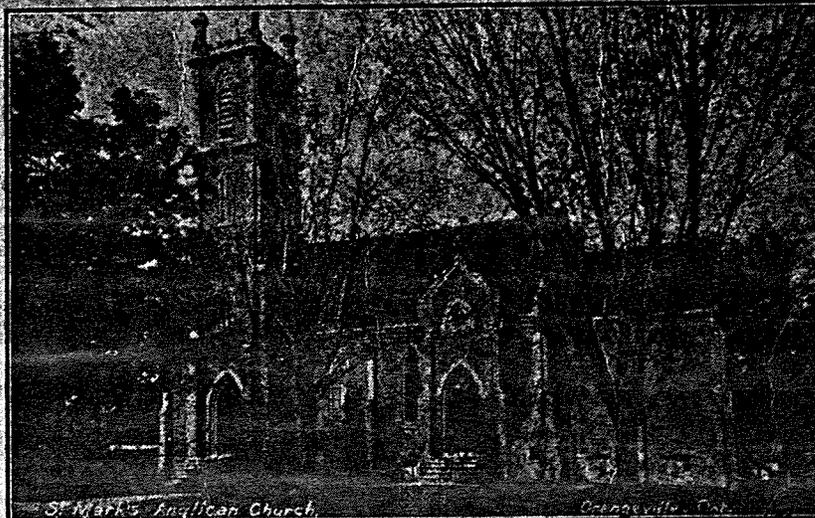


ST. MARK'S CHURCH

Orangeville, Ont.

1837 - Centennial - 1937

"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise. Be thankful unto Him and bless His Name. For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations."



St. Mark's Anglican Church.

Orangeville, Ont.

"For the memories we treasure
That to this our Home belong,
Hours of sweet and high communion,
Matin prayer and evensong:
For the lessons Thou hast taught us,
Taught by joy and taught by pain—
Lord, for all Thy countless blessings,
We uplift our festal strain."

St. Mark's Church

OFFICIALS FOR THE CENTENNIAL YEAR 1937

Rector—The Rev. Rural Dean H. A. West-McMaster, L.Th.

People's Warden—J. R. Hoare.

Rector's Warden—A. H. Woodland.

Lay Delegates—A. R. Mills, H. B. Church, Colonel J. A. V. Preston. Substitute, Joseph Lewis.

Vestry Clerk—E. Hackett.

Envelope Secretary—H. P. Darraugh.

Laymen's Representative to Deanery Council—J. M. Aiken.

Advisory Council—

The Rector

Wardens

Lay Delegate

President of Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. Jos. Lewis

President of Parish Guild, Mrs. G. M. Cruikshank

President of Girls' Auxiliary, Miss Anna McFarlane

N. N. Wardlaw, President of Deanery Laymen's Association

J. M. Aiken, Parish Representative Laymen's Association

Jackson Holmes

R. B. Endacott.

Board of Sidesmen

Chairman, George Christie

E. A. Robinson

Joseph Lewis

Frank Island

Ralph Endacott

E. A. Thomas

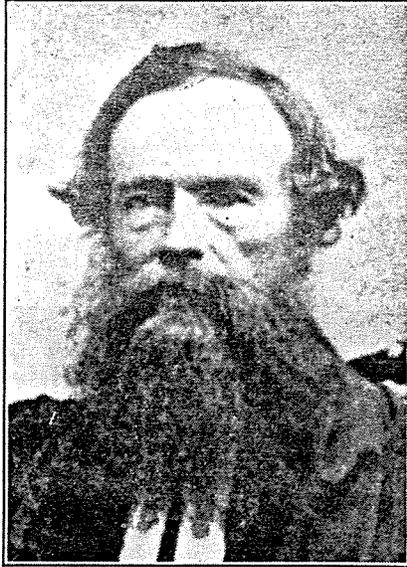
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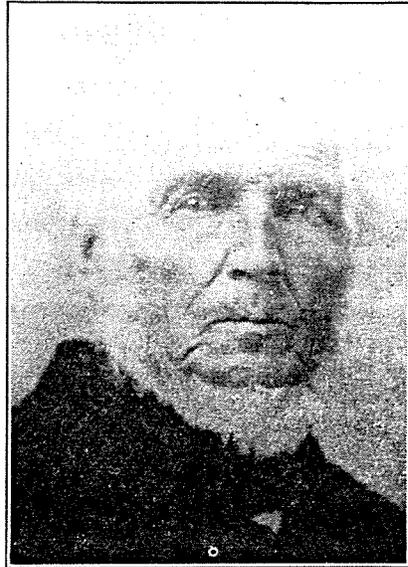
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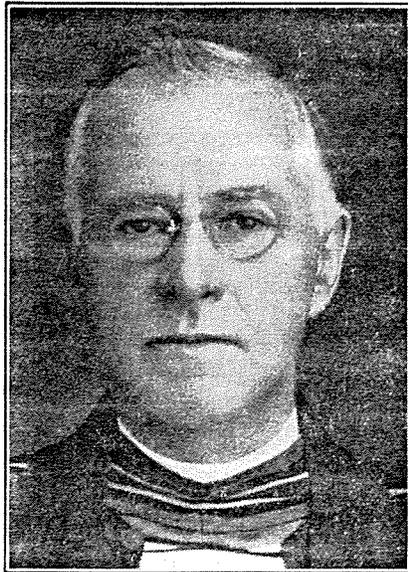
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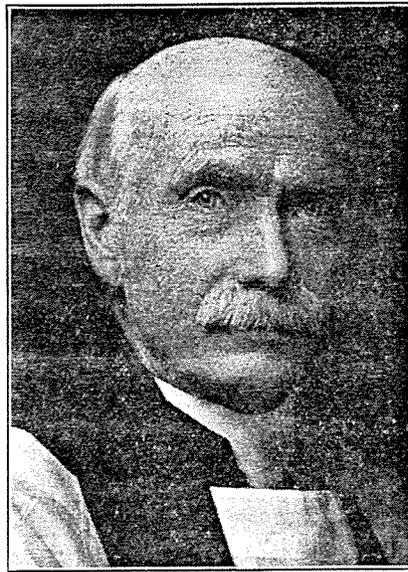
Adam Elliott, first Missionary in the District, 1832.



Seneca Ketchum, Founder of St. Mark's Parish, 1822.



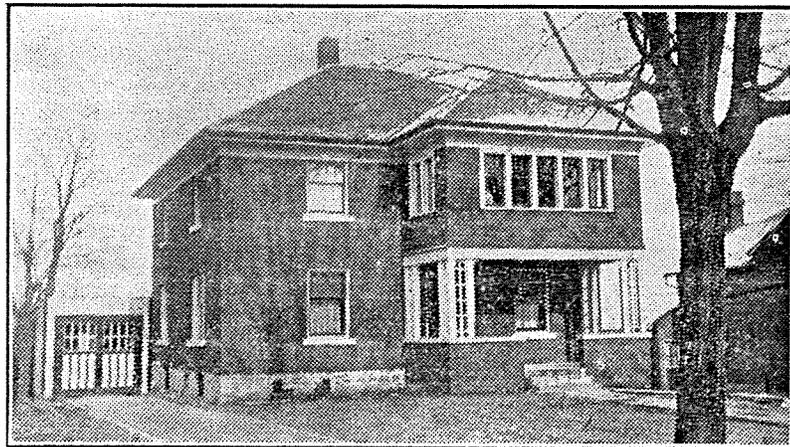
Bishop G. A. Rix, M.A., D.D., Rector
1902—1913



Canon Alexander Henderson,
1860—1901.

RECTORS OF ST. MARK'S PARISH

- 1837-1849—Seneca Ketchum, Missionary.
1850-1856—Rev. John Fletcher.
1856-1861—Rev. J. VanLinge, M.A.
1861-1901—Rev. Canon Alexander Henderson, M.A.
1902-1913—Rev. George A. Rix, M.A., D.D., now Bishop of Caledonia, B.C.
1913-1915—Rev. George W. Tebbs, now Rector of St. Luke's Church,
Burlington, Ont.
1915-1918—Rev. Arthur H. Howitt, B.A., now Rector of St. Thomas
Church, St. Johns, Newfoundland.
1918-1919—Rev. Frederick Eley.
1919-1922—Rev. T. H. Stewart, M.A., B.D., now Rector of St. John's
Church, New Brunswick.
1922-1929—Rev. John W. McDonald, now Rector of St. George's Church,
Hamilton, Ont.
1929- —Rev. H. A. West-McMaster, L.Th., Rural Dean of Wellington.



St. Mark's Rectory

THE STORY OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

In the year 1837 the young Queen Victoria ascended the throne of England, being crowned in the ancient Abbey on a June morning in 1838 by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Archbishop Howley, the last Primate to wear a wig, and with the Coronation sermon preached by Archbishop Vernon Harcourt, of York. The young Queen wore a new crown costing sixty thousand pounds and present at the Coronation were the Duke of Wellington and two young men, Gladstone and Disraeli, afterwards both to be Prime Ministers. Western and Northern Canada were almost unknown territories, the railways had not yet been built, Confederation of the Provinces was yet thirty years away and many parts of Ontario were still unsettled forest and swamp.

In this eventful year a small log church was built by Seneca Ketchum, great churchman and missionary, about a mile east of the present town, on the first line, east, Mono. Orangeville was then a tract of bushland, broken by a few trails and with a handful of scattered settlers.

Orange Lawrence seems to have been the first permanent settler in what is now the Town of Orangeville. He located here about the year 1844, but was not the first comer, as the first patent for land was issued in 1820 to Ezekiel Benson, a land surveyor; the next patent was to Alan Robinette in 1822, who in 1823 sold two hundred acres of land to Seneca Ketchum for £25.

In 1863 the village was incorporated with the first Council of the village consisting of F. C. Stewart, W. E. Thompson, W. S. Hewat, John May, Thomas Jull, with Edward Morgan, Village Clerk, Guy Leslie, Treasurer, and Isaac Nicholson, Collector.

In 1873 the village had grown in population sufficiently to be incorporated as a town, taking the name of Orangeville in honour of the first settler, Orange Lawrence, and with Maitland McCarthy as the first Mayor. Elected with him as councillors were Benjamin Fountain, John Flesher, F. C. Stewart, John Green, William Campbell and James Henry. On the formation of the County of Dufferin in 1881 Orangeville became the county town.

It was several years before Orange Lawrence settled in what was later to be Orangeville that Seneca Ketchum began his great work in the district. He had come from the State of New York to Cataraqui with the Reverend Mr. Stuart to help him found the church there, later to be Kingston. Coming with him to Toronto he became equally enthusiastic over the building of St. James Church with his younger brother Jesse, and both were charter members of St. James, but later Jesse separated himself from the Church over differences with Bishop Strachan concerning the question of public or common schools in York.

