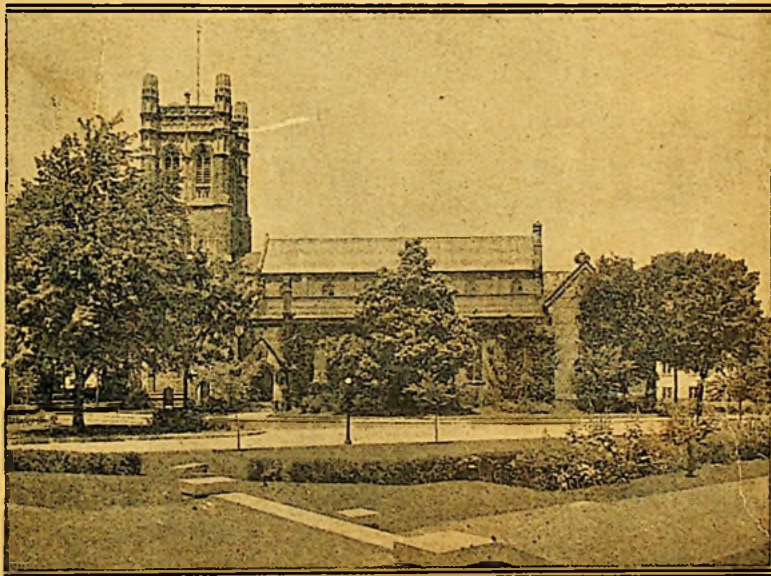


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Rev. Canon
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1872 - 1874
REV. ARTHUR SWEATMAN
Later Archbishop of Toronto
Metropolitan and Primate
of all Canada



1917 - 1930
VEN. J. B. FOTHERINGHAM M.A.
Archdeacon of Norfolk



1879 - 1917
VEN. G. C. MAC KENZIE D.C.I.
Archdeacon of Perth



1874 - 1879
REV. R. H. STARR D.D.

History



ONE hundred years is a long time in the life of a congregation in a country of such comparatively modern civilization as Canada. When a little band of adherents in 1830—as demonstrated by marriage certificates and other documents—established the parish of Grace Church, William IV. had just succeeded to the throne of England, the battle of Waterloo was still fresh in the minds of men, and the Confederation of the Dominion Provinces was not to take place for thirty-seven years. At that period Brantford, so named in 1826, was simply a little village on Indian land with a population of some 300 souls. Under such circumstances the decision to build a church demonstrated a good deal of courage and faith, more especially as money a century ago was very scarce and financial obligations were not lightly undertaken, or, if undertaken, not easily discharged.

For two years the members held services in the homes of each other, and Rev. Robert Lugger, who had been appointed by the New England Company in 1827 to minister to the Six Nations Indians, officiated at weddings and funerals, and sometimes preached.

In 1831 Joseph Brant, always a strong adherent of the Church of England, set apart a block of three acres as a site or endowment. This land, as indicated on an old map, included the property on which the Free Library stands. Lot sales, no doubt, helped in the financing, and later the land for the church site was donated by A. K. Smith and his sister, Mrs. Margaret Kerby. The first edifice was erected in 1832 and it was of frame, painted white. At the front there was a steeple and two balls of wood, connected by a vertical iron bar, and midway between these two balls there was the sheet-iron

figure of an angel holding a trumpet. In addition to the auditorium there were galleries. In the course of years it was decided to have a new structure, and the wooden building was moved to the rear of the property, facing Pearl Street, and services were continued in it while the new brick structure was in course of erection. On October 11, 1856, the corner stone of the present house of worship was laid with impressive Masonic honors, Rev. Benjamin Cronyn, D.D., of London, preaching an eloquent sermon from the text: "Not by might, not by power, but by My Spirit," saith the Lord of Hosts." The inscription on the stone was as follows:—

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY GHOST. AMEN.

