Souvenir
Of
Trinity Church
Calt

Commemorating the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Rev. Canon Ridley, as Rector, and the Erection of the New Parish Hall
THIS SOUVENIR IS RESPECTFULLY
DEDICATED

TO HIS LORDSHIP

THE BISHOP OF HURON

THE RIGHT REV.
DAVID WILLIAMS, D. D.
SOUVENIR is something that serves to recall the past, and, therefore, as a token of remembrance and a memento of the historic Parish of Trinity Church, Galt, this will be highly prized by the parishioners.

We are pleased, therefore, to give the following facts and incidents connected with the history of the Parish, and, with devout gratitude, to record the progress made during the 25 years of the present Rectorship.

The Parish was founded by the late Very Rev. Dean Boomer, M.A., L.L.D., who as a missionary of the "Society for the Propagation of the Gospel," began his labors here in 1840, under the Right Rev. Dr. Strachan, Lord Bishop of Toronto, in which Diocese Galt was then included. This position he filled with great acceptance and success, first as Missionary, then as Incumbent, and, finally as Rector, for the long period of 33 years, when upon his elevation as Dean of Huron Diocese, and Principal of Huron Divinity College, he resigned the parish and removed to London.

Dr. Boomer was of Huguenot descent and was born and educated in Ireland, graduating M.A. at Trinity University, Dublin, in 1838, which College subsequently conferred upon him the degree of L.L.D. He was a scholarly man, of fine presence and possessing a deep, rich voice, was an exceptionally good reader and preacher. On his arrival in Galt, there was not a church building of our own, neither school-house nor Rectory, and the few members of the Church of England were scattered over a wide area. Galt was then in its infancy and practically a wilderness. There were, however, several very influential families and among them, the Hon. William Dickson and Absalom Shade, Esq., the founders of Galt, who, in July, 1816, in company with an Indian guide, followed the Indian trail along the eastern side of the river, from where Paris now stands, until they came to this picturesque spot. Our local historian, the Hon. James Young, in his admirable "Early History of Galt," says: "Where Galt now stands was then a forest solitude. Huge pines, cedars and elms, intermingled freely with oaks, and occasionally with beeches and maples, studded the valley and surrounding hills."

"When the travellers reached this point, they dismounted, tied their horses, and Mr. Shade proceeded to examine the creek. Near where Mr. James Scott's planing mill now stands, he encountered a small, dilapidated frame building, the only semblance of civilization to be found."

"Following the stream as far as the present stone bridge at the head of Main Street, he was no doubt tempted to ascend the adjoining eastern bluff, the better to observe the surrounding landscape."

"As Mr. Shade surveyed the scene stretched out before him on that July afternoon in 1816, it must have appeared infinitely grander than at the present time. The gently sloping oval-shaped valley at his feet, the waters of the Grand River passing, like a broad band of silver, straight through its centre, the graceful hills encircling around, and the luxuriant profusion of summer foliage rising from the centre, until the highest peaks of the sombre pines upon the bluffs were reached so suggestive of a vast, natural amphitheatre, must have made up a striking picture. It must have looked like an immense coliseum in leaves!"

Such was Galt in the very first stage of its history. Amidst such natural beauty, and the slightly improved surroundings of the village hamlet, Dr. Boomer began his labours, and through his untiring efforts and zeal...
worthy of all praise, he gathered together an influential congregation. The first services were held in the Township Hall, a very plain, unplastered building, and, shortly after, a church was erected, which at that time was regarded as quite an ornament to the village. The expense was chiefly borne by Hon. William Dickson and family, and Mr. Shade. Bishop Strachan visited the parish on the occasion of the opening, and consecrated it.

The group of clergymen in this Souvenir, together with that of the laymen, are very excellent photographs of the respective gentlemen, and were taken from other photos by Mr. Thomas Smith, Galt’s photographer, who also took that of the Parish Hall, the Lych-Gate, and those of the church wardens. Of the clergy represented, the Venerable Archdeacon Mackenzie, now Rector of Brantford, is the only one living. He was formerly curate here under Dean Boomer. His wife, Mrs. Mackenzie, is a daughter of the late Dean. Both she and the Archdeacon cherish many happy memories of Trinity Church and take a deep interest in its progress.

Of the laymen represented all were prominent vestrymen in the early days of the parish, Mr. R. S. Strong being the only surviving one, and now in his 87th year, still taking a deep interest in the parish, though unable to perform the duties attached to the various offices, as Church Warden, Delegate to Synod, and chairman of committees, in connection with which he always took an active part in years gone by. Beloved and respected in his old age, he is a worthy representative of Trinity Church in its earlier days, and a link between the past and the present. It is to such men the parish is greatly indebted, therefore it is very fitting that they should be honorably mentioned in this Souvenir.

Besides all these and other families represented by name in this Souvenir, many other names are recorded in the Parish Register, several hundred in number, who have removed to other parishes or passed away to their rest, but who were closely identified with the parish during the past 25 years of the present rectorship. All are honorably remembered and this testimony is affectionately given in appreciation of their worth.

The church was enlarged in 1885, and finally restored, re-built and put in its present attractive condition, together with the addition of the handsome stone tower, in 1885-86. During Dr. Boomer’s long pastorate of 33 years he endeared himself not only to the congregation but also to the whole community and the inhabitants of the surrounding country, and through his labors, assisted by other prominent clergymen, the Church of England gained a very strong and influential position. During his ministry here he was ably assisted at different periods by such gifted clergymen as the Rev. Philip DuMoulin, M.A., the late Bishop of Niagara; the Rev. James Carmichael, M.A., late Bishop of Montreal, and the present popular rector of Brantford, the Venerable Archdeacon Mackenzie, D.C.L. A handsome brass tablet in memory of Dean Boomer was erected by the Vestry in the chancel of the church. On his retirement from the parish, to fill the important position in London as Dean of the Diocese of St. Paul’s Cathedral, he was succeeded by the Rev. Canon Brock, M.A., who at the end of one year was called to a prominent position in Nova Scotia. The Rev. Canon Curran, M.A., followed, and remained four years, and upon his removal to Hamilton in 1874, the Rev. Canon Hincks, M.A., became rector, and he labored indefatigably for nine years, when upon his acceptance of the rectory of “All Saints,” Windsor, Ont., he was succeeded by the present rector, the Rev. Canon Pidley.