For a time Seneca made his way from his home on Yonge Street through the woods every Sunday to St. James Church, but for the benefit of those who could not or would not go the distance of five or six miles, began having services in his own home. In 1819 he organized services in the surrounding district, starting off before daylight on Sunday mornings to go to Thornhill and Markham and other places, where soon little churches were built.

But for some time the neglected people of the back country appealed to Mr. Ketchum, so that in the year 1823 he purchased 200 acres of land

in and near what was later to be the Town of Orangeville. His altruistic dream was to build a church every few miles. In 1829 he began regular Sunday services and classes of instruction for the young people at one end of Mono Mills on the McManus farm and near St. John's on the seventh line. His itinerary took him to Mono Centre and houses on what is now the Prince of Wales Highway. In 1830 Bishop Strachan licensed him as Missionary of the Township of Mono. There was no stipulation as to salary and none was expected. The late George Island, who was one of his first Sunday School scholars, said, "People looked to him for everything, even fresh meat, which was a luxury in those days."

It was on November 18th, 1832, according to his journal, that Adam Elliot began his work as travelling Missionary in this part of the country under the auspices of "The Society for the converting and civilizing of the Indians and for the propagating of the gospel among the settlers of Upper Canada," a Society which was formed in 1830 by the Honourable and Right Reverend Charles James Stewart, Lord Bishop of Quebec, of which the Diocese of Toronto then formed a part.

Mr. Elliot in his diary mentions having passed through the Townships of York, Scarborough, Pickering, Whitby, Darlington, Clarke, Reach, Brock, Mariposa, Thorah, Georgina, North Gwillimbury, Tecumseth, West Gwillimbury, Innisfil, Essa, Mono, Mulmur, Albion, Caledon, Chinguacousy, Gore of Toronto, Toronto, Etobicoke, Markham, Uxbridge, Orillia, Vespra, Medonte, Flos, Tiny, Whitechurch and King.

In his diary, dated October 1st, 1835, he writes: "I rode a considerable distance under a heavy rain and officiated in the house of Mrs. Carson in Mono, who is a pious member of the church and has been confined above a year to her bed by sickness. Notwithstanding the rain the little log barn was soon filled with neighbours and nine of them received the Holy Communion with her. I also read prayers and preached on that occasion. In the evening I proceeded to Mr. (Seneca) Ketchum's in the same Township and read prayers and preached on the following day to twenty persons. Here, being particularly requested, I administered the Sacrament to three persons and two children were baptised. Mr. Ketchum's exertions in promoting religious instruction of the young in the remote settlement in which he resides is highly commendable. He has formed several Sunday Schools and instructed above one hundred persons in the Church Catechism, nor are his benevolent efforts confined to Episcopalians alone, to whom he is particularly attached, but he gives religious instruction and makes presents of the best books to all denominations within his reach.

When Seneca Ketchum moved to Mono he was instrumental in having several families come with him, to whom he gave separate houses on his farm, where the men looked after the farmwork and the women the house.

In 1837 Mr. Ketchum built the first small church, a log building, later known as St. Mark's Church, Mono. It was apparently not at this time listed as a parish church of the Diocese of Toronto, but more of a family chapel to which the settlers in the surrounding district came. This church soon proved too small, as the people from the country about crowded to it, especially when visiting clergy came to preach, such as the Rev. H. B. Osler and Rev. Mr. Sanson. Here in great state came his Lordship, Bishop Strachan of Toronto, with his coach and four, footmen and coachmen, to hold Confirmation Service and to minister to this distant part of his great Diocese. At such times the people could not get into the building and had to stand outside.

In 1843 the Rev. Walter Stewart Darling was appointed Missionary to Mono and adjacent parts of the Church Society. He was succeeded in

1845 by the Rev. George Borne, who ministered to a widely spread territory.

In the late forties waning strength caused Mr. Ketchum to appeal to the Bishop for assistance, which came in the person of Rev. John Fletcher, recently arrived from Ireland, with his wife and family. They were received into the hospitable home of Seneca Ketchum, while the new rectory at St. George's Church, Melville, Mr. Ketchum's latest mission, was being built. Mr. Fletcher evidently remained here until Seneca's death, which took place on June 4th, 1849, while Mr. Ketchum was visiting Toronto to see the Bishop, and at the home of his nephew-in-law, Rev. James Harris; and so passed a great pioneer churchman and missionary, one of those early heroes and saints to whom the Church is so greatly indebted; one of whom it could truly be said, "he loved his God, his Church and his fellowmen."

At Mr. Ketchum's death Mr. Fletcher and his family moved into the rectory at Melville, which was afterwards burned down. It is interesting to note that he had charge of St. John's Church, Mono; St. Luke's Church, Mulmur, Tossorontio, Adjala and St. Mark's Church.

The need of a larger Church being pressing and the fact that the settlement would not be, as Mr. Ketchum had hoped, on his present location, but a mile west in the settlement later to be Orangeville, (Rev. Mr. Fletcher, in the year 1854, built the second St. Mark's, a small stone church on the site of the present church and on land given by Jesse Ketchum, who also made a grant of fifty pounds toward the new building.

The following subscribers to the churches of St. John's, Mono, St. Mark's, Orangeville, and the Township of Caledon, are mentioned in 1848:

Samuel Allen, Thos. Allen, Eliza Armstrong, Fanny Armstrong, John Armstrong, Michael Armstrong, John Atkinson, Joseph Atkinson, James Bowers, George Bullock, John Ellis, Wm. Farley, Rev. John Fletcher, John Hayes, Jacob Howe, Robert Hutchinson, Archibald Irwin, Michael Island, George Jackson, James Jackson, Robert Jackson, Thomas Jackson, Seneca Ketchum, John Laverty, Alexander Lang, Charles Lee, George McManus, Robert McManus, George McCoppin, Daniel McKern, Abraham Martin, Stephen Martin, William Martin, Robert Mills, Will Patterson, William Raeburn, Robert Wilson, Robert Moffit, Henry Partridge, John Perry, James Quinn, Peter Slater, John Webb, John Wilson, Robert White, T. Robinson and William Willoughby.

Although Rev. John Fletcher was the first minister in charge of St. Mark's he never resided in the new village. In 1856 he resigned to go to St. John's, East, and was succeeded by the Rev. J. VanLinge.

In 1861 the Rev. Canon Alexander Henderson was appointed to take over St. Mark's and became the first resident rector, purchasing a house that stood next to the little Church on the east side.

The second church had by this time proved far too small to accommodate the congregation and a special Vestry meeting was called to discuss whether it should be enlarged and repaired or a new building erected. The people decided in favour of the new church, so in the year 1868 the third, and present, St. Mark's Church was erected.

For forty years Canon Henderson ministered to St. Mark's congregation and also to the country district about the town. On horseback he would ride through the country, visiting the homes, baptizing the children and caring for sick, lonely and scattered people. He was responsible for the founding of several of the small churches in the nearby district; a man of very definite and strong churchmanship, a tireless worker and a clergy-

man, who gave his long years in splendid service. He retired in 1901 to leave a memory of influence behind him that years will not efface.

The congregation purchased the rectory from Canon Henderson in 1903 at a cost of \$1300. In 1902 at a great congregational meeting held in the church hall and attended by all the ministers of the town the people presented Canon Henderson with a purse of gold as a tribute to him for his long ministry. Mrs. Henderson passed away just six years after their retirement and was buried on August 3rd, 1907, in Forest Lawn Cemetery. Canon Henderson died in 1913 and was laid to rest beside his wife on Sept. 17th, 1914. In 1922 a beautiful Italian marble tablet was placed on the south wall of the church by the congregation in honour of this beloved clergyman and priest.

Rev. George A. Rix, of the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, succeeded Canon Henderson and remained until 1913. During his rectorship the church was redecorated. He is now the Bishop of Caledonia, B.C. Rev. George W. Tebbs, present Rector of Burlington, followed Bishop Rix, staying until 1915. It was while Mr. Tebbs was rector that the present fine pipe organ was installed at a cost of \$2100, of which amount the late Andrew Carnegie gave \$1000.

Rev. Arthur Howitt, present Rector of St. John's, Newfoundland, succeeded Mr. Tebbs and was Rector during the war days. He was followed in 1918 by Rev. Fred Eley, and he, in 1919, by the Rev. T. H. Stewart, now in St. John, New Brunswick, who was rector until 1922, when Rev. J. W. McDonald, now of St. George's Church, Hamilton, became rector. During Mr. McDonald's ministry the plans were made for the building of a new rectory, as the old building was proving unsatisfactory, cold in winter, needing many repairs and alterations and much out of date. The congregation approved a new building, which was erected after Mr. McDonald's retirement in 1929, when the Rev. H. A. West-McMaster, the present rector, was appointed. Mr. McMaster came from St. John's Church, Winona, and on Easter Sunday of this Centennial Year, celebrated his eighth year as rector of the parish. In 1933 Mr. McMaster was elected chairman of the Children's Aid Society for the County and also appointed Chaplain of the Peel and Dufferin Regiment. In 1935 he was elected Rural Dean of Wellington and last year was given the happy privilege of seeing the congregation have the interior of the church completely redecorated and renovated, organ moved and many fine memorial gifts installed.

Thus in the one hundred years since the first little log church was erected, St. Mark's has grown from a handful of people scattered throughout the bush to a congregation of nearly 600 members; from a small log hut to the beautiful church of to-day. Ten clergymen have ministered to its people. Situated in the heart of the town on a very fine property, with its recently built modern rectory, beautiful grounds and now renovated and restored church its members can look back with deep thanksgiving to its past history and forward with assured confidence that the mighty Hand, which has so happily guided through the years, will lead forward to even richer years of service and blessing in the days that lie ahead.

In 1875 the great Diocese of Toronto was divided and the Diocese of Niagara formed with Hamilton as the See city and the Right Reverend Thomas Brock Fuller as the first Bishop of the new formed Diocese.

Orangeville was included in the new Diocese and thus broke its long connection with the Diocese of Toronto. During the years since five Bishops have had the oversight of Niagara Diocese:

The Right Rev. Charles Hamilton, 1896.

The Right Rev. John Philip DuMoulin, 1911.

The Right Rev. William R. Clark, 1925.

The Right Rev. Derwyn Trevor Owen, 1933, now Archbishop of Toronto and Primate of all Canada.

The Right Rev. Lewis Wilmot Bovell Broughall.

The Diocese of Niagara has an area of about 3,320 square miles with six counties: Lincoln, Welland, Halton, Haldimand, Wellington and Wentworth and part of Dufferin. It has an Anglican population of 111,178 church members, 90 clergy, 28 lay readers and 119 congregations.

The Officials of the Diocese are:

The Lord Bishop—The Right Rev. L. W. B. Broughall, D.D.

The Dean—The Very Rev. Charles Edward Riley, B.D., Hamilton.

The Ven. Archdeacon—C. McIntosh, B.D., Dundas.

The Ven. Archdeacon—Geo. F. Scovil, D.D., Guelph.

The Ven. Archdeacon—Gavin B. Gordon, M.A., Niagara Falls.