This Corner Stone of Town and Grace Church,
In this Parish of Brantford, and County of Brant, and
Province of Canada,

Was laid with ample Masonic honors by

WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, Esq.,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted
Masons of Canada, in the presence of the

REVEREND BENJAMIN CRONYN,

Rector of London, D.D., and Rural Dean, C.W. and
many Priests assisting.

THE HONOURABLE AND RIGHT REVEREND JOHN STRACHAN
D.D., LL.D.,

being Bishop of the Diocese of Toronto;

James Campbell Usher, Clerk, Incumbent of Brantford,
and

Thomas Botham and Henry Racey, Church Wardens,
John Turner, Architect of the Church,

ON TUESDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER,
A.D., 1856,

And in the twentieth year of Her Majesty Victoria of
Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith."

There was a disquieting incident at the dedication when the crowded galleries of the old church gave way, but fortunately only sank a few inches and no one was hurt. Proceedings were then continued in the open air.

The Grand Master, with a silver trowel, spread the cement, the stone was lowered and an address was delivered by the Grand Master after a Psalm had been sung. Then followed the benediction and the large concourse dispersed.

The building committee consisted of Matthew William Pruyn, George Samuel Wilkes, Alexander Bunnell, Alexander Green, Thomas Botham and Henry Racey.

The original trustees were Rev. R. Lugger, William Richardson, Lewis Burwell, W. F. Wallace and Reuben Leonard.

It was not until 1835 that a permanent rector was appointed, the Rev. J. C. Usher entering upon his duties at that time and continuing until 1872, when he resigned after a pastorate of thirty-five years. In 1872, Rev. Arthur Sweatman, afterwards the Archbishop of Toronto and Metropolitan and Primate of all Canada, was appointed, and in 1874 he sent a letter of resignation in order to accept the position of principal of Hellmuth College, London, and to be secretary to the Bishop of the diocese and examining chaplain. In the same year he was succeeded by Rev. R. H. Starr, M.A. He remained until 1879 and then became interested in the work of the church in the United States, passing away in New York in 1926. To his memory a handsome pulpit was erected in 1927 as a memorial tribute from Mrs. Starr. In 1879, Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, later Archdeacon, was chosen to succeed Mr. Starr, and then commenced a long and successful pastorate of thirty-eight years duration, the reverend gentleman resigning in 1917. It was during his incumbency that the work of establishing suburban churches was intensified. In 1917 Rev. J. B. Fothering-

ham, now Archdeacon, was appointed, and is still rector.

Thus, for the period of a century, only five rectors have ministered to the congregation—a record which is unique in the church annals of Ontario.

During the passing years there have been additions to the church and many internal improvements, and a large new Parish Hall has been erected. The memorial tower, the gift of Col. Reuben Leonard, a Brantford boy, now of St. Catharines, was commenced in 1916 in memory of the long association of the Leonard family with the church. The tower was completed in 1918, the year in which the Armistice was signed after the Great War. The wording of the inscription is as follows: "This tower and peal of bells are the gift of Reuben M. Leonard, an offering of praise and thanksgiving to God for victory in this year of Grace." The inscription is a chronogram, by which the date is given though hidden.

One hundred years of sanctified effort and ministration. Who shall estimate the value of this service to the community or compute the far-reaching influences that have radiated from the mother church of Brantford?

