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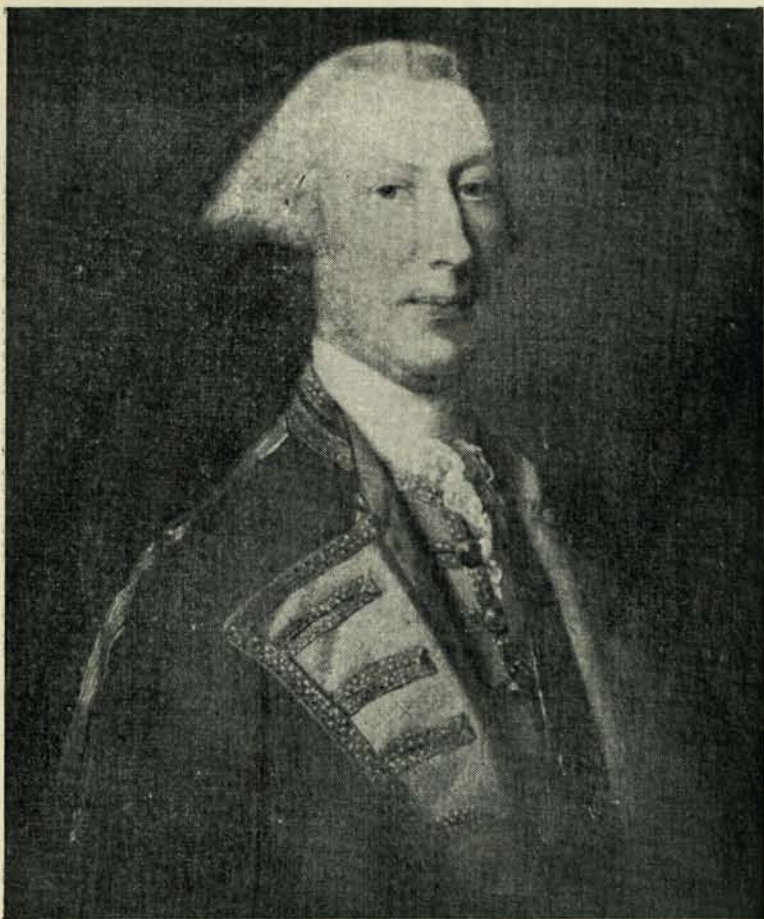
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GENERAL GABRIEL CHRISTIE

Commander of the British forces in Canada. First English owner of the Bleury Seignior, and father of Major William Plenderleath Christie, builder and benefactor of Trinity Church, Iberville.



TRINITY CHURCH, IBERVILLE, built 1841



INTERIOR OF TRINITY CHURCH, IBERVILLE

HISTORY OF TRINITY CHURCH IBERVILLE

After an exhaustive search among friends and relations we have not been able to find a photograph or any kind of picture of Major William Plenderleath Christie.

However, it will be interesting to know that he was the son and one of the heirs of General Gabriel Christie who came to Canada with the British forces and was present at the taking of Quebec in 1759. From 1763 General Christie lived in Montreal and was chief of the Canadian forces up to 1798. During

a church on St. Paul St., Montreal, also called Trinity; and had planned the erection of a church at Sabrevois, which was erected by Mrs. Christie after the Major's death, in the year 1848.

In addition to the above, Major Christie, by will dated 1842, gave the Seignior of Bleury to his wife and heirs on the following conditions:

First, that out of the revenue of the Seignior of Bleury, the sum of \$600.00 per annum should be paid to the clergyman's salary.



THE RECTORY, IBERVILLE, built 1841

his residence there he became the owner of the Seigniories of Bleury, Sabrevois, Noyan and Lacolle — which, at his death, passed into the possession of his son, William Plenderleath.

