

to have a rector of their own which is always a step forward. After Mr. Leake left, Mr. J. J. Martin, a Trinity College student, came for a short time. Then Mr. F. G. Lightburne and his brother Mr. Gilbert Lightburne, student of Wycliffe College came. When they became ordained it was again of course good-bye, and this time a welcome to Mr. F. G. Lamb. St. Matthew's parish became Mr. Lamb's love. For the first time the church felt well served. A new organization was formed called the Ladies Aid. The money for parish needs raised by them was amazing. The basement was improved by a metallic ceiling and a wood floor. Curtains to separate the Sunday School classes, a new carpet and other things were achieved. The inside of the church was painted, the pews varnished, a pipeorgan replaced the old one bought by Mr. Francis. The beautiful memorial windows, the gift of Mr. G. A. Smith, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt were installed. Two brass collection plates were gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Baker, grandson of the Wyatts. The oak Altar was the gift of Mr. Alfred and Miss Catherine Read.

While Mr. Lamb was rector there were many visits from neighboring clergy. Mr. Tebbs. and Mr. Barclay coming for the communion services for many months. At the dedication of the Altar and the Memorial windows beautiful services with the Bishop present and on one memorable Easter that wonderful Bishop Athabaska. St. Matthew's was the envy of the city churches that Easter morning.

In 1927 Rev. T. N. Lowe was appointed to Aldershot and Burlington Beach and once again there was a rector and a rector's wife. Again the church had improvements with a chancel carpet and a chancel curtain, the gift of the Girl's

Auxiliary.

St. Matthew's Church Lay Reader, Mr. Herbert Coates, came into the life of the church in 1928, taking over the offices of Sunday School Superintendent and Vestry Clerk. For twenty years he served the Wentworth Deanery Laymen's Association as Secretary. Each decade and generation produces laymen of outstanding devotion and Mr. Coates has carried on a worthy tradition. His interests have ranged from Scouting and Dramatics in the Parish, Council for Social Service, and organized the Laymen's movement in 1948, becoming President in 1949.

Early in the year 1929 the Rev. A. B. Higginson, after an absence of 23 years, returned to the church of St. Matthew. Perhaps the most outstanding feature of his incumbency was the seventieth anniversary celebration which was held in 1931. A committee, formed to look after this, spent many months in preparation. After a great deal of searching they were able to get in touch with over 200 members and relatives of members as well as former rectors living in many different parts of North America, who were all invited to be present. This was supplemented by a good deal of publicity in various newspapers and periodicals. It was through an article in a Toronto morning paper that a grandson of Mr. Wyatt living in the States, who had never seen the church before was able to come. After extensive search through old books, letters and papers, Mrs. Griner prepared a history of the church and read it at the banquet.

But the members of the committee felt that they were well repaid for these labors, when on Sunday morning, September 20th, a large congregation filled the seats, the aisles, and every