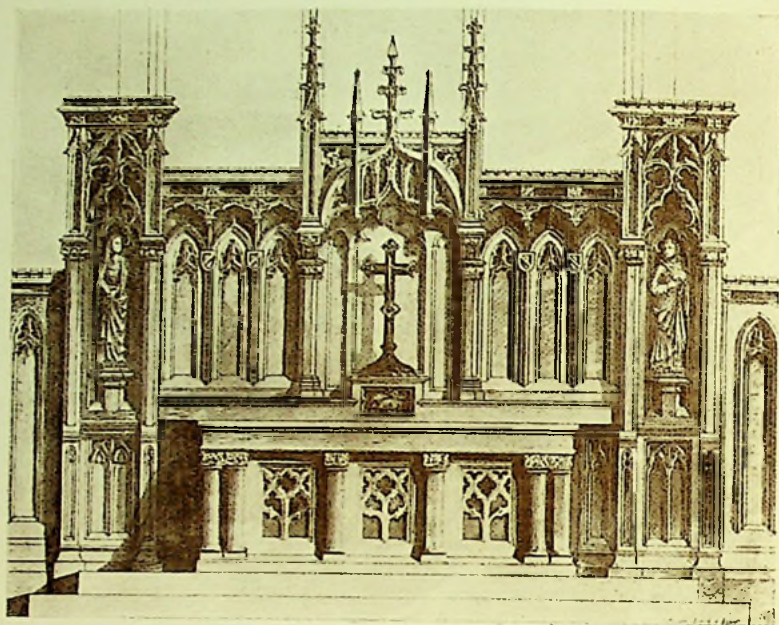


Collect of Thanksgiving

O Almighty God, who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head corner-stone.

We give Thee humble thanks for Thy favour and goodness bestowed upon this Parish during the past hundred years, for granting unto us opportunities of service, and enabling us to extend Thy Kingdom, and more especially for the faith and doctrine preserved to us.

Grant unto us, Thy people, we beseech Thee, the grace of gratitude that we may rightly esteem our heritage. Save us from resting upon traditions of the past, and so continue Thy loving-kindness unto us that we may be a faithful witness unto Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



REREDOS—ERECTED 1918

Centenary Celebration Services

MAY 4th, 11.00 a.m.—The Rector.

7.00 p.m.—Indian Divinity Student.

MAY 11th, 11.00 a.m.—Canon Gower-Rees, M.A., Montreal.

7.00 p.m.—Canon Gower-Rees, M.A.

MAY 18th, 11.00 a.m.—Canon Woodcock, M.A., Toronto.

7.00 p.m.—Canon Woodcock, M.A.

MAY 25th, 11.00 a.m.—His Grace The Archbishop of Huron.

3.00 p.m.—Children's Service—The Archbishop.

7.00 p.m.—His Grace The Archbishop of Huron.

Centenary Thanksgiving Service

Ascension Day, May 29th, 1930

by

THE UNITED CHOIRS OF THE DEANERY OF BRANT
under the direction of

A. G. MERRIMAN, A.R.C.O., A.T.C.L.

ORGAN—Chorale in A Minor..... *Caesar Franck*

HYMN 179.

PSALM 108.

FIRST LESSON—Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14.

MAGNIFICAT..... *Stamford in B Flat*

SECOND LESSON—Hebrews 1.

NUNC DIMITTIS..... *Stamford in B Flat*

THE CREED AND RESPONSES TO THE THIRD COLLECT.

ANTHEM—Lord in Thankful Exultation..... *Mendelssohn*

HYMN 181.

SERMON—Rev. T. G. WALLACE, M.A., London.

HALLELUJAH CHORUS..... *Handel*

OFFERTORY.

BENEDICTION.

FESTAL—Te Deum..... *Woodward in D*

RECESSIONAL HYMN 313.

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1830 : The Memorials in Grace Church : 1930

