

arrival in Apsley he found all public places, churches, schools, etc. closed by order of the Board of Health because the "Spanish Flu" which was raging in the village and district, and for the first few weeks his time was fully occupied in visiting and ministering to the sick and reorganizing the Mission, of which it was sadly in need, having been so long unshepherded. The epidemic subsided at the end of the month, then the activities of the church, school, and social life throughout the community soon resumed their normal course. St. George's and the Methodist Church were both reopened for services early in December. Under the auspices of St. George's Church, a Christmas tree and Entertainment was given in the Parish Hall open to the whole community and no less than 100 adults and ninety children were welcomed by the new incumbent and his wife and family. Statistical returns of St. George's for the month of December show that six services were held with an average attendance of thirty-five.

In 1920, property in the heart of the village was purchased for \$2,200.00. This comprised a combined house and large store, and was converted to a rectory with large adjoining Parish Hall. The store was converted by grouping all the old counters together to form a solid stage, and seating accommodation provided by the gift of a number of old pews from All Saints Church, Peterborough. The storeroom behind the stage was converted to a kitchen. These facilities were in constant use from 1921 onwards as a meeting place for Lectures, Men's Club, gymnastics, Girl Guides and numerous community activities, including movie theatre in the 50's.