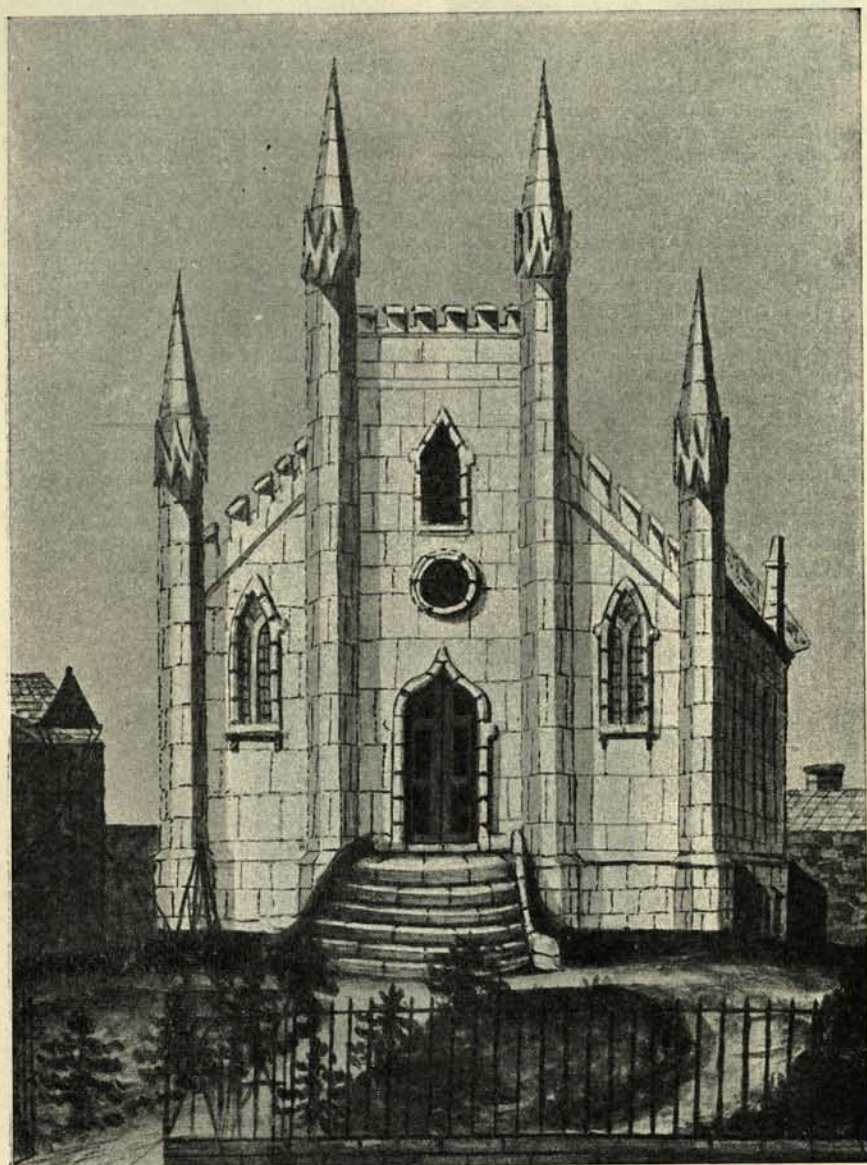
The parish of Trinity Church, Irberville, was founded by the late William Plenderleath Christie in the year 1841. He set apart two acres of ground, which was later increased to four acres, for a rectory, church, school and cemetery, on which he caused to be erected the present rectory, Church and school at the rear to be used also as a vestry.

Major Christie had already erected

Secondly, \$200.00 per annum to be paid towards the teacher's salary and the expenses of the school which was to be under the control of the clergyman of the parish.

A clause from the will reads:—

"I desire that the said Seignior shall belong to and be at the sole disposal of my said wife, but always subject to the aforesaid conditions of annual payments to be made by her—or secured by her, in case of sale of the said Seignior, to the Managers and Church wardens of the said Church and School."



