

Canon Greene relates; Old Mr. Wyatt were, I think, the most elegant couple I ever met: their courtesy of demeanor towards each other was beautiful and they brought up a splendid family.

From the records and accounts of the Church at this time, one receives the impression that it was becoming neglected somewhat in spite of the efforts of the Wyatts, with only a few people attending Church. The collections and pew rents had fallen off; in the year 1869 the collections were only \$31.45 and the pew rents \$20.00. There can be little doubt that the deficit was met by Henry Wyatt and that but for the capable manner in which he held on, the Church would be closed. An item from the notebook of Henry Wyatt says, "Left Herberton in Oct. 1869, for England, and the Church in the hands of Messrs. Brown, Feeley and Crickmore, under God's helping hand." But, that they returned is shown by entries of March 1871. Mr Wyatt died later in 1871 and was buried in the Church Cemetery. Faithfully in spite of much discouragement he had kept the Church together and his memory is still respected after ninety years. All the bookkeeping during those ten years was done by Mrs. Wyatt. She helped support him throughout and she out-lived him by only a few years. Others did carry on is proved by the fact that the Church went on to celebrate its ninetieth birthday anniversary.

1870.....It was during this next period that the Diocese of Niagara was formed with Bishop Fuller as the first Bishop. The next Rector, Rev. Stewart Houston had been appointed to Waterdown and Lowville in 1866. In 1870, Mr. Houston had resigned from Lowville, and Aldershot and Waterdown were looked after by him and continued together

until 1922. From what we learned of the previous history, the gap left in the Church attendance, in personal interest and financial help must have made the new Rector's task difficult but the work was carried on faithfully. Whenever possible Mr Houston played the organ, which by the way was a Melodian, and not many of the present members remember the little box affair that stood against the side wall. The official organist was Miss Clara Chisholm but her attendance being very irregular on Sunday, Mr. Houston insisted that Miss Kate Read and Miss Read remarked that Mr. Houston was a very persistent man for she played that Sunday and for so many years after that she lost count. In 1878 Rev. Houston left and Rev. John Francis came as Rector. By this time the Church needed renovating and what Mr. Francis's heart and hands found to do was done. Where all the money came from nobody knows. Except that Mr. Francis not only worked but gave some of it and again the Wyatt family came to the rescue. One of their daughters was then living in England, when appealed to, sent a generous sum and with it the Font was bought. You will see her name carved on it. "The Gift of Catherine Wyatt, 1884."

Evidently until this time, the Altar Table was a plain walmutable, doubtless the one now in the vestry. So, in the Chancel changes were made. A crimson felt curtain with the inscription in gold letters, "I am the Bread of Life", an Altar covered with crimson felt with the inscription, "Holy, Holy, Holy," and over the Chancel arch the verse, "The Lord is in His Holy Temple". All done by Mr. Francis's hands. Those that knew the Altar will remember the beautiful IHM embroidered on it. This work was done by Miss Jones, a