Canon Ridley began his labours here on the first Sunday in October, (6th), 1886, and has thus just passed the 25th anniversary as rector of the
parish. Upon the unanimous invitation of the Vestry he was appointed rector by the Right Rev. Bishop Baldwin, D.D., and has continued his labours with unabatable zeal and interest to the present. During his rectorship many changes have taken place in connection with the growth and prosperity of the parish, and also in connection with the removal by death, and other causes, of prominent parishioners. But it is gratifying to know that the parish has made steady progress and with gratitude to the Great Head of the Church it is today in a most flourishing and prosperous condition.

The first notable event during the past 25 years was on Sunday, March 18th, 1888, commemorating the anniversary of the Church's restoration, when special sermons were preached by Canon DuMoulin, M.A., rector of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, and late Bishop of Niagara, when the offerings amounted to the handsome sum of $1,245.88. Two years after, viz., on Sunday, 28th, 1900, the jubilee of the parish was celebrated, when Canon DuMoulin again preached, and on the following Sunday the Right Reverend Bishop Baldwin, D.D., the special offerings amounting to the large sum of $1,414.83. The rector has all along strongly advocated direct and systematic giving, so that nothing whatever has been raised for church purposes in any other way. The success of the whole method, based as it is upon scriptural principles and upon a practical financial basis, fully justifies the course taken. The result has been phenomenal and beyond the most sanguine expectations, and during the 25 years just passed, nearly $120,000.00 have been contributed by the parishioners for all purposes, and all by direct giving. This speaks volumes for the zeal and liberality of the congregation.

In addition to all this, valuable gifts have been presented to the church during the long period of its history. The cemetery, the park, the first schoolhouse, and notably $12,000.00 bequeathed by Mr. Shade, $6,000 to build a rectory, and $6,000 as a parish endowment. It is needless to say that this generous gift has been greatly appreciated. Then there is the handsome stone tower, which adds so much to the appearance of the church, presented by Matthew Wilks, Esq., of Cruickston Park.

The following resolution with reference to this generous gift speaks for itself:—

"Special Vestry meeting held, Nov. 16th, 1885.
"Moved by Mr. A. Warnock,
"Seconded by Mr. R. Blain,
"That this Vestry accept the generous offer of Matthew Wilks, Esq., to build a tower to Trinity Church, Galt, and that formal approval be hereby given to the same, the tower to be built according to plans submitted by Mr. Windeyer, Architect, of Toronto. At the same time the grateful thanks of the congregation are hereby tendered to Mr. Wilks."

The solid oak communion table, the brass altar desk, a silver chalice and paten, and the handsome brass lectern, were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Dykes, Sr. Hence the following, taken from the Vestry Book, April 11th, 1887:—

"Moved by Mr. Woods, seconded by Mr. R. S. Strong, that the thanks of the congregation be tendered to Mr. Dykes and family for the communion table and lectern."

The solid brass pulpit, of exquisite design and workmanship, standing on its massive base of polished oak, supported by prettily carved pillars of the same material, and the open brass panel work, with the three appropriate monograms, was the gift of Miss K. L. Wilks, of Cruickston Park, in memory of her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Wilks. The same generous
donor also gave the handsome brass candelabra, 8 feet in height, and surmounted with the symbolical seven branches, which stand at the chancel steps.

The church also possesses a solid silver communion set, presented by Mrs. Shade in 1851.

The young men of the Brotherhood kindly presented a brass altar desk to correspond with the other already mentioned. F. S. Jarvis, Esq., also gave, on the occasion of his daughter's wedding, in October, 1911, a pair of altar flower vases. Two beautifully executed memorial windows were also recently erected, one in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Woods, and the other in memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. Howell and Mrs. H. S. Howell. Each was presented by the respective families of the deceased, and will be lasting memorials. The first represents the Resurrection and the sacred tomb in Gethsemane; the second, that of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. Both are vivid representations and beautifully wrought in divers colors of stained glass, the work of McCauseland & Son, Toronto. Marble tablets are affixed to the interior walls of the church, sacred to the memory of the Hon. Robert Dickson, who died at Leghorn, Italy, in 1846; Absalom Shade, who died in 1862; Peter Keefer, who died in 1886; Matthew Wilks, of Cruckston Park, who died in 1869, and his wife, Eliza Astor Langdon, who died in 1896; and Adam Warnock, who died in 1902. There are also three brass tablets, one in the chancel, erected by the parishioners in memory of the Very Rev. Dean Boomer, who died at London, Ont., in 1888; another over the vestry door in memory of the Hon. Robert Dickson, who died in 1896, his son, William, who died in 1877, and also of his son, the Hon. Walter Hamilton, who died in 1885. The other is a smaller tablet on the east side of the church, in loving memory of Ethel Lucy Simpson, daughter of Rev. Canon and Mrs. Curran, who died in 1877.

The brass railing, which surrounds the chancel platform, was recently presented by the rector as a memorial gift. The W. A. M. A. also gave a beautifully embossed service book for the communion table, in memory of their late President, Mrs. Caroline Augusta Ridley, another being given by the rector in loving memory of his daughter, Edith. The large alms-basin of beaten brass was presented by Mr. Thomas Peck, Jr., and, being of his own workmanship, is much appreciated. It is used at all the public services in receiving the offertory. The silver-plated collection plates were also donated many years ago. The communion table cover of crimson plush, together with the prayer desk, frontals of the same material, beautifully embroidered, were given by Miss Dickson, of "Kirkmichael," many years ago. The prayer desks, supplied with service books, one presented by Miss Bessie Scott and her sister Edith, in loving memory of their beloved brother, Herbert, who died in 1900. The other now again restored by the rector, and in constant use, bears the following inscription: "This Book of Prayer is presented to the Rev. Michael Boomer, the present Incumbent of Trinity Church at Galt, in the Township of Dumfries, and his successors in that ministry, by a member of the church." Woodlawn, Niagara, Christmas Day, 1841. Robert Dickson.

The two old weather-beaten flags which hang under the chancel arch were formerly in the possession of the 29th Waterloo Infantry, and were in use at camp and on all regimental occasions for many years. They were presented by Col. Acheson, the Commander of the Regiment, and placed in their present position at a special service held by the rector and chaplain, the Rev. Canon Dann, Senior Chaplain of the camp, dedicating the flags and
Western View of Church Tower
preaching a military sermon. Other gifts by way of book-marks from the Chancel Guild and Sewing Circle, and altar hangings by Mrs. C. R. H. Warnock, have been recently given.

