

CHRIST CHURCH



On August 31st, 1843, a document registered in the Lands and Titles Office, made by Septimus Tyrwhitt, described as being of the Township of King, in the Home District, Province of Canada, gentleman, and Maria Louise Tyrwhitt, his wife, and Charles Edward Eaton and Jane Eaton, his wife, being of the first part; and the Rev. John Richard Errington of Tulse Hill, Bristol, County of Surrey, in that part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called Erylandas, trustee of and for the Rev. Richard Edmond Tyrwhitt, M.A., one of the chaplains of the Presidency of Bombay, India, did convey the property as a trust to Richard Edmond Tyrwhitt.

There was a proviso that on payment of the sum of Five Hundred pounds with interest at 4% computed from the 16th day of July 1842, the mortgagors were to put up a like sum for the erection of a Protestant Episcopal Church at Kettleby or as near as may be thereto, and to purchase the site for the said church which was to be called "Church Henry".

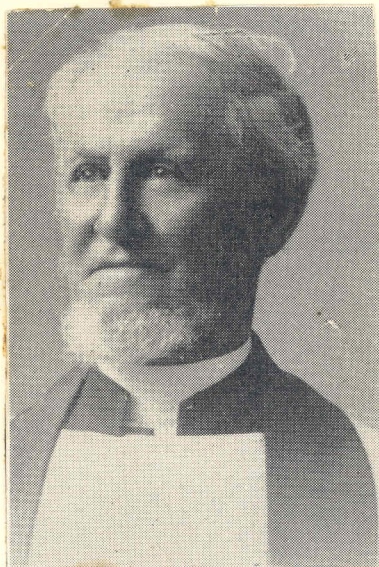
It is interesting that from the distant part of the empire - Bombay, India, and the industrial centre of Wales, two kinsmen co-operated to develop this part of the world and to establish civilization and christianity in the wilderness of Upper Canada. The name "Henry" was to be given to the church in honor of the father of one of the contracting parties.

Although the intention was to establish a church at Kettleby, a strong effort was made to help the nearest parish church, which was St. Mary Magdalene at Lloydtown, by Septimus Tyrwhitt. The Rev. Canon Osler maintained a missionary service in the village and when it was deemed not practical to build a church, Mr. Tyrwhitt conveyed as crown land fifty acres as an endowment. The rents from this land went to the parish for the support of the clergy.

It was finally through the enthusiastic efforts of a young clergyman, Rev. E. W. Sibbald, who came to Lloydtown parish in 1891, that the quaint stone church called "Christ Church" was erected. The site of this church was purchased on April 8th, 1891 from Garton Pottage, and the grantees were the Rev. E. W. Sibbald, William E. Fox, Jesse M. Walton, George G. Ramsay, H. G. Fox and John W. Larkin. In one of the vestry windows is commemorated the Tyrwhitt family in a fine stained glass window. On either side are the memorial windows of Mr. and Mrs. William Fox and Rev. E.W. Sibbald, the rector.

EARLY HISTORY OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH SERVICES AT KETTLEBY

(Written by the Rev. H. B. Osler)



Kettleby, a village about seven miles east of Lloydtown, church services were attempted here in 1847, but were unsuccessful. The surrounding population were for the most part Methodist with no special love for the church. The other folks were of a sect called Christians, a sort of Socinian Baptist, who were brought up to believe that the Church of England ministers were too proud to speak to poor people.

About 1845, Septimus Tyrwhitt, Esq. and his brother, Rev. Richard Tyrwhitt, arranged to build a memorial church. The bricks were burnt, plans were prepared (some of these plans I have in my possession), but the financial troubles of 1847 put a stop to the building. Sometime after they deeded to the Synod of Toronto fifty acres as a site for a church, burial ground and the balance as an endowment. In February 1866 a Friday evening service once a fortnight was commenced in a school house, situated on Lot 20, 5th concession of King, known as Terry's school house. In 1867 a Friday evening service was commenced on Lot 30, 5th concession, known as Proctor's school house. Both these school houses were about a mile from the village of Kettleby. They were undertaken in the hope that at some future time when the Lloydtown, etc. was divided and made a special parish, a church could be built either on the fifty acres or in the village of Kettleby, a Sunday service obtained and the congregations of these two places united in one. The average congregation of these two places as shown in my Easter return, the Easter before my leaving Lloydtown was in Terry's school - 18 and Proctor's school - 17. The church was erected during the incumbency of Rev. S. W. Sibbald in 1891.

CHRIST CHURCH, KETTLEBY, MARKS 75th ANNIVERSARY



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Christ Church, the pretty stone church nestled among the trees at the top of the hill in Kettleby was the setting for a congregation of 150 people on Sunday morning honoring the 75th anniversary of the church.

The church was built in 1891 at a cost of \$3,000. by a group of faithful Anglicans including the family of Mr. E. Fox directed by the rector, Rev. E. W. Sibbald, who served in the parish of Lloyd-town from 1887 to 1895.

