



War Service Reception

These four pictures depict the Parish Reception on Friday, November 1st, 1946, given in honour of all returned personnel who enlisted from our parish. The Hall was very nicely decorated by R. W. Sones and a most delightful supper was served by the members of the W.A. After supper a Service of Thanksgiving was held in the Church and then all returned to the Parish Hall for a concert party and dancing.

The top picture shows Mr. Foster B. Eddy, Chairman of the War Services Committee, welcoming Stan. Troubridge who was the first man to enlist in the Parish and went all through the

war. Reading from left to right those shown are T. H. Coombes, warden; E. Holden, veteran of the First War; J. P. Russell, warden; F. B. Eddy, the Rector; Stan. Troubridge; Padre George Robinson; N. R. Lightheart, war-time warden. The lower picture is an interesting group with Stan. Troubridge and his British bride; F. Alex Gates, veteran of the First Great War and member of the Veterans' Guard in the Second, with his daughters, Patricia and Sheila, both of whom served in the C.W.A.C.; Fred Maskell, a Dispatch Rider is seen with his Dutch bride. On the right we have two pictures of the supper tables.





THE REV. CHARLES LE V. BRINE
First Rector 1890-1896

Historical Review

(First Four Rectors)

In or about the year 1881 various devout laymen of the Church of the Ascension and St. Mark's Church envisioned the desirability of establishing an Anglican Mission in the southwest portion of the City of Hamilton. The proposed new territory was already technically a part of the previously defined parish of St. Mark's, and it was therefore particularly to the honour and credit of the then Rector of that Parish, Canon R. G. Sutherland, and his laymen, that specific application was eventually made to Bishop Hamilton for leave to establish a Mission in the district which is now known as the parish of St. John the Evangelist.

Enthusiasm grew rapidly and in the year 1889

three laymen of St. Mark's parish, Richard Jose, Kirwan Martin and F. L. Whateley, became actively interested in developing the new venture, an Episcopal Commission being duly granted. A small but fairly suitable building with a seating capacity of about 50 was acquired on the south side of Herkimer Street about five doors east of Dundurn Street (then called Garth). Here services were taken by lay readers and a number of St. Mark's Sunday School teachers. There were then but seven families connected with the Church. At intervals, when a priest was able to take a Communion service, lights and vestments were used. The absence of sidewalks and the use of planks to get to the Mission House were obstacles that had to be faced. In those days the streetcars ran no further than Queen Street on Herkimer, and it was a long hot walk in the summer and a cold one in winter for those early pioneers who attended the first Mission services.

Soon the new congregation outgrew the facilities of this small meeting place, so it was first rented to the Free Methodists and afterwards sold for a dwelling house. Sometime about the Spring of the year 1890 a larger building, also on the south side of Herkimer Street, but just a short distance west of Locke Street, was secured and used for services until the present Church building was erected.

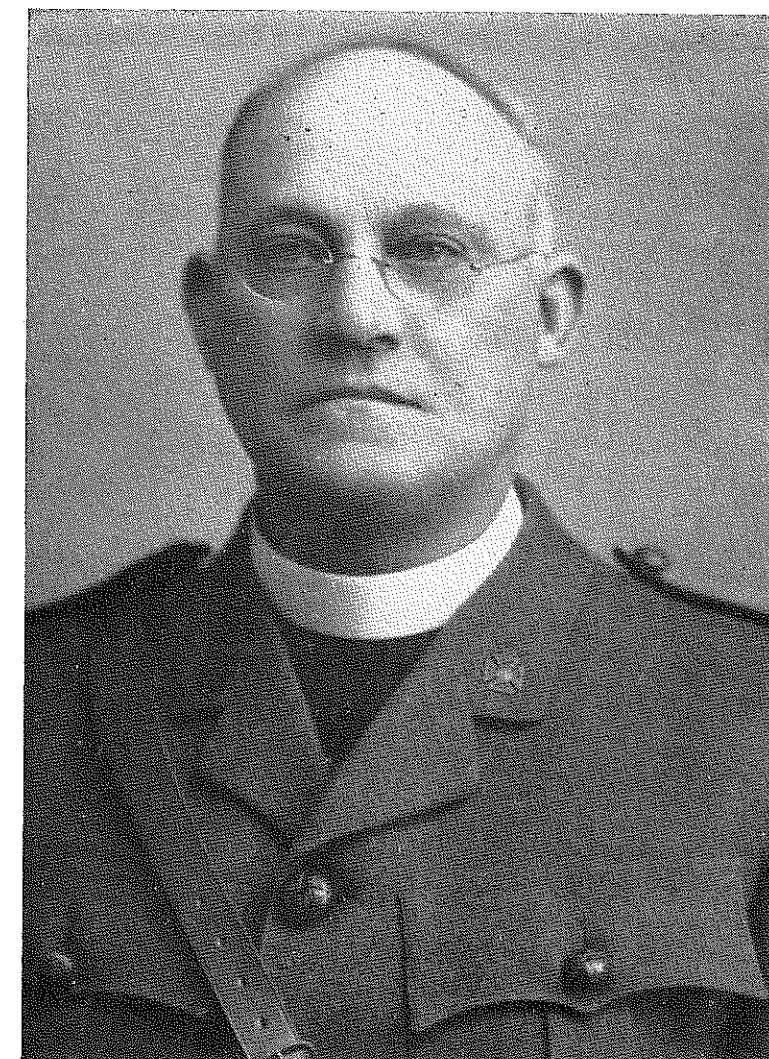
The termination of the original Mission venture, and the constituting of the new Parish was brought about in the following manner. On the 24th day of March, 1890, at a meeting of the Rector, the Church Wardens and lay delegates of St. Mark's Church, with Bishop Hamilton, the southwest portion of St. Mark's Parish, west of Kent and Pearl Streets, was set aside as a distinct and independent parish under the name of St. John the Evangelist "provided that no Church building be erected east of Locke Street" as the Synod record relates. Further, pursuant to the license of incorporation, on the 5th day of April, 1890, the Rev. Charles Le V. Brine was licensed and inducted as the first Rector of St. John the Evangelist. Two of the founding laymen, Messrs. Jose and Whateley, were appointed lay readers by the Bishop, but Mr. Martin decided to remain with St. Mark's Church. Messrs. Jose and Whateley remained

with St. John's for some two or three years and then both went back to St. Mark's, Mr. Jose afterward returning to St. John the Evangelist. Mr. Whateley remained with St. Mark's until he moved to Toronto. In the year 1939 Mr. Martin transferred his membership from St. Mark's to St. John the Evangelist. The corner stone of the present Church building was laid by the Bishop of the Diocese on September 13th, 1891. Strickland and Symons, of Toronto, were the architects. The new Church was completed and opened for public worship on February 22nd, 1892. Total cost was \$10,000.00.

Sister Eveline and Sister May Helen, together with other sisters of the Order of St. John the Divine, worked among the people of the parish and assisted the Rector, who worked zealously to bring the faith to the district and to maintain the new parish. All honour to the first Rector and to these devoted pioneers whose goodly work has reaped such large rewards. A pipe organ was installed and used for the first time on June 2nd, 1895. It cost \$2,000.00.

The Rev. C. Le V. Brine resigned as rector of the Parish on April 11, 1896. During his six years of ministry only seven marriages were solemnized. In the following year the Rev. Samuel Daw became the second Rector of the Parish. The financial struggle to keep the parish going was by no means over and in the early part of Canon Daw's ministry he was obliged to devote considerable time to many pressing financial problems, but nevertheless continued to lead the young parish onward and upward in the spiritual endeavour which marked the whole of his ministry.