The Lych-gate and cobblestone wall in front of the rectory were built by the rector in 1909, the wall along the west side being erected in 1910-11, partly by the parishioners. All this, with the improvements to the rectory grounds, present a very neat and attractive appearance, and great credit is due to the skilful workmanship of Mr. Edward Lane, the builder.

A very large, handsome chair of solid walnut, of gothic shape and ecclesiastical design, has been presented to the rector for the Parish Hall, by Mr. H. S. Howell. It has been for a long time in the possession of the family. Occupying a conspicuous place on the platform, it will admirably answer the purpose, and will be a cherished memorial of the generous donor. Another chair of smaller proportions, but equally prized, has been given by Mrs. H. Main and family, and will be placed in the committee room. It is also of walnut, the back and seat being beautifully embroidered in variegated needlework of exquisite design and finish.

On Sunday, August 21st, 1904, the surpliced choir was installed for the first time, all the vestments, verger’s gown, etc., being generously donated by Mrs. Langdon Wilks, of Langdon Hall. Langdon Wilks, Esq., also donates $100 yearly for the choir boys. The choir has been an unqualified success, and under the present management it is all that could be desired. For all this, great credit is due to Mrs. John Keyes, the choir trainer, Mrs. Barker, the organist, and to the men and boys for the great interest taken and for their valuable services. Just here it is most fitting to refer to the very acceptable services rendered as organist and choir-master by the late Mr. R. S. Strong, Jr., who for so many years filled that responsible position. Always faithful to his duties and exceedingly courteous and obliging, he worked harmoniously with the rector during his long tenure of office; his wife also, now living in Toronto, being an invaluable acquisition to the choir.

During the rector’s pastorate, Mr. Edwin West served as sexton and caretaker of the church for over fifteen years. He and Mrs. West are still faithful parishioners and regular worshippers. This position is now filled by Mr. Walter Woodward, who, together with the office of Vestry Clerk, is rendering most efficient and satisfactory service.
The Rector’s 25th Anniversary

On Sunday, October 1st, 1911, the Bishop officiated in this church, it being the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Rev. Rural Dean Ridley as rector of the parish. The Bishop preached both morning and evening, his sermons being eminently practical and applicable to the special occasion. With great power and unction his Lordship clearly defined the responsibility and duties of the ministerial office, and the mutual claims of both pastor and people. He paid a very high tribute to the rector, whose work during his long pastorate in the parish had been so very successful, and of his standing, character and influence in the Diocese. Galt was one of the very best parishes and had in every way been foremost in every good work and had sustained a very prominent place in contributing to all diocesan and missionary funds. He heartily congratulated the parishioners on the happy state of affairs, and bespoke for both rector and people continued prosperity. In addition to the spiritual growth of the parish which was all that could be desired, he was extremely gratified to learn that nearly $120,000.00 had been contributed by the congregation for parochial and other purposes, and all by direct giving, and one fact had just come to his notice which spoke volumes for rector and people, that in connection with the additional outlay for the new Parish Hall, now nearing completion, involving nearly $15,000.00, the rector had not asked a single individual to sign his name for any amount. He had simply taken their word of honour. Where such harmony and implicit confidence between pastor and people existed, signatures were unnecessary, as one’s word of honour was of infinitely more value. It was certainly a unique fact and one which was worthy of being known. The new hall was a thing of beauty and would long remain a monument of the zeal and liberality of the parishioners, and a lasting memorial of their esteemed rector. As a centre of church life it would be invaluable, and therefore this anniversary day was in every way one on which they all had reason to rejoice. The services were very bright and hearty and the church was prettily decorated for the occasion. The following, clipped from the Galt Daily Reporter’s editorials, speaks for itself as to the respect and esteem in which the Rural Dean is held by the community at large: “The Rev. Rural Dean Ridley, who has served his parishioners for twenty-five years, can look back upon a well-spent life as rector of Trinity Church. It is not every spiritual adviser who is able to attach himself to his congregation and the community in which he lives as the esteemed Rural Dean, whose ministrations have been of inestimable value to the people under his charge. The reverend gentleman’s broad catholic spirit has kept him deeply interested in not only all classes within his communion, but also in the members of other churches. His charity of thought and action and his hearty word of encouragement have done not a little to assuage the distress of scores of citizens. As an administrator he has been a distinct success, the present position of the parish with its beautiful place of worship and a very handsome new Sabbath School, bearing witness to his undoubted leadership. Men of the character of the Rev. Mr. Ridley—and we have not a few in this country—largely assist in moulding public sentiment and public character.

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To labor in a field for twenty-five years and to be much stronger in the affections of his parishioners at the end than during the first few seasons of his stewardship is cause for elation. The Rural Dean banks much on the humanity of man, and in stirring the finer and better feelings of those who look to him for spiritual advice he consciously or unconsciously smooths the way for ready responses to his appeals for the betterment of the character of the individual. Galtonians recognize in Mr. Ridley an unselfish worker in his Master’s Vineyard and will join ‘The Reporter’ in wishing him many more years of usefulness in the community that in various ways has honored him as a good citizen.”

At the close of the long service, the Bishop publicly licensed Mr. William Baird, lay reader.

The rector received many congratulations from his parishioners and numerous friends, thus marking in an eminently satisfactory way his 25th year as rector of Trinity Church, Galt.

During Canon Ridley’s rectoryship of the parish, in addition to all the services of the church, preaching, visiting, lecturing, etc., week in and week out, and attending to all the details of parish work, he officiated during the 25 years at 507 baptisms, prepared 489 for confirmation, married 280 couples (560 persons), and buried 444.

The first person that he baptized in the parish was John Herbert, son of William and Bertha Johnston, on October 18th, 1886.

The first marriage was that of Mr. Hugh Alexander Cant and Miss Maggie Barbour, on October 13th, 1886.