Church services had been held from time to time in the Temperance Hall, but with the help of the community including members of other denominations the church was built.

It has fine stained glass memorial windows and a typical old English design which makes it a fine landmark on the country side.

Among the people who came from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. George McGowan of Windsor, Rev. E. G. Robinson of Scarborough, rector of Christ church from 1929 to 1932, and Mr. and Mrs. Robb of Nobleton. Mrs. Robb attended the opening of the church in 1891. Mrs. Harry Terry, Miss P. Bingley and Mrs. Till, who remember the church being built, were brought to the anniversary service by Mrs. Candace Glashan of Toronto.

The church was decorated with lovely flowers for the occasion and the service was conducted by the rector, Rev. W. Vollick. The guest speaker for the afternoon service was Rev. W. R. Symons, rector for the parish of Lloydtown (including Christ Church at Kettleby) from 1952 to 1962. His sermon was based on the Scriptures: "He that hath begun a good work in you will continue it". Bruce Marchant sang a solo accompanied by Mrs. Lyons of Toronto.

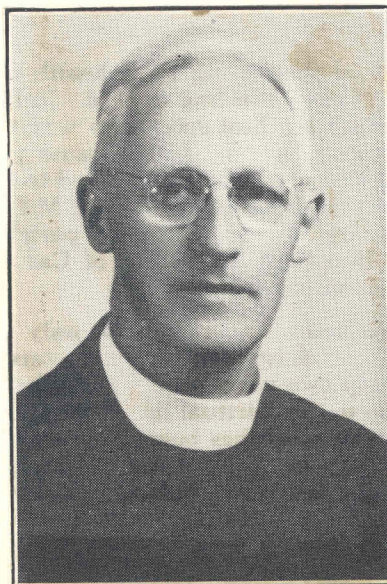
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Dr. F. V. Abbott, who spent twenty years of his ministry with the parish, read the lesson. Mr. Symons said that Dr. Abbott's and his combined periods at Kettleby covered a period of thirty years. There have been 17 rectors in the 75 year period.

Bishop Hunt, who was unable to attend the anniversary but visited the congregation on the previous Monday and showed slides of his visit to the Holy Land, sent best wishes to the congregation, as did Rev. K. C. Evans, rector at the church in the 1930's.

The members and friends gathered that the parish hall following the service, where tea was poured by Mrs. E. Crane and Mrs. D. Munshaw. The table was decorated with flowers which were presented to Mrs. Crane, the oldest living member. A special cake was made for the anniversary.

(Rena Thompson)



REV. FRANK VALE ABBOTT



CHRIST CHURCH WOMEN'S GUILD

This picture was taken at the home of Mrs. Roy Sharpe at a meeting of the Guild in the year 1930.

Back Row: Mrs. C. Norton, Mrs. Ross Black, Mrs. Wm. Cutting, (unknown) Mrs. F. Crane, Miss Weaver, Mrs. Ed. Williams, Mrs. J. P. Jefferson, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. R. Hughey, Mr. T. Greensides, Mr. Jefferson, Sr., Clarice Sharpe, Dorcas Watson.

Front Row: Mrs. T. Greensides, Mrs. J.E. Black, Mrs. E. Hollingshead, Iris Hollingshead, Hazel Sharpe, Mrs. (Rev.) K.C. Evans, Mrs. Roy Sharpe, Mrs. Ed. Haines, Rev. K. C. Evans, Mary Stevens, Mr. R. Hughey, Marion Jefferson, Olive Greensides.

CHRIST CHURCH WOMEN'S GUILD

This organization was formed at the home of Mrs. Bingley on January 8th, 1896. At this meeting there was a motion that Mrs. Fred Walton be the first president, then an amendment that Mrs. Ramsay have the office. Fees were to be 5¢ a month. These ladies raised money to help pay off the church debt. (The church having been built in 1891. Means of raising money were sewing carpet rags (so much a pound), sale of handmade duster-caps, match box holders, handkerchief sachet, and socials.

The fine bell in the tower was a gift to the church from the Guild, and bears the name of the Rev. J. E. Gibson, a past rector. The choir gowns, chancel carpet, vestry cupboard, and new cement steps at the entrance were given by the Guild also. Generous donations were made to the Parish Hall, organ fund, and the Sunday School at different times during the years.

Mrs. Roy Sharpe, a president for a number of years, was the first bride to be married in the church. The first burial was the father of Mrs. Robert Archibald (nee Carrie Munshaw) being George Munshaw.

The first baptism was that of Harry Hulse of Aurora, his mother being a member of the Guild.

The following are some names taken from the original roll call, and some years later:

Mrs. Bingley
Miss Libbie Heacock
Mrs. Levi Watson
Mrs. Carberry,
Mrs. Hulse
Mrs. Burling
Mrs. Grainger
Mrs. James Murray

Mrs. Fred Walton
Mrs. Stephen Rogers
Mrs. W. E. Fox
Miss Maggie Spinks
Mrs. Ramsay
Miss Rachel Hollingshead
Miss Constantia Fox
Miss Etta Stephenson