THE FIRST TRINITY CHURCH, 1840
St. Paul Street, Montreal

By a Codicil dated March 31st, 1845, the Major "conceded to the Protestant Bishop of Montreal and his successors, the ground on which Trinity Church, Christievill is built, including a piece from the gate on Manor Street, bounded by Hazen Creek"

"Re—the Patronage of my two churches, I hereby cancel my gift of the Right of Patronage of my said churches, one in Montreal called Trinity and the other in Christievill, called also Trinity, both built at my sole expense . . . and now bequeath my said right to the following three trustees the great and sole object being to perpetuate sound and faithful Doctrine, according to the Articles, Homilies and other formularies of the Church of England, in both said churches.

The three Trustees which I now name are, Colonel Edward Poston Wilgress of Lachine Grove, Jeffrey Hale, Esq., of Quebec and William McGinnis, Esq., of Christievill."

Major Christie died at Blackrock,

Ireland in 1845 and a Memorial Tablet is erected to his memory over the west door of Trinity Church, Christievill, bearing the following inscription:—

"Sacred to the Beloved and Revered Memory of William Plenderleath Christie, Esq., Seigneur of Delery, Lacolle, Noyan, Sabrevois, Bleury and Repentigny; and Founder of this Church; Born December 13th, 1780, Departed May 4th, 1845.

He lived unto Him that died for him. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." Rev. 14:13.

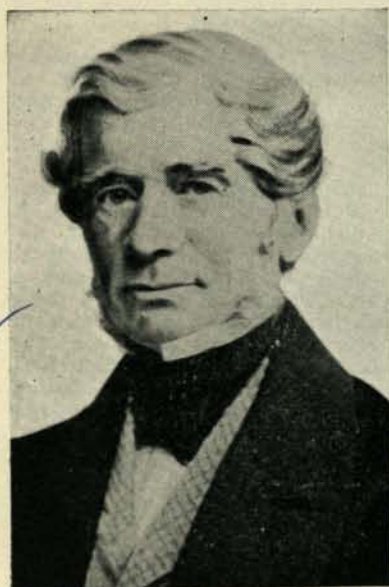
In affectionate remembrance of their friend and Benefactor, this monument is raised by the Inhabitants of Christievill."

Another tablet reads as follows:

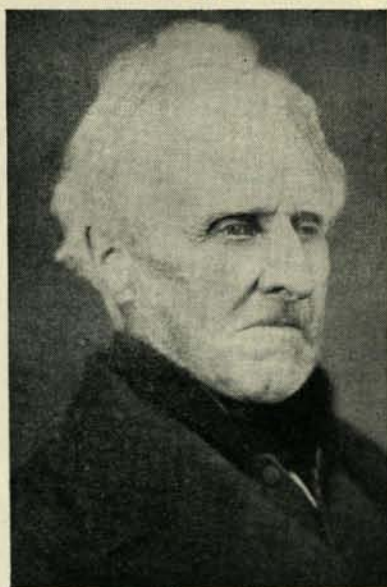
"To the Honoured Memory of William McGinnis, Esq., and in Loving Testimony of his long life of active Christian Benevolence, especially to the Neighbourhood, indebted to him for nearly Fifty years of Wise and Faithful Supervision, this Tablet is



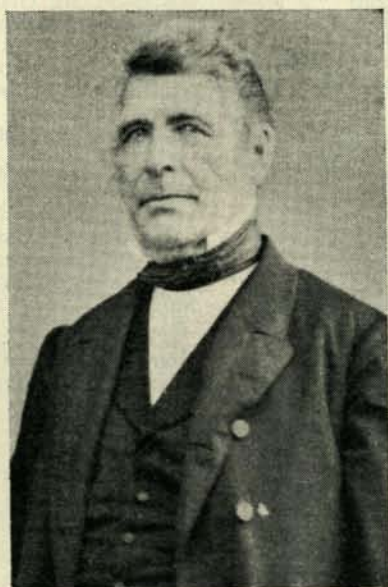
HIS LORDSHIP, BISHOP MOUNTAIN,
Quebec and Montreal



JEFFREY HALE, Esq.



Colonel E. P. WILGRESS



WILLIAM MCGINNIS, Esq.

