

March, 1895. T. Wilson and Mrs. Wilson very heartily gave us a bag of potatoes, and Bessie cooked some for supper, to the great delight of her mother. We have not had potatoes for several weeks."

The following entry in his diary has no significance to the above quotations. I include it in this history simply as a tribute to a faithful layman:-- "T. Wilson forgot to take wood to the church until he was going to bed at 11 p.m. He then hitched up his team and took some. It is doubtful if any other man would have done so. Thermometer 32 below zero at 10 p.m. Jan. 26, 1884."

To give you an impression of the appearance of St. George's Church in its early days, here is a passage from Canon Harding's diary describing it:-- "About the time I was stationed here by the bishop as Lay Reader it was floored and seated, and a pulpit put in, but the walls were not plastered, neither the ceiling, but both are covered with thick brown paper which shakes and breaks loose with the wind. The woodwork is all uncoloured, and the chancel is a place railed off with a huge pulpit on one side, and a sort of sentry box on the other which serves as a vestry. There is no chancel window, and the chancel so called is at the west end. There is no reading desk or font, and it is the most barn-like building that ever I saw called a church." I might insert here another interesting fact recited by Canon Harding in a letter to England in 1884 as follows:-- "Until I was appointed to this Mission in 1875 there had not been a clergyman here, nor a service after the manner of the Church ever held, although there had been