The Ven. Archdeacon—Wilton F. Wallace, B.D., Hamilton.

Chancellor—His Honour George C. Thompson, Hamilton.

Secretary-Treasurer—Miss M. J. Woodhouse, Hamilton.

RURAL DEANS

Rev. John Samuel, Hamilton.

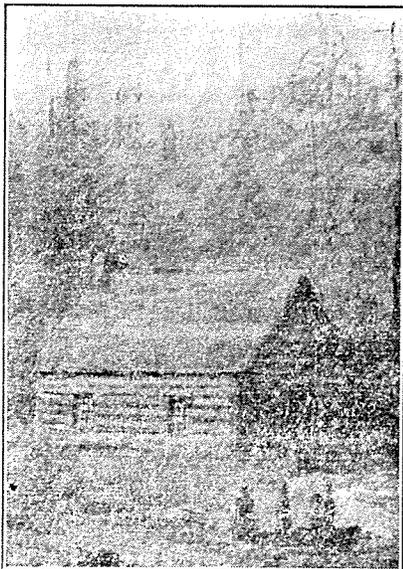
Rev. Percival Mayes, Lincoln and Welland.

Rev. L. J. R. Naftel, Halton.

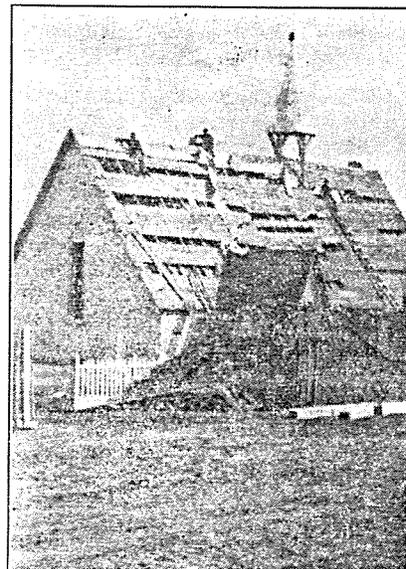
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Rev. Herbert A. West-McMaster, L.Th., Wellington.

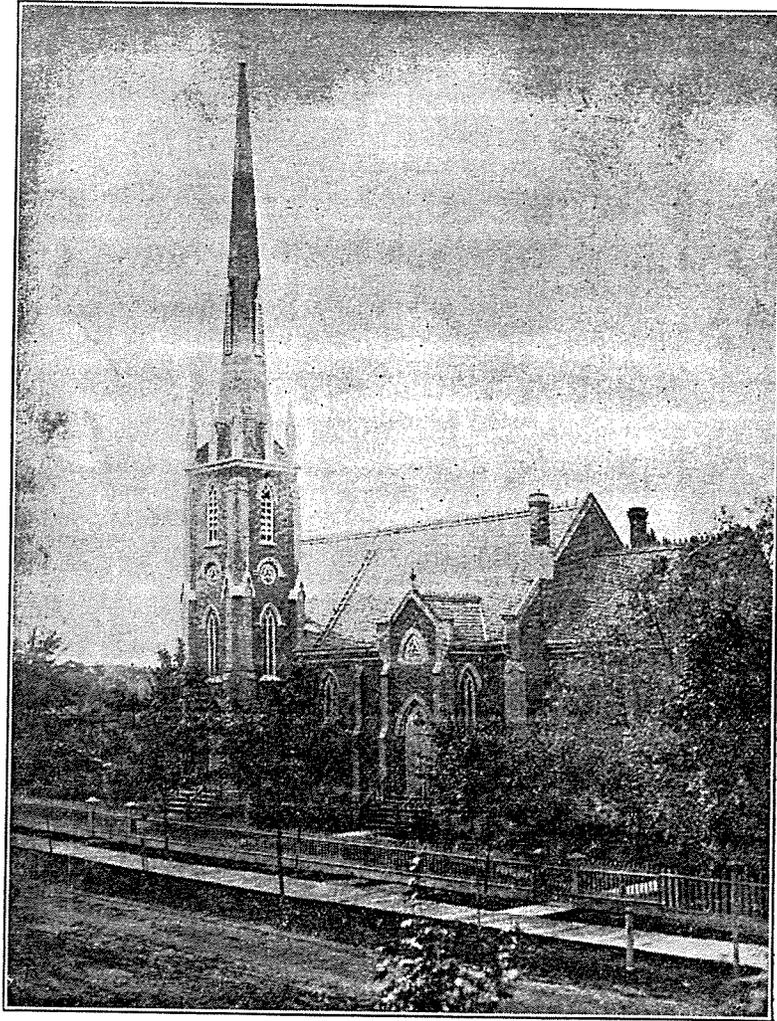
Rev. Edgar E. Lake, Wentworth.



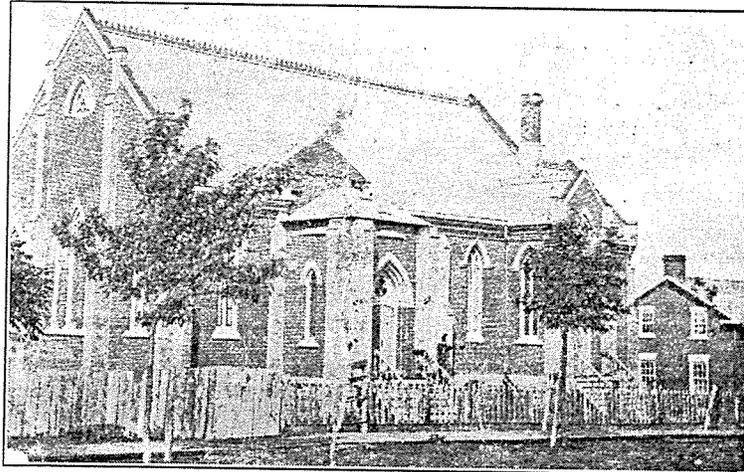
Log Church, 1837.



Stone Church, 1854.



Present St. Mark's Church. 1875



Present St. Mark's Church, 1869

NOTES FROM THE PAST

(These notes have been taken from old records and registers of past years and give interesting glimpses of the days gone by).

DIARY OF ADAM ELLIOT

March 29, 1833—

"I was informed by the inhabitants that the Archdeacon of York, Dr. Strachan, had visited and performed the first services of our Church in Mono, and they entertain feelings of gratitude for his kindness in visiting their remote township at so early a date."

April 21, 1833—

"As a house could not be obtained big enough for the congregation I performed Divine Service in the open air and had a pulpit made of the branches of evergreens. Ten children were baptised. It is ascertained that about forty families of church people live near together in the centre of Caledon. A number of young men also attended and I heard them read the New Testament."

July 12, 1833—

"I preached to about 400 people and baptised ten children in Mono. The Orangemen, who are very numerous in this part of the country, attended and it was on account of their annual meeting that so many of the inhabitants assembled."

Sept. 26th, 1835—

"Found travelling become exceeding disagreeable on account of the extreme coldness of the weather and wetness of the roads. I proceeded to the Township of Mulmur. The roughness of the roads, a very sharp north wind and the occasional showers of sleet rendered the journey very disagreeable. These things, however, did not prevent a crowd of Episcopalians meeting in the house of Mr. Little and sixteen children were baptised. After the services of the day were per-

formed I visited an Indian encampment in the woods not far from the place where I preached. They were altogether ignorant of Christianity and miserable from a moral point of view. I had little conversation with them as no interpreter could be found."

Oct. 1st, 1835—

"In the evening I proceeded to Mr. Seneca Ketchum's and read prayers and preached the following day to twenty persons. Here, being particularly requested, I administered the Sacrament to three persons and two children were baptised.

Nov. 2nd, 1835—

"Travelling in the woods has lately become exceedingly difficult and disagreeable owing to rainy weather and the bad condition of the roads. I feel no disposition to complain, but rather to be thankful to the Giver of all good for the continuation of my health and for being able to attend the duties of my office. I have been greatly encouraged and cheered by the cordial kindness which I have received from all the settlers even in the remotest parts and wildest regions of the wilderness which I have visited."

ST. MARK'S VESTRY BOOK

1837—

Seneca Ketchum builds first St. Mark's Church of logs on first line, east, Mono.

1840—

Rev. H. B. Osler preaches at the Church.

1843—

Rev. Walter Stewart Darling appointed Missionary to Mono and adjacent parts.

1845—

Rev. George Borne appointed Missionary.

1849—

Rev. John Fletcher began work in the district, residing with Mr. Ketchum until Mr. Ketchum's death, when he moved to the first rectory at Melville.

June 4th, 1849—

Death of the great churchman, Seneca Ketchum.

1854—

Second St. Mark's Church built, a small stone building on site of present church and name, St. Mark's, transferred from log church to new stone building.

1856—

Rev. J. VanLinge, M.A., appointed to succeed Rev. John Fletcher.

1861—

Rev. Alexander Henderson appointed as first rector of St. Mark's Parish.

1864—

First Vestry meeting recorded in present Vestry Book. Present:

Francis Irwin, John Berwick, Francis McAuley, Thomas Bailey, John Ellis, John May, F. C. Stewart, Samuel Cruikshank, James Hamilton, J. W. Armstrong, George Little and Stephen Donner. Vestry Clerk—F. C. Stewart. Income for year, £12—8—9½. Expended for 1½ lbs. candles, one shilling.

1865—

Thomas Mather appointed Sexton at salary of \$30.00 per year.

1868—

A special Vestry Meeting called to decide whether to repair the old stone church, now too small, or build a new church. Vestry voted for a new building and appointed a building committee of Rev. Canon Henderson, M. McCarthy, F. McAuley, Thos. Bailey, F. Irwin. Mr. Irwin resigned shortly after and R. McKitrick was appointed in his place. The old church was torn down and the present church erected. While the church was being erected services were held in Bell's Hall, which stood where the present Royal Bank building stands. It seems to have been a hall in the hotel there.

1870—

At annual Vestry, a motion by James Bennett and William Jackson that pews be free and pew rent abolished was carried, but evidently not put into force. Miss Pedlow appointed organist at yearly salary of \$15.00.

April 17, 1872—

At Annual Vestry, moved by R. McKitrick and James Bennett, that the Vestry, having the best interest of the church at heart, and believing that the appropriation by one clergyman of the whole income arising from the endowment of St. James' Church in the City of Toronto is not serving this interest, we petition the Synod at its next meeting to take recovery means to get a bill passed by our Legislature to amend this. Carried.

1874—

At Annual Vestry, moved by R. Baldwin and J. J. Clark, that a portion of the pews be rented at \$4.00 per sitting, to assist in raising minister's stipend. Pews to be rented—all centre pews from stoves to chancel; all pews on North aisle from stoves to six pews from chancel, and all pews on South side from stoves to third pew from chancel. If two people desire to rent same pew the older member of the two to have preference.

1875—

That all pews on South side of South aisle be free, all the rest to be rented, and that the yearly auction of pews on Easter Monday be discontinued. That pew rent be \$20.00 per year per sitting; that members of the Church in the Village pay quarterly in advance and members in the Country pay yearly in advance. This motion was lost and it was decided that all members in the Village or Country pay quarterly in advance.