Dedicated by Sorrowing Friends,
in Affectionate Sympathy with
his Widow and Family.

Born 25th August, 1795; Died
September 10th, 1880.

"I know that my Redeemer
liveth."

Another Tablet is erected on the east wall by the children of the late Honorable Robert Jones, many years a resident of the Parish and member of the Church, in memory of their beloved parents, one of the members of the family being the wife of the Rev. James A. McLeod, for nearly thirteen years a Rector of the Parish.

Another Memorial to be found in the Church is the Silver Communion Service, consisting of Flagon, two Chalices and two Patens, presented by C. B. Bowman, Esq., in March 1841, probably at the opening of the Church, and in constant use to this day.

The Parish registers furnish further interesting facts respecting the Incumbents of Trinity Church.

The Rev. William Dawes was the first rector. Mr. Dawes was ordained with the Rev. Mark Willoughby in Sherbrooke, Que., about the year 1839. It is interesting to note that Mr. Willoughby became the first rector of Trinity Church, Montreal in 1840 while his friend, Mr. Dawes was appointed to the sister Church in Iberville in 1841. It is also of sad interest to note that both of these gentlemen died from ship fever, contracted while attending the immigrants in 1847.

In the meantime Mr. Dawes became rector of St. Johns, Que., and was succeeded in Iberville, in 1843, by the Rev. Joseph A. Allen who remained in charge only one year and a half.

The third rector was the Rev. E. G. Sutton for the short period of four months.

He was succeeded by the Rev. William Thompson in July, 1845. Mr. Thompson endeared himself to his parishioners exceedingly as is testified by the monument erected by them over his grave. From the inscription upon it we learn that he also died of typhoid fever,

contracted while doing duty at the quarantine station of Grosse Isle in the summer of 1848.

It was during Mr. Thompson's incumbency that the work at Sabrevois was commenced and carried on as an out-station of this parish. In this work he was assisted by Mr. Charles Forrest, at the time the teacher of the Government school for Indian lads at Christieville. It was during his pastorate that the church and parsonage were built at Sabrevois by Mrs. Christie and a resident clergyman appointed there in March, 1848. The registers of Sabrevois fix this date for the opening of the church. The first incumbent being the Rev. Daniel Gavin whose salary, 100 pounds per annum, was paid by Mrs. Christie.

After his death, which occurred in 1855, Mrs. Christie contributed for many years 50 pounds towards the clergyman's salary there.

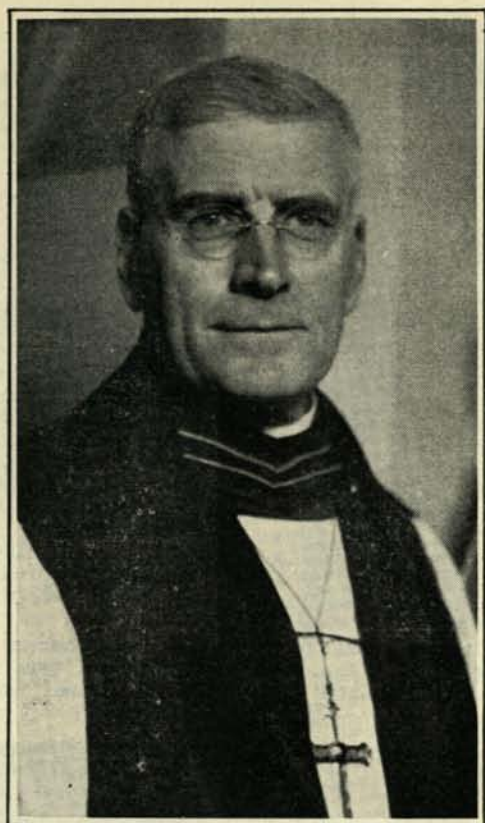
After a vacancy of one year the incumbency of the Christieville church was filled by the Rev. C. T. Hensel who remained only a little over one year and was succeeded by the Rev. G. M. Armstrong, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Christie, who remained in charge until October, 1852, when he accepted a call to be the rector of the newly erected parish of St. Johns in St. John, N.B., where he remained for over thirty years, attaining to a powerful position in the church at that time.