From information received in a letter dealing with these early days we read as follows: "The outstanding man, apart from the Rector, was a Mr. Arthur Connors, who I suppose would be the Rector's Warden, and was the Sunday School superintendent. The organist was Mr. Webster and Mr. Carl Grosman was at one time leader of the choir. The organ was pumped by a Mr. John Decker and was operated from the Men's Vestry, which at that time was at the north of the Chapel. The Sunday School library was in a very dark room leading off the Vestry room. The Sexton was



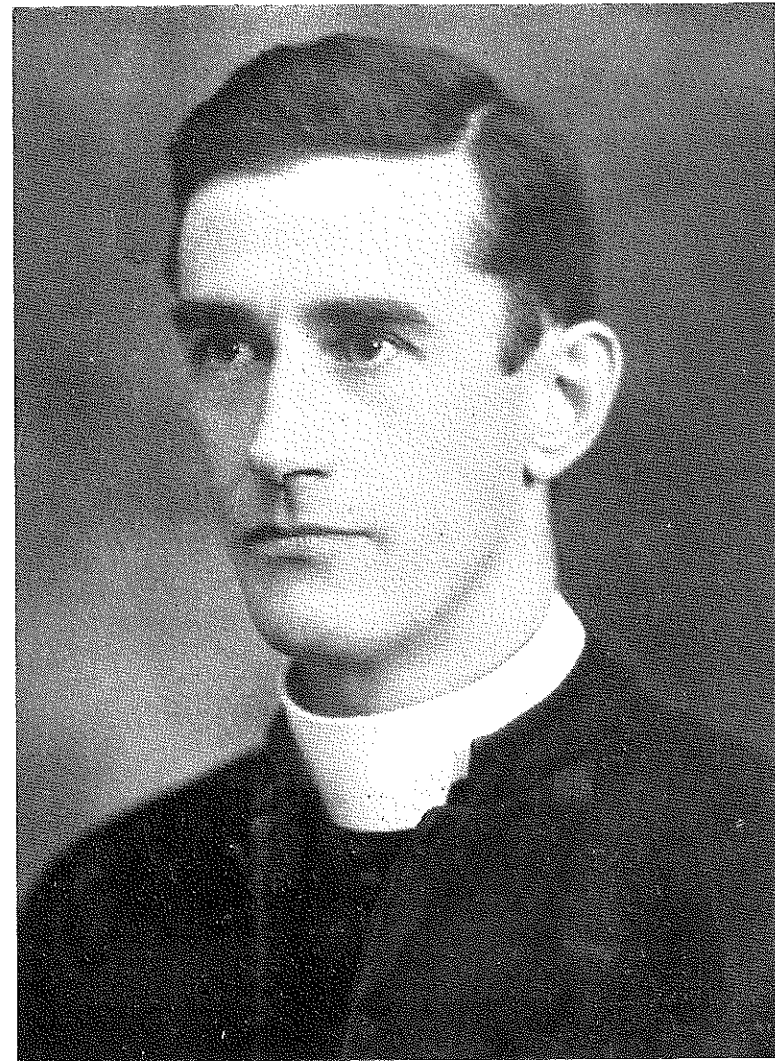
THE REV. CANON SAMUEL DAW
Second Rector — 1897-1920

Mr. Thomas King, and the caretaker was Mr. Dunford, who with his family kept the Church absolutely scrubbed and spotless. The body of the Church had small chairs of an unpainted kitchen variety, and with the exception of a few rows in the front of the Church, there were no kneelers. Each chair had a very thin hassock, but it took several of these to make the knees at all comfortable. The Misses Stiff had charge of the the Girls' Friendly Society."

With the advent of the war Canon Daw enlisted as a chaplain and served with the 120th Battalion C.E.F. The Rev. G. H. Snell, A.K.C., was appointed assistant priest from 1916 until 1919, being responsible for the Parish during the Rector's absence.

It was after the war, in 1918, that the main material improvements in the Church were made. Pews were installed, new chancel furnishings were supplied, the Church was roofed with slate, and the Parish Hall was acquired, this being the former Hannah Street Public School. Mr. Edward Hockaday was Warden for about fourteen years. He and Mrs. Hockaday were devout members of the parish for many years, coming to the Parish during the incumbency of Mr. Brine.

Early in the year 1920 Canon Daw resigned as Rector and Bishop Clark appointed the Rev. E. H. Bowden Taylor to succeed him. Mr. Taylor began his Ministry as third Rector on Sunday, February 15, of that year. The induction service took place on Sunday, March 7th, 1920, and the Dean (the late Archbishop Owen) preached to a congregation which filled the Church. Reading from the Rev. Bowden Taylor's account of the period of his ministry, we are told that the original Church Altar was of plain oak with riddles and dossal of tapestry and velvet, surmounted by a baldachino. About the end of the first year of the Rev. Bowden Taylor's incumbency, this original Altar was removed and given to St. Alban's Parish, and the present magnificent Altar and reredos was installed by Canon Daw in memory of two sons and a nephew who were killed in the war 1914-18. A large congregation was present for this dedication service which took place on December 16th, 1920. The Rev. Bowden Taylor records that a successful means of raising extra money was a large annual garden party held each summer, running for two or three days. These large garden parties continued until the year 1927. In 1923 the young people of the Church decided to form a tennis club, and a Saturday Tennis Tea was a weekly feature from the very first. We are told the tennis court was very rough during the initial season but the following season the task of levelling and surfacing was tackled in earnest. The Rev. Bowden Taylor remembers walking along one day and seeing a City steam roller in difficulty in the middle of the Court gradually subsiding in a sea of ashes and having to be finally dragged out. A particularly successful parochial mission was conducted in 1925 by Father Turney and Brother



THE REV. E. H. BOWDEN-TAYLOR
Third Rector — 1920-1933

Edward of The Society of St. John the Evangelist and did much to quicken the spirit of devotion among the people of the parish. That same year, for the first time in the history of the Church a Midnight Eucharist on Christmas Eve was celebrated. We quote from the Rev. Bowden Taylor's report of the years of his ministry as follows: "On the night of January 2nd, 1926, a most exciting event occurred. News came to me that the Church was on fire. I rushed up at once, but by the time I reached there the fire was out. It had started in the front furnace and was quickly eating its way along the joists and on the floor. Fortunately it was discovered before much damage was done, and the loss was soon made good by insurance."

One of the notable improvements made during the incumbency of Mr. Taylor was the installation in 1927 at a cost of \$5,600.00 of a new organ as a Parish Memorial to those of the men of St. John the Evangelist who died overseas during the First Great War. The Church was prepared for the installation of the beautiful new instrument by a redecoration of the chancel ceiling, and the installation of a beautifully carved wooden casing for the organ itself. The drawings for these improvements were prepared and presented as a gift by Mr. C. V. Hodges, architect, a member of the congregation. At the dedication service on Palm Sunday, May 30th, 1927, the Bishop preached an inspiring sermon stressing the nature of Christian worship with special reference to the value of good Church music. During the Rev. Bowden Taylor's incumbency a Player's Guild was formed and for its first offering presented George Bernard Shaw's play "Androcles and the Lion." Later, by permission of the Bishop, a Nativity play called "The York Mysteries," was staged in the Church and there were other offerings of this group through a period of years.

In 1930 the Rev. W. H. Daw, son of a former rector, was ordained and given permission to assist the Rev. E. H. Bowden Taylor. He was very successful in his work with the young people. In July, 1933, the Rector resigned and the Rev. W. H. Daw was appointed temporary priest-in-charge, carrying on until 11th February, 1934. Unfortunately at this time a very serious split occurred in the congregation and the majority of the parishioners left the Church. The Rev. W. L. Wright, assistant at Christ Church Cathedral and now Bishop of Algoma, took the services until the Rev. E. Arnold Brooks was appointed fourth Rector in April, 1934. Mr. Brooks was faced with the gigantic task of rebuilding the parish. His position was more difficult than if he had been starting from the beginning. There was a Church building and Parish Hall burdened with a fairly large mortgage; interest had to be paid and the buildings maintained. This was a heavy load for a small congregation. A list from the census roll of the City Hall showed six hundred Anglican families living within the Parish boundaries, all of whom were visited by the new Rector, but actually there



THE REV. E. ARNOLD BROOKS
Fourth Rector — 1934-1938

were less than forty families on the Parish list, and some of these were considered uncertain. It is recounted that at that time there were no organizations in the Parish with the exception of the Altar Guild under Mrs. H. Michell, six boys and men in the choir, and twenty-six children in the Sunday School who were taken as one class in the Church.

The Rev. E. Arnold Brooks did a splendid job holding the parish and laying the foundation for a fresh advance. Under his leadership the choir was rebuilt and ladies were admitted to membership. The former popular choirmaster and organist, Mr. E. H. Crickmore, was persuaded to come back, the Men's Club was reorganized and has continued ever since as a strong organization. The plans for improving the basement in the Parish Hall were made at this time. The Afternoon W.A. was formed and contributed very largely to help the Wardens maintain the Parish.

An A.Y.P.A. was started and the Sunday School developed. When Mr. Brooks resigned in 1938 to accept another parish he had the satisfaction of knowing that he had helped the faithful few hold the parish together and that he had bridged a most difficult period and paved the way for further progress. The parish and diocese owe

much to the Rev. E. A. Brooks for the fine contribution he made at a most difficult period in the life of the parish. The Rev. F. C. Walling and the Rev. Canon Appleyard, two retired clergy, were responsible for the conduct of the services until the arrival of the new Rector, the Rev. A. T. F. Holmes, in April, 1938.

