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Anglican Church of Canada

Mission: To worship God and proclaim Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and to embody – in word and action – God’s reconciling love, justice, compassion and liberation – through which knowledge of God’s reign is extended.

April 22, 1997

Ms.
Miss Eunice Streeter
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Dear Mrs. Streeter:

Further to our telephone conversation of April 17, 1997 enclosed please find the baptism records of the three Stutt girls as requested. They were located in the early parish records of St. Peter's, Cobourg. Interestingly, A.N. Bethune was the officiant at all three and I have included a couple of brief biographical notes about him for your information.

I hope that this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Mary-Anne Nicholls
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Archivist/Records Officer

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1867—January-November—Coadjutor Bishop of Toronto (First), with title of Lord Bishop of Niagara.
1867-1879—Lord Bishop of Toronto (Second).
1800—Born Thursday, 28th August, at Charlottenburg, near Cornwall, Ont. Educated at the Grammar School, Cornwall, Ont.
1847—D.D. (*honoris causa*), University and King's College, Aberdeen.
1857—D.C.L. (*honoris causa*), University of Trinity College, Toronto.
1823—Ordained Deacon in the Church of God, by the Lord Bishop of Quebec (J. Mountain), on the Feast of St. Bartholomew, Sunday, 24th August, at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, Quebec.
1824—Ordained Priest in the Church of God, by the Lord Bishop of Quebec (J. Mountain), on Sunday, 26th September, at the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity, Quebec.
1823-1827—Incumbent of Grimsby, Ont. (Quebec.)
1827-1867—Rector of Cobourg, Ont. (Quebec-Toronto.)
1839-1867—Chaplain to the Bishop of Toronto (J. Strachan).
1841-1846—President, Theological Seminary, Cobourg, Ont. (Toronto.)
1847-1867—Archdeacon of York (Toronto).
1866—Elected Coadjutor Bishop of Toronto, with title of Bishop of Niagara and with right of succession to the See of Toronto, on 21st September, by the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, in session at Toronto, Ont.
1867—Consecrated Bishop in the Church of God, by the Honourable and Right Reverend John Strachan, D.D., Lord Bishop of Toronto, assisted by their Lordships, the Bishops of Huron (B. Cronyn), Ontario (J. T. Lewis), the Bishop of Michigan (S. A. McCosky), and the Bishop of Western New York (A. C. Coxe), on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, Friday, 25th January, at the Cathedral Church of St. James, Toronto, Ont.
Residence—Beverley Street, Toronto, Ont.
Official signature—A. N. Niagara.
1867—Succeeded to the See of Toronto, on the death of the Right Reverend John Strachan, D.D., on 1st November.
Residence—Wellington Street, Toronto, Ont.
Official signature—A. N. Toronto.
1879—Died Monday, 3rd February, at Toronto, in the 79th year of his age, the 56th of his ministry, and the 13th of his Episcopate.
Buried in St. Peter's Cemetery at Cobourg, Ont.

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land, March 14, 1804. He was educated at the Royal School nearby, and was a good classical and mathematical scholar. Late in 1826 he came to Quebec bearing letters of recommendation to Bishop Stewart, as he wished to be a missionary. He taught school at Kingston, and served as a catechist for a short time at the Gore on the Ottawa. He was ordained deacon in 1832 and sent to St. Andrews as curate to the Reverend William Abbott. In 1833 he was priested and licensed to Chaleur Bay. He married Eliza Coulthorpe in the same year. He remained at Chaleur Bay until 1837, spent a few months at Rivière du Loup en Haut, and from 1838 to 1839 he was S.P.G. Missionary at Shefford, L.C. For the following fifteen years he was incumbent at Kingsey, and from 1864 to 1868 at Nicolet. He retired in 1868, but served later for short periods at Lachine, Valcartier, Magog and Coaticook. He died at Montreal, February 13, 1891. He had five daughters and three sons. One son served as a priest in the diocese of Quebec, and a grandson served in the diocese of Algoma. A Sermon of Thanksgiving, preached by Andrew Balfour on the cessation of the cholera epidemic, was printed in Miramichi in 1834.

(C. W. Balfour, *Ancestry of the Balfours*, 1937.)

BETHUNE, ALEXANDER NEIL
(1800-1879)

ALEXANDER NEIL BETHUNE, son of Reverend John Bethune and of Veronica Wadden his wife, was born at Charlottenburg, U.C., August 28, 1800. He attended Dr. Strachan's school at Cornwall, and was later educated by the same master in theology. In 1823 he was ordained and licensed to Grimsby, a mission with several out-stations. In 1827 he was appointed to succeed the Reverend William Macaulay at Cobourg, and he remained in that parish for forty years. Here he helped to found and direct the Diocesan Theological Institution, forerunner of Trinity Col-

lege, Toronto. He also edited *The Church*, and from 1847 to 1867 was archdeacon of York. In January, 1867, he was consecrated as coadjutor to the Bishop of Toronto, with the title of Bishop of Niagara, but he himself became Bishop of Toronto on Strachan's death in November of the same year. He died February 3, 1879. He and his wife Jane Eliza Crooks had ten children. He published a Memoir of Bishop Strachan, *Lectures on the Liturgy*, pamphlets and sermons.

(*The Bethunes*, by A. H. Young. Ontario Historical Society, *Papers and Records*, 1931.)

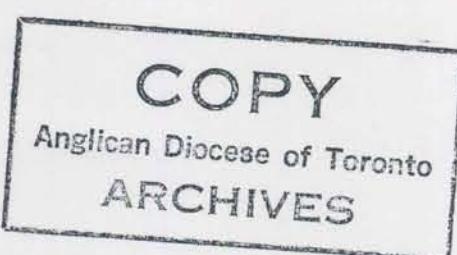
BETHUNE, JOHN
(1791-1872)

JOHN BETHUNE, brother of A. N. Bethune, was born at Charlottenburg, U.C., January 6, 1791. He was educated by John Strachan at Kingston and Cornwall. On his ordination in July, 1814, he was appointed to Elizabethtown and Augusta, opening the S.P.G. mission in that region. In 1818 he became rector of Montreal. From 1835 to 1846 he was acting-principal of McGill College, and from 1850 on, after the founding of the diocese of Montreal, he was dean of the Cathedral as well as rector. During his tenure of office old Christ Church burned, and the present Cathedral was built. He married Elizabeth Hallowell of Montreal, by whom he had eleven children, six of whom died in infancy. One of his sons, Strachan Bethune, K.C., became chancellor of the diocese of Montreal. John Bethune died, August 22, 1872, after an incumbency of fifty-four years. He published pamphlets and sermons.

(*McGill News*, Summer, 1943, has an article on *The Very Reverend John Bethune, D.D. LL.D.*)

BETTRIDGE, WILLIAM
(1791-1879)

WILLIAM BETTRIDGE was born in Warwickshire, August 30, 1791. He entered the British army, became Lieu-



The life of the Right Reverend, the Honourable Charles James Stewart
Second Anglican Bishop of Quebec by Thomas R. Milman.

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