

C. J. S. BETHUNE

The Reverend Charles James Stewart Bethune was born August 11, 1838, in the township of West Flamboro, Wentworth County, Ontario. He was the third son of the second Bishop of Toronto. He was educated at Upper Canada College and obtained his M.A. in 1862. Ordained by Bishop Strachan in 1862, and appointed assistant in Cobourg. He was married in 1863 to Alice Forelong. At age 28 years, and on the recommendation of Bishop Strachan, the Reverend Bethune became Rector of St. Peter's Church in 1866.



Reverend Bethune was a very good organizer. When he arrived at St. Peter's, its finances were very low. However within a year, the collections were more than other Toronto missions.

In 1868, he had built Trinity Church, Port Credit. Soon after, he had the building of St. John's, Sydenham (now- Dixie) completed in 1871. He was appointed Head master of Trinity College, Port Hope in 1870, and remained there until he retired in 1899. His interest in entomology started a second career when he accepted the chair of entomology zoology at Ontario Agricultural College. He retired a second time in 1920 at age 82. He died in Toronto in 1932, at 94 years old.