THE TOWER AND BELLS	Francis and Elizabeth Leonard, by R. W. Leonard, Esq.
STAINED GLASS WINDOWS	Reuben W. Leonard (Victory) Yates Family by Henry Yates Fred W. Frank (Citizens and Congregation) J. and M. Bishop, by F. J. Bishop Reginald Starr, by Rev. and Mrs. Starr E. and C. Bunnell, by A. K. Bunnell A. and S. Greer, by Mr. Greer M. C. J. and M. Hamilton, by J. S. Hamilton Mary H. Shadbolt, by Mr. Shadbolt
THE REREDOS - - -	Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, by Congregation
THE ALTAR - - -	E. H. W. Van Allen, by Mrs. Van Allen
COMMUNION SERVICE -	Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, by Family
ALMS BASIN - - -	Mrs. Champion, by Family
ALTAR CROSS AND VASE	John H. Stratford, by Family
SANCTUARY LIGHTS -	Margaret M. Smith, by Geo. H. Muirhead
COMMUNION RAIL - -	Mrs. Mackenzie, by Chancel Guild
SEDILIA - - - -	Mrs. M. E. Nelles, by Chancel Guild
THE PULPIT - - -	Rev. R. H. Starr, by Mrs. Starr
PRAYER AND READING DESKS	(Hon. Arthur Sturgis Hardy and his wife Mary Morrison, by Hon. Senator A. C. Hardy)
THE LECTERN - - -	Gladys Hardy Starr, by Hon. Senator A. C. Hardy
HYMN BOOK DESK - -	Howard Jackson, by A. M. Jackson
PRAYER DESK - - -	Henry Lemmon, by Mrs. Lemmon
BRASS EWER - - -	E. Alice Wye Bennett, by the Misses Wye
PROCESSIONAL CROSS	Sergeants of Dufferin Rifles of Canada
WALL TABLETS:	
Rev. G. C. Mackenzie	Jeffrey Hale
Reuben and Wells Leonard	Maurice F. Wilkes
Richard and Mary Catton	John Hately, M.A.
Rev. J. C. Usher	The three Stratford Brothers
Mrs. Usher	Members Killed Roll (A. E. Watts)
Miss C. Usher	Members Enlistment Roll
Lena Ellis	Clara Stokoe
Francis John Bishop	

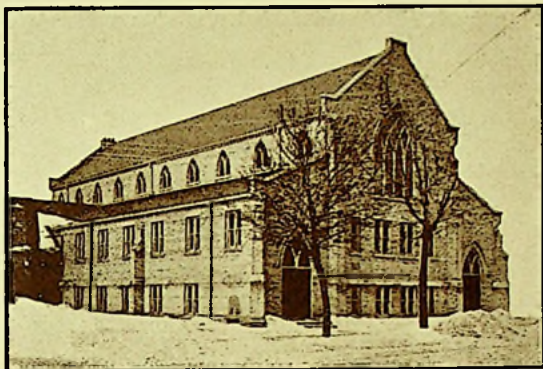
Gifts

SILK BURSE AND VEIL -	Mrs. H. Cockshutt
CHAPEL ELECTROLIER -	Miss Bennett
LECTERN BIBLE - - -	Gray Ace Club
SILVER BREAD BOX - -	Mrs. C. H. Waterous
CHANCEL CARPET - - -	Women's Guild
MEMORIAL FLAGS - - -	R. A. HENWOOD
CHANCEL FLAGS—	Deposited for safe keeping by the 125th Battalion Deposited for safe keeping by the 215th Battalion

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PARISH HALL—ERECTED 1919

Banquet and Dance

Under the combined auspices of the A.Y.P.A. and Gray Ace Club.

PARISH HALL, GRACE CHURCH,
FRIDAY, MAY 9, 1930
Banquet, 6.30 p.m.

Singing : Music : Toasts

Address

Mr. Harry E. Moule, Secretary, Dominion A.Y.P.A.

R. J. Waterous, Chairman.

DANCING, 9-12 P.M.

Patrons and Patronesses

Ven. Archdeacon and Mrs. J. B. Fotheringham

Rev. and Mrs. E. A. Slack

His Honour Judge and Mrs. A. D. Hardy

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Coles

Tim Eaton's Orchestra



Centenary Birthday Party

PARISH HALL, TUESDAY, MAY 20TH, AT 8 P.M.

An outstanding event in the social history of our Church.

All for fun and fun for all.

An exceptional musical programme, cards and birthday games to turn back the pages to youth.

Refreshments with a monster Birthday Cake.

Come and wish the Church "Many Happy Returns."