The first burials were those of Col. Thomas Peck, on October 20th, and Mr. Thomas McMillan, on October 20th, 1886.
The Old Gives Way to the New

Reminiscences of the Old School Room
and the Erection of the Parish Hall

The first school house in the parish was erected in 1883 on the site of the present handsome Parish Hall, and was generously built by Absalom Shade, Esq., of which the following resolution speaks: "At a special Vestry meeting held in the school house of Trinity Church, on the evening of Monday, the 7th of January, 1856, it was moved by Mr. Ralph Nicholson and seconded by Mr. John Miller, that the cordial thanks of the meeting on behalf of themselves and the congregation of Trinity Church, be given to Absalom Shade, Esq., for his liberality in erecting and presenting to the church the handsome school-house, in which we, as a Vestry, have this evening for the first time assembled. A building so admirably suited to the requirements of a school, and so well calculated as a vestry-room, to promote the comfort of the congregation, and generally to contribute to the interests of the church.

Moved by Mr. Peter Jaffray and seconded by Mr. John McNaughton, and resolved; that a copy of the above resolution be presented to Mr. Shade, and recorded in the vestry minute book of the church.

THE REV. MICHAEL BOOMER, Rector.
MR. R. S. STRONG, MR. RICH, Church Wardens.
Galt, January 7th, 1856.

This building was subsequently enlarged by the Rev. Dean Boomer in 1868 and so remained in constant use until its demolition in 1911, to make way for the present edifice. The rector has carefully preserved the original slab bearing the facts as stated, which for many years was used as a stepping stone at the entrance of the old school-house and consequently is considerably defaced. It has, however, been placed in the rear wall of the new parish hall and is to be re-lettered so as to be preserved intact, together with the additional date, etc., of the erection of the present building.

The old school-room had its day and served many noble purposes. It will long be remembered by many of the older parishioners, on account of its hallowed associations. For some forty years the late esteemed and highly respected Mr. James Woods was the Superintendent of the Sunday School, in which capacity, and as Lay-reader he worked most harmoniously under the present rector. Failing health compelled him to resign, and his place as Superintendent was ably filled by Mr. F. J. Brown, Jr., who was indefatigable in his efforts to carry on the work of the school in the same successful way as his predecessor. On his retirement from office the present Superintendent, in the person of Mr. William Baird, was appointed by the rector. This appointment fully justifies the action, the school already being in a most flourishing condition and destined to reach a very high state of efficiency. Co-operating with him, is Mr. Charles W. Brett, recently appointed Assistant Superintendent, and a large staff of officers and teachers, so that the outlook is very promising. Both schools, senior and infant, which formerly met
morning and afternoon, respectively, will now meet together, the infants, under Miss Dykes, having a separate room to themselves, after the opening and before the closing exercises. This will be a great boon, as many families can now send all the children together, to whom the afternoon will be much more convenient.

For many years a more commodious and up-to-date building was absolutely needed for Sunday School and other purposes. Suggestions and efforts were made at various times, but acting on the principle that “All things come to those who wait,” the rector patiently abided his time, and all along had in view such an edifice as now adds both utility and embellishment to the church property. The opportune moment at last came, and the rector presented his scheme and immediately solicited the co-operation of the parishioners. Nor was he disappointed, for in undertaking the whole financial method himself he set about with earnest zeal and in a few weeks had the satisfaction of stating that he had met with a loyal and hearty response to the extent of nearly $10,000.00, with more to hear from. A Building Committee was at once formed, and plans submitted to the Vestry, with the result that immediate steps were taken for its erection according to the plans and specifications drawn by Mr. William Scott, Architect, Galt. The following tenders were subsequently let, viz.:

Masonry, river wall and excavating, Messrs. Thomas & Hancock.
Carpenter work, William Hallman.
Plastering, William Mogg.
Painting, glazing, etc., J. W. Swain.
Slating and galvanizing work, Brown, Jarvis & Co., Brantford.

Other important matters, such as electric lighting and steam heating for both church and hall, were left over for further discussion, and at the annual vestry meeting on March 15th, 1911, the Building Committee were authorized to let contracts and make such financial and all other arrangements necessary for the successful completion of the same.

Laying of Corner Stone

On Monday morning, July 17th, 1911, the corner stone of the new building was duly laid with an appropriate service, the rector and the full surpliced choir being present.

A tin box, carefully arranged and sealed by the rector, was handed to Mr. F. H. Chapple, the people’s warden, who deposited it in the cavity prepared for it.

The box contained coins, papers, photos, etc., together with a long list of names belonging to the school, church, and its various organizations, and also copies of the Galt daily papers, date of corner-stone laying, and full particulars relating to the important occasion. The stone was then formally laid by Miss K. Wilks, of Cruickston Park, to whom was presented a pretty little silver trowel by Mr. F. S. Jarvis, the rector’s warden, on behalf of the congregation. The trowel was suitably engraved, and will long be a memento of the unique event. Miss Wilks, on the occasion, generously handed the rector a cheque for one thousand dollars towards the building fund.

Contracts were subsequently let to Lockhart & Co. for plumbing and electric lighting of the hall; to Messrs. Ross & Short, for installing a steam heating system, to include both the hall and the church; and to H. Dakin, to
furnish electric lights throughout the church. Other extra expenses have been incurred, such as cement pavements, basement floor, excavating under the church, etc., and everything done to put the premises in a first-class condition, so that now Trinity Church possesses one of the very best and most complete properties in the Diocese. All this has been brought about by the hearty and liberal co-operation of the parishioners, who have cheerfully contributed to the extent of nearly $10,000.00 for this special purpose, the promised subscriptions extending over three years. The parish hall will be the centre of new life and activity, and will prove to be a most valuable aid in all parochial work. It is acknowledged on all sides to be a most artistic and beautiful building, and is an ornament to the town in general.

Other Reminiscences

One of the oldest residential properties in Galt and identified with the parish, is that now occupied during the summer seasons by Miss Florence Dickson. It is the original homestead and known as "Kirkmichael," a picturesque spot, on a commanding site overlooking the town. The pretty little park in front of the church was originally given by the Hon. Robert Dickson. It subsequently, illegally, passed into other hands and through the efforts of Mr. R. S. Strong, Sr., who as chairman of a special committee appointed for the purpose, stated on May 6th, 1872, that the sum of $310.00 had been raised to redeem it, thirteen gentlemen of the congregation having subscribed $23.84 each to meet the required payment. In 1885-6, through the efforts of Mr. Adam Warnock, the park was levelled off, fenced in, and planted with elms, which now add so much to the property, and at the annual vestry meeting in 1887 Mr. Warnock stated that the sum of $253.73 had been thus expended, all of which had been cheerfully contributed for that purpose.