April, 1876—

Moved by Dr. Tuck and Henry Meredith, that the Wardens be asked to write to the Mission Board and ask permission to retain the quarterly collection. We wonder if the Mission Board agreed?

August 2, 1876—

Special Vestry called. Moved by F. C. Stewart and Isaac Rich-

ardson, that St. Mark's Vestry buy three or four acres of land for a burial ground. This was carried and the following gentlemen were appointed as a committee to meet the Town Council and Forest Lawn Cemetery Company to make such arrangements: John Armstrong, George Island, George Robinson, M. McCarthy, F. G. Poyntz and Joseph Leighton.

April 21st, 1875—

Grand Parlour Entertainment in Town Hall under lady patronesses: Mrs. Judge McCarthy, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Irwin and Mrs. Coyne. Musical and tableaux numbers by the Misses Ketchum, Miss Nellie Hewat, Miss Monro, Mr. Sawtell, Miss Haun and a farce, "Ici on Parle Francais" by W. R. C. Hewat, Miss B. Stewart, R. T. Musson, Miss Hall, George Scott, Miss Paisley and Miss A. Hewat.

Jan. 8, 1877—

Vestry called to authorize the Rector and Wardens to purchase two blocks in Forest Lawn Cemetery at \$5.00 per lot, named St. Mark's and St. John's, containing about four acres, and also to purchase the block named St. Paul's adjoining these blocks at \$10.00 per lot.

April 2, 1877—

Moved by G. A. Eastman and F. G. Poyntz, that the Sunday School hereafter appoint their own Secretary-Treasurer, receive and pay their own moneys and submit a yearly report to auditors appointed by the Vestry. Carried. Rev. Canon Henderson's stipend is mentioned at \$800.00 and was \$75.00 in arrears. Insurance had cost \$50.00 and wood for heating the church for the year, \$16.50—compare it with to-day!

April, 1878—

R. T. Haun appointed Treasurer to Parish and Wardens. Rector and Wardens instructed to purchase another block in Forest Lawn Cemetery at best terms possible.

March 28, 1880—

As Wardens had no financial report ready they were instructed to have it printed and distributed later. Miss Hewat was appointed organist at salary of \$25.00 per year.

1882—

W. James Carson appointed organ-blower at salary of \$10.00 per year.

April 6, 1885—

Moved by F. Irwin and Jas Robinson, that an Envelope System be adopted in the congregation as far as is practicable. Carried. Thos. Jones appointed Sexton at salary of \$100.00 a year, Sexton to cut and split wood, supply all oil for lamps, replace all broken lamps and chimneys, cut grass, look after church grounds and do other duties pertaining to a Sexton.

1886—

Rigby Swinton appointed Vestry Clerk. That Lady District Visitors be appointed as in the past year. That Wardens be at the church door each Sunday to show strangers and others to seats. That the Wardens be instructed to purchase prayer and hymn books for the use of strangers. Last payment of \$250.00 made on organ (not present organ). Church roof painted at cost of \$28.00.

1887—

Great storm blows down spire of the church.

1888—

Moved by John White and H. Endacott, that the Vestry have church spire rebuilt. Church Trustees named: Rev. John Fletcher, Andrew Lennon, Joseph Carbert, F. C. Stewart, 1881; George Robinson, 1884; J. M. Bennett, 1888; W. L. Walsh, 1889.

1891—

George Endacott, Vestry Clerk and Treasurer. A committee of J. S. Leighton, George Robinson, George Island instructed to draft a memorial to the town council, requesting them not to permit the desecration of the Lord's Day by the running of trains through the town not permitted by law. In this year the present tower of the church was built at cost, according to the records, of \$460.00, the building committee responsible for the work being Dr. Thos. Henry, A. Collier, T. Donner and W. L. Walsh.

1893—

John S. May appointed Vestry Clerk.

1894—

Edmond Field appointed Sexton at a salary of \$130.00 per year. Miss Hewat and Mrs. H. Endacott appointed organists at a salary of \$30.00 each per year, the ladies to take month about at the organ.

1895—

Rev. J. A. Ballard (now Rector at Grimsby, Ont.) appointed Curate to Canon Henderson, St. Mark's congregation promising to pay the sum of \$500.00 per year towards his stipend.

1898—

Henry Endacott appointed Vestry Clerk and Treasurer.

1899—

Harry Field appointed organ-blower at \$12.00 per year. Mrs. H. Endacott appointed organist at a salary of \$60.00 per year. Miss Mary Ruth Shaw took over the organ after Mrs. Endacott's retirement in 1904, until her marriage in 1915, when Mrs. J. Z. Henry was appointed organist and continued until 1928 when Mrs. Russell Morrow succeeded her. Mrs. Morrow resigned in 1931 and Miss Ethel Allen, the present organist of the church, was appointed.

It is interesting to note that in a letter written by Canon Henderson in 1912 he mentions that Miss N. Hewat's father, the late Dr. Hewat, was one of the early organists of the church, playing on a little melodeon which the sexton carried back and forth from his house to the church and that Miss Riddall was given lessons on it, so that she might play when the doctor could not be at the service.

March, 1900—

At a meeting held on the evening of March 14th it was decided to form a branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, which began with a membership of 33 members, the President being appointed by Canon Henderson. During this period, although date is not given, a Temperance Society was formed in St. Mark's Church with a membership of 143 members and it is interesting to note that they solemnly pledged themselves not to touch intoxicating liquors—except at meal times.

Jan. 3, 1902—

Moved by A. A. Hughson and J. H. Hulse, that the Lord Bishop of Niagara be requested to appoint Rev. G. A. Rix, of the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, as Rector of St. Mark's Church to succeed Rev. Canon Henderson, who had resigned, stipend of the new rector to be \$1150.00. That the sum of \$100.00 a year for two years be paid to Rev. Canon Henderson as a retiring allowance. Congregation presented Canon Henderson with purse of gold at large gathering in Hall. Honour him for long years of ministry.

June 26th, 1902—

Special service in St. Mark's Church in honour of the coronation of King Edward the Seventh and Queen Alexandra.

Feb. 25, 1903—

A special Vestry was called to consider the purchase of the house owned by Rev. Canon Henderson for a Rectory, Canon Henderson agreeing to sell for the sum of \$1300.00. The Vestry approved the purchase.

April 4, 1904—

W. E. Irvine appointed Vestry Clerk and Treasurer.

April 16, 1906—

Vestry called to consider matter of needed church redecoration. On motion of A. A. Hughson and H. Endacott it was decided to have the Advisory Board proceed with the necessary work, cost not to exceed \$500.00. The Advisory Board consisted of the following gentlemen: Thos. Paul, Thos. Dawson, Dr. T. H. Henry, H. Endacott, Geo. Leighton, R. Allen, H. Shaw, Jos. Hulse, Thos. Robinson, J. A. V. Preston, M. Robinson, Beatty Lewis, W. E. Irvine, Rev. G. A. Rix.

1907—

Martha Henderson, wife of Canon Henderson, buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery on Aug. 3rd.

1908—

E. J. Darraugh appointed Vestry Clerk. H. Shaw appointed Treasurer.

1911—

Fred Atkinson appointed Vestry Clerk.

1913—

First surpliced choir introduced, Christmas 1913.

1914—

R. Neilson appointed Secretary-Treasurer. On motion of E. H. Smith and H. Endacott the Advisory Board were instructed to proceed in purchase of a new pipe organ (present instrument), the old organ to be sold and proceeds used towards the purchase of the new one. Rev. Canon Henderson buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery on Sept. 17th, 1914.

Tuesday, April 6th, 1915—

The new organ, having been installed by Lye Brothers, formally accepted for use by the giving of an organ recital and musicale, with Mr. Grenville B. Frost at the organ. The artists assisting at this service were Miss Myrtle Shaw, Miss Clara Hulse, Mr. Russell Morrow, Mr. W. Clowes, Miss Bessie Lewis, Mr. J. E. Jessop and St. Mark's

choir. Cost of the organ, \$2100.00, Andrew Carnegie giving \$1000 towards this. Edmond Field, who had been Sexton since 1894, died this year and George King was appointed to succeed him. Mr. King resigned in 1928 and William Clowes, the present Sexton, was appointed.

1916—

J. D. Burpee appointed Vestry Clerk. On September 19th the altar and communion rails, reredos and book rests were installed in memory of Mrs. Jenny E. McCarthy by her husband, Judge McCarthy.

1917—

T. S. Little appointed Vestry Clerk, Miss G. Golden, Envelope Secretary. At this vestry meeting Col. J. A. V. Preston was welcomed back after his return from overseas, where sixty members of the congregation were either at the front or on their way there.

1918—

On June 2nd the choir seats were dedicated by the late Bishop Clark, of Niagara, the stalls and hardwood floors being installed to complete the chancel. The stalls were presented by Dr. Thos. Henry and brother in memory of parents, Dr. James and Esther Henry.

1920—

W. C. Hopkins appointed Envelope Secretary.

1923—

At a special Vestry on June 5th the thanks of the congregation were extended to Mr. Leigh McCarthy for having discharged the mortgage held by his late father on the rectory.

1926—

Mr. E. Hackett appointed Vestry Clerk, a position he still retains.

July 17, 1928—

Special Vestry called to discuss question of either repairing and remodelling the old rectory or building a new one. After some debate it was decided to build an entirely new rectory on the plans of the Willowdale Rectory and at a cost of \$4600.00. A building committee was appointed of Rector J. W. McDonald, Wardens A. R. Mills and W. O'C. Ahern and Jas. Thompson, J. C. Huether and U. W. Christie.

1929—

The old rectory was torn down, the men of the congregation assisting in this work, and the new rectory built, being completed on Nov. 1st, when the recently appointed Rector, Rev. H. A. West-McMaster, and his family moved into the new home. On October 20th the sixtieth anniversary of the building of the present and third St. Mark's Church was celebrated, with the Lord Bishop as preacher. On Tuesday, Oct. 22nd, a banquet was held in the arena attended by over 400 guests, including the Bishop, former clergy and many outside friends. As a special thankoffering the exterior of the church was repaired, woodwork painted, 21 new windows installed and the shrubberies about the church grounds planted.

June 29th, 1931—

George and Mrs. Holmes celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

May 15, 1933—

Rev. H. A. West-McMaster appointed as Chaplain of the Peel and Dufferin Regiment.

June 18, 1933—

Peel and Dufferin Regiment, under command of Col. C. M. Corkett and with band, held first military church parade to St. Mark's Church, at which service the Town and County Councils attended.

Oct. 16, 1935—

Rev. H. A. West-McMaster elected Rural Dean of Wellington.