1830 :: Grace Church Honour Roll :: 1930

FOR GREAT WAR, AUG. 4, 1914—NOV. 11, 1918

*"To you from failing hands we throw the torch,
Be yours to hold it high"*

Acret, Mabel L.	Dale, F. E.	Kite, R. C.	Seago, S. W.
Acret, W. M.	Davis, W. H.	Laborde, P. S.	Secord, W. H.
Andrews, D. M.	Davis, W. H.	Lear, L.	Scrogg, S.
Ankers, W. H.	Dempster, D. F.	LeConte, F. C.	Sheppard, Helen
Ashton, E. C.	Digby, R. W.	LeConte, C. F.	Sheppard, C. M.
Ashton, A. N.	Dukes, C.	LeConte, G. F.	Smith, A.
Bailey, W.	Dunstan, A.	Locke, H. W.	Smith, M. C.
Ballachey, P. P.	Edwards, A.	MacDonald, Maude K.	Speechley, A.
Bell, W. W.	Elliott, R.	McLean, H. J. G.	Standish, C.
Bennett, A.	Evans, R.	McLean, Florence	Stanley, H.
Benett, C. M.	Fairchild, B.	McIntyre, A.	Stevens, W.
Benning, C. R. C.	Fawkes, G.	Mears, L.	Stratford, A. M.
Benwell, H. D.	Farnsworth, P. L. W.	Mears, A.	Stratford, J. H.
Bishop, A. L.	Fennell, H.	Mellor, H.	Stratford, H. J.
Bishop, L. F.	Fern, W. H.	Mellor, J. F.	Stratford, G. S.
Boddy, A. H.	Ford, C. W.	Mellor, R. F. C.	Stratford, J. B.
Boddy, W. J.	Forman, J.	Mercer, J.	Sole, J.
Bolt, W.	Frost, H.	Myer, H. B.	Sparkes, R.
Book, P.	Frost, J.	Mintern, T.	Tigwell, S.
Breedon, F.	Footo, E.	Moon, H.	Todd, C. B.
Breedon, J. S.	Genet, H. A.	Moore, G. W.	Tonkin, A. E.
Brooks, W. C.	Genet, J.	Mounce, J.	Tooze, J.
Brown, A.	Genet, H.	Myring, W. F.	Treveth, W. C.
Brown, J.	Ginn, A.	Mellish, A.	Tranmer, F.
Budd, W.	Goldstraw, E.	Mitchell, E. C.	Twidale, H.
Burgess, C.	Goold, E. L., Jr.	Neil, B.	Unicombe, W. A.
Bunnell, K. V.	Grensted, E.	Nelles, C. M.	Unsworth, J.
Burt, A. C.	Grensted, J. E.	Newman, E. H.	Usher, A.
Butcher, H.	Hall, R. T.	Newman, W. F.	vanAllen, K. M.
Burley, T. C.	Hall, F. W.	Nober, A.	vanSomeren, A. P.
Byatt, J.	Hannon, J.	O'Neil, P. R.	vanSomeren, A. W. E.
Caudwell, N. S.	Hardy, A. C.	O'Neil, V. S.	Walsh, H.
Chevens, E. C.	Harris, B.	Ogle, W. H.	Waterous, C. L.
Cara, S.	Harwood, A.	Olt, O. G.	Waterous, J. B.
Chickagian, J.	Hately, J.	Parsons, T. H.	Waterous, R. J.
Chickagian, S.	Hately, H. W.	Paterson, W. M.	Watson, H. C.
Clark, A.	Harlow, W.	Payne, E.	Watson, H. S.
Clark, E. W.	Hazlewood, S.	Payne, S. G.	Watson, R. S.
Cleghorn, A. M.	Heap, J.	Pefe, H.	Watson, A.
Clocks, G.	Henwood, R.	Pennell, E.	Watts, E. R.
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(as complete as known)