The following will be greatly appreciated by the congregation as putting them in possession of the actual facts, recorded in the will of the late Absalom Shade, Esq., and now for the first time given such publicity:—

Galt, April 15th, 1862.

WILLIAM H. JOB, ESQ.,
Warden of Trinity Church, Galt.

Dear Sir,—For the information and guidance of the minister and pew-holders of Trinity Church, I beg to call your attention to the following
extract from the will of the late Absalom Shade, Esq., viz.:—"I give and devise to the church wardens of Trinity Church, the two lots in front of the church, originally given by Mr. Dickson, to have and to hold the said premises unto the church wardens, and their successors in office and assigns, forever. Also I give and bequeath the sum of fifteen hundred pounds for the erection of a parsonage for the clergymen of said Trinity Church, to be paid by my executor and executrix, hereinafter named, out of my estate, whenever required to do so. Also I give and bequeath the sum of fifteen hundred pounds to be invested under the direction of the minister and church wardens of said church, and the interest arising therefrom to be paid to the officiating clergymen of said Trinity Church annually. Provided, the congregation of said church make up for the said clergymen the sum of one thousand dollars annually, said sum of fifteen hundred pounds to be taken out of my estate and invested by my executor and executrix hereinafter named, under the direction of the aforesaid minister and church wardens."

Yours faithfully,

JOHN DAVIDSON, Secretary.

P. S.—It will be seen that according to the provisions of this will, the congregation have to raise at least one thousand dollars towards the stipend, otherwise they forfeit the endowment. They can, as at present, give as much more as the vestry may decide. This was certainly a wise provision, as endowments are often a hindrance instead of a blessing, often preventing as they do the liberality of the people.

The Cemetery

This is a quiet and retired spot, situated on the hill overlooking the town, a few minutes' walk from the church. It consists of several acres of undulating land, the soil of which is admirably suited for the purpose. It was the gift of Walter Dickson, Sr. An addition to it was subsequently made, through the kindness of the late Colonel Peck and others, by a strip of land on the eastern boundary, now studded with evergreens and other trees, which together with a similar boundary on the southern side, running the entire length of the property, parallel with Blenheim Road, are reserved for ornamental purposes. Altogether it is a picturesque spot, and kept in a natural and rustic condition, is in every respect a model "God's Acre," the sleeping place of the dead! For many years it was under the management of Mr. Richard Blain, who took special interest in it, as chairman of the Cemetery Committee. This position is now filled by Mr. C. R. H. Warnock, through whose untiring zeal it has undergone extensive improvements, and whose annual report to the vestry is highly satisfactory. This sacred and hallowed spot is dear to the hearts of many, the bodies of whose loved ones slumber beneath its sod. Many of Galt's pioneers and influential members of Trinity Church lie buried here, whose names are still cherished and who will always be lovingly remembered as its former parishioners.
Trinity's Oldest Parishioners

Among the oldest parishioners now living may be mentioned:—Mr. Richard Sidney Strong, West Main Street; Mr. Harry Crane, Cameron Street; Mrs. Adam Warnock, St. Andrews Street; Miss Alice Ford, Victoria Avenue; Mrs. Golby, East Street; Mrs. Peck, Brant Avenue; Mrs. John Lockston, McNaughton Street; Mrs. Hancock, Beverly Street; Mrs. J. Scott, Bond Street; Mr. and Mrs. Waring, Portland Street; Mr. and Mrs. Bittmann, Cameron Street; Mr. and Mrs. West, Dayton Street; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Shurly, Blair Road; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, Main Street; Mr. John Harris, Harris Street; Mr. Jell, Albert Street; Mrs. Monckman, Scott's Yard; William Berghardt, Concession Street; E. Seagram.

Of the families connected with the parish and residing outside of the town, all of whom take special interest in the parish, are:—Mr. and Mrs. E. Langdon Wilks, of Langdon Hall; Miss K. Wilks, of Cruickston Park; Mr. and Mrs. John Gault, Blair; Mr. and Mrs. Markle, Blair Road; Mrs. Gavin Goodall and Mr. Goodall, Jr., Roslyn Park, Dumfries; Mr. M. White and the Misses White, Dumfries. Nor should we forget among the many departed, those who took an active part in the parochial affairs during the present rector's pastorate, such as: Mr. and Mrs. Abram Ball, Mr. Herbert Ball, Mrs. Prescott, Sr., Mr. James Scott, Mr. George Godfrey, Sr., Mr. George Jaffray, Mr. Richard Jaffray, Mr. and Mrs. Havill, Mr. Sheldon, Sr., Mr. Gavin Goodall, Dr. Woods, Mrs. and Miss McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Wells, Captain Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Allenby, Mr. James E. Warnock, Mrs. McCrum, Mrs. Hilbert, Mrs. Strong, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. R. Blain, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barbour, Mr. and Mrs. Torance, Mr. James Holder, Miss Kate Jaffray, and many others whose names are not already mentioned in this Souvenir.

The Following Extracts will be Read with Interest

Item—April 22nd, 1844: Postage to Kingston, 11½d; postage to Montreal, 1s 4d; postage to Toronto, 7d.


Item—June 18th: Paid Betty Moore, 7s 6d.

(P. S.—Betty Moore constantly received similar sums from the funds of the church.)

Item—Lamp-wick, 1s 3d; A. Elliott, for oil, 5s.

First subscription list for parochial purposes is dated October, 1840, and was for the maintenance of services in the village. It is recorded in pounds, shillings and pence, and contains quite a list of subscribers, and is signed by the Rev. M. Boomer.
The first vestry meeting recorded is dated April 15th, 1844. Members present, A. Shade, Thomas Rich, James Craig, Henry McCrum, John Davidson, Dr. Samuel Richardson, and Rev. M. Boomer. James Craig and John Davidson were elected wardens.

In 1845 it was reported that the road to the church along Melville street was impassable!

On March 24th, 1845, it was reported to the vestry, that the lot given for a burial ground had been surveyed, cleared and fenced, and a deed prepared for signature.

The church was first pewed in 1845.

At a special meeting of the vestry, held on March 17th, 1857, the first enlargement of the church was submitted by the building committee, showing a total cost of £1,048, 0s, 4d.

