Jones, of Niagara, and the Rev. P. Owen Jones, of Goderich. Rev. S. Weston Jones subsequently visited Ottawa on invitation of the Committee with the Bishop's concurrence, for consultation. On his return home, however, he wrote withdrawing his name, and Rev. P. Owen Jones was appointed, on May 29th, 1885.

The newly appointed Rector conducted his first service in that capacity, on the morning of Trinity Sunday, May 31st, preaching from the text, "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."—(I Cor. 4: 1 and 2).

The first regular Vestry Meeting was held on the following day. The acting Churchwardens reported that they had rented 424 sittings, aggregating \$2,290.00 per annum, the total seating capacity of the church being estimated at 712 sittings, of which 462 were on the main floor, and 250 in the galleries. A good

balance of receipts over expenditures was shown. The ordinary Sunday offertories had already reached the average of over \$40.00. The report of the Treasurer of the Building Committee showed that of some \$4,900 of subscriptions promised, over \$1,500 had been paid in.

The Rector appointed Mr. C. S. Shaw as his Warden for the balance of the Church year, and Mr. John Walsh was elected People's Warden.

A "Finance and Business Committee" was appointed to assist the Churchwardens in managing the temporalities of the church. Such a Committee, though its institution is within the canonical powers of the Vestry, is not altogether usual as part of the machinery of a congregation. In St. George's Church it has been found most useful in assisting the Churchwardens in dealing with special matters, and its formal appointment has continued to the present time as a part of the business of the annual Vestry. The first Finance Committee consisted of Messrs. Magee, Adamson, Shaw, Cambie, Burn, Arnoldi, Avery, Mosgrove, Butterworth and Lee.

The arrangement by which Messrs. Magee, Cambie, Adamson and Shaw held the Church property as Trustees, was confirmed by the Vestry.

At the Congregational Meeting, held after the Vestry meeting, delegates to Synod were elected; Capt. H. F. Perley, for three years; Mr. Geo. Burn, for two years, and Mr. Vernon Nicholson, for one year.

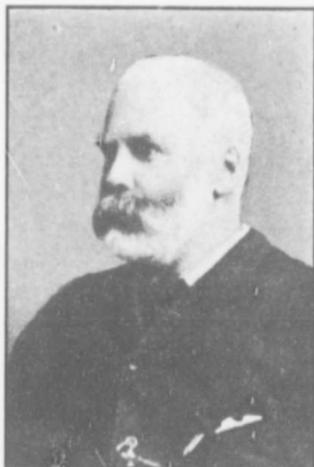
At Easter, 1886, the congregation comprised 198 families, or 750 individuals, of whom 300 were communicants. By 1889 the number of adherents had increased to 1100, and the congregation ranked, in the city of Ottawa, next in numbers to St. John's Church, and about equal to Christ Church. This increase does not appear to have been at the expense of the other Parishes.

Much liberality was shown by the new Parish in contributions to outside objects, including Diocesan Missions, and Domestic and Foreign Missions. In its first year, it rose to first place in the Diocese of Ontario as regards contributions to the latter objects. It may be permitted in this regard to quote from the report to the Synod of 1886, of the Chairman of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions. "The Deanery of Frontenac no longer heads the list in the contributions of the past year. Its offerings have been \$633.19, while those of the Deanery of Carleton have been \$1,161.74. This result is partly to be attributed to the efforts of the new Parish of St. George's in Ottawa, which Parish directly and through the Woman's Auxiliary has contributed \$722 to this fund." The contribution here referred to, of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church, amounted to \$448, which went towards the support of a Missionary at Rounthwaite, Manitoba. St. George's continued to hold first place in contributions to this object until 1890, the contribution from the Parish rising to \$897.45 in 1889. It ranked well also in its contributions to the Diocesan Mission Fund.

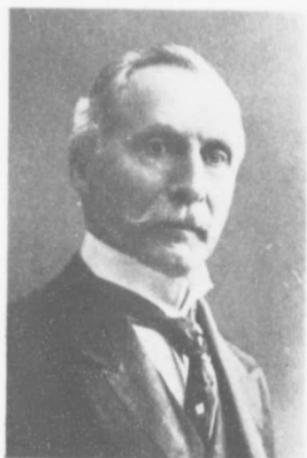
The first Confirmation in St. George's Church was held by the Lord Bishop of Ontario, on January 3rd, 1886, when 14 candidates were presented.



