

RECTOR'S MESSAGE

I consider it a great opportunity that I as the Incumbent Priest in Charge for this the centennial year of the Parish of Apsley. It is also a great pleasure to have been asked to write a part of the forward notes for this book. As you read this history you will find that it's pages unfold not only the story of a church and its ministers, but also the record of the growth of its people and their community as they struggled to build it upon the strength which only a close relationship with the God of all creativity can provide.

As you follow the story of the first 100 years of this parish, you will find that it demonstrates many of the problems and successes which might be incurred in a Christian marriage. As all Christian Churches should do, this parish was founded for the purpose of communicating the Good News about Jesus Christ to the world around it, and working to make the community a good place to live. God, for His part, as He is always wont to do, has supported and encouraged all these efforts in order to aid in their success. Hence, this record becomes a record of success in better, in worse, in richer, in poorer, in sickness and in health.

In the annals of Apsley's Anglican Communion are recorded the great efforts of many faithful Christians both of the Clergy and of the devoted lay people who have worked unceasingly with God to fulfill His purposes and give shining examples of dedication. Many thanks go the Historical Committee who have worked so hard to collect, collate and compile this book. Under the chairman Mrs. Rosalie McColl, the committee of Mrs. Sophia Peters, Mrs. May Reddick, Mrs. Frances Mace and many others have spent many hours together on this worthy project. Our thanks go to them for their efforts and dedication.

However, they could never have been able to accomplish this without the help of many other people who have helped them to remember interesting events and anecdotes and have loaned them or