The next rector was the Rev. James Alexander McLeod who was very highly esteemed for his eminent piety. He remained almost thirteen years, then accepted a call to the rectorship of St. Thomas' Church, Montreal.

The Rev. H. J. Evans took charge in 1866, remaining for twelve years. This gentleman was also highly esteemed both here and in Montreal where he later ministered for many years as City Missionary and later builder and rector of All Saints' Church.

The Rev. Dr. Schulte succeeded Mr. Evans but remained only nine months and was succeeded in turn by the Rev. Benjamin P. Lewis who spent exactly thirty years in a most profitable and acceptable pastorate

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in Christieville. During Mr. Lewis' time, L'Acadie and the Savanne, which places had formerly been under the charge of the incumbent of La Prairie were, in 1882, at the Bishop's request, attached to the Parish of Christieville and ministered to by Mr. Lewis who gave the people there services every Sunday afternoon, driving seven miles to L'Acadie one Sunday and nine miles to the Savanne the next Sunday.

The next rector was the Rev. William A. Howard who took charge in 1909 and continued to April, 1916, when he resigned to become rector of West Shefford and Rural Dean of Shefford.

After sixty years as a separate parish, Sabrevois returned to her first allegiance and Mr. Howard took charge of it, as an out-station to Christieville in 1909. During his term as rector many notable improvements were made and gifts received; a hot-water furnace was installed in the rectory, the Prayer Desk and Chancel curtains presented by the Guild. A hot-water furnace was then placed in

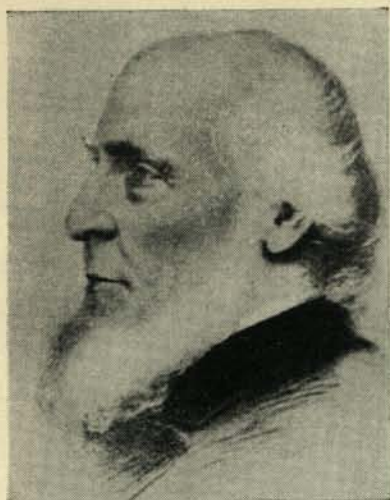
the Church and an electric light system was installed in the rectory. On Easter, 1914, gifts were received of Altar vases, brass Altar Desk, Bookmarkers and brass Altar Cross; and the following year Mrs. (Col.) John Carson, now Lady Carson of Montreal, presented to the Church a very fine oak Pulpit in memory of her father, mother and one sister. It was duly consecrated by the Lord Bishop in January, 1916.

The Rev. H. Plaisted succeeded Mr. Howard in April, 1916. This highly cultured and eminently pious man was a victim of the typhoid epidemic of 1917. He was succeeded in March, 1918, by the Rev. Dollard Lariviere whose gentle Christian character made him friends wherever he went. Mr. Lariviere retired in May, 1929, after a little over eleven years service, and was succeeded in June, 1929 by the Rev. George Gagnon who carried on until June 30th, 1932, when he accepted superannuation.

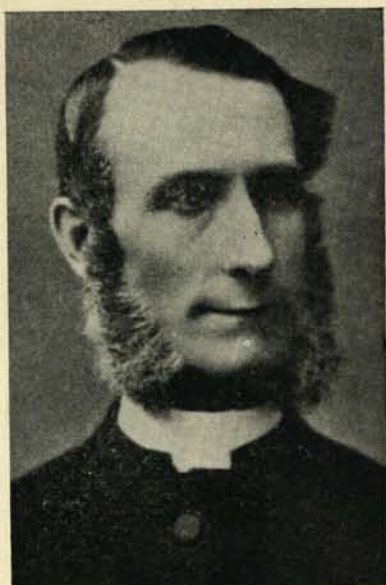
The Rev. Charles G. Rollit, the present rector, took charge on July 1st, 1932. Since that date further



CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, SABREVOIS



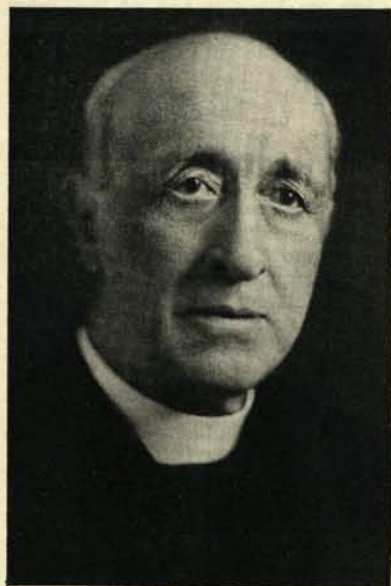
Rev. J. M. ARMSTRONG, M.A.



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improvements have been made, particularly to the interior of the Church, making it one of the most completely furnished and beautiful churches in the country. Among the later gifts are Eucharistic Lights, presented by Mr. and Mrs. John Bernard of Montreal and a beautifully executed Marble Baptismal Font, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. James Brodie. The most important achievement, however, has been the erection of the Parish into a self-supporting Rectory which was only accomplished by the generous co-operation of the Rector of St. Johns who relinquished the two former out-stations of L'Acadie and St. Luc to the care of the Rector of Iberville again, after an interim of over forty years.

By this step both the parishes of St. Johns and Iberville were able to make a very worthy contribution to the Mission Fund of the Diocese, from which they had received for many years, grants of \$100.00 and \$500.00 respectively.

After more than three years under this arrangement, the parish is still successfully balancing its budget and contributing freely to all demands made upon it.



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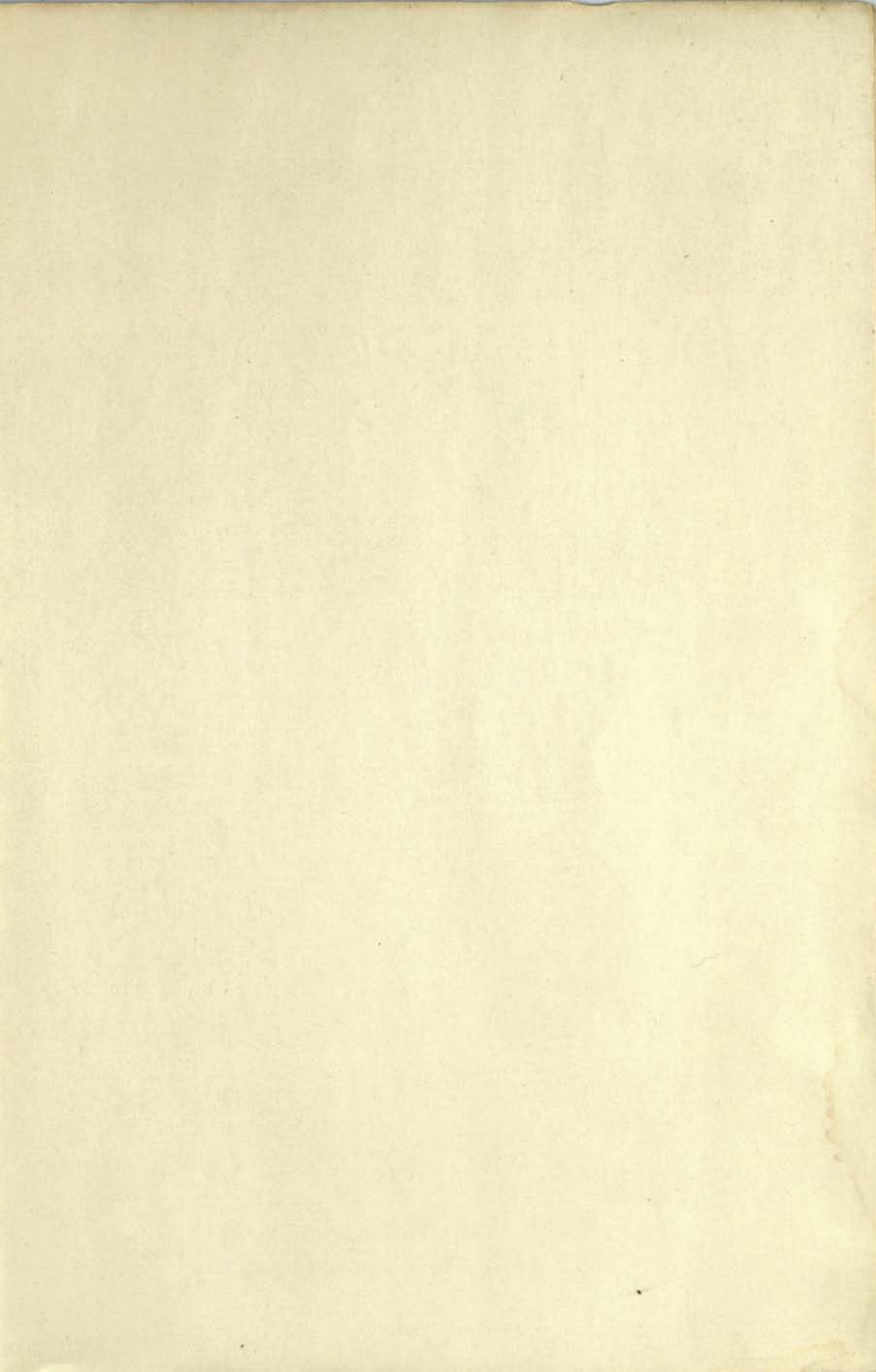
This, of course, is largely due to the business-like and painstaking work of a succession of competent and loyal church wardens, and a generous congregation. The present wardens are Martin A. Brown, Esq., and James Brodie, Esq.