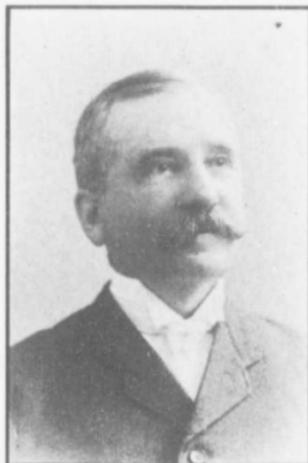
JAMES ADAMSON,
Original Trustee (*Deceased*).



ALEXANDER CAMBIE,
Original Trustee (*Deceased*).



CHAS. MAGEE,
Original Trustee.



C. S. SHAW,
Original Trustee.

The first Baptism was that of John William Francis Hodgins, son of Colonel and Mrs. W. E. Hodgins.

The first marriage was celebrated on April 29th, 1886, between Alfred F. L. Geddes and Sarah M. Stephen.

The first funeral from the Church was that of Krum MacDonald Dunlevie, who was laid to rest on July 18th, 1885.

A "Mission" was held in the Church by the Rev. F. H. Duvernet, from 11th to 22nd November, 1886, which was productive of much spiritual benefit to the congregation.

At the annual Vestry meeting, held on April 11th, 1887, provision was made for the salary of a Curate. The Rev. R. Laphorn Sloggett having been chosen by the Rector, preached for the first time on the evening of Whitsunday, May 29th. He remained about 13 months, when he resigned and was replaced by Rev. J. M. Snowdon, who preached for the first time (as Curate), in the Church at the Sunday evening service, July 1st, 1888.

At the Easter Vestry meeting, 1889, a resolution was passed providing for a Committee of five (Lt. Col. Irwin, Major Walsh, and Messrs. King Arnoldi, Crain and Shore), to act with the Rector and Churchwardens to examine into the matter of church extension and improvement, and to advise the Vestry as to what steps should be taken to increase the accommodation in the church.

This Committee reported to a meeting of the congregation, held on the 6th June, recommending that no alteration be made in the present building, but that steps be taken to dispose of it, and to build a new church within 600 yards of the present locality, at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

The motion to accept the report of the Committee was lost. Some further discussion took place as to the advisability of building a Sunday School hall, but no action was taken.

The revenue of St. George's Church (apart from the collections for objects outside the Parish), was, in 1886, \$2,450 from pew rents; \$3,473 from other sources, making a total of \$5,903.00. In 1889, this had increased to \$7,670.00, of which \$3,286.00 were from pew rents.

The mortgage on the building, originally \$10,000, was reduced by \$500 in each of the years, 1887-88 and 1888-89.

In view of recent negotiations, which will be fresh in the minds of our readers, by the city Council, having for their object the acquiring by the city, for park purposes of the old Sandy Hill Cemetery, it may be of some interest to note that in the old church accounts there appear, as St. George's share of the Cemetery fence, payments of \$17.33 in 1885-86, \$9.50 in the following year, and \$8.75 in 1887-1888.

In the latter part of 1889, a serious division occurred in the congregation, which came about in the following way.

The Rector had instructed the Organist that at the reading of the Commandments in the Communion office at the mid-day Sunday celebrations, the responses or "the Kyrie," should be chanted; also that the psalms should be chanted at Evening Prayer.

A very considerable part of the congregation preferred the plain service to which they had been accustomed since the opening of the church, in which the psalms were read responsively, and the use of music was confined to the Gloria and the usual chants. Moreover, many were suspicious of the introduction of any changes in the service, which they thought might lead to excess of ritual.

Accordingly, after the Kyrie had been chanted in the Communion Service on Sunday, Nov. 3rd, a petition to the Rector was circulated and numerous signed asking him to call a Vestry meeting to discuss the changes which had been made in the service.

To this the Rector agreed. It may be observed that his consent was voluntary, for although the Canon requires that the clergyman in charge of a Parish shall call a Vestry Meeting on requisition in writing from at least six members of the Vestry, the next following section of the same Canon provides that a Vestry may deal with the temporalities only of the Church, and among temporalities is not included the form of worship.

The meeting was called for Monday, November 18th. His Honour Judge Mosgrove occupied the chair in the absence of the Rector.

A motion to the effect that the Vestry had no jurisdiction in the matter (for the reasons stated above), was put to the meeting and lost.

In view of the fact that the Rector, in calling the meeting had already waived the point, this motion had rather an irritating effect upon many who had come to the meeting with an open mind prepared to vote judicially on the question to determine which the meeting had been called.

A motion that the Rector be requested to allow all the responses in the morning service to be read as heretofore, and to introduce the chanting of the psalms in the evening service, if he thought it advisable, was lost.

