

### NOBLETON ANGLICAN CHURCH

The followers of the Church of England, who were among the early settlers to Nobleton, found it a great difficulty to congregate together in one place of worship. Because of the remoteness of much of the area, and since a minister was hard to find, services were often very infrequent or else not held at all. It was Rev. Featherstone Lake Osler, who had been stationed at Bond Head, and worked as a circuit minister, who first serviced the Anglicans in the area between Toronto and Georgian Bay. Since he covered the whole area himself, the resident Anglicans in Nobleton met with him very few times through the course of the year.

Gradually though, Featherstone's cousin, Rev. Henry Bath Osler, took over part of the territory and established the general area of the present parish of Lloydtown. The first known services that the Anglicans held in the Nobleton area were performed in Mr. Robinson's barn, and afterwards his house, in 1845. During the next three years, Rev. Osler continued to hold services in Lloydtown in the mornings, Nobleton in the afternoons, and Pine Grove in the evenings.

In order that a regular Sunday service could be performed in the village of Bolton, and fortnightly evening service at Sand Hill, Rev. Osler had to discontinue his Nobleton services in 1848. In 1850 Mr. George Pringle arranged that a week day service, at noon once a month, could be held in his home. The average attendance was about ten people.

In the fall of 1858, the service was moved to the Orange Hall, which stood on the same location at Sheardown's Seed Mill today. The situation continued to improve when in 1865 Sand Hill was joined to St. James Albion and East Mono Parish. Rev. Osler when relieved of this church was able to take a Sunday evening service at Nobleton. This continued until he was appointed as Minister of York Mills parish in 1874.

Easter returns for 1873 reported that the Nobleton Anglican Church attendance averaged fifty people. This charge continued to fluctuate during the administrations of the Rev. Messrs. Hoskin, 1874-77; Dundas, 1877-79; Howard, 1879-81; and Cooper, 1881-85, but flourished under the care of the Rev. E.W. Sibbald, 1887-95. Rev. Sibbald helped guide the Parish of Lloydtown into firmly establishing itself as a significant Anglican parish. In 1889 the present substantial church, located at the north end of Nobleton, was erected at a cost of three thousand dollars.

After the opening of the church almost immediately a group of women organized as a church guild, and have continued in faithful service both at home and in the mission field. The name of Anglican Church Women, A.C.W., has been adopted for all Anglican women's organizations. It embraces all the activities of all the dedicated women who are proud to share the challenges and responsibilities of serving a Christian Church.

The church was originally heated by two stoves, later replaced by a coal furnace, though the basement was not yet finished. When the basement was completed in later years, an oil furnace was installed. Sunday School was held for the first time in the new church basement soon after it was completed.

The faithful women workers finished the kitchen, bought tables, chairs, an electric stove, a refrigerator, had the basement floor covered, and installed a memorial window for all "The Faithful Workers" who had passed on. Two other memorial windows were purchased to add to the beauty of the church - one by Donald Kaake in memory of her parents Matilda and Henry Fry, and the other by the late Norman Holden for his parents, Isaac and Christina Holden. Also, all the remaining stained windows were installed by Mr. Holden.

The church has complete new furnishings, new communion table, lectern, pulpit, choir stalls, electric organ and congregational pews.

The A.C.W. redecorated the church and had a new carpet laid in the church in 1974.

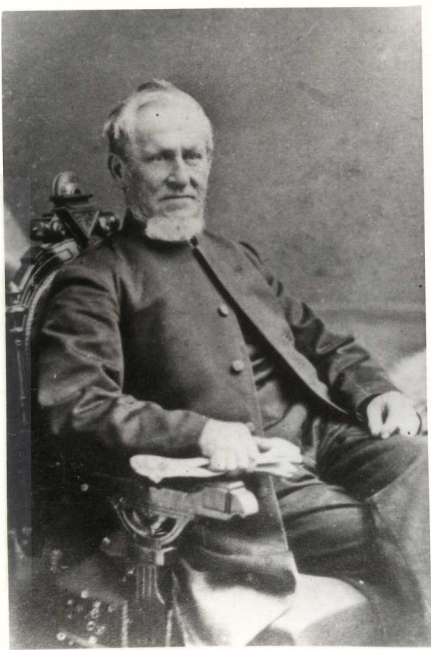
The Anglican church is one of the very oldest buildings in the district. It is said that it was once used by the Baptists for a church during the period 1830-1846.

Rev. J.E. Gibson held services here for the Anglicans who were not conveniently served by the three existing churches of the Lloydtown parish. Ministers and students continued to hold services here as late as 1918.

