

DECEMBER 17th, 1877.

OPENING OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, NORTH MARYSBURGH

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St. John's Church, North Marysburgh, was opened for Divine Service, on Thursday last, Dec. 13th, by the Venerable Archdeacon Parnell. The Rev. E. Loucks said morning prayers and the Venerable Archdeacon celebrated Holy Communion, assisted by the Reverend E. A. W. Hannington, the Incumbent. Special Lessons and Psalms and some prayers from the "office of the consecration of a church" were used. The church was very well filled, and the service was hearty and joyous. In his address the Venerable Archdeacon warmly congratulated the Incumbent and congregation on the great success that had crowned their efforts. "He knew the old church very well, and little did he think when he learned that attempts were being made to replace it by a new and more suitable building, that those attempts would result in so beautiful and complete a church as we to-day have the privilege of offering to Almighty God for "His House of Prayer." It is a building, which I do not hesitate in saying, would reflect credit upon any congregation, and I am sure it could not have been erected without much faith and liberality. And if this church is the fruit of your liberality, it is in an equal degree the fruit of the Faith and Zeal of your energetic Pastor, who has called out and directed your liberality to an end it might otherwise never have attained. And there is one thing that I specially like about this church; It is not only a beautiful building -- it is not only well designed and well and substantially built and in every respect church-like - but better than all, IT IS PAID FOR. You have a church which you can offer to God, for there is no claim of any kind against it".

At the conclusion of the service the clergy and a large number of the congregation were entertained at luncheon by the ladies of

Marysburgh, who had laid their tables in the Town Hall.

Collections and contributions toward the building fund amounted to \$100.55, beside which a "corona" was promised by one person present. The corner stone of this little church was laid in August last ; it is built of brick and stone and consists of a chancel, nave, tower and spire and vestry-room. The inside is finished in stained pine, the font and the chancel furniture are of varnished ash. The windows are filled with stained glass, manufactured by J. C. Spence, of Montreal, the building stands 'East and West' and in design and workmanship is both "church-like" and beautiful. The East window is of "Gresaille pattern" in thick Cathedral glass; the centre lancet contains a figure of "The Good Shepherd" ; the top of the window is a hexagon and the centre of which contains a "chalice and patera" ; and in a panel below the "centre piece" is the "Sacred Monogram". The colours are exceedingly rich and well blended, and the window is decidedly beautiful. It was erected by Miss H. Cumming, in loving memory of her mother and brother. The West window is also of thick rolled cathedral glass with ornamental pattern and very richly coloured borders. This window is a memorial to Miss Margaret McGrier, to whom the church is indebted for the gift of five hundred dollars. The tower windows are also of thick rolled cathedral glass, with ornamental patterns, and the side windows of the nave are of plain leaded quarry, with coloured borders; these are only temporary as most of them are soon to be filled with good stained glass as memorial windows, and it is hoped that before long every window in the church may be made a memorial. While the funds necessary for the erection of this church have been chiefly given by the congregation themselves, of whom the largest donor was Miss McGrier, we have also to thank a number of friends outside the place for their assistance, both in sympathy and money.



Great praise is due the builder, Mr. James Spurr of Allisonville, whose work has been most carefully and honestly done and who spared neither trouble nor expense in carrying out the design of the church as fully and carefully as possible, and in every respect gave perfect satisfaction to the building committee. The church has been paid for as the work advanced, and the contractor has given us a "receipt in full". A portion of the subscriptions was not payable until next autumn, but the sum so secured was advanced by a liberal member of the congregation and we were thereby enabled to pay our contractor before his money was due ! The church is wholly paid for, and ready to be consecrated by our Good Bishop when he visits this part of his Diocese in the Spring. I trust that our many friends will not forget that we are still working to pay off a debt on the Parsonage -- this we hope to accomplish with a few months, but to do so we depend upon the co-operation and assistance of all well-wishers. Com.