It was then moved and seconded "That it is in the best interests of this congregation, both spiritually and temporally, that the form of service in use in this Church for the past four years should be continued, and, therefore, that the Rector be respectfully requested not to make any change in the same, and to discontinue the changes recently introduced."

It was moved and seconded in amendment, "That this Vestry having heard the explanation from the Rector at morning service yesterday, and having confidence in him as their Pastor, do intimate to him that the changes in the service under discussion, by the occasional singing of the Kyrie and the chanting of the psalms, not being contrary to the Rubric, be done at such times as in his discretion may seem expedient, and in the best interests of the congregation."

The amendment was carried by a vote of 52 to 46.



GEO. A. MOUNTAIN,
Churchwarden.



ANDREW HAYDON,
Churchwarden.



KING ARNOLDI (*Deceased*),
Churchwarden for three years.



MR. JUSTICE BURBIDGE (*Deceased*),
Lay Delegate for many years.

The explanation referred to in this resolution had been made by the Rector on the previous day, Sunday, 17th Nov., in giving notice of the Vestry Meeting at Morning Service. In the course of this explanation he stated the legal position, as to the respective rights of the clergy and laity with regard to the services of the Church, quoting opinions and rulings upon the points referred to, and expressed the view that a further improvement would be made in the service if the congregation were to rise at the "presentation of the alms" upon the Holy Table, and while the clergy were entering and leaving the Church.

In accordance with this request, a majority of the congregation rose at the presentation of the alms, though a very large number remained in their seats. This very marked division of the congregation continued Sunday after Sunday, during the remainder of the Rector's incumbency.

The Rector, on the following Sunday, referring to the resolution passed by the Vestry on Nov. 18th, stated that although the chanting of the Kyrie and the Psalms had been approved thereby, he would, in view of the small majority in favor of these changes, discontinue them for the present. His instructions, relative to the rising of the congregation, he did not however countermand.

Both the Churchwardens, Lt.-Col. W. P. Anderson and Mr. Chas. Macnab, had resigned in consequence of the trouble. A Vestry meeting was called for Dec. 2nd, to appoint their successors, at which the Rector named Major Walsh as his Warden, and Lt.-Col. Anderson was elected People's Warden.

At the Easter Vestry meeting, April 5th, 1890, the following resolution was carried as an amendment to the Churchwardens statement. "That whereas it appears from the report of the Churchwardens that the receipts of the Church have decreased during the past year, the amount estimated for the reduction of the debt on the building not having been paid, and that it is believed that the recent unfortunate divisions among the congregation have affected the receipts, therefore be it resolved that the estimates submitted be not adopted, and that in the opinion of this meeting, and with a view to the restoration of that harmony, good will and mutual co-operation which primarily existed, it is desirable that the services should be conducted in every particular as they were previous to the first of October last, and that the Vestry extend to the Rector and Curate the kindest feelings of confidence."

The Rector appointed Mr. G. U. Ryley his Warden, and Mr. F. White was elected People's Warden.

The next day the Rector tendered his resignation of the Parish, to take effect on August 1st, and shortly afterwards more than thirty prominent members of the congregation relinquished their sittings and proceeded to organize the new Parish of Grace Church.

Dr. Jones going away on leave of absence after Easter, the Curate, Mr. Snowdon, was left in charge of the Parish, a difficult position in the circumstances.

He was desirous of relinquishing the charge, and indeed was offered a curacy in Morristown, N.J. He recognized, however, the necessity in the interests of the Parish of his remaining until relieved by the appointment of a Rector.

It becoming apparent to the Bishop, that the interests of the Church could best be served by Mr. Snowdon's appointment to the vacancy, he informed the congregation through Mr. White, the People's Warden, of his intention to appoint Mr. Snowdon, as soon as Dr. Jones's resignation took effect.



CHAPTER II.

SINCE 1890.

The congregation, though depleted after the eventful Vestry meeting of April 7th, 1890, by the secession of so many of its prominent members, did not lose heart, but on the contrary, manifested a spirit of resolution to meet the difficulties of the situation, and of united effort to build up the Church. The following year, especially, was marked by notable activity.

After the Bishop had expressed his intention of appointing Mr. Snowdon to the Rectorship, the project which had been discussed during the previous year, without definite result, of improving the seating accommodation of the church, was energetically taken in hand.

On June 13th, a meeting of the congregation was held. On motion of Mr. Fred. White, seconded by Mr. Macnab, it was resolved to authorize the Finance Committee to re-seat the church in such manner as the majority thereof might "consider best in the interests of the Church and congregation."