PIONEERS AND FOUNDERS



Mary Jane (Mrs. E.) Morton



Richard Jose



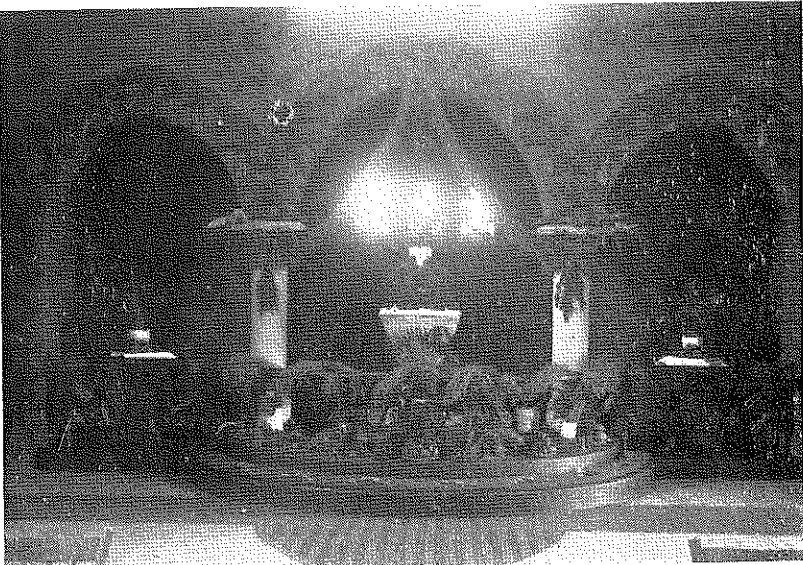
Kirwan Martin



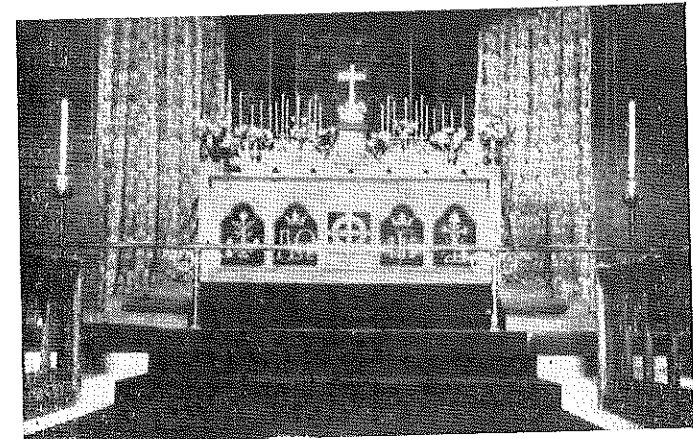
Edward Hockaday



FRED J. CHRISTMAS (Left)
FRED CHRISTMAS (Right)
A former Warden and lay-leader
and his son



The Baptistry at Harvest Time—About 1914



THE OLD ALTAR

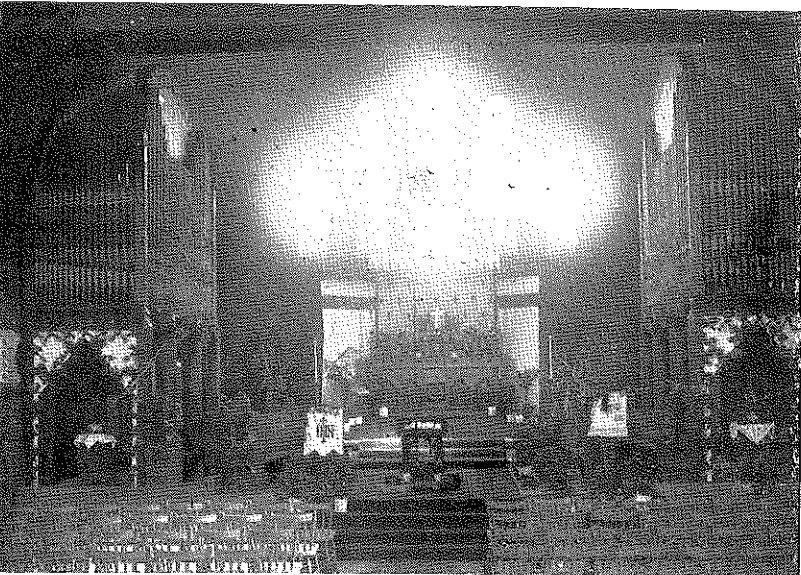


Mrs. Leah Will



"SERVERS"
Peter Armstrong

Leonard Ellis Chas. Ellis
Jack Ellis, Marchant Wickens, Howard Bambrick



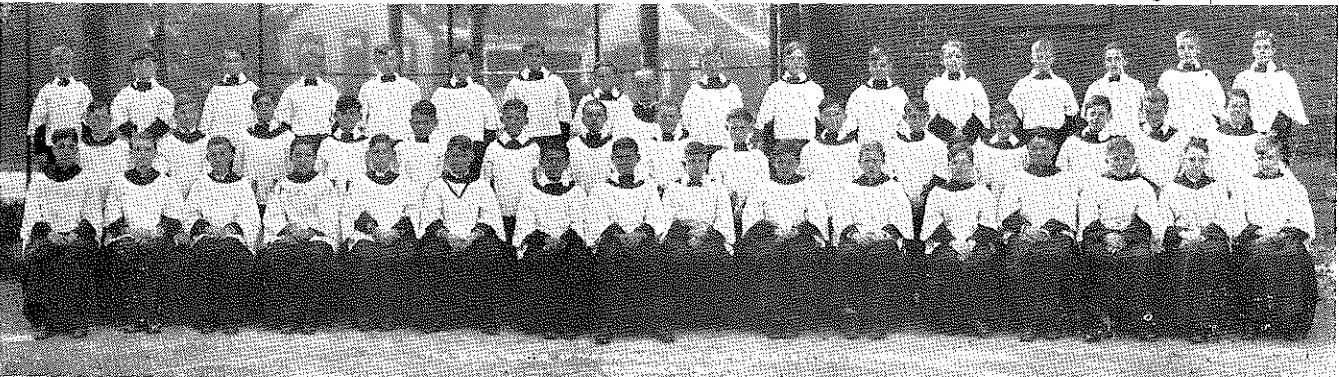
The Church, With the Old Altar, Organ and Chairs



SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC ABOUT 1912
Gladys Veidenheimer, Ethel Henstridge, Harold Barton, Amy Coates, Queenie Coates, Phyllis Thorpe, Bee Back, Myrtle Hockaday, Syd. Back, Geo. Shelton, Chester Barton, Fred Christmas, Len Ellis.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ABOUT 1897
Front Row—Lyda Wheeler, Etel King, Eva Pickersgill, Jennie Branigan, Elsie Shackleton, Ethel Duplessis, Selina Hockaday.
Second Row—Annie Wheeler, Mary Hockaday.
Third Row—Maggie Smith, Lottie Dufour, Blanche Porter, Miss Maggie Stiff, Teacher.
Back Row—Birdie Walters, Carl Grossman, Flo. Morton, Louisa Marshall, Blanche Wheeler, Louisa Burgess.



CHOIR OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST—1930
First Row, Left to Right—J. MacPherson, S. Hodges, R. Goldsmith, L. Dougherty, W. Bentley, A. MacKay, J. Scott, W. Job, N. Wolstenholme, W. Scott, J. Dawson, J. Williamson, W. Bowditch, J. Seeley.
Second Row, Left to Right—W. MacPherson, F. Barron, J. Wall, D. Boland, R. Hardy, G. Goldsmith, T. Fuller, A. Hall, T. Jones, N. Carr, J. Webb, F. Nelligan.
Third Row, Left to Right—A. Vickers, G. Boland, H. Leleu, K. Lenz, R. Brown, J. Troubridge, K. White, D. Laidler, R. Harriet, A. Macauley, A. White, W. Chard, C. Maxted, Mr. E. Lewis, Organist and Choirmaster.

FIFTH RECTOR

The appointment of the Rev. A. T. F. Holmes as Fifth Rector of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist, was entirely the result of the efforts of Mr. F. J. T. Broadbent who recommended him to the Bishop and the Parish to him.