June 6, 1936—

The first Ordination Service in St. Mark's Parish held by the Lord Bishop of Niagara, the Rev. L. W. B. Broughall, D.D., when six young men were ordained to the ministry before a congregation that crowded the church to capacity, with many being turned away. The Rev. E. A. Hill and the Rev. R. W. Wenham were advanced to the priesthood and J. F. Hinchliffe, B. A. Peglar, Murray McKitrick and Wallace Nickle ordained to the diaconate. The Ven. Archdeacon W. F. Wallace, of Hamilton, preached the sermon and the Rev. Archdeacon F. G. Scoville, of Guelph, Rev. Canon Weaver, of Erin, the Rev. G. F. Kingstone, of Trinity College, the Rev. W. E. Taylor, of Wycliffe, the Rev. E. P. Wood, of Mono Mills, and the Rev. W. S. Pocknell, of Mono, assisted.

Sunday, June 21st, 1936—

St. Mark's closed until September 6th, for redecoration and renovation, services being held in the hall of the Public Library during this time.

July, 1936—

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Aiken celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Sunday, Sept. 6th, 1936—

St. Mark's Church opened for service by the Lord Bishop of Niagara, who dedicated many beautiful memorial gifts.

October—

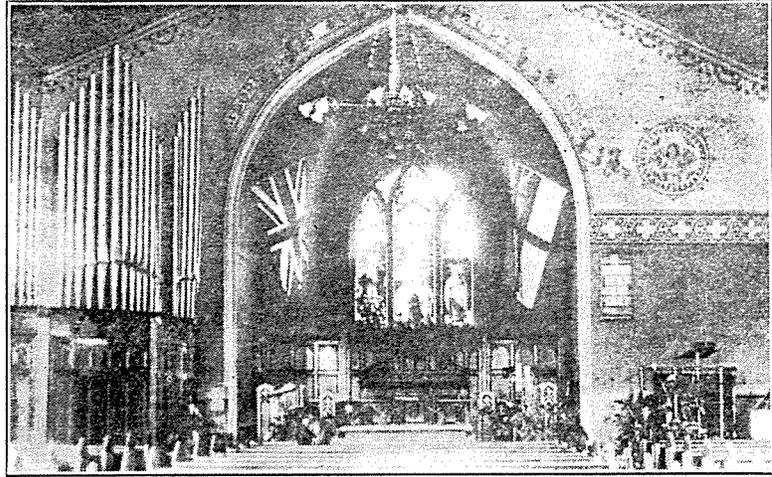
Major G. M. FitzGerald, Lay Reader in the Parish, appointed Colonel of the Peel and Dufferin Regiment, now the Lorne Scots.

January, 1937—

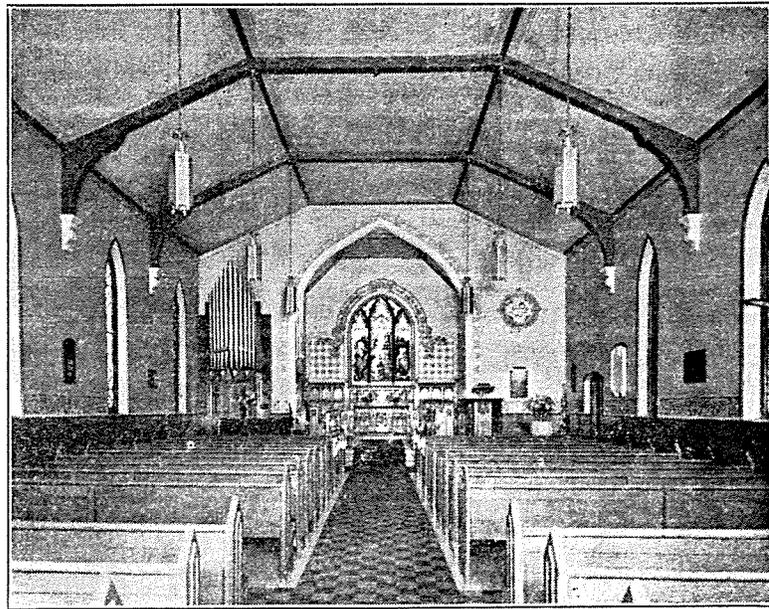
H. B. Church, Lay Delegate, honoured by a K.C. J. M. Aiken, Lay Reader and former Warden and Lay Delegate, appointed President of the newly organized Rotary Club.

January 24th—

The Ven. Archdeacon F. G. Scott, M.A., D.C.L., D.S.O., C.M.G., of Quebec, "Canon Scott" to thousands of Veterans, preached at St. Mark's Church as the first of the Centennial year preachers. On the Monday evening addressed a gathering of laymen, returned men and others at the Wheeler Inn.



Interior St. Mark's Church before Redecoration, 1904—1928.



Present Interior of St. Mark's Church, 1936.

WARDENS AND LAY DELEGATES OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH, 1864—1937

NOTE—Record for first 28 years, 1837—1863—not obtainable as St. Mark's Church was then one of several missions.

Year	Rector's Warden	People's Warden	Lay Delegates
1854			Jos. Carbert, George McManus
1855			Jos. Carbert, George McManus
1856			George McManus
1857			Abraham Martin, Thomas Jackson
1858			Abraham Martin, David Hoey
1859			Abraham Martin, Hugh Morrison, William Hewat, M.D.
1860			David Hoey, Abraham Martin, George Irwin
1861			A. Markham
1862			George McManus, Francis Irwin
1863			Francis Irwin, George McManus
1864			George McManus, J. Ellis
1864	Thomas Bailey	Francis Irwin	E. Ellis, expenses paid
1865	Thomas Bailey	Francis Irwin	E. Ellis
1866	Thomas Bailey	Francis Irwin	J. Ellis, J. Armstrong
1867	Thomas Bailey	Francis Irwin	J. Ellis, William Jackson
1868	Thomas Bailey	John Tilt	J. Ellis, William Jackson
1869	John Tilt	Thomas Poyntz	F. Irwin, J. Ellis
1870	James Bennett	Thomas Poyntz	J. Tilt, J. Bennett, J. Ellis
1871	James Bennett	R. J. McKittrick	J. Bennett, F. Irwin, R. R. Baldwin
1872	John Bennett	R. R. Baldwin	J. Bennett, F. Irwin, R. R. Baldwin
1873	John Bennett	R. R. Baldwin	F. Irwin, J. Ellis, Jas. B. Reid
1874	Sepha Donner	R. R. Baldwin	F. Irwin, J. Ellis, Jas. B. Reid
1875	Sepha Donner	Francis Irwin	Geo. Island, J. Armstrong, J. M. Bennett
1876	M. McCarthy	G. A. Eastman	F. Irwin, J. M. Bennett, G. Island
1877	M. McCarthy	G. A. Eastman	G. Island, F. Irwin, J. M. Bennett
1878	M. McCarthy	G. A. Eastman	J. M. Bennett, G. Island, F. Irwin
1879	M. McCarthy	R. T. Haun	F. Irwin, J. Armstrong
1880	M. McCarthy	R. T. Haun	J. Armstrong
1881	M. McCarthy	R. T. Haun	J. M. Bennett
1882	James Hewitt	R. T. Haun	H. M. Hell
1883	James Hewitt	W. L. Walsh	J. Armstrong
1884	F. C. Stewart	W. L. Walsh	J. Bennett, J. Armstrong, F. Irwin
1885	F. C. Stewart	W. L. Walsh	F. Irwin, J. Armstrong, J. Bennett
1886	F. C. Stewart	Alfred Collier	J. Bennett, J. Armstrong, F. Irwin
1887	F. C. Stewart	Alfred Collier	J. Armstrong
1888	H. Endacott	J. S. Leighton	F. Irwin
1889	James May	J. S. Leighton	J. M. Bennett
1890	James May	A. Turner	Geo. Island, J. Bennett, F. Irwin
1891	James May	A. Turner	Joseph Haddock
1892	Geo. Endacott	W. R. C. Hewat	James May

1893	Geo. Endacott	W. Hewitt	George Island
1894	Geo. Endacott	W. Hewitt	A. Turner
1895	Joseph Hulse	Dr. Thos. Henry	G. Bennett, G. Island, A. Turner
1896	Joseph Hulse	Dr. Thos. Henry	George Island, J. Bennett
1897	J. C. Brown	Dr. Thos. Henry	A. Turner, G. Island, J. Bennett
1898	James Hewitt	E. A. Robinson	George Endacott
1899	James Hewitt	E. A. Robinson	Geo. Island, J. Haddock
1900	James Hewitt	S. C. Lee	A. Turner, J. Haddock, G. Island
1901	John Howard	S. C. Lee	J. Bennett, A Turner, J. Haddock
1902	J. Hulse	H. Shaw	J. Island, A Turner
1903	J. Hulse	H. Shaw	J. Island, J. Hulse
1904	Thos. Robinson	H. Shaw	Thomas Dawson
1905	Thos. Robinson	H. Shaw	H. Shaw
1906	Thos. Robinson	H. Shaw	J. L. Island
1907	Thomas Dawson	Thomas Paul	J. L. Island, H. Shaw, J. A. V. Preston
1908	Thomas Dawson	J. H. Anderson	J. L. Island
1909	Thomas Dawson	J. H. Anderson	Major Preston, H. Endacott, W. E. Island
1910	J. J. Laverty	J. H. Anderson	W. E. Island, H. Endacott, Major Preston
1911	J. J. Laverty	E. H. Smith	Major Preston, H. Endacott, W. E. Island
1912	J. J. Laverty	E. H. Smith	W. E. Island, H. Endacott, Major Preston
1913	E. A. Robinson	E. H. Smith	W. E. Island, H. Endacott, Major Preston
1914	E. A. Robinson	W. G. Hyland	W. E. Island, H. Endacott, Major Preston
1915	J. C. Darraugh	W. G. Hyland	W. E. Island, H. Endacott, Major Preston
1916	J. C. Darraugh	J. L. Island	W. E. Island, Major Preston, H. Endacott
1917	H. F. Tuck	E. A. Robinson	J. Hulse, J. A. V. Preston, W. E. Island
1918	J. A. V. Preston	E. A. Robinson	J. Hulse, J. A. V. Preston, W. E. Island
1919	J. A. V. Preston	H. F. Tuck	W. E. Island, J. Hulse, J. A. V. Preston
1920	E. Hackett	Captain Firth	H. Endacott, J. Hulse, W. E. Island
1921	E. Hackett	A. R. Mills	W. E. Irvine
1922	J. Z. Henry	John Cameron	A. R. Mills, W. E. Irvine, H. Endacott
1923	Charles Lamon	John Cameron	J. H. Hughes, W. E. Irvine, A. R. Mills
1924	Charles Lamon	J. H. Hughes	J. H. Hughes, E. A. Robinson, A. R. Mills
1925	W. O'C. Ahern	J. H. Hughes	W. J. Holmes, E. A. Robinson, J. H. Hughes
1926	W. O'C. Ahern	A. R. Mills	R. Morrow, W. J. Holmes, E. A. Robinson
1927	G. M. FitzGerald	A. R. Mills	Col. J. A. V. Preston, R. Mor- row, W. J. Holmes
1928	G. M. FitzGerald	A. R. Mills	W. O'C. Ahern, J. A. V. Pres- ton, R. Morrow
1929	W. O'C. Ahern	A. R. Mills	J. M. Aiken, Col. Preston, W. O'C. Ahern
1930	Col. J. A. V. Preston	A. R. Mills	W. O'C. Ahern, J. M. Aiken, Col. Preston

1931	Col. J. A. V. Preston	A. R. Mills	Chas. Lamon, J. M. Aiken, Col. Preston
1932	J. M. Aiken	A. R. Mills	J. M. Aiken, Col. Preston, Chas. Lamon
1933	J. M. Aiken	G. M. Cruikshank	J. M. Aiken, Col. Preston, Chas. Lamon
1934	N. N. Wardlaw	G. M. Cruikshank	A. R. Mills, Col. Preston, Chas. Lamon
1935	N. N. Wardlaw	Mayor J. R. Hoare	H. B. Church, A. R. Mills, Colonel Preston
1936	A. H. Woodland	Mayor J. R. Hoare	Col. Preston, H. B. Church, A. R. Mills
1937	A. H. Woodland	J. R. Hoare	A. R. Mills, Col. J. A. V. Pres- ton H. B. Church, J. Lewis, Sub.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

In an old minute book the following record is found of the organization of the first local branch of the Women's Auxiliary, that splendid Society that for over fifty years has so nobly and unselfishly carried out its mission of supporting and encouraging Missionary work.