The original pews were curved, set so as to face the pulpit and reading desk at the end of the church, which was much shorter than now, there being no chancel and the body of the church being not far from square. The pews were well arranged for facing the preacher, but rather too cramped for kneeling. It was desired to replace them with straight seats of the usual church type.

After corresponding with various firms manufacturing Church furniture, the Finance Committee, on August 19th, gave the contract for supplying the new seats to the Globe Furniture Co., of Walkerville, at a price of \$1,150.00. It was stipulated that the whole of the work, including pews, kneeling benches and book-racks should be completed by October 4th. The old seats were donated to other Churches.

This improvement completed, the question of extending the building came to the front. On December 2nd, the Finance Committee appointed a sub-Committee, composed of the Rector, Churchwardens and Mr. Magee (Chairman of the Finance Committee), to employ an architect in regard to the extension of the building, and to report upon the matter to a meeting of the congregation.

The Sub-Committee consulted the firm of Arnoldi and Calderon, architects, adopted a design of extension, and called for tenders for the whole work of building the chancel, removing the organ to it from its place in the rear gallery, additional seating, and in part replacing the plastered ceiling of the church with wood, together with the additional heating and lighting and the necessary painting. The plan provided for lengthening the body of the church, and building a chancel, an extension altogether of about 45 feet. It was proposed to meet the expense by borrowing \$5,000.00 on mortgage, and raising the balance by subscriptions from the congregation.

This report was submitted to a meeting of the congregation, held on March 16th, 1891, Sir William Ritchie in the chair.

At this meeting, an interesting discussion took place as to the advisability of removing the organ and choir from the gallery to the chancel. Objections were made on the ground of expense (the existing mortgage debt on the church being \$9,000.00), the difficulty of successfully moving the organ (which had been purchased in 1888 at a cost of \$2,200.00), and possible impairment of the sound of the organ through reverberation, besides objection was voiced to having a mixed choir in the body of the Church.

However, the great majority of the meeting favored the change and sanctioned the plan submitted by the Finance Committee.

It was estimated that the seating capacity of the Church would be increased by the enlargement, by about 200 sittings, which would yield an annual revenue approaching \$1,000.00, so that the undertaking was amply justified from a financial standpoint.

A Building Committee, consisting of Major H. F. Perley (Chairman), Sheriff Sweetland, Dr. Cousens, Messrs. Thos. Macfarlane, R. Surtees, F. Graham, W. C. May, and W. F. King, was appointed with power to enter into contracts and to carry out the improvements. The action taken by this meeting of the congregation was formally ratified by the Vestry on March 30th. Major Perley being taken ill, Dr. Cousens acted as chairman of the Building Committee during the greater part of the work.

The building operations having been completed, the enlarged Church was opened on October 18th, 1891, Rev. Dr. Clark, of Trinity College, preaching at both services.

The total cost of the improvements was about \$8,800.00. To cover this expenditure, the mortgage on the building was increased by \$5,000.00, the balance being covered by the subscriptions and special collections. The debt on the Church was now \$14,000, of which \$9,000 was bearing 5½ per cent. interest, and \$5,000, 6 per cent.

At this time the title of the Church property was transferred to the Rector and Churchwardens, by the survivors of the original trustees. Mr. James Adamson died during this year; Mr. A. J. Cambie, another of the Trustees, had died five years before.

The terms of the mortgage permitted payment of principal in sums of \$500.00, but no reduction of debt was effected under this provision. The subsequent history of the debt may be briefly stated. In 1894-5, a reduction of interest to 5 per cent. was obtained, making the annual payment \$700.00 instead of \$795.00, but even this lower figure constituted a heavy tax on the congregation without the advantage of reduction in the principal. At the Easter Vestry meeting, in 1899, the Rector and Churchwardens were authorized to apply to the Ontario Legislature for authority to issue debentures in payment of the debt. This authority being given at the next session of the Legislature, the Rector and Churchwardens were, at the next annual Vestry meeting of the Church, authorized to give effect to the Act.

Thirty year debentures were issued, secured by mortgaging the Church property to the Ottawa Trust and Deposit Company (Limited), for \$14,000.00, in trust for the debenture holders. The annual payment required to meet the obligation is \$840.00, being 4 per cent. interest and 2 per cent. sinking fund. Thus for an annual payment only \$140.00 greater than the former interest, the congregation will be free from this debt in about twenty years from the present time.

Returning to the year 1891-92, the immediate effect of the enlargement of the building was the addition of nearly 100 families to the congregation in that Church year.