Messrs. C. V. Hodges and W. P. Tinsley were wardens at the time. The parish was in a difficult position. At the postponed vestry meeting held on April 25th, 1938, it was reported that there was a sum of over \$1,100.00 owing on current accounts; that the Diocese had found it necessary to pay the mortgage interest owing to the parish not having sufficient money; that there was a mortgage of \$7,400.00 on the Church property; that the buildings were in need of some repair and that some necessary equipment was required. The Diocese, through the Bishop, offered to help the people for a further two-year period by paying the rent of a Vicarage and by giving a yearly grant towards stipend of \$200.00. The parishioners responded splendidly to this generous offer and by the end of 1940 were paying the rent of the Rectory, and by the end of 1944 the parish became self-supporting.

At the first vestry meeting the new rector stated that if the parish were to progress the lay people would have their share of the work to do. They accepted this call and as a result of their efforts congregations have grown steadily. During the nine years under review several every-member visitations have taken place with excellent results. Leaders have come forward and there are now organizations for every group in the Parish. These are all well-supported and are doing most useful service.

Improvements to Church Building and Equipment: In 1939, under the auspices of the Men's Club, a concrete floor was placed under one side of the Parish Hall and two washrooms were installed. These were very necessary improvements.

A beautiful new lectern was given by Miss Olive Jose in memory of her parents and Mr. W. P. Tinsley presented the parish with a fine silver chalice in memory of his father. Later Mrs. F. Dodd gave us a fine silver paten and Canon Appleyard a silver chalice.

In 1941, the entire interior of the walls of the Church was insulated and plastered; hardwood floors were laid in the chancel and new choir stalls were installed. The entrance to the Church was also divided and plastered, providing a new side entrance for the choir and very definitely improving the approach to the Church. Linoleum was purchased for the nave of the Church. Through the generosity of Mr. H. H. Trigge hardwood floors

were laid in the east room and kitchen in the Parish Hall.

The following year the men of the Men's Club insulated the walls of the baptistry and lined the wall on the stairs going to the basement.

On November 1st, 1943, the rector moved into the new rectory bought by the parish.

In 1945 the entire basement of the Church was renovated, being reinforced with steel beams and pillars, and an entirely new drainage system built. The furnaces were removed to a fire-proof furnace room and a new forced air heating system installed. Individual rooms were built for the Primary Classes, the choirmaster and the different departments of the choir. A memorial chapel was planned, as was a wing on the Charlton Avenue side of the Church to provide three rooms for the Beginners' Sunday School and above them new vestries for the Rector, wardens and servers, with an entrance cut into the chancel. Unfortunately, building costs mounted so quickly that the entire money was spent on renovating the basement only, but the improvement is a distinct help and it is hoped that the other plans will be carried to completion in a few years.

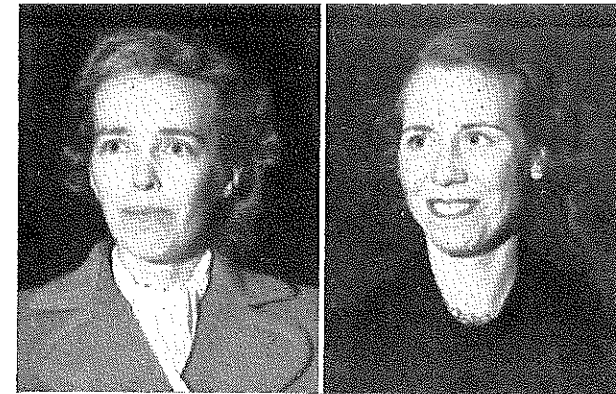
From time to time other donations too numerous to mention (other than those mentioned) were made to the Parish to improve the equipment and furnishings.

Parish organizations: The Church School, under the Superintendency of Mr. E. H. Crickmore has grown from an average attendance of about sixty to over two hundred. A Cub Pack and Scout Troop have been organized to provide mid-week activities for the boys, and Junior and G. A. branches of the W.A. for the girls. In the near future it is hoped to open a boys' club every night of the week. The Parish Hall is most inadequate for both Sunday and mid-week activities.

A Junior A.Y.P.A. to look after the interests of the boys and girls from 15 to 18 was started early in the war and reorganized after its close. The Senior A.Y.P.A. carried on faithfully throughout the entire war and was very largely responsible for maintaining the Hamilton-District Local Council when its ranks were so depleted because of war activities. Our A.Y.P.A. during these difficult years, made splendid contributions to the life of the Parish and the City.

A Chi Rho Fellowship branch of the A.Y.P.A., providing for men and women who have reached their thirties, was started immediately following the war and is proving a very useful society.

The Afternoon Branch of the W.A. which carried on so faithfully during the difficult days of



MRS. R. C. G. LIDGLEY — MRS. C. C. B. PEMBERTON —
— RECTOR'S SECRETARIES —

the Parish has maintained its splendid standard and was very largely instrumental in paying off many of the debts of the Church as well as helping in other ways in the Parish life.

Early in the ministry of the present Rector an Evening Branch of the W.A. was started to provide for the women folk who could not come out in the afternoon. It has steadily grown and has joined with its sister branch in contributing to the financial and spiritual welfare of the parish.

The Men's Club has a most enviable record. It has met continuously every week except for the summer months and has always provided an interesting and helpful program and has been well supported by the men of the congregation. Its contribution to the life of the parish has been a very great one.

A branch of the Mothers' Union was formed on the recommendation of Mrs. A. J. Gladman. Every year it has shown an increase in numbers and is now one of the strong organizations of the parish. It provides an opportunity for mothers to attend meetings and bring their small children with them, these being cared for by volunteers. This society pledges its members to maintain their marriage vow and to work for a finer home life in the Dominion of Canada.

The choir, under the leadership of Mr. E. H. Crickmore, has been a real help to the Parish and has in no small way been responsible for the interest shown in the Church's services.

A Girls' Choir was started under Miss Eva Helm (Mrs. Norman Leek) and has continued throughout its life to be most faithful to the services with an excellent attendance.

The Servers' and Sanctuary Guilds have maintained their traditional standard of faithful and devout service.

A parish camp was started in 1938 and a site acquired in 1941.



MR. FRED BROTHERTON

A Guild of St. Andrew to do personal visiting was organized.

Boys' and Girls' Committees have been set up to direct the mid-week activities of our boys and girls.

Congregations: One of the striking things of the period under review has been the steady growth in attendance at the services of worship, the people proving most loyal to their Christian duty. Whenever there has been a special service it has been difficult to get seats in the Church. For Palm Sunday and Easter Day, 1946 and 1947, it was necessary to have two services; the Junior Choir being in attendance at the first and the Senior Choir at the second. The Rector repeated the same sermon at both services. It was a most interesting sight to see congregations lined up outside waiting to get in for the next service. In the days when evening congregations are not popular the attendance has been remarkably good, showing a definite increase in 1946 and the first part of 1947. Attendances at the early services have been very steady and the Parish has continued to retain its week-day witness with a celebration of the Holy Communion on Thursdays at 10.00 a.m. and Holy days at 7.00 a.m. Throughout the war every member of the Parish who was on Active Service was prayed for weekly at the Thursday celebrations and the sick are always personally remembered. The number of names on the Parish roll increased from 215 in April, 1938, to over 600.

Finances: Great progress has been made in the period under review. In 1938 collections for maintenance amounted to \$2,877.00 and for missions \$365.00.

In 1946 collections for maintenance amounted to \$6,078.00 and for missions \$1,086.00.

Envelope subscribers have increased from under one hundred to two hundred and seventy-five and very substantial sums have been raised to buy the



THE REV. G. A. ROBINSON, B.A.
Priested June 1, 1947

MISS EDNA RUSSELL
W.A. Missionary to Western Canada

L.A.C. JOHN BARTLETT
Who After Ordination, Expects to Serve the Church in Canada

rectory and pay for the various capital improvements. The "300 Club" and Building Fund Boxes and Envelopes have been a great help. The visitors who call so faithfully every two months to collect the box donations have made a valuable contribution to the financial standing of the parish. At the time of the camp fire donations to the restoration fund amounted to \$2,000.00. The A. A. A. campaign was a marked success. The parish was thoroughly organized and every name was canvassed. There were 424 individual subscriptions ranging from \$1.00 to \$250.00. The quota set for the Parish by the Diocese was \$5,598.00—\$12,308.00 was promised and to March 31st, 1947, \$5,954.00 had been paid on account.