The envelope system was first suggested in 1868.

Item—March 28th, 1853: M. Shellerd, 5 cords of wood, at 8s 9d. Total, 17s 6d.

Item—April 19th, 1851: Davidson's account for oil, £5, 7s, 7d.

Item—October 10th, 1855: Tallow candles, 1s 10½d; matches, 7½d. Total, 2s 6d.

Item—May 4th, 1859: William Young, ½ lb. candles, 4s 4d.

Note—The parish was founded in 1840. Rev. M. Boomer, Missionary.

The first services were held in the Township Hall, a plain unplastered building.

Church erected in 1844; enlarged in 1858; restored and enlarged in 1885-6.

First school house erected in 1855; enlarged, 1868.

Present parish hall erected 1911-12; corner stone laid, July 17th, 1911; opened, February 8th, 1912.
Officials of The Parish

REV. CANON RIDLEY, Rector.
REV. H. BOURNE, (Retired).
WILLIAM BAIRD, Lay Reader.
F. S. JARVIS, Rector's Warden.
F. H. CHAPPLE, People's Warden.
R. S. STRONG and JOHN GAULT, Delegates to Synod.
WALTER WOODWARD, Verger and Vestry Clerk.
MRS. JOHN KEYES, Choir Trainer.
MRS. BARKER, Organist.
C. R. CLAXTON, Bell Ringer, Etc.
WILLIAM BRETT, ARTHUR LAST, JAMES DAVIDGE, Ushers.
FREDERICK PALMER, JOSEPH McCARTNEY, Auditors.

Sidesmen

MR. WARNOCK.  MR. MCDONALD.
MR. J. DAVIDGE.  MR. JOSEPH McCARTNEY.
MR. RANDALL.  MR. WEST.
MR. FORSTER.  MR. DAKIN.
MR. GRAUL.  MR. F. SHURLY.
MR. A. HOWES.  MR. LENFESTY.
MR. EASTON.  MR. HUGHES.
MR. PHILIP.  MR. JAMES BARBER.
MR. GAULT.  MR. WARING.
MR. CHERRY.  MR. NEEDHAM.
COL. BISCOE.  MR. W. BRETT.
MR. JOHNS.  MR. C. BRETT.
MR. E. LANE.  MR. DANDO.
MR. E. WOODWARD.  MR. BASSFORD.
MR. J. S. JOHNSON.  MR. B. CALL.
MR. A. STRONG.  MR. A TAYLOR.
MR. PALMER.  MR. BURNHAM.

Endowment Committee

THE RECTOR AND MESSRS. JARVIS, CHAPPLE, EASTON, PHILIP AND WARNOCK.

Building Committee, re Parish Hall

THE RECTOR, CHAIRMAN, AND MESSRS. WARNOCK, JARVIS, CHAPPLE, BAIRD, LANE, JOSEPH McCARTNEY.

Cemetery Committee

THE RECTOR, CHURCH WARDENS AND C. R. H. WARNOCK.

Laymen's Missionary Committee

MESSRS. PHILIP (CONVENOR), BAIRD, LANE AND C. BRETT.
Organizations of The Parish

All these are now in a flourishing condition and each filling its own place and doing its own work as valuable adjuncts, and fully represent all departments of church work.

Sunday School Every Sunday at 3.00 P. M.

REV. CANON RIDLEY, Rector.
WILLIAM BAIRD, Superintendent.
CHARLES W. BRETT, Assistant Superintendent.
JAMES McCURDY, JR., Librarian.
W. B. CALL, Secretary.
MISS J. D. McCURDY, Treasurer.

Superintendents of Departments

MR. R. R. KERSEY, Teachers' Training Class.
MISS E. BOURNE, Literature and Supplies.
MR. M. WELLER, Adult Bible Class.
MRS. H. R. HORTON, Home Department.
MISS M. F. BAILEY, Missionary Department.
MR. L. CLARK, Finance and Statistics Department.
MISS F. DYKES, Font Roll and Primary Department.

Teachers

MISS J. D. McCURDY
MISS C. L. BURNHAM
MISS M. F. BAILEY.
MISS GIRDLESTONE.
MISS E. BOURNE.
MISS A. J. BAILEY.
MISS K. L. WILLIAMS.
MR. M. WELLER.
MR. G. W. CALL.

MISS E. G. EASTON.
MISS A. FRANKS.
MISS A. KENYON.
MISS J. B. McLEOD.
MISS MILLARD.
MRS. H. R. HORTON.
MISS F. DYKES, Infant Class.
MR. L. CLARK.
MR. W. WOODWARD.

MR. ALFRED RODGERS.
Women's Auxiliary Missionary Association. Meets Last Tuesday in the Month

MRS. J. CHERRY, President.
MRS. H. BOURNE, 1st Vice-President.
MRS. W. PHILIP, 2nd Vice-President.
MRS. C. R. H. WARNock, Treasurer.
MRS. J. S. JOHNSON, Recording Secretary.
MRS. FREESTONE, Corresponding Secretary.
MISS DYKES, Dorcas, Secretary.
MISS Nourse, Leaflet, Secretary-Treasurer.
MRS. HOLMES, President of Babies' Branch.
MRS. W. HOWES, Delegate to Diocesan Annual.
MRS. H. HORTON, Delegate to Diocesan Annual.
MRS. F. WILLIAMS, MRS. C. W. BRETT, Appointed on the Executive by Rector.