The succeeding years were marked by increased activity in "Church work" in many forms. Besides the ordinary Sunday School classes, there were Bible Classes for men, for women, for young men and for young women; the Dorcas Society, the Young Women's Guild, the Girl's Friendly Society, the Gleaners' Union, the Junior Auxiliary, the Children's Church Missionary Guild, a Mission on Gloucester Street, associated with which were a Temperance Lodge and a Sunday School, and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Rev. F. B. Hodgins was appointed Curate in September, 1893, and remained three years. All who were members of the congregation during that period will heartily endorse the resolution of the Easter Vestry of 1896:—

"That this Vestry has heard with sincere regret of the resignation of the Rev. F. B. Hodgins. For nearly three years he has been closely associated with us, during which time his cheerful and earnest devotion to the Master's work, coupled with his manly Christian character, has won him the esteem of every member of the congregation. We would also express the hope that every blessing will attend him in his new sphere of labour as Editor of the Evangelical Churchman."

In 1895, a controversy arose within the Church in the Diocese of Ontario, in which members of St. George's congregation took a prominent part.

A young man, a member of the congregation, wished to enter the Ministry. On application being made, Archbishop Lewis stated that if he would take a full course in Divinity in either Trinity College, Toronto, or Bishop's College, Lennoxville, he would accept him as a candidate for Holy Orders. On the young man's



DR. W. F. KING, C.M.G.,
Lay Delegate.



LIEUT.-COL. FRED. WHITE, C.M.G.,
Lay Delegate.



CHARLES MACNAB,
Lay Delegate.



THOMAS MACFARLANE (*Deceased*).
Lay Delegate for several years.

stating, however, that he desired to attend Wycliffe College, Toronto (an Evangelical College), the Archbishop intimated that in that case he would have to look elsewhere for ordination than to the Diocese of Ontario.

The correspondence in connection with this case having been laid before a small meeting of representative Churchmen from different Churches in the city, a Committee was appointed to take steps for the organization of a Churchman's Union in the Diocese. A circular letter was sent out to all parts of the Diocese, setting forth the facts of the case, and the danger which threatened the Church should discrimination against evangelical teaching continue.

A meeting was called for March 1st, 1895, in the School Room of St. George's Church, which was very largely attended. At this meeting "The Anglican Churchman's Union" was formed, which lasted until the division of the Diocese in the following year, when, under the changed conditions, it seemed unnecessary to continue its meetings.

In November, 1895, the Parish had a visit from a deputation sent out from England by the Church Missionary Society,—Mr. Eugene Stock and Rev. Percy Grubb. They held meetings in the Church on Nov. 10th, 11th and 12th, which resulted in a very marked increase in the interest shown in the Foreign Missionary work of the Church.

A Mission was held from Jan. 1st to Jan. 15th, 1896, by Rev. W. Hay-Aitken and Rev. J. Stephens, eloquent and persuasive preachers, to hear whom great crowds came, overflowing the Church. Great good was the result, in the awakening of many, and the strengthening of others.

The organ having been for several years a source of trouble, and expense for repairs, a new one was put in by the firm of Casavant Bros., of St. Hyacinthe, in 1895, costing \$3,230.00; less \$700.00, which the builders allowed on the old instrument. The balance was met in part by subscriptions from the congregation, in part by the Vestry.

In 1896, the division of the Diocese of Ontario into the two Dioceses of Ottawa and Ontario was effected. At a Synod held in St. John's Hall, Ottawa, composed of the clergy and lay delegates representing the Parishes of the new Diocese, the Right Rev. Charles Hamilton, Bishop of Niagara, was elected Bishop.

A new election of lay delegates for the new Diocese was now necessary. The election of those for St. George's Parish took place on June 8th, 1896, the former lay delegates, Messrs. Macfarlane and Macnab, and Lt.-Col. Anderson, being re-elected for their respective terms, one, two and three years.

The Rev. W. J. Southam was appointed Curate, after the departure of Rev. F. B. Hodgins, in 1896. He resigned at Easter, 1898, to take the Secretaryship of the Y. M. C. A. at Hong Kong. Appreciation of his valuable services was expressed by the Vestry by resolution.

During the year 1898-99, the interior of the Church was renovated and decorated at a cost of \$939.00, which was covered by subscriptions from the congregation. There was also expended in repairs to the exterior of the building, \$316.00.

The want of adequate accommodation for the Sunday School had long been felt. The room in the basement of the church was both too small for the large attendance, and too low to afford proper ventilation. A new building was needed, and this seemed for a long time to be beyond the means of the congregation, especially as the property adjacent to the Church was built upon, and thereby enhanced in value.