Staff: The parish grew so quickly and had so many activities that an increase in staff soon was necessary. Mr. Fred Brotherton was the faithful sexton and caretaker at the princely sum of \$10.00 per month. The work got too much for him so help was hired to look after the furnaces, and volunteers assisted with the cleaning of the Church. On Mr. Brotherton's death, R. W. Sones was appointed to take over both as sexton and caretaker. It is really a full-time job although the Church is not yet able to pay sufficient wages for full-time service. On January 1st, 1945, Mrs. Olive Mason was asked to assume full-time duty as Secretary to the Rector. She held this post most acceptably. After her marriage to Ralph Lidgley she resigned on April 1st, 1946. Vicki (Mrs. C.) Pemberton came on staff on November 1st, 1946. The two secretaries have considerably lightened the Rector's load and are largely responsible for the smooth-running of so much of the parish life. Mr. George Robinson, a theological student at Trinity College, Toronto, and a member of the parish, became student assistant on Sundays in the Fall of 1944, and in 1946 came

on the full-time staff of the Camp and Parish from May to September. He was priested and joined our Rectory as a fully ordained clergyman on June 1st, 1947. Throughout all the period under review Mr. E. H. Crickmore has remained at his post as a most acceptable and faithful choir-master and organist.

Parish volunteers for the full-time work of the Church: The test of the spiritual strength of a parish is the number of men and women it gives to the full-time work of the church. Our parish is beginning to provide its share.

Miss Dorothy Brooks was the first to volunteer during the regime of the fifth Rector. She is the sister of a former rector, and offered herself for one term as a nurse at the mission hospital at Aklavik, Diocese of the Arctic.

George A. Robinson, who was baptized and prepared for confirmation by the Rev. E. A. Brooks, was ordered deacon on May 6th, 1946. He expects to serve for a time in the parish before going to the Mission Fields of the West.



MISS DOROTHY BROOKS
Nurse — Aklavik

John Bartlett—an ex-member of the R.A.F. who served in Canada—made up his mind to enter the ministry and work in Canada while he was a leader at Camp Artaban. He is at present studying theology at Durham, England, and after being ordered deacon hopes to join our staff when the Rev. G. A. Robinson goes out West.

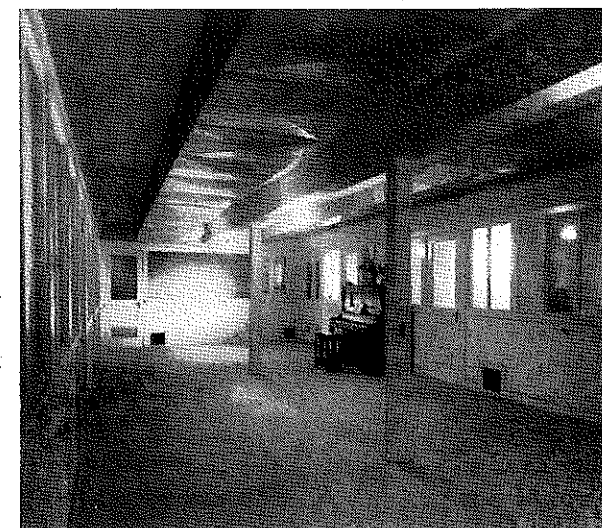
Edna Russell—a daughter of the present people's warden—has volunteered through the W.A. to serve the Church in the West. She took a three-year course at the Deaconess College in Toronto, graduating with her diploma this Spring. She will serve the Sunday School by Post in Saskatoon. Our very best wishes and prayers go with her.

Jack Greenly—an ex-service boy—has completed his matriculation and is waiting to enter McMaster University to begin his Arts course. Jack is one of our own lads and is acting as a

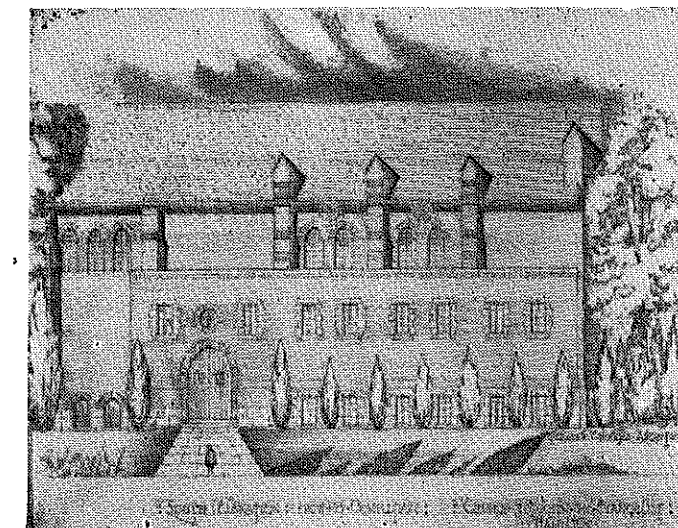
lay-reader at the present time. He hopes to read for Holy Orders.

Three other lads have signified their intention to the rector of studying for Holy Orders and the Parish trusts that they are but the beginning of a steady stream of volunteers.

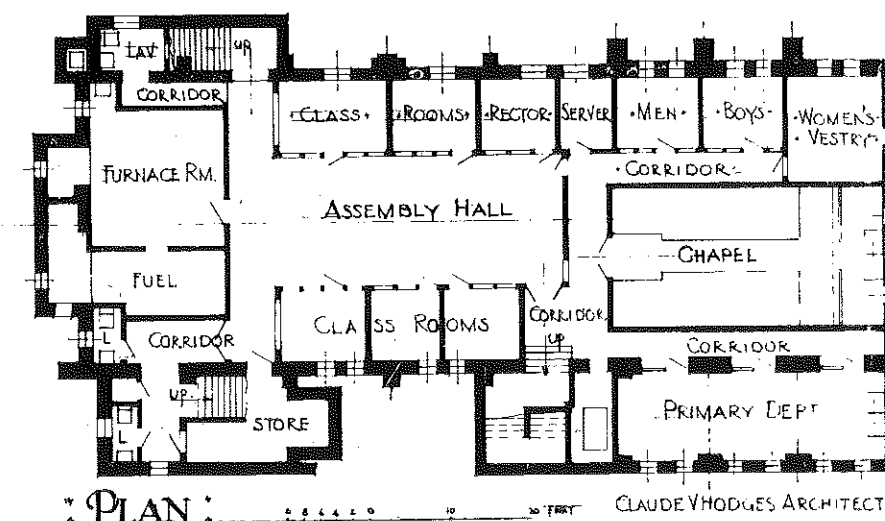
Steady progress has been made during the present incumbency and this is very largely the result of the splendid happy family spirit which prevails in the parish. There is a keen sense of individual responsibility; much enthusiasm and an ability to really enjoy the Christian Adventure together. Spiritual things are always placed first and the increasing number of communicants and worshippers witness to the devotional spirit of the parish. If the present spirit is maintained the parish will have a very bright future.



THE ASSEMBLY HALL IN THE CRYPT OF THE CHURCH



PROPOSED WING ON CHARLTON AVE. PROVIDING A NEW ENTRANCE AT THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH AND NEW VESTRIES AND BEGINNERS' CLASS ROOMS.



PLAN CLAUDE VHODGES ARCHITECT.

GROUND FLOOR PLAN OF CHURCH CRYPT

CAMP ARTABAN

Our Camp Artaban derived its name and traditions from Camp Artaban in the Diocese of New Westminster. Our present Rector was one of an original committee which founded the camp. The first camps were held in 1925 and the Padre (the Rector) directed the boys' camps from 1926 to 1930, suggesting the name of Artaban in 1927. The idea of the name came very suddenly. A Miss Jessie Sewell who was interested in the camp gave the Padre the story of "The Other Wise Man" by VanDyke. She thought it would be suitable for telling at the Camp Fire. The Padre was sitting alone at the Camp reading the story for the first time when the thought came to him that this story presented a most excellent ideal on which to base the camp and that Artaban would be a fine name. He made this suggestion to the men leaders, who approved. The suggested name was passed on to the girls' director, for discussion by the girl leaders. They approved and the name was officially confirmed. Camp Artaban, B.C., is now one of the outstanding camps in the Anglican Church of Canada and is widely known from Coast to Coast.

Our Camp Artaban (No. 2) came into being apart from Hamilton and the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

When the present Rector was Eastern Canada Padre for Toc H., residing in Toronto, he took a particular interest in work with boys. The Yotoch Group of Toc H. (a group of young Toc H. lads) which met in the Padre's home sponsored two boys' clubs. One club was composed of five Jewish lads and five Gentile as an experiment in goodwill between Jews and Gentiles. (Some of the Jewish boys were from orthodox families). The second club was composed of boys from the neighbourhood of Christie Pits. It met twice weekly in the top of an old barn. The Padre was anxious to take all these lads to camp, so in 1936 he borrowed some tents, rented a site on a farm near Markham for a week for \$5.00—six men gave him \$5.00 each and the boys paid \$3.00 each. Mrs. Holmes cooked in the open on an old discarded stove. The camp was a success and showed a balance of a few dollars. Naturally the camp was called Artaban and the old songs, yells, traditions were revived. This took place in 1936.