September 1888—At a meeting held in the school room of St. Mark's Church it was agreed that a Branch of the Women's Auxiliary to the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society be organized in the Parish.

Moved by Miss Laura Tuck and seconded by Miss Nellie Hewat—That Mrs. Henderson be President, Mrs. Dennison be Vice-President, that Mrs. Fremlin be Secretary and Mrs. F. Towne be Treasurer. Carried.

Appointed by Clergyman—Miss Tuck and Mrs. Henry.

Members—Martha Henderson, Mrs. Hewat, Helen M. Hewat, M. Witter, G. G. Walsh, Jennie Tilt, Dulcie Wallace, Susie Wallace, G. B. Pugh, L. E. F. Tuck.

During these years thousands of dollars have been raised for the Pledge and Missionary Funds of the Women's Auxiliary, bales sent to the Indian Schools and a strong inspiration given to the spirit and work of Missions throughout the Parish.

The Officers for the Centennial Year are:

Hon. President—Mrs. H. A. West-McMaster.

President—Mrs. Jos. Lewis.

1st Vice-President—Mrs. E. A. Robinson.

2nd Vice-Pres.—Mrs. N. N. Wardlaw.

Secretary—Mrs. G. Morison.

Treasurer—Mrs. Geo. Mills.

Educational Secretary—Mrs. J. E. Jessop.

Envelope Secretary—Mrs. A. Mills.

Secretary for Living Message—Mrs. E. Hackett.

Superintendent of Junior Branch—Mrs. H. A. West-McMaster.

Dorcas Secretary—Mrs. E. A. Parsons.

Assistant—Mrs. C. Hannah.

Secretary for Cent a Day Fund and Thankoffering—Miss N. Hewat.

Auditors—Mrs. W. C. Hopkins and Mrs. W. E. Irvine.

During the fifty years, since the beginning of this Branch of the Auxiliary, a number of its members have been honored with the gift of Life Memberships. The following names appear on this roll of honour.

NAMES:

Mrs. Alex. Henderson..Feb. 1899
 Mrs. Geo. A. Rix.....April 1902
 Miss Laura TuckNov. 1910
 Mrs. Jos. Hulse.....Feb. 1910
 Mrs. T. T. PaulFeb. 1910
 Mrs. Peter McFarlane....June 1915
 Mrs. Arthur Howitt.....Sept. 1918
 Mrs. John Laverty.....June 1919
 Mrs. Albert Mills.....June 1921
 Mrs. Henry Endacott....June 1921
 Miss Jennie Kelly.....June 1922
 Mrs. Michael Robinson..June 1923
 Mrs. Fred Marshall.....June 1923
 Mrs. Edward Ellis.....April 1925
 Mrs. E. A. Robinson....April 1925
 Mrs. Jos. Maxwell.....April 1926
 Miss Helen Hewat.....March 1927
 Mrs. Nora Byard.....Jan. 1927
 Mrs. E. A. Parsons.....Jan. 1929
 Mrs. J. W. McDonald....Feb. 1929
 Miss Adelia Hulse.....May 1930
 Mrs. Geo. Allen.....May 1930
 Mrs. W. C. Hopkins.....May 1931
 Mrs. W. E. Irvine.....May 1935



Canon Henderson and his bride.

PARISH GUILD

As the Women's Auxiliary has been one of the greatest inspirations for the Missionary work of the parish, so the Parish Guild has been one of the strongest supports for the local work of the Church. Without the generous, unselfish and untiring work of this splendid body of church women it is doubtful if St. Mark's Church would have been able to carry on its activities as most of the Parish Churches of the Diocese will also admit regarding their own Women's Organizations.

With a membership of nearly sixty, the Guild has been responsible for the annual congregational dinner, many parish functions, suppers and socials, payment of the interest and principal of the rectory mortgage, Western relief assistance, church redecoration help and many other necessary and helpful works.

The Guild is divided into four groups, corresponding to the four wards of the town and each group has its own elected officers. The groups carry on their own monthly meetings, socials and finance raising plans, meeting separately each month and as a unit once a month. At the end of the year each ward group hands over to the Guild Treasurer its allotted apportionment and last year the total amount of money raised, including balance carried from the previous year, was the sum of \$1322.23.

The officers of the Guild for this year are:

President—Mrs. G. M. Cruikshank.
 Vice-President—Mrs. A. Thompson.

Secretary—Mrs. J. E. Jessop.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. H. Hughes.

At the monthly meetings invitations are extended to all the women of the Ward and some months the total attendance for the four groups of the Guild totals nearly one hundred women.

To our Guild, as to all our fine body of women workers, St. Mark's Church owes a great debt for splendid service so faithfully given throughout the long years.

THE CHOIR

A most important requirement for our church service is the choir and for almost its entire history St. Mark's Church has had a faithful and efficient body of choristers. Many now in advancing years can recall the days when they sang in the choir and many can recall those who now sing in a greater choir than any earth can know.

The choir was first vested on Christmas Day, 1915, under the Rev. George Tebbs. The present choirmaster is J. R. Pears, of Guelph, who comes each Wednesday evening for choir practice. Miss Ethel Allen is the organist and to her splendid musical ability and faithful service the choir owes much. The choir personnel numbers twenty-four and, while not a large choir numerically, they have, under Mr. Pears, reached a high musical standard. In addition to the regular services the Good Friday night cantata, the Easter and Christmas music and the carol services are part of the work the choir does in bringing inspiration and beauty to our services.

A. Y. P. A.

A very active Anglican Young People's Society, with a membership of over forty, has been a great asset this year to the church life among our younger members.

President—Miss Lillian Clowes.

Vice-President—Mr. Jack Hopkins.

Secretary-Treasurer—Jack Hackett.

Executive Committee—James Brown, Addie Jane Huether and Bob Lackey.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Away back in 1837 there are records of Mr. Seneca Ketchum's interest in teaching the young people the Bible and the Church Catechism. Since the days of Canon Henderson and possibly before a Sunday School had been connected with St. Mark's Church hundreds of boys and girls have passed through its classes from kindergarten to confirmation to enter into the active work of this and other parishes. The school meets Sundays at 2.30 p.m. from September until May and Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. throughout the summer.

Teaching Staff

The Superintendent—The Rector.
 Secretary-Treasurer—Harold Cruikshank.
 Assistant—Miss A. J. Huether.
 Bible Class Teacher—Mr. Arthur Wheeler.
 President of the Bible Class—Mr. James Brown.
 Vice-President of the Class—Mr. Jack Hopkins.
 Secretary-Treasurer of the Class—Mr. Bob. Lackey.
 Teacher of the Kindergarten—Mrs. A. Mills.
 Teacher of the Junior Bible Class—Mrs. A. Brown.
 Junior Class Teachers—Miss Ruth Hopkins, Miss Violet Lawrence,
 Miss Olive Hughson, Miss Elva McKibbon.
 Lecturer on Prayerbook and Church History—Colonel J. A. V. Preston.

GIRL GUIDES

Miss Florence Smith has been for the past two years leader of the Guides, with a membership of over twenty, meeting Tuesday evenings.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY

Mrs. H. A. West-McMaster has for several years been the leader of the Junior Auxiliary with a membership of over twenty girls, who annually elect their own officers. The Branch has every year met its pledges, sent bales at Christmas time to the Indian School and been most active in giving to the children teaching on the great Missionary work of the Church.

GIRLS' AUXILIARY

St. Mark's Girls' Auxiliary was organized in the year 1913 under the leadership of Mrs. G. A. Rix whose husband, the present Bishop of Caledonia, was then Rector of St. Mark's Parish. The first officers of the newly organized Society were:

President—Mrs. Peter McFarlane.
 Secretary—Miss Bertha Allen.
 Treasurer—Miss Muriel Laverty.
 Corresponding Secretary—Miss Della Darraugh.

For twenty-five years the Auxiliary has carried on a splendid work among the young women of the church and has a fine record of activities. Bales to Indian schools, Christmas gifts to Indian children, gifts to the local church, mission study groups, social evenings and many other helpful and worthwhile efforts are engaged in.

The officers of the present Centennial year are:
 Honorary Presidents—Mrs. H. A. West-McMaster, Mrs. O. Dewar.
 President—Miss Anna McFarlane.

1st Vice-President—Mrs. H. B. Church.
2nd Vice President—Mrs. H. P. Darraugh.
Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Ellis.
Treasurer—Miss Bertha Allen.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Frances Hopkins.
Envelope Secretary—Miss Ina Allen.
Prayer Partner—Miss Ethel Allen.
Literature Secretary—Miss Verna Youmans.
Dorcas Secretaries—Mrs. T Laverty, Mrs. R. Endacott.

1837—The Centennial Restoration of the Church—1937

In the year 1906, while the Rev. G. A. Rix was rector, Harry Shaw and Thomas Robinson, wardens, the church had been redecorated at a cost of about \$500.00. In 1915 the present fine pipe organ was installed during the rectorship of the Rev. G. W. Tebbs, but for over thirty years the interior of the church had not been touched and had become very shabby and badly in need of repairs.

In June, 1931, a special vestry meeting was called to consider the possibility of raising sufficient funds to undertake the needed work, but in view of the worldwide depression and the economic condition of the time, it was decided that the time was not opportune to collect the amount that would be required to do the work that must be undertaken.

The condition of the church, however, becoming rapidly worse and the coming of the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the parish again brought the attention of the congregation to this greatly needed task and at the annual vestry meeting on January 20th, 1936, it was unanimously agreed that the Wardens and Advisory Board should undertake a canvass of the congregation to ascertain the amount of money that could be raised and to call for tenders for the redecorating and renovation.