YEAR	RECTOR'S WARDEN	PEOPLE'S WARDEN	YEAR	RECTOR'S WARDEN	PEOPLE'S WARDEN
1845	Wm. Muirhead	Allen Good	1888	J. Smith	John Spence
1846	do.	do.	1889	do.	do.
1847	Chas. Merrigold	Wm. Kirby	1890	F. T. Wilkes	J. Bishop
1848	John Kirby	Andrew Higgin- botham	1891	do.	do.
1849	do.	do.	1892	do.	H. Genet
1850	do.	do.	1893	do.	do.
1851	H. Racey	T. Botham	1894	do.	G. Hately
1852	do.	do.	1895	do.	J. R. Thompson
1853	W. Lines	C. Merrigold	1896	do.	do.
1854	do.	do.	1897	J. R. Thompson	J. L. Hubbell
1855	J. Muirhead	J. Kirby	1898	J. L. Hubbell	E. D. Cameron
1856	T. Botham	H. Racey	1899	do.	do.
1857	T. S. Shortt	J. C. Geddes	1900	E. D. Cameron	A. K. Bunnell
1858	H. Lemmon	W. Lines	1901	A. K. Bunnell	H. F. Leonard
1859	J. Smith	M. W. Pruyne	1902	do.	do.
1860	Sheriff Smith	David Curtis	1903	H. F. Leonard	F. T. Wilkes
1861	Henry Racey	Francis Leonard	1904	R. Butt	G. Ballachey
1862	do.	do.	1905	G. Ballachey	R. Butt
1863	John F. Cox	A. H. Bennett	1906	do.	F. W. Frank
1864	Mr. Bennett	Mr. Racey	1907	F. W. Frank	W. Bentham
1865	Warren Totten	W. B. Hurst	1908	do.	do.
1866	W. B. Hurst	Enos Bunnell	1909	do.	W. L. Roberts
1867	Walter Jones	W. J. Imlach	1910	do.	R. Sibbitt
1868	do.	do.	1911	do.	do.
1869	do.	T. B. McMahon	1912	do.	F. J. Bishop
1870	do.	W. J. Imlach	1913	do.	do.
1871	do.	David Curtis	1914	do.	do.
1872	John Brethour	F. H. Leonard	1915	do.	do.
1873	do.	do.	1916	do.	do.
1874	Mr. Botham	J. H. Stratford	1917	do.	do.
1875	do.	Mr. Jones	1918	F. J. Bishop	E. P. Watson
1876	Hugh Jones	A. Watts	1919	E. P. Watson	L. Waterous
1877	do.	do.	1920	do.	do.
1878	Mr. Imlach	F. T. Wilkes	1921	L. Waterous	G. G. Caudwell
1879	Thomas Botham	A. K. Bunnell	1922	G. G. Caudwell	M. E. B. Cutcliffe
1880	do.	do.	1923	M. E. B. Cutcliffe	G. Harris
1881	do.	Chas. Mason	1924	G. Harris	A. M. Jackson
1882	do.	do.	1925	A. M. Jackson	Judge Hardy
1883	B. H. Rothwell	A. H. Dymond	1926	Judge Hardy	T. H. Whitehead
1884	do.	do.	1927	T. H. Whitehead	K. C. Berney
1885	do.	L. Blackader	1928	Judge Hardy	M. E. B. Cutcliffe
1886	F. T. Wilkes	G. Caudwell	1929	do.	I. K. Johnston & K. V. Bunnell
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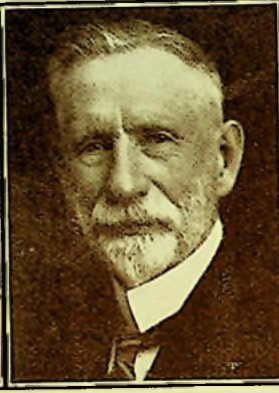
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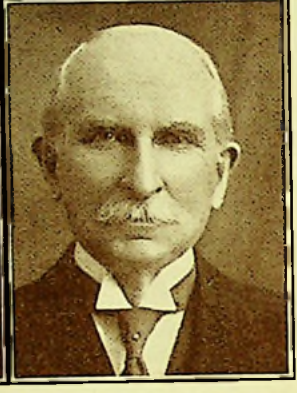
Three Lay Delegates to the Synod, also members of the Executive of the Diocese and at various times members of the Provincial and General Synods, who have served Grace Church long and faithfully.