Next year a new site in the same vicinity at Greenwood was rented for two weeks and again the camp paid its way, but this time without any outside financial help.

In April, 1938, the Padre became Rector of St. John the Evangelist. Toc H. requested him

to again direct the camp on the same site and in return suggested he bring his choir boys and some leaders. Some of the men in Toronto planned to go out for the week-end prior to the camp and erect the kitchen, assemble the old stove and get the site in shape. Something went wrong with the plans and when the Rector, with Messrs. Crickmore, Roper and Jack Williamson as leaders and fourteen boys arrived late in the afternoon, one tent was erected, the stove was lying in pieces by the side of the road and a Scout troop was camping on the site. In spite of this bad start the camp was a happy one and the forerunner of St. John the Evangelist's permanent association with Camp Artaban No. 2. None of those present will forget the mosquitoes at the Camp Fire site—the electric storm in the middle of the night when the small lads were carried fast asleep from very wet tents to table tops in a borrowed marquee. Again all the cooking was on a discarded stove in a hastily constructed "lean-to." Once more the tents were borrowed. The camp was for two weeks' duration. Mr. J. M. N. Jackson was associated with this camp.

This camp was to determine the future of Camp Artaban in Ontario. Those from St. John the Evangelist felt the planning was not satisfactory so suggested that Toc H. take over the whole Camp and let our boys attend or that we take it over and welcome the Toc H. Toronto boys. Toc H. asked St. John the Evangelist to assume the responsibility so Camp Artaban in the East passed to the control of our parish. A camp committee was set up with Mr. Roper as President and Mr. Crickmore as Secretary. Toc H. was represented.

In 1939 a site was rented near Ancaster Village. Five tents were purchased by Toc H. and ourselves. The Men's Club members worked very hard for a week, making tables, benches and tent floors. A frame was erected at the site and covered with tarpaulins, borrowed for us by Mr. A. J. Gladman. A rough but better kitchen was provided for the ladies who for the first time were St. John the Evangelist personnel. There were six tents of boys at this first camp managed by St. John the Evangelist and George Heaver was the first all-round champion.

The first girls' camp of ten days was directed by Eva Helm. The practice of using boys' names for the girl leaders was used and Peter (Eva Helm), Andy (Yvonne Doyle) and Toby (Hazel Miles) were given their names which have stuck ever since. The camp funds were slowly growing with each year showing a small profit.



EXPLANATION OF THE CAMP PICTURES

1—Kitchen, Lake Erie, 1940, Jack Greenly and Gil Holmes cut wood. Gordie Holmes helps Art Walsh. 2—"The Winners"—Lake Erie, 1940—Gil Holmes, Jack Greenly, Geo. Heaver, "?" and Fred Maskell. 3—The Eating Lean-to—Lake Erie, 1940. 4—Lake Erie, 1940—"Peter" enjoys a snack. 5—Girls' Camp, Lake Erie. 6—Lake Erie, 1940—Audrey Will, Marian Hepburn, Joyce Brook and Eileen Price. 7—The swimming hole—Ancaster. 8—Girls' Campfire, Lake Erie, 1940. 9—The tents—Greenwood, 1938. 10—Evelyn Horne shaves Jim Jackson—Lake Erie, 1940. 11—Greenwood Eating Marquee, 1938.

The Camp Committee determined to try and secure a permanent site and many trips were made to possible sites, the Rev. A. H. Davis, Rector of Hagersville, assisting in the search. Nothing satisfactory was located so a site on Lake Erie at Wood's Point was rented for six weeks, the boys' camp being divided into senior and junior divisions (two weeks each), and the girls extended their time to the full two weeks. Conditions were not as satisfactory as at Ancaster. The site was so far away that it was difficult for preparatory work-parties to go out very frequently and the increasing tempo of the war began to be felt. The frame work used at Ancaster for a dining hall was erected but tarpaulins could not be borrowed so second-hand corrugated iron was used. This served as a protection against the sun but was useless in the rain (it was quite a wet summer)—because of the nail holes. On one occasion the girls were sent to their tents and supper was served to them there. The kitchen proved to be an excellent shower bath for the cooks when it rained. Never will we forget the moths and fish flies. The water at senior boys was very cold. This camp marked the beginning of Padre Davis' friendship with the camp and he has been a most valuable friend ever since. Toronto sent its usual quota of boys under Jim Jackson.

The search for a site still went on. Quite accidentally the Rector, making a visit on a newcomer to the parish, Mrs. Long, spoke about the camp and learned of Mrs. Crayford's farm. Mrs. Long arranged for the Padre, Mrs. Holmes and Eva Helm to visit her parents' farm with the idea of renting part of the farm if it were suitable for the summer camp. As soon as the Padre viewed the site he felt it was very suitable and thought of buying it. Mrs. Crayford set a price of \$1,000.00 and the Rector arranged for some of the committee to meet her. Mr. H. H. Trigge responded to the Rector's request and agreed to loan the money to make the purchase. This was in May, 1941. There was now a mad scramble to prepare the camp. From the farmhouse back there was only a cow-path to the spot chosen for the site proper. This path had to be widened and made into a road. The site was very hilly and therefore difficult. It was necessary to build a kitchen and Billie Walsh and Arnold Love headed the party responsible for this. To get the swimming hole ready in time was no small task and it entailed almost continuous work parties in June. Only a few days before Camp opened an old marquee was purchased to serve as a dining-room. Drinking water was fetched from the farm. Whenever it rained the roads were impassable for days and all supplies had to be

carried in. There were no bridges over the streams and cars had to go through them when they could. An old tractor bought for \$50.00 was a good asset during the pioneering days. Art Townson's experience in practical matters was a great help. Before the summer was over, a bridge was built over the second stream by the Men's Club. Hughie Wickens teamed up with Art to attack the roads and every year they were widened and improved. The Camp was operated for eight weeks—two girls' and two boys' camps.

In the Fall the Rector began to build his own cottage and a start was made digging the holes for the new Bungalow for which Mr. Trigge had loaned another \$1,000.00 and the Massey Foundation donated \$500.00. Next Spring, under the direction of Mr. C. V. Hodges, who drew the plans, a contractor was hired to erect the frame work of the building. Plans were also made to change the system at the dam and build a new concrete sluice-way. Storms made the water very difficult to control and an extra big one in May swept away the centre of the dam. Mr. F. J. T. Broadbent spent many days helping with the preliminary work. On the Sunday one week prior to the opening of the Camp not one board was on the floor or the roof of the Bungalow and not one pound of concrete had been poured in the dam. It appeared that with only volunteer workers who could only spare the evenings after a full day's work the task was too great but the almost impossible was accomplished. No. 3 Company "A" Corps Signals paraded 100 strong to spend the day helping with the grounds and the Bungalow. The men of the Church rallied splendidly—Fred Maskell taking a week from work to give full time to the job. 35 tons of concrete were poured in five nights—on one night work by lantern light was carried on until 1.30 a.m. the next morning. Camp opened on time and the men continued to work on the Bungalow all through the summer and in the fall until the snow came.

Next Spring a bridge was built over the first stream and the Hamilton Company of the Royal Can. Engineers volunteered to help and did some most useful work, building the Hospital, one section of the steps and working on the road. The money for the Hospital was given by Miss Ethel Ambrose in memory of her brother, Wm. Ambrose, who was very interested in the camp.

The hauling of water was a very difficult and precarious job because the roads were not usable for hours after a rain storm. A fund was started by the cooks to pipe up water from a well which the camp hoped to dig near the river. Jim Chester and some of his pals worked hard on this well



OUR PRESENT SITE

1—A section of the site. 2—The creek before being made into a swimming hole. 3—Building the first dam—F. J. T. Broadbent, the Rector and Gil. 4—The original tents. 5—Mrs. Holmes surveys the damage to the dam after the storm, May, 1942. The first dining hall. Notice the road has not yet been built. 7—The swimming hole. 8—Charlie Rohr and helper building a bridge. 9—Billy Walsh and son Art with the original tractor. 10—The Rector and Dick Pattinson, checking the lumber for the first bungalow.

without result. During the summer two "water-witch" men independently located a spot on the top hill near the Bungalow. Mr. J. S. Mitchell was so skeptical that he offered to dig the well if water were located. Art Townson and Hughie Wickens made a test augur and located mud at 6 feet and water at 12 feet. Mr. Mitchell was a good sport and came through although the clay was hard. In the summer of 1944 the well was tested for quantity and lined ready for use. In 1945 the Diocesan W.A. presented a pump and during a very dry summer the well did not fail. Plans were made to put in troughing along the bungalow to provide water—the material was bought but lost in the fire before it could be used.