In 1903, an opportunity offered itself to purchase lot 48, on the south side of Maria Street (Laurier Avenue West), 66 feet in frontage and running back 99 feet to abut on the church property, and having upon it near the Street, two dwelling houses. With a view to building thereon a Sunday School Hall, connected with the church, the property was purchased for \$6,000.00, of which \$3000.00 was raised by mortgage (to be cared for by the rentals of the dwellings), and the remainder was met by subscriptions.

At the Easter Vestry meeting, 1905, it was resolved to secure subscriptions for the erection of a Sunday School Hall, building operations to begin when \$6,000.00 was subscribed.

The subscriptions having reached this figure, a special Vestry meeting, held on March 5th, 1906, authorized the work at an estimated cost of \$13,000.00, and the mortgaging of the Church property for \$9,000.00 (which includes the former mortgage of \$3,000.00).

At the Easter Vestry meeting a Building Committee was appointed, consisting of Dr. W. F. King (Chairman), Col. W. P. Anderson, Hon. Mr. Justice Burbidge, Messrs. G. B. Greene, C. E. Living, Chas. Magee, Geo. A. Mountain, A. F. Bishop (Treasurer), J. K. Paisley, T. T. Simpson, Col. Fred. White, and the Rector and Wardens.

Arrangements were made with Mr. Geo. Tomlinson, a member of the congregation, to conduct the building operations on the basis of a ten per cent. commission on the cost of material and labor. This arrangement proved satisfactory in every respect. Through Mr. Tomlinson's efficient management the Hall was completed for \$12,900, just within the estimate authorized by the Vestry, though a further amount of \$1,200.00 had to be expended in remodelling the Laurier Avenue houses, the rear part of which it had been necessary to remove, in order to make room for the Hall. This expenditure was, however, recouped by increased rental values of the houses through the improvements.

The Hall was opened in the early part of November, 1906. It has proved a great convenience. It is two stories in height, containing a large hall upstairs, and several good sized rooms below, suitable for Vestry and other meetings.

The Church property extends northward on the Metcalfe Street frontage, about 10 feet from the wall of the Church. A building restriction was also held by the Church (derived from the original purchase), over the adjoining twenty feet of the adjacent lot, whereby the owner of that lot was debarred from building on it within forty feet of Metcalfe Street. An arrangement has been made with the owner of this property, and sanctioned by a special Vestry meeting, held on June 28th, 1909, whereby the northern half of the piece of land in question is



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Member of the Executive Com.,
M.S.C.C. Treasurer.



W. C. MAY,
Member of the Executive Com.

relieved of the restriction, and a strip adjoining the Church property, 10 feet wide, and running back to the Sunday School Hall, is conveyed to the Church, to be held unincumbered and unbuilt upon, for maintaining the free access and light for the respective properties.

The Rev. Geo. P. Woolcombe, was connected with the Church from 1902 to 1907, at first as lay reader, and, after his ordination, as Curate. He resigned at Easter, 1907, on account of the pressure of his duties as Principal of Ashbury College. Rev. E. C. Burch was appointed Curate in the following autumn, and remained until May, 1909, when he resigned to accept a curacy at Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg.

CHAPTER III.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The aggregate contributions of the congregation for all purposes during the twenty five years, from April, 1885 to Easter, 1910, approximate \$241,000. Of this the ordinary receipts of the Churchwardens from pew rents and offertories, amount to about \$150,000, or an average of \$6,000.00 per annum. Out of these receipts are paid salaries, interest on debt, and general expenses of the Church. The annual income has risen from \$4,600.00 in the first year of the Church, to about \$7,700.00 at the present time.

Of the remaining \$91,000, about \$33,000 has been applied to buildings and improvements, as already detailed, and \$58,000 to other objects, chiefly Missionary and charitable. The money has been collected by special Church offertories in part, but chiefly by subscriptions and collections throughout the Parish. Much of it is to be credited to the efforts of the ladies of the congregation, through the Women's Auxiliary, the Doreas Society, and other organizations.

A few years ago an important change was made, throughout the Diocese, in the manner of collecting for Diocesan purposes, and for Missions. Under the old plan, there were special offertories on stated Sundays, for Domestic and Foreign Missions, Diocesan Missions, Widows' and Orphans' Fund, Clergy Superannuation Fund, etc., and Parish subscriptions besides, in order to make up the necessary amounts. So many collections at different times were confusing to most laymen, and directly led to want of system, and thereby to a low scale of giving. Under the new system, there are but two funds to which a congregation as a part of the Diocese, is expected to contribute—Diocesan Funds and Missions. The Synod, year by year, determines the amount which each congregation should contribute to each of these funds. Thus the congregation, and each member of it, is afforded a definite standard of giving.

