

were 40 in the choir alone. The singing was impressive and well rendered, and the service one of the most colorful that has been held in the church.

So in a very happy way, the ministry of Mr. Luxton was ushered in. It was in the middle of a great depression, finances were low, and the wardens were having a difficult time to make ends meet, yet in spite of all these things, it was a beginning of a period of a development greater than ever before.

In 1934 Mr. Luxton was very sick, and during that time the Church of the Good Shepherd was taken away. Later the evening service, which had been held every Sunday for ten years, was changed to once a month. There passed away also one of the most active members of the church, Alfred Read. He was Cemetery Clerk for many years. When he first took it over, the grass and weeds in the churchyard were a sight to behold, but within a short time he brought it into such order that the churchyard of St. Matthew's was known far and wide as a model of neatness. With what money he could squeeze out of the fund he kept kept the fence and the outside of the church painted. He bought curtains for the Cancel, he kept lowers upon the Altar, and he laboured hard to improve the general tone of the services. What the church owes him will not ever be fully realized.

At this time the highway was widened, and a strip six feet wide was bought from the church. With the money allowed a new picket fence was built and extended down the side of the churchyard. The grave lots were also staked and a blue print was made of them. With the

planting of a few trees and shrubs the grounds were fully enclosed.

In 1935 Mr. A. Smith of Peterborough, son-in-law of Mr. Wyatt died, and bequeathed \$500.00 to the church. With the money a third stained glass window was put in; leaded windows replaced the weather beaten sash of all the other windows; the church was painted in and out and the tower repaired. The top of the tower, with the old flagstaff had to be completely removed, and a new top, with the Cross erected. As a gift from Miss Read in memory of her brother, the Cancel was renovated, and two of the windows removed.

An event of importance that year was the wedding of the rector. The bride immediately found a warm place of affection in the congregation and she soon became a real asset to the choir, and a welcome guest in the women's organizations. Later she helped in the work of the Sunday School.

In 1936 a reading desk was placed in the church by public subscription in memory of George Sinclair. The church also celebrated its 75th anniversary. Though no attempt was made to copy the event of five years ago, it was a good opportunity to bring back some of the former rectors. A brief history was also published. Around this time the Junior Bible Class was formed, which soon became one of the active organizations of the church. Through the efforts of its members an edgegrain floor was laid on the stage in the basement and cupboards built for choir vestments, besides the purchase of Prayer books for