MRS. DICKSON. MRS. F. T. SHURLY.
MRS. W. LOCKSTON. MRS. CALL.
MRS. J. SCOTT. MRS. JAMES WARNock.
MRS. R. AMOS. MRS. VOGELBERG.
MRS. J. SHUPE. MRS. KOEPPEL, JR.
MRS. J. DAVIDGE. MRS. F. J. BROWN, SR.
MRS. J. W. SIMPSON. MRS. F. J. BROWN, JR.
MRS. RANDALL. MRS. E. LANE.
MRS. CAMERON. MRS. J. WARING, SR.
MRS. RUSH. MRS. GIRDLESTONE.
MRS. G. JAFFRAY. MRS. H. MAIN.
MRS. IRWIN. MRS. CHAPPLE.
MRS. MONTAGUE. MISS ULPRECHT.
MRS. WEST. MISS GIRDLESTONE.
MRS. JAMES BARBER. MISS SHEPHERD.
MRS. BASSFORD. MISS MILLARD.
MRS. JOHN BARBOUR. MISS B. SCOTT.
MRS. J. P. JAFFRAY. MISS HILBERT.
Anglican Young People's Association. Meets Every Second Monday from October to April

RECTOR, Honorary President.
MR. KERSEY, President.
MRS. C. R. H. WARNOCK, Vice-President.
MR. WELLER, Secretary.
MISS EMMA SWAIN, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE WITH POWER TO ADD TO THEIR NUMBER

MR. W. BAIRD.  MISS H. EASTON.
MR. CALL, JR.  MISS BROWN.
MR. FRANKLIN.  MISS MUNDY.
MR. CLARKE.  MISS BOND.
MR. PINKETT.  MISS HICKY.
MR. S. BOURNE.  MRS. McDOUGALL.
MR. DICKSON.  MISS IDA HARRIS.
MR. SPOONER.  MISS BRIGHTY.
MR. W. HOWES.  MISS F. JAFFRAY.
MISS DYKES.  MISS MINNIE JAFFRAY.
MISS SCOTT.  MISS JENNIE JAFFRAY.
MISS CHAPMAN.  MISS ALICE TAYLOR.
MISS GIRDLESTONE.  MISS McLELLAN.
MISS BISCOE.  MISS J. HANCECK.
MISS BOURNE.  MRS. HAMILTON.
MISS WILLIAMS.  THE MISSSES MAIN.
MISS McCURDY.  MISS SHURLY.
MISS BAILEY.  MISS EMMA BROWN.
MISS BAIRD.  MISS BERTHA BROWN.
MISS NEEDHAM.  THE MISSSES LOCKSTON.
MISS BRETT.  MR. CHARLES BOURNE.
MISS MAIN.  THE MISSSES KERR.

THE MISSSES BRAYLEY.
Social Committee

MRS. F. SHURLY.
MRS. BOND.
MRS. CHAPMAN.
MRS. J. CHERRY.
MRS. JAMES BARBER.
MRS. HORTON.
MRS. JAMES SIMPSON.
MRS. TORRANCE.
MRS. JOHN BARBOUR.
MRS. EASTON.
MRS. DOBBIE.
MRS. CHAPPLE.
MRS. MUNDY.
MRS. J. P. JAFFRAY.
MRS. BECHTEL.
MRS. J. KERR.
MRS. JOHN HANCOCK.
MRS. W. H. KENNEDY.
MRS. BRETT.
MRS. HOLMES.
MRS. W. HOWES.
MRS. SHUPE.
MRS. J. KEYES.
MRS. J. DAVIDGE.
MRS. ROBINS.
MRS. W. KERR.
MRS. CRAWFORD.
MRS. W. PHILIP.
MRS. R. JAFFRAY.
MRS. C. J. SHURLY.
MRS. J. SHELDON.
MRS. BALLINGALL.
MRS. S. SHELDON.
MRS. SPOTTON.
MRS. MARKLE.
MRS. G. GOODALL.
MRS. HUGHES.
MRS. CRAIG.
MRS. MOWAT.
MRS. HAWKE.
MRS. J. McCARTNEY.
MRS. GIRDLESTONE.

MRS. A. HOWES.
MRS. F. PALMER.
MRS. IRWIN.
MISS PECK.
MRS. AMOS.
MRS. C. DANDO.
MRS. L. HOWELL.
MRS. CHAPPLE.
MRS. A. D. STRONG.
MRS. MONTAGUE.
MRS. FREESTONE.
MRS. BISCOE.
MRS. CALL.
MRS. BAIRD.
MRS. J. S. JOHNSON.
MRS. J. E. WARNOCK.
MRS. G. JAFFRAY.
MRS. LENFESTY.
MRS. T. SMITH.
MRS. W. BERNHARDT.
MRS. H. DAKIN.
MRS. BRISTOL.
MRS. PECK.
MRS. A. CRANSTON.
MRS. MAIN.
MRS. BROWN, SR.
MRS. BROWN, JR.
MRS. RADFORD.
THE MISSES WHITE (Dumfries).
MRS. CROSS.
MRS. H. CRANE.
MRS. H. BOURNE.
MRS. BURNHAM.
MRS. LANE, SR.
MRS. WEST.
MRS. DICKSON.
MRS. W. LOCKSTON.
MRS. V. WELLS.
MISS DORCAS WELLS.
MISS GOLBY.
MRS. KENNY.
MRS. YOUNG, JR.
MRS. WILLIAMS.
The Chancel Guild Membership 1912. Meets First Monday in the Month at 4.00 P. M.

MISS M. C. GIRDLESTONE, President.
MISS M. BISCOE, Secretary.
MISS M. RANDALL, Treasurer.

MISS H. MAIN.
MISS F. MAIN.
MISS J. CHAPMAN.
MISS H. EASTON.
MISS J. JAFFRAY.
MISS E. BOURNE.
MISS K. WILLIAMS.
MRS. DU PUIS.

MISS B. SCOTT.
MRS. JACK BISCOE.
MRS. CRAWFORD.
MRS. DOBBIE.
MISS F. SHURLY.
MISS M. JAFFRAY.
MRS. HORTON.
MISS E. SWAIN.

The Sewing Circle

MRS. R. AMOS, Honorary President.
MISS FRANCES BARBER, President.
MISS G. GARLICK, Treasurer.
MRS. RITZ, Secretary.

FLOSSIE MOGG.
DODDIE LAST.
LENA LAST.
BELLE MARTIN.

MAY EDGERTON.
DORA NEEDHAM.
ELLA BURNHAM.
EMMA SWAIN.

MAMIE NEEDHAM.

The Brotherhood of the A. Y. P. A. Meets Every Second Monday

M. CLUNEY, President.
H. DICKSON, Secretary.

T. BRYANT.
W. WOODWARD.
H. POWELL.
A. GRANT.
A. BARNETT.
E. ROSE.
T. PETTY.
A. HORTON.

G. ISLES.
J. McCURDY.
M. HEIZIE.
E. KENNEDY.
W. PINKETT.
J. PATIENCE, SR.
J. PATIENCE, JR.
L. CLARK.
The Mothers' Meeting. Meets Every Monday at 2.30

THE RECTOR, President.
MRS. JAMES DAVIDGE, Secretary.
MRS. ROBINS, Treasurer.
MRS. C. W. BRETT, Recording Secretary.