In 1944 an experiment was made to replace the tents with huts—two were built by our own men. These proved so popular that in the fall and spring six more were built and dedicated in the summer of 1945 by the Bishop in memory of those who served in all branches of the services and of the English civilians. One hut was given by Mr. and Mrs. Long in memory of their son who lost his life serving with the Canadian Navy. The huts were made possible by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Long, Mr. W. Thornberry, Sr., Mr. F. J. T. Broadbent, The Optimist Club of Welland and Mr. and Mrs. Ray King.

On the second Sunday of October, 1945, about 3.00 p.m., some unknown person entered the Padre's cottage—ransacked it—started several unsuccessful fires and set fire to the Bungalow and Hospital. When the Ancaster Fire Brigade arrived on the scene the Bungalow was ablaze throughout as was the Hospital, although the new wooden water tower between them was standing proving that the fire did not jump from one building to the other. Both buildings were completely destroyed with all the camp equipment. This was very discouraging, but the decision to rebuild was made at once and immediately donations began pouring in in small and large amounts. The response was thrilling and most encouraging to those responsible for the Camp. Insurance amounted to \$3,800.00. Mr. C. V. Hodges again drew the plans but this time the men of the parish volunteered to do the building if the heavy trusses were constructed in the City. All these, together with the necessary lumber, were delivered to the site and taken up by sled when the snow came, the men working on Saturdays right through the winter. Tom Tindale took charge of the construction and was a tower of strength. His carpenters from Frid's gave several Saturdays and in spite of a very wet Spring pushed the job along. Work parties from Welland and the R.C. Signals were appre-

ciated. But all these willing hands could not have finished the job in time if it had not been for the help given by a class of Veterans who were learning to be carpenters. About 15 of these men, under the direction of Mr. G. E. Louth, were driven to the Camp from the Trade School on Kenilworth Avenue for five weeks. They built the kitchen and did a great deal of work on the bungalow. In the meantime five cooks' huts were being constructed to replace the tents. Men from the Anglers' Club gave valuable assistance and Mr. Wm. P. Maloney constructed the shutters and benches at his house.

A bulldozer had been put to work on the roads and they were much improved. During the summer they were surfaced and so were usable in all kinds of weather. The swimming hole was also improved. Eavestroughing on the building supplied plenty of water for washing purposes. This, together with water from the well, was piped into the kitchen—a fact much appreciated by the cooks.

There is still much to be done. Lumber has been purchased to build an office hut (the gift of St. Thomas' Church, Toronto), a camp director's hut, a leaders' hut and the new hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Ray King have donated \$300.00 towards a hobby hut but a start will not be made on this until 1948. There will be plenty of work for the next two years. Lumber is also on the site for further improving the swimming hole. It is hoped that when all this building is over a start will be made in improving the grounds. There is still much to be done.

Camp Artaban No. 2 serves the Anglican Communion in Niagara Diocese and greater Hamilton. Until 1945, when Camp Artaban was built by St. Thomas' Church in Toronto it also provided for their boys and girls. Holy Trinity Church, Welland, is very closely linked with St. John the Evangelist in the operating of the camp and St. George's, St. Catharines, sends many of its boys and girls. Children of all faith find inspiration in its fellowship.

The Chapel formally set aside as a place of worship on July 13th, 1941, is the centre of the camp life and many clergy have made splendid contributions as Chaplains—Chaplains are called "Abuna" at boys' camp and "Polaris" at the girls'. Several of the boys inspired by the camp have offered themselves as candidates for Holy Orders.

In the near future an altar will be built as a memorial to the Campers who served in World War No. 2. The altar is placed amid the "Soil of Sacrifice." In this soil is earth from the soil of Sacrifice of Camp Artaban, B.C.; from the Battle Fields of Vimy Ridge and the Ypres Salient. There



1—No. 3 "A" Corps Sigs laying the floor of the first bungalow. 2—The Rev. Lynden Smith, the Bishop, the Rector and the Rev. Vic Shortt. 3—One of the streams in winter time. 4—Dedicating the new bungalow in 1942. 5—The Bishop at the dedication of the huts—1945. 6—Camp work party. 7—The new huts in winter time. 8—A tobogganing party. 9—The old bungalow—Labour Day, 1945. 10—The old bungalow and hospital. 11—Fred MacRae preparing a story. 12—The Bishop and the leaders.

is a daily service in the outdoor chapel with an address. A number of the girls have at their own request been baptized in this lovely outdoor chapel having afterwards planted a tree to commemorate the occasion.

The Camp attempts to portray the Christian life at its best and endeavours to bring home to all associated with it that the chief purpose of life is to try and find the Christ and in His name and spirit serve their fellowmen. Boys and girls are organized into teams of nine with a leader in charge. At the Boys' Camp the Eastern atmosphere reigns and the lads are known as tribesmen with chiefs and potentates. Names such as Kurds, Khatanites, Touaregs are familiar terms. Sports, swimming, dramatics, occupy much of the boys' time at camp. When the Hobby Hut is furnished and equipped handicrafts will be developed. The girls call their groups by the names of Constellations. They feature dramatics, handicraft, swimming. The Camp offers to boys and girls a good holiday plus definite training in Christian character and leadership, also membership in an ever-growing fellowship.

The work of building and running the camp is carried on by a Committee of the Parish of St. John the Evangelist with the Bishop of the Diocese as Honorary President, and Mr. F. J. T. Broadbent and the Rev. A. H. Davis, Honorary Vice-Presidents. The annual meeting is held in the Fall of each year when the officers are elected and general business transacted. There is representation to the Committee from various organizations in the Church and from Churches associated with the Camp. The parish itself is entirely responsible for the direction of the camp and its financing, although in order to avoid the parish being involved in any possible financial difficulties that might arise the property is held legally in the name of three Trustees, the Rector and Messrs. H. H. Trigge and F. B. Eddy. They empower the Committee to carry on in their name. When the Camp has been completely paid for it will be given to the parish as a donation, but with the proviso that it may never be sold unless it becomes unsuitable for a camp site and then the money must be re-invested in another site to carry on with the work. If at any time the Rector and Wardens of St. John the Evangelist do not wish to sponsor the camp it becomes the property of the Bishop of the Diocese who will appoint a Committee responsible only to himself to promote the camp.

The existence and operation of the camp is entirely the outcome of the voluntary service and sacrifice of the people of St. John the Evangelist and their friends. No help is paid for the opera-