The result has been largely increased collections for these purposes, in which the influence of the Laymen's Missionary Association has doubtless largely assisted. The contribution of St. George's Church to those two funds in the

year 1909-10, reached \$2,390.00, which was largely in excess of the assessment upon the Church by the Synod. It is not thought necessary here to discuss the figures of former years, as full information on the point can be found in the Journals of Synod.

While some \$33,000 has been contributed in cash towards buildings, improvements, furnishings, &c., special acknowledgement must be made of the liberality of individual members of the congregation, many of whom, in addition to money have contributed articles of value.

In the minutes of the first Vestry meeting, 1st June, 1885, we find a vote of thanks "to Lady Tilley, Miss Lee, Mr. E. Crow Baker, M.P., and others who have contributed valuable furnishings." At the Easter Vestry meetings of 1887, 1888 and 1889, similar votes of thanks were passed to contributors, but without mentioning any names. In 1891, there was a vote of thanks to Mr. and Miss Sparks, for the gift of a lectern, to Mr. Magee for a carpet for the Church, and to Mr. Arnoldi, for a chalice. Mr. Magee also, at the time of the building of the chancel, took upon himself the expense of replacing the greater part of the plastered ceiling of the body of the Church with wood. In 1903, Mrs. C. E. Pearson contributed the Memorial Pulpit, and Mrs. J. B. Fraser, the Prayer Desk. A stall for the Sanctuary was given by Mrs. Parker.

Mrs. Jenkins has held the post of organist, most acceptably to the Rector and the congregation, since 1901. It has already been observed that she (then Miss Lampman), officiated at the opening service of the Church. She also served for some time in the year 1887-88, from the autumn of 1890 to October, 1893, and again for seven months in 1894-95. Mrs. Chas. Stuart and Miss Heming have been active members of the choir from the beginning, continuously, until now. Mr. Stuart, as a member of the choir, and Secretary of it, since 1890, has given service which is invaluable.

Since Easter, 1903, the choir has been surpliced, at the request of the Vestry, expressed by resolution at the annual meeting.

Other organists (some of whom served but for a short time), have been: Messrs. F. Colson and C. C. Hampshire, Mrs. A. McConnell, Messrs. Green, H. Y. Steele, J. Edgar Birch, C. W. Nichol, C. F. Whitely, H. B. Newton and J. E. Barkworth.

The Vestry Clerks have been Messrs. V. C. Nicholson, W. E. Hodgins, G. W. Ryley, F. H. Gisborne, Jas. McElroy, and Chas. Stuart. At first Vestry Clerks were appointed merely to serve as Secretaries to the Annual Meetings. Mr. McElroy first held the office for a prolonged term, from 1892 to 1904. Mr. Chas. Stuart was then appointed and he still retains the position.



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MAJOR D. W. CAMERON,
Member of the Executive Com.



G. B. GREENE,
Member of the Executive Com.



DR. W. C. COUZENS,
Member of the Executive Com

LIST OF CHURCHWARDENS.

RECTOR'S WARDEN.	PEOPLE' WARDEN.
1885-86—C. S. Shaw.	John Walsh.
1886-87—C. S. Shaw.	John Walsh.
1887-88—C. S. Shaw.	Chas. Macnab.
1888-89—W. P. Anderson.	Chas. Macnab.
1889-90—W. P. Anderson, resigned. John Walsh.	Chas. Macnab, resigned.
1890-91—G. U. Ryley, resigned. W. Fitzgerald.	W. P. Anderson, resigned.
1891-92—W. L. Blair.	Fredk. White.
1892-93—E. D. Sutherland.	W. C. May.
1893-94—E. D. Sutherland.	C. A. Butterworth.
1894-95—W. F. King.	C. A. Butterworth.
1895-96—W. F. King.	J. F. Dunlevie.
1896-97—W. F. King.	J. F. Dunlevie.
1897-98—W. F. King.	J. F. Dunlevie.
1898-99—F. White.	Chas. Macnab.
1899-00—F. White.	Chas. Macnab.
1900-01—F. White.	Chas. Macnab.
1901-02—R. V. Sinclair.	King Arnoldi.
1902-03—R. V. Sinclair.	King Arnoldi.
1903-04—R. V. Sinclair.	King Arnoldi.
1904-05—R. V. Sinclair.	Geo. A. Mountain.
1905-06—R. V. Sinclair.	D. W. Cameron.
1906-07—R. V. Sinclair.	A. Haydon.
1907-08—Geo. A. Mountain.	A. Haydon.
1908-09—Geo. A. Mountain.	A. Haydon.
1909-10—Geo. A. Mountain.	A. Haydon.
1910-11—Geo. A. Mountain.	A. Haydon.