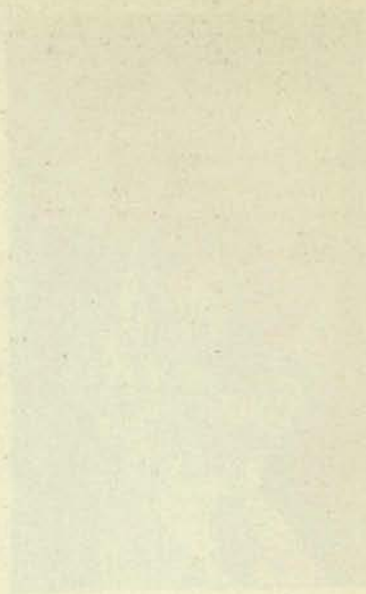
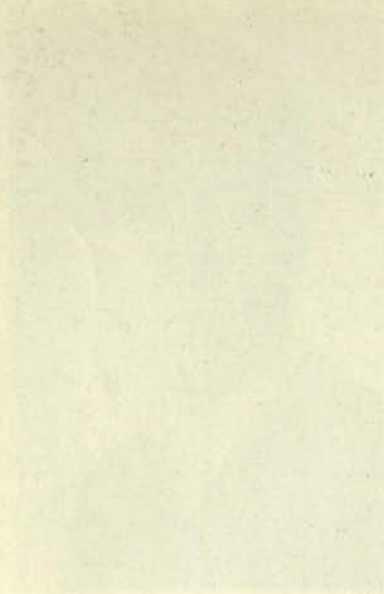
This little booklet is issued in the hope that it will revive many happy memories and increase the interest of many present members of the Church and of many far-off old members, who only too seldom have the opportunity to visit childhood haunts.

In these troubled days it is a consolation to see how God has sustained His Church over long periods of fluctuating national fortune. It strengthens faith in His promise to be with us always. It interprets the words, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: NOT AS THE WORLD GIVETH, give I unto you. LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED, NEITHER LET IT BE AFRAID."

Iberville, Que.

Ascensiontide, 1941.





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