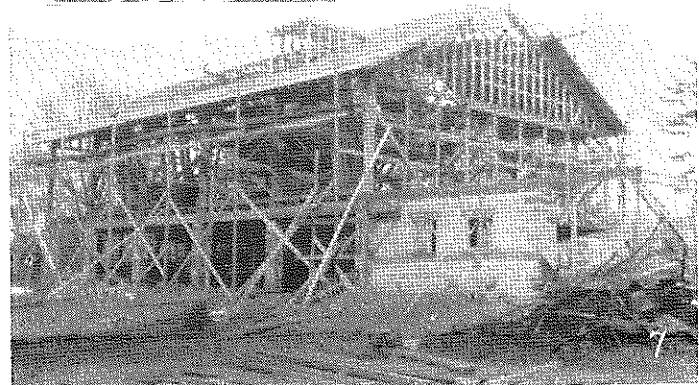
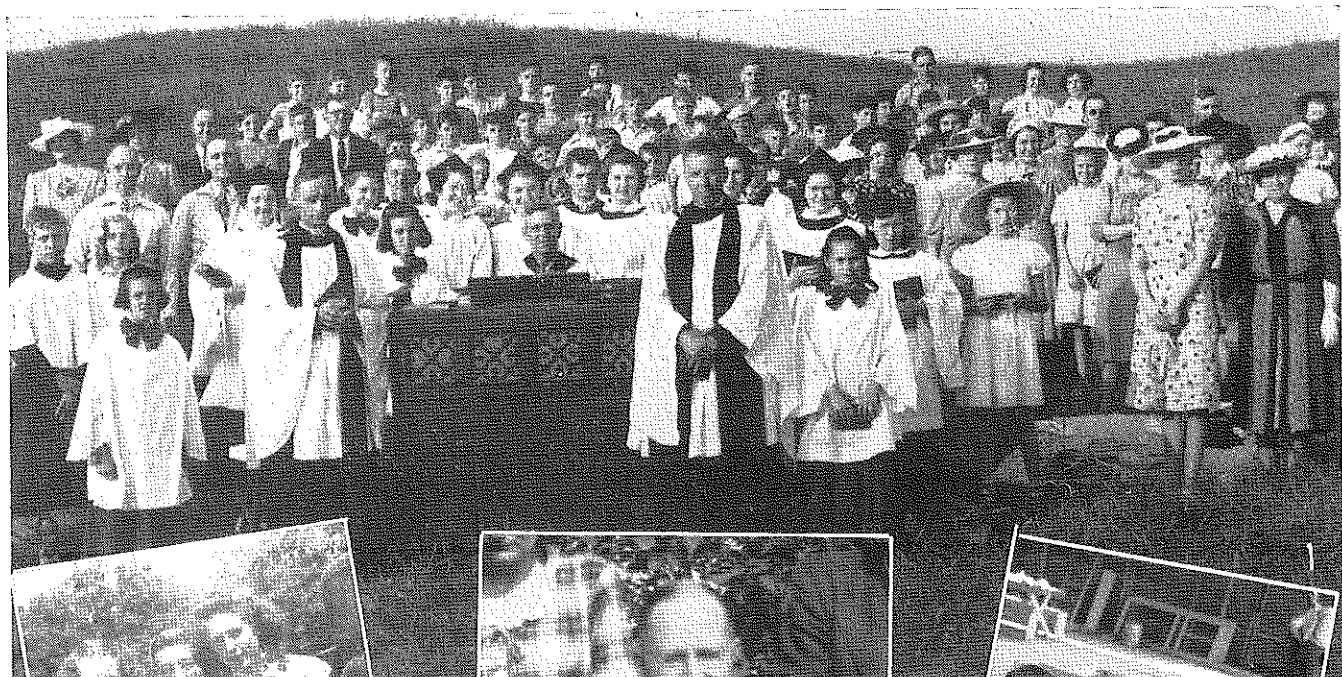
tion of the camp. All the leaders and personnel are volunteers, the cooks generally being mothers of the boys and girls and their friends. The construction of the buildings and the development of the site has nearly all been done by volunteer labour from the Parish. The Parish, through the Camp, seeks to serve the boys and girls of the City of Hamilton primarily of the Anglican faith but any children if there are vacancies. Throughout the life of the camp great assistance has been rendered by various clergy and men and women from other parishes who have generously given of their time during vacation period to help lead the boys and girls. In this connection the Parish should express to Mr. Fred McRae, of Hagersville, its sincere appreciation, because during the war years Mr. McRae gave five weeks each year to the boys' camps and worked very hard at them. Many Padres have provided excellent instruction at the morning chapel, but to the Rev. Lynden Smith, of Trinity College, Toronto, we are deeply indebted, for like Mr. McRae, for several years he gave five weeks every summer and was most helpful to our boys. Padre Davis and his good folk of Welland have identified themselves very closely with the camp and we look upon them as junior partners in a great enterprise. The Bishop has always shown a most kindly interest and encouraged us from time to time both by his visits to the camp and by the spoken word at parish gatherings. Mr. Roper and Mr. Crickmore were towers of strength in the early days of the camp when the Rector needed good leadership and support. It is impossible to mention the names of all the men and women who have served so splendidly on the work parties. Here and there in the history reference was made to some, but the camp is indebted to all who have given of their time so freely.

Camp Artaban No. 2 regretted the loss of the Rev. J. M. N. Jackson and the boys and girls of St. Thomas' Church. We did enjoy the fellowship established between the two parishes at the summer camp, but Camp Artaban of St. John the Evangelist rejoices that it provided the inspiration and incentive which resulted in Camp Artaban No. 3. We extend to the Rev. J. M. N. Jackson who has served our camp so well our very best wishes as he pioneers in the adventure of establishing Camp Artaban No. 3. A site has been purchased in the name of St. Thomas' Church and the first camps were run in 1946. Camp Artaban No. 2 sends its best wishes to Camp Artaban No. 3.

It is also fitting that this history of Camp Artaban No. 2 should close with a greeting to Camp Artaban No. 1 in the Diocese of New Westminster.



1—Sports Day—"The King and his Retinue." 2—Two champs—Junior Boys, 1941—Bill Townson and Gordie Holmes. 3—Bringing in the Victory flag pole, 1945. 4—Two of the girls in fancy dress. 5—"MacGink" reads his newspaper at the campfire. 6—Senior Girls at a dedication in the Chapel. 7—"Peter and Andy" at story hour—Sulphur Springs, Ancaster, 1939. 8—Jam eating contest—Greenwood. 9—Flag-raising. 10—After the baptism of Marian Hepburn in the Camp Chapel—the Rector, Mrs. Holmes, Marian and Bill Thornberry, Jr.

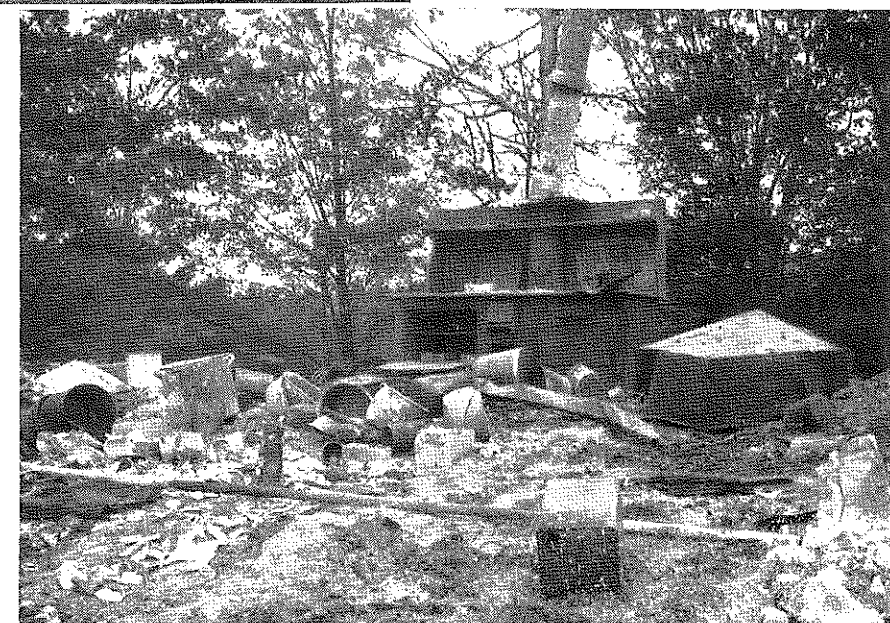


1—The first Sunday service held at Camp Artaban on a Sunday evening instead of service in the Parish Church. The road being wet the service was held in the field at the top of the first hill. The service was taken by the Rev. J. M. N. Jackson and the Rector—1941. 2—J. A. Roper, the Camp's first President, with Audrey Will and Eileen Price. 3—H. H. Triggs, in whose honour the bungalow is named and who made the Camp possible by his generosity. 4—"Tubby" Clayton, the founder of Toc H., visiting Camp Artaban. 5—A group of Junior leaders: Back row—H. Baron, F. MacRae, G. Robinson, Bill Bilton, Lynden Smith, the Rector, Ralph Lidgley. Front row—Lou Somers, R. Brook, G. Lahie, D. Blackwood, Gil Holmes. 6—A group of St. John's A.Y.P.A. visit the camp. 7—The new bungalow in process of building. 8—The new bungalow—August, 1946.



campers and leaders may be a possibility.

It might be said in closing to those who are interested in camping that there is no field of the Church's life which gives greater results in establishing the Kingdom among the boys and girls, and there is no work for the Church which gives greater joy to those who are engaged in it. The Parish of St. John the Evan-



1. The day after the fire—October 15th, 1945—all that was left of the bungalow and hospital.
2. The kitchen.

3. Hughie Wickens, Bill Townson, the Rector, Mrs. Hoimes and Nickie inspect the destruction.

If it had not been for that camp this one would never have been established. Its ideals and aspirations have developed from the mother camp. We ever stand in debt to it. And so we extend to the Rev. Noel Bracher, at one time a camper under our Padre at Camp Artaban No. 1, our sincerest greetings and wish him and all the leaders of Camp Artaban No. 1 the very best. Some day we hope that an annual exchange of

gelist is endeavouring to offer a service to the boys and girls of the City of Hamilton but it is only fair to say that the Parish has gained more through the camp than it has been able to give. It has provided an opportunity for unselfish service to the community and has engendered the most glorious family spirit among the members of the congregation who belong to its fellowship.