LIST OF LAY DELEGATES.

1885-86—	{ *H. F. Perley.	1898-99—C. Macnab.
	{ Geo. Burn.	1899-00—W. P. Anderson.
	{ V. C. Nicholson	1900-01—Hon. Justice Burbidge.
1886-97—Hon. Thos. White.		1901-02—C. Macnab.
1887-88—C. Magee.		1902-03—F. White.
1888-89—John Walsh.		1903-04—Hon. Justice Burbidge.
1899-90—H. F. Perley.		1904-05—C. Macnab.
1890-91—C. Magee.		1905-06—F. White.
1891-92—T. Macfarlane.		1906-07—Hon. Justice Burbidge.
1892-93—C. Macnab.		1907-08—C. Macnab.
1893-94—C. Magee.		1908-09—F. White.
1894-95—T. Macfarlane.		†W. F. King.
1895-96—C. Macnab.		1909-10—W. F. King.
1896-97—W. P. Anderson.		1910-11—C. Macnab.
1897-98—T. Macfarlane.		

*Major Perley was elected for the full term of three years; Mr. Burn, for two, and Mr. V. C. Nicholson, for one, at the meeting on June 1st, 1885.

†For one year to fill vacancy caused by death of Hon. Justice Burbidge.

MEMBERS OF CHOIR AT EASTER, 1910.

SOPRANOS:

Miss Edna Sutherland.
Miss Baker.
Miss Bray.
Mrs. W. A. Code.
Miss Clucas.
Miss Caverhill.
Mrs. S. Hill.
Miss Hoople.
Miss Hutchison.
Miss Hunt.
Miss Gladys McRae.
Miss Mackenzie.
Miss MacNab.
Miss M. May.
Mrs. Charles Stuart.
Mrs. M. Webster.
Miss Winter.

CONTRALTOS:

Miss Belle Neeve.
Miss Ridgeway.
Miss M. Brown.
Mrs. F. Colson.

Miss F. Heming.
Miss L. Ridgeway.
Mrs. W. W. Snelling.
Miss V. Owen.

TENORS:

Mr. Frank C. Baker.
Mr. A. J. Hazlegrove.
Mr. W. W. Snelling.
Mr. Chas. Stuart.

BASS:

Mr. A. Elwyn Clucas.
Mr. A. Cook.
Mr. F. J. Davis.
Mr. Colin Dowsley.
Mr. F. Dunlevie.
Mr. Wilfrid Harrison.
Mr. Alan Horwood.
Mr. Owen Hamilton.
Mr. H. H. Hoople.
Mr. T. Y. O'Neill.
Mr. S. A. Dunlevie.
Mr. J. G. Ogilvy.

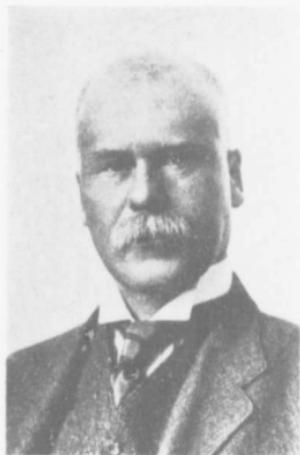
PRESENT STAFF OF TEACHERS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Mrs. Cole.
Miss Clarice Smith.
Miss Brownlee.
Miss Sproule.
Miss Heming.
Miss Godfrey.
Mr. Godfrey.
Mr. Hamilton.
Miss Slack.
Miss Garrett.
Miss Davis.
Miss Parker.
Miss Arnoldi.
Miss Chilton.

Miss Andrews.
Miss Mackenzie.
Miss Whiteaves.
Miss Tomlinson.
Miss Graham.
Miss King.
Miss Derrick.
Miss Grace Butterworth.
Miss Winnifred King.
Miss Orme.
Miss Ethel Butterworth.
Miss Foster.
Miss Jackson.
Miss Sherwood.

INFANT CLASS—Miss Rattray.

BIBLE CLASSES—Messrs. Jackson & Forrest; Mrs. Godfrey & Miss F. M. Cartwright.



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W. FITZGERALD,
Member of the Executive Com.



R. V. SINCLAIR,
Member of the Executive Com.