MRS. C. R. H. WARNOCK. MRS. MARKLAND.
MRS. E. J. PERCIVAL. MRS. FEARNICOMBE.
MRS. TURNER. MRS. R. THOMSON.
MRS. K. PERCIVAL. MRS. PENDLE.
MRS. JEFFS. MRS. PIERPONT.
MRS. GROVES. MRS. STOCKDALE.
MRS. CLAXTON. MRS. LIDDELL, SR.
MRS. R. AMOS. MRS. STUBBS.
MRS. LOWTHORPE. MRS. FISHER.
MRS. PEACOCK. MRS. SWAIN.
MRS. EATON. MRS. GATES.
MRS. INNES. MRS. CHILDS.
MRS. J. WRIGHT. MRS. EVANS.
MRS. PORTER. MRS. H. JOHNSTON.
MRS. G. TURNER. MRS. RAMSEY.
MRS. CORBETT. MRS. LANE, JR.
MRS. RIDELEY. MRS. SAUNDERS.
MRS. BAILEY. MRS. WARFOLK.
MRS. TESTER. MRS. JOHNSTONE.
MRS. R. ROBINS. MRS. TESSIER.
MRS. SPIERS. MRS. DEMPSTER.
MRS. M. DAVIDGE. MRS. SMITH.
MRS. THOMSON. MRS. GRIFFITH.
MRS. CUTTRIEL. MRS. WHITE.
MRS. FRANKS. MRS. ALLEN.
MRS. ROSE. MRS. LOVELL.
MRS. BULL. MRS. ROLEY.
MRS. HARLEY. MRS. DARRINGTON.
MRS. HAISELL. MRS. MCKINNY.
MRS. G. WRIGHT. MRS. GRANT.
MRS. PETTY. MRS. MURR.
MRS. HEDGES. MRS. BARRETT.
MRS. JAMIESON. MRS. BOYLES.
MRS. T. NEW. MRS. MACKINTOSH.
MRS. A. NEW. MRS. BISHOP.
MRS. M. E. H. NEW. MRS. PATIENCE.
MRS. M. PAYNE. MRS. RENWICK.
MRS. P. PAYNE. MRS. MARKLAND.
MRS. CRUMP. MRS. BAUER.

MRS. WARD.

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The Choir

MRS. JOHN KEYES, Choir Trainer.
MRS. BARKER, Organist.
C. R. CLAXTON, Organ Blower.

Men

MR. JOSEPH SPOONER.
MR. GEORGE PINKETT.
MR. LEONARD CLARKE.
MR. FRANK PERRY.
MR. JAMES WHITFIELD.
MR. JAMES STEWART.

MR. CHARLES MAJOR.
MR. WALTER CALL.
MR. EDWARD FRANKLIN.
MR. GEORGE H. UPTON.
MR. STEPHEN BOURNE.
MR. T. J. EVANS.

Boys

REGINALD DAVIDGE.
VICTOR LIDBETTER.
JOHN RIDLEY.
CECIL DAVIDGE.
WILFRID DAVIDGE.
GEORGE UPTON.
JACK UPTON.
JACK KEYES.
ROSS KEYES.
ALLAN MCDONALD.

ROBERT SCROGGINS.
ROBERT JOHNSON.
LEA CRAIG.
HARLEY HOWES.
CLARENCE REINHARDT.
RICHARD ROBERTS.
HAROLD LANE.
JAMES WHITFIELD.
RICHARD SPIERS.
WALTER GROVES.
Honour Conferred

A pleasing event both alike to the rector and the congregation, and which came as a gratifying surprise to all, was the announcement made by the Bishop on his visitation to the parish for the annual confirmation service that he had made the Rector a Canon of St. Paul’s Cathedral, London, Ont. This, he said, he had intended doing before, and it was with very great pleasure that he did so on that auspicious occasion, and made its first public announcement to the rector’s own congregation. This mark of honour the rector gracefully acknowledged in a few well-chosen words, and assured the Bishop that he appreciated it as much for his flock as for himself, and he hoped to prove worthy of the honour conferred.

The following very kind and unsolicited remarks by the Editor of the Galt Reporter speak for themselves:—

Up Another Step

"Citizens generally will be pleased over the announcement concerning Rev. Rural Dean Ridley’s elevation to the office of Canon. Denominational lines have not confined the reverend gentleman’s activities during his twenty-five years in the rectory and pulpit of Trinity Church. He has been a citizen in the truest sense of the word, going and coming among people of all creeds, with a word of cheer for all and unfaltering sympathy for those in distress. And withal, Mr. Ridley has been a staunch churchman. But his feeling of brotherhood so frequently breaks through all denominational barriers that Galt has come to look upon him as a ministerial adviser and comforter ready to answer any call. Therefore does Galt rejoice in the latest evidence of the confidence reposed in him by his Bishop."

It is with devout gratitude to Almighty God that the rector closes so happily the twenty-fifth year of his ministry in this parish. The evidences of love and affection manifested in so many ways have been simply overwhelming. No people could have been more kind and solicitous for the welfare of a pastor, and his greatest desire is to live for them and the community amongst whom he has labored so long. While rejoicing in the temporal prosperity attending his ministry, it gratifies him far more to know that the spiritual growth of the parish is steadily increasing. For twenty years he has filled the office of Rural Dean and in retiring from that official position, so that the honour may be given to another, he in all humility accepts the higher office conferred upon him by His Lordship, the Bishop of the Diocese, hoping that he may meet with similar success as in the past.

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Deanery of Waterloo

Diocese of Huron

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BISHOP

VERY REV. EVANS DAVIS, D. D.
DEAN

REV. WILLIAM ARTHUR YOUNG, D. D.
ARCHDEACON

Clergy of The Deanery

THE RURAL DEAN

REV. J. W. J. ANDREW
RECTOR OF BERLIN

REV. R. HERBERT
RECTOR OF PRESTON.

REV. H. BRAY
RECTOR OF HESPELER

REV. A. L. G. CLARKE
RECTOR OF WATERLOO

REV. T. HICKS
RECTOR OF HAMBURG, HAYSVILLE, WILMOT

REV. CANON RIDLEY
RECTOR OF GALT

REV. H. BOURNE
(RETIRING) GALT