The generous response of the people and the fine gift of \$1,000.00 from the Parish Guild proved that the work was approved by the members of the Church and, the tenders received being satisfactory, a special vestry was called on May 14th, 1936, and it was decided to immediately go ahead with the work. On motion of H. B. Church and Joseph Lewis it was approved that the tenders do be accepted, the work to be undertaken and that the expenditure of the funds raised should be left in the hands of Wardens and Advisory Board.

The church was closed on Sunday, June 13th, and reopened on Sunday, Sept. 6th, during which time services were held in the hall of the Public Library. The contract for redecorating, relighting, recarpeting and also redecorating and relighting the basement was awarded to V. M. Stoneman, of Toronto, who proved more than satisfactory to all in the fine work be accomplished. Mr. George Ladd, of Orangeville, had the contract for all carpentry work, repairing floors, rebuilding Vestry, storage shed, coal bin and remodelling and rebuilding the pews, etc. The late Mr. Eddie Hawkins secured the wiring contract and the plumbing was done by Mr. J. D. Robertson.

The old pews were torn out, rebuilt and replaced so that a six foot centre aisle and two three foot wall aisles were possible. The floors were

repaired, sanded and painted and the chancel and sanctuary floors sanded, polished and refinished. All woodwork in the body of the church was cleaned and with the pews grained to match the chancel fittings. The organ was moved back from its place in the church to the former vestry, while the console that had stood in the centre of the church was moved to where the organ had formerly stood, Lye Brothers, who had installed the organ, undertaking this work. The walls and ceiling were beautifully decorated with four coat work and a new lighting system installed. Eight bronze lamps were placed in the nave of the church, (lamps that could be dimmed to any degree desired) while concealed lights were placed in the chancel. Heavy blue carpets were laid in the nave, chancel and sanctuary, with blue communion cushions and blue velvet drape provided for the organ bench. The Memorial to the men who had fallen in the Great War was placed on the chancel wall with a small pilot light above it, and the Lion of St. Mark painted above.

A new vestry was built downstairs with stairway into chancel. A new storage and wood shed built on north side of church, new coal bin built, two modern wash rooms installed, the basement redecorated and relighted and, in addition, a number of beautiful Memorial gifts were received:

Stained Glass Window, "Light of the World"—In memory of Stephen Mills, given by his wife and daughters.

Altar Cross—In memory of Duncan and Margaret FitzGerald, Terrence FitzGerald and Mary Pinder, by Colonel and Mrs. G. M. FitzGerald.

Oak Pulpit—In memory of Ann Marshall Endacott, by her husband, Henry Endacott.

Four Oak Offertory Plates—In memory of Susanah Hughson, by the Girls' Auxiliary.

Two Oak Hymn Boards—In memory of Emma Jane Hoare, given by her husband, John W. Hoare.

Oak Hymn Board for the Choir—In memory of Alice and Mary Hewat, presented by their sister, Miss Nellie M. Hewat.

Book Marks—In memory of Elizabeth Maxwell, presented by her son and daughter, Thomas and Sarah Maxwell.

Hymn Board and Font Cover—By Friends.

When completed, the church, with its many memorial gifts, was formally reopened for Divine Worship by the Lord Bishop of Niagara on Sunday evening, September 6th, and presented with its rich, but quiet decorations, attractive lighting, soft blue carpets, cushions and drapes and the new centre aisle with organ in its new position, one of the most beautiful of the smaller churches in the province and a fitting thankoffering to God for the one hundred years of the parish and its work.

The Wardens and Advisory Board, who had charge of this splendid piece of work, were:

People's Warden—J. R. Hoare.

Rector's Warden—A. H. Woodland.

Colonel J. A. V. Preston, H. B. Church, A. R. Mills, Joseph Lewis, Norman N. Wardlaw, Jack M. Aiken, G. M. Cruikshank, H. P. Darraugh, Mrs. J. Lewis, Mrs. N. N. Wardlaw and Miss Anna McFarlane.

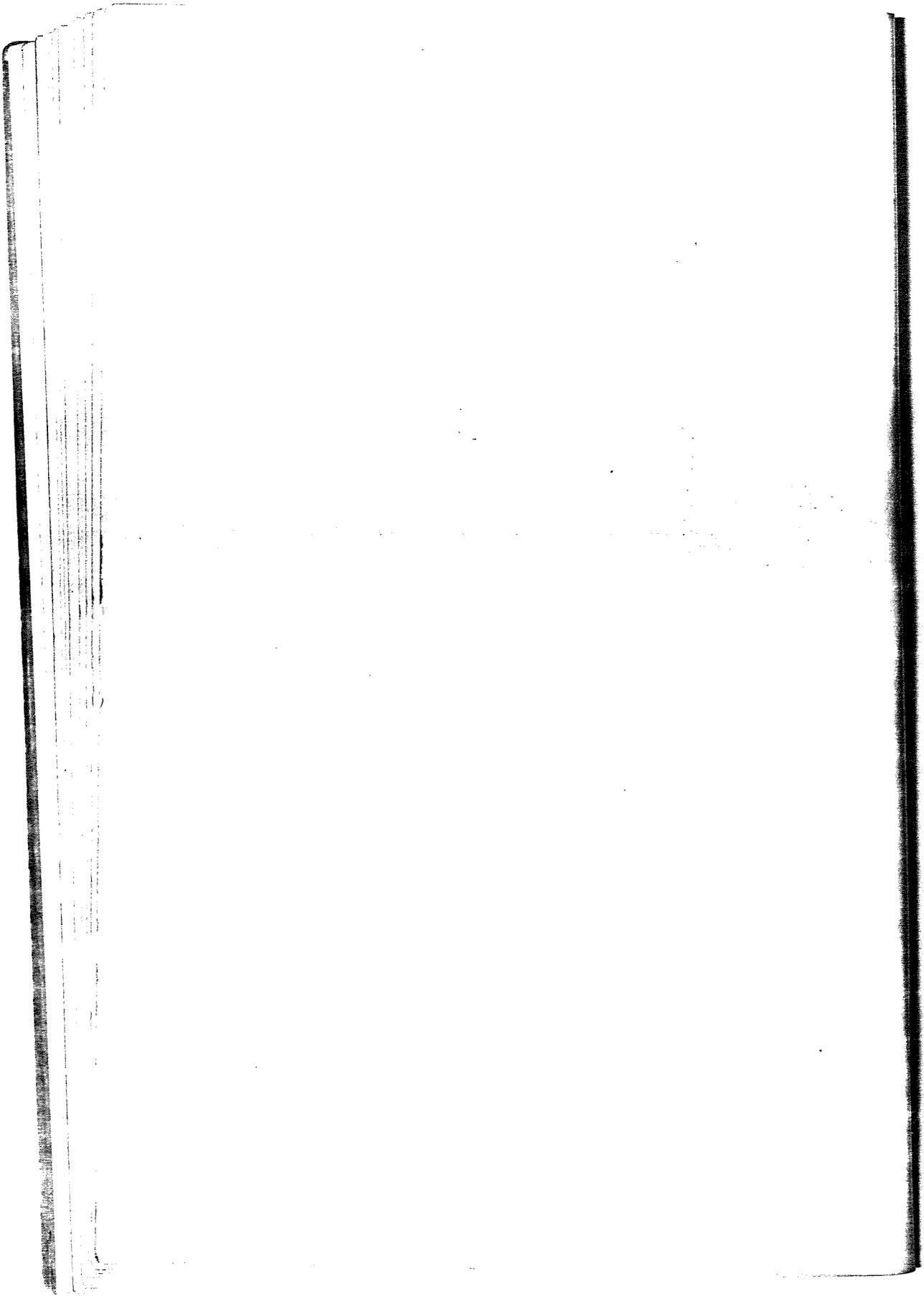
The following organizations and individuals subscribed toward the Redecoration and Renovation Fund as a thankoffering to God for the Century of the Parish and as a memorial of those who have passed away:

Name of Subscriber	In Memory of
The Parish Guild	
The Girls' Auxiliary	Susanah Hughson
The Kindergarten Class	
The Junior Auxiliary	
Mrs. Stephen Mills and daughters	Stephen Mills (husband and father)
John W. Hoare	Emma Jane Hoare (wife)
Henry Endacott	Ann Marshall Endacott (wife)
Colonel and Mrs. G. M. FitzGerald	Duncan and Margaret FitzGerald, Terrence FitzGerald, Mary Pinder
Miss Nellie Hewat	Alice and Mary Hewat (sisters)
Rev. H. A. and Mrs. West-McMaster	Mary J. Daw, Lula McMaster, Elizabeth Bennett
Friends in Hamilton	
Minnie M. Howard	
H. E. Burrige	Margery Burrige (daughter)
Mrs. W. Little	
F. W. Hodgson	
J. C. McBrien	
P. R. Young	
George Lindsay	
Mrs. Margaret Henry	Dr. Thomas H. Henry (husband)
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Speers	
Mrs. Richard Young and Family	Richard Young (husband and father)
Thomas and Sarah Maxwell	Joseph and Elizabeth Maxwell (par- ents)
Harvey and Mrs. Curry	
S. E. Lackey	
Mrs. J. A. McBride	John and Jane Elizabeth Cameron
Mrs. Blanche Holmes	(parents)
Charles H Hulse	
Mrs. J. W. Aiken	
W. J. Holmes	
James A. Cullen, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cullen	
S. G. Island	
Thomas H. Bracken	
Marie Jackson	Margaret Ellen Jackson (mother)
Beatrice Jeffers	
E. A. Robinson	
Mrs. Isaac Hughson	
Mrs. J. Elgie	John Elgie (husband)
Bertha Allen	
Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Henry	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry and Florence (parents and daughter)
T. W. White	
John J. White	
G. H. Woods	Mary Woods (wife)
Bert French	
Mrs. J. A. Campbell	
Barbara Page Brown	
Herbert Allen	
Arthur Wheeler	
Leigh McCarthy	
Joseph Trelford	