After this, Mrs. Fred Douglas held Sunday School classes in her own home for several years. Also Sunday School was held in New Scotland school as a non-denominational gathering for a number of years.

The Clergy who have served the Nobleton Church since 1842

1-	Rev. Henry B. Osler	1843--1874
2-	Rev. B.S. Hasken	1847--1877
3-	Rev. C. Dundas	1877--1879
4-	Rev. Howard	1879--1881
5-	Rev. H.D. Cooper	1881--1885
6-	Rev. E.W. Sibbald	1885--1893
7-	Rev. E.J. Etherington	1893--1894
8-	Rev. L. Williams	1895--1897
9-	Rev. J.E. Hand	1898--1901
10-	Rev. C.A. Batstone	1901--1902
11-	Rev. R. Perdue	1902--1904
12-	Rev. C. Aylwin	1904--1906
13-	Rev. J.E. Gibson	1906--1910
14-	Rev. J.H. Colclough	1911--1918
15-	Rev. W. Newman	1918--1920
16-	Rev. A.C. McCollum	1920--1922
17-	Rev. E.G. Robinson	1922--1929
18-	Rev. K.C. Evans	1929--1932
19-	Rev. H.R. Hunt	1932--1935
20-	Rev. F.V. Abbott	1935--1952
21-	Rev. W.R. Symons	1952--1962
22-	Rev. W.E. Vollick	1962--1967
23-	Rev. A.S. Allerton	1967--



Rev. Canon Henry Bath Osler  
1843--1874



Rev. Featherstone Lake  
Osler



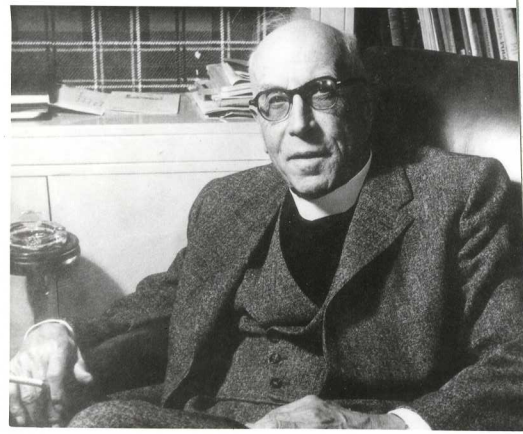
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1906-1910



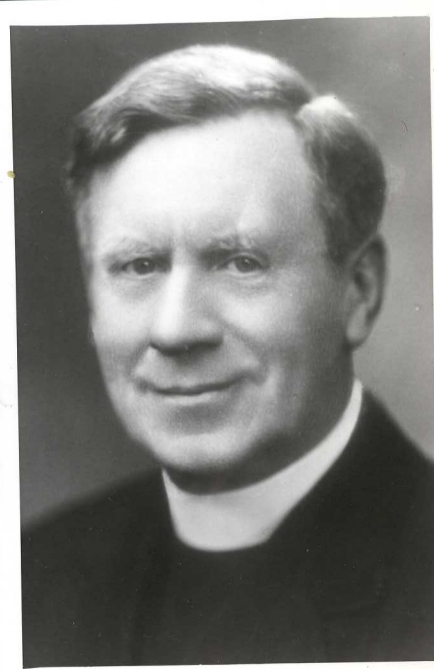
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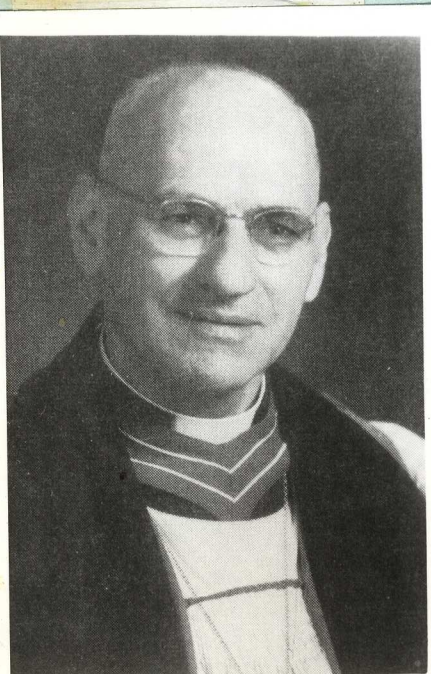
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1920--1922



Rev. E. G. Robinson  
1922-- 1929



Rev. K.C. Evans  
1930--1932



Rev. H.R. Hunt 1932--1935  
Suffragan Bishop of Totonto



Rev. F.V. Abbott  
1935--1952



Rev. W.R. Symons  
1952--1962



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NOBLETON, ONTARIO**

**1889-1989**