A. K. BUNNELL, Esq.



COL. W. F. COCKSHUTT



JUDGE A. D. HARDY

Officers—1930

Clergy—Ven. Archdeacon J. B. Fotheringham, M.A.

Rev. E. A. Slack, L.Th.

Hon. Clergy—Rev. W. H. Snell, B.A., L.Th.

Wardens—Mr. E. M. Cockshutt, Mr. K. V. Bunnell.

Lay Delegates—Mr. A. K. Bunnell, Col. W. F. Cockshutt, His Honour Judge Hardy.

Select Vestry—Messrs. K. C. Berney, W. C. Brooks, I. W. Champion, J. C. Coles, M. E. B. Cutcliffe, W. C. Edwards, A. D. Hardy, G. G. Kenzie, J. R. Varcy, L. M. Waterous, R. J. Waterous, W. H. Webbing.

Vestry Clerk—Mr. F. W. Bussey.

Organist and Choirmaster—Mr. A. G. Merriman, A.R.C.O., A.T.C.L.

Chairmen of Sidesmen—Mr. J. T. Whittaker and Mr. W. Walsh, Sr.

Sexton—Mr. C. Benning. *Bell Ringer*—Mr. B. H. Benning.

Organization Heads

Sunday School—Rev. E. A. Slack

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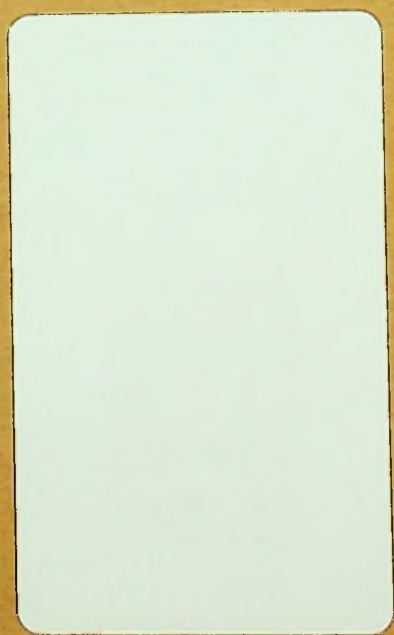
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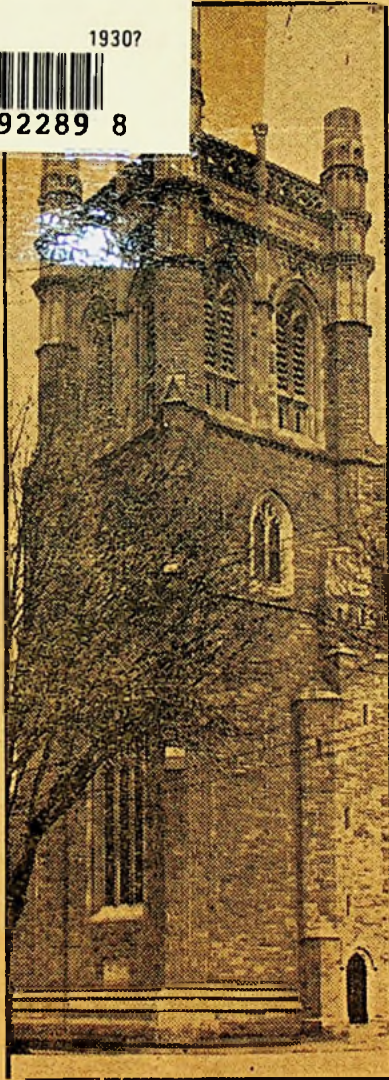
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