Name of Subscriber	In Memory of
R. A. Greenwood Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Woodland	Mr. and Mrs. James Woodland (par- ents)
G. M. Cruikshank Dr. J. N. Evans S. Lackey Sr. James Lackey Anna McFarlane	Joseph and Eliza Jane McFarlane (parents) Pat. Rice (son) Murray Lennox
Mrs. Elizabeth Rice George Dermott W. E. Island Mrs. R. I. Curry and Son	Robert Island Curry (husband and father)
George Moffatt Lavina Thompson Mrs. Herbert Stuckey	James Thompson (husband) Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Woodland (parents) Mr. and Mrs. James Cullen
Mr. and Mrs. J. McKibbon and Family	
George T. Walker George R. A. Morison Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Martin Joseph Lewis	Mr. and Mrs. Raynsford
Mrs. Albert Thompson Mrs. Wilson Miss M. Ellis Mrs. W. N. Bailey	Bertie Thompson (son)
Anna Martin W. Darraugh H. P. Darraugh Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Richardson	Father and Mother W. N. Bailey (husband)
A. H. Woodland and Family Mrs. H. Graham Adeline Gray Verna G. Youmans	Oscar Richardson (son) Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Woodland
Lena E. Youmans Mrs. J. Hewitt J. J. Gough Mr. and Mrs. G. King	Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gray (parents)
Fred A. Kingshott Richard Healey Mrs. Jennie Hannah E. Giles	John Hewitt (husband)
Wm. Leeson Chas. Smith S. Sillet Back Seat Member	
H. T. King Margaret Armstrong George Thompson Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shepley Dr. J. I. Lewis	William B. Shepley (son)
Helen Irvine Mrs. Arthur Brown The James Thompson Estate Mr and Mrs. W. Clowes	A Beloved One
H. B. Church A Friend Friends of St. Mark's	

Name of Subscriber	In Memory of
George Holmes	
Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Island	
Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Wardlaw	
John Nason	
Adam Widdis	
Mr. and Mrs. Vernet Armstrong	
Mrs. Little	
Thos. W. Hodgson	
Thos Dawson and Family	
Dr. R. W. Rooney	
T. J. Laverty	
Ed. Bennett	
Geo. Jenkins	
Elizabeth Jenkins	
Misses C. and D. Hulse	
Ewing Armstrong	
Mrs. J. F. Bennett	J. F. Bennett (husband)
Mark Bredin	
R. B. Endacott	
Gordon J. Bredin	
Mrs. J. Duke and Wesley	
G. T. Sullivan	
J. A. Campbell	
Mrs. G. Rispin	Daughters
Mrs. C. L. Newton	J. Newton (husband)
Hugh Greenis	
W. J. Cruikshank	
Sarah A. Hughes	
George H. Mills	
Charles Lamon	
Mrs. Augusta McKim	Daniel J. McKim (husband)
Elizabeth Mills and Ethel Allen	
Mrs. E. Armstrong	John B. Armstrong (husband)
Sydney J. Dickens	
Mrs. H. Strickland	Charles Strickland (husband)
Alvin Holmes	
Mr and Mrs. T. H. Greenis	
Bert Nightingale	
Mrs. Holmes and Irene Holmes	Mr. John Stoneman
Mrs. E. J. Ellis	Edward J. Ellis (husband)
R. C. Allen	Father
Gertrude Irvine	George Edgar Island (husband and father)
Mrs. M. Island and E. Island	
Bertha Parker	
J. W. Leach	
Dr. J. W. Leach	
Amanda Tourigny	
O. F. Anderson	
Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Leighton	
W. C. Hopkins	Frances Endacott
Mrs. Alex. Saunders	Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Martin
E. F. Richardson	
J. A. V. Preston	Judge Maitland McCarthy
J. R. Hoare	Mrs. J. W. Hoare (mother)
Bessie Ellis	Edward J. Ellis (father)
J. Z. Henry	Alice B. Henry (wife)
Mrs. Eva Mills	
J. M. Aiken	

Name of Subscriber	In Memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Robinson and Edith	
Alex. S. Walker J. A. Holmes	
Margaret A. Lewis Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shaw	Joshua Reid and Mr. and Mrs. W. Fiddes
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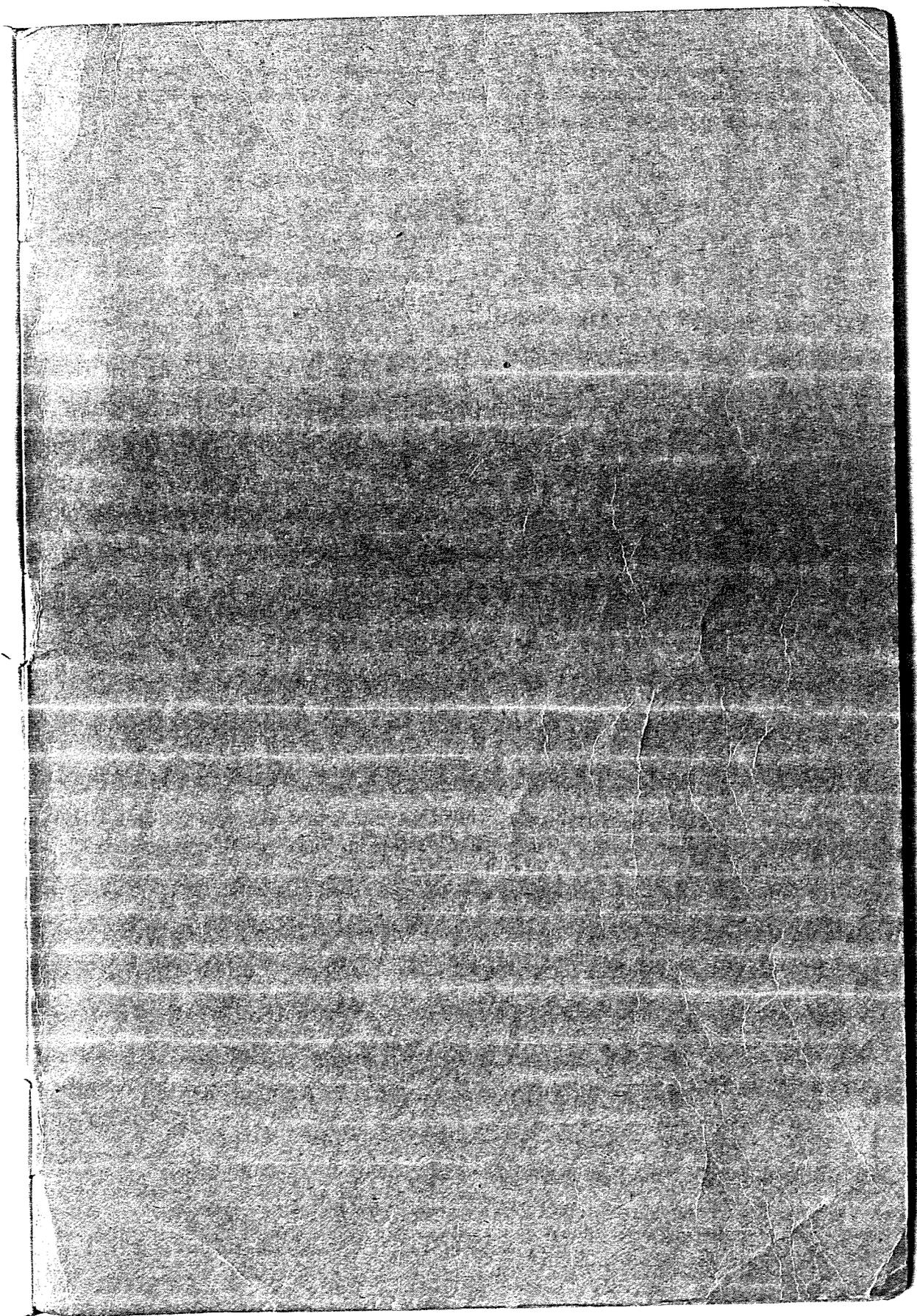


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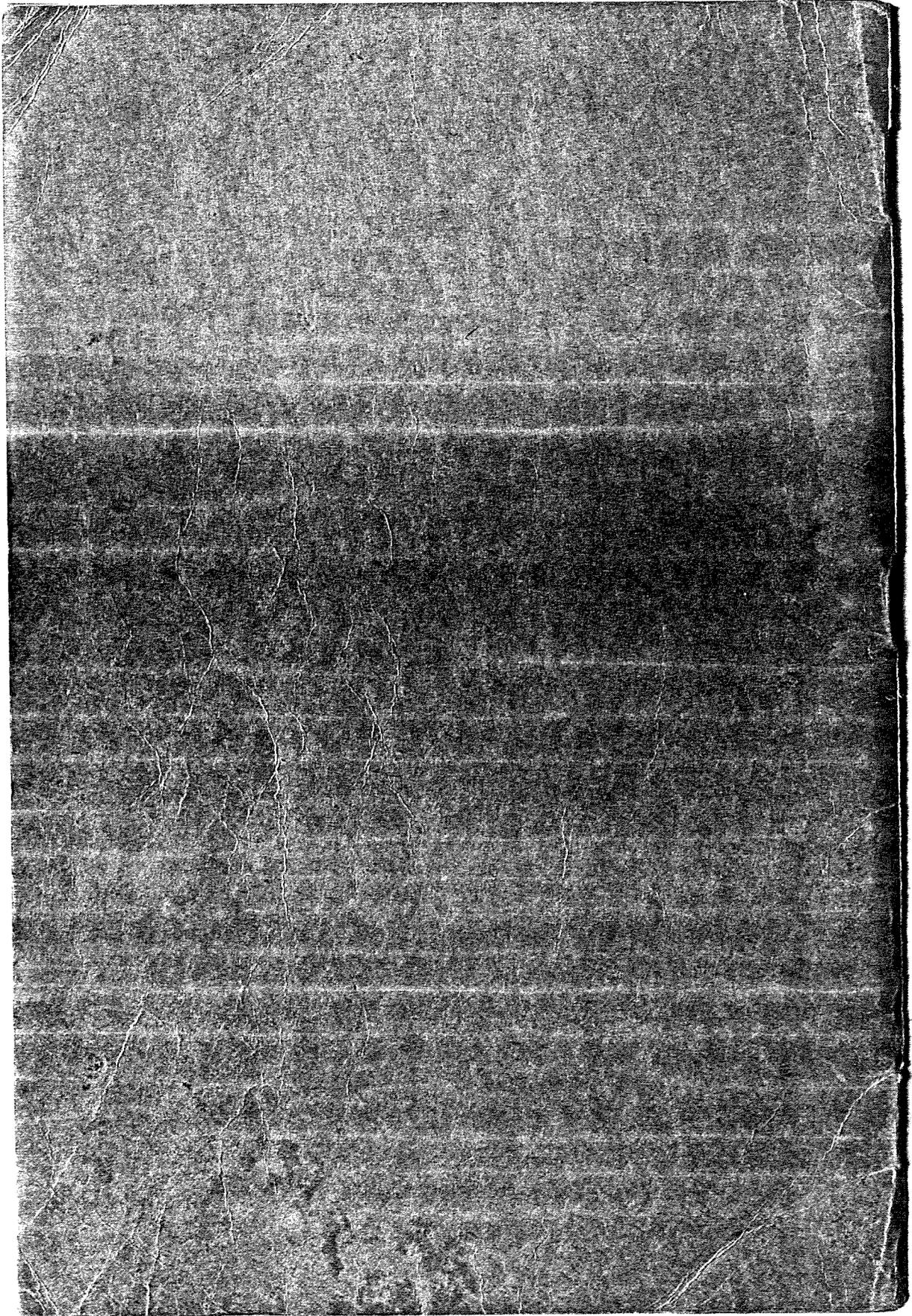
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