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Dedicated to the memory of
REV. WILLIAM D'ORVILLE DOTY, D.D.

*From first page to last this Story-Chronological
has been written with thoughts of Dr.
Doty—faithfulest of pastors—truest
of friends. To him it is
offered as a*

" M E M O R I A L "

By " the old Secretary."



BY WAY OF PREFACE.

Often in the writing of this Story-Chronological the writer has been heard to say—

Only for Albert Walker it had never been begun;

Only for Mr. Graham it had never been done.—

truest of anything within its covers, and here given as a PREFACE in brief. It vaguely suggests the difficulties under which the work has been accomplished and may help to condone imperfections.

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PART ONE

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"I put a low estimate on those statistics which enter into the registry of spiritual work. The most fruitful and enduring results of the labor of either rector or parish elude the measurement which is expressed in figures."

—DR. BATTERSHALL.

March 29. Forty-five Churchmen of Rochester, N. Y.—"parishioners and communicants . . . of the several parishes"—believing that the influences and benefits of the Church should be extended over "that portion of the city now destitute," viz.: the tract of land lying east of Elm street and a line drawn continuous with the west line of Elm street, running southerly and south of New Main street on the east side of the Genesee river, did petition each of the Reverend Clergy of the city for their "canonical consent to the formation of a new Parish."

In the year 1854, there were three parishes in Rochester, N. Y.

St. Luke's founded 1817. Its rector for several years, the Rev. H. W. Lee, D.D., was consecrated Bishop of Iowa, October, 1854. St. Luke's was decidedly "low" in churchmanship—openly "opposed to the Bishop's Puseyism."*

St. Paul's—"known canonically as Grace Church, but never colloquially."* Rector, 1854, the Rev. John V. Van Ingen, D.D., "leader of the high Churchmen of the diocese."

* See Hayes' History of Diocese of Western New York.

Trinity—founded 1848. Rector, 1854, the Rev. A. B. Atkins, "neither high nor low."

The following are the names of the petitioners of the new parish: David Hoyt, A. J. Brackett, D. M. Dewey, V. R. Rowe, Edward M. Smith, Daniel B. Beach, Washington Gibbons, Silas O. Smith, John Fairbanks, O. H. Palmer, J. M. Winslow, Dr. W. C. Beckwith, George Wales, Wm. C. Storrs, Rufus Keeler, W. V. K. Lansing, H. F. Atkinson, J. C. Alexander, H. C. Ives, J. P. Andrews, F. J. Gale, Edward Roggen, N. B. Northrop, Stephen Charles, E. B. Spearman, C. C. Moody, P. G. Tobey, A. P. Biegler, W. B. Alexander, Sam'l B. Dewey, Oscar King, Henry Bell, Stephen Otis, Azariah Boody, Delos Wentworth, Sam'l G. Andrews, J. E. Cheney, A. H. Jones, I. B. Van Every, L. R. Falkner, John B. Elwood, R. A. Hall, Wm. Paviour, James L. Andrews, O. P. Chamberlain, Roswell Lockwood, John Thompson, Geo. P. Townsend, J. M. Newell, Myron G. Peck, Joseph Hall, Albert Walker, Charles C. Lockwood, H. H. Lambert.

May 5th. The Right Reverend William Heathcote DeLancey, D.D., Bishop of Western New York, declares his consent to the new parish.

May 11th. Preliminary meeting for organization, held at the office of Delos Wentworth. Samuel G. Andrews, Chairman; Daniel B. Beach, Secretary.

The following committee was appointed to "further the organization of a new parish:" D. M. Dewey, Chairman; David Hoyt, Delos Wentworth, Andrew J. Brackett, Sam'l G. Andrews.

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April 3d. At a meeting called by the committee appointed May 11, 1854, A. J. Brackett, Chairman; D. B. Beach, Secretary. Sunday, April 29, 1855, was fixed upon for the *first Sunday morning service* of the parish, "at the usual hour," 10:30 A. M. The Rector of St. Luke's was requested to officiate at this first service, when the first of "the two Sunday morning services pre-requisite to the incorporation of the new Church and the election of officers thereof" was held in Palmer's Hall, "on the south side of Main street in this city," at 9 o'clock in the morning.

May 6th. The second service was held in Palmer's Hall.

At the first service the Rev. Benjamin Watson (successor to Dr. Lee) read the morning prayer and the notices required preliminary to the organization of a parish. There was no sermon. At the second service the Rector of Grace Church, the Rev. M. Van Rensselaar preached from the text "Be strong and work."* The 25th hymn was sung by the congregation :

"I love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

Monday, May 7th. After divine service held in Palmer's Hall, the Rev. George W. Cheney, Rector of Trinity, officiating, the male persons present of full age "did proceed to incorporate themselves and elect officers."

* This sermon is among the Parish archives.

The following are the names of the original incorporators of "the Church . . . worshipping in Palmer's Hall, situate on the south side of Main street," May 7, 1855 : Silas O. Smith, D. M. Dewey, A. J. Brackett, David Hoyt, J. M. Winslow, A. E. Gregory, J. Alexander, S. Charles, Delos Wentworth, L. Ward Smith, W. V. K. Lansing, Washington Gibbons, W. B. Alexander, C. R. Babbitt, D. B. Beach, R. A. Hall.

Vestry elected :

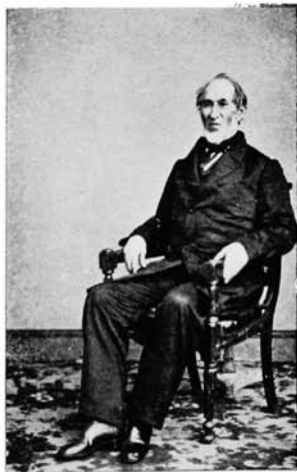
Wardens : Silas O. Smith, David Hoyt.

Vestrymen : D. M. Dewey, D. B. Beach, A. J. Brackett, J. M. Winslow, Delos Wentworth, John Fairbanks, E. M. Smith.

Corporate name of Christ Church chosen. Free seats unanimously decided upon.

The Rev. Theodore A. Hopkins was invited to take temporary charge of the parish. Mr. Hopkins declined. Annual expenses as estimated by the new vestry would not greatly exceed \$1,200.00 a year, the same to be raised at once by subscription. "It is contemplated" we read in the minutes of the Vestry meeting held May 31st "that the efforts of the ladies belonging to the congregation, will secure an amount with which the above, and the contingent resources will be sufficient to meet the current expenses of the first year."

Congregational singing was to be a feature of the services. D. M. Dewey was appointed precentor. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey "led the choir" for more than ten years ; their thorough training in Church music



SILAS O. SMITH



MRS. SILAS O. SMITH

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and their exceptionally fine voices making the good singing, characterizing the services, a leading attraction of the new Church.

May 13th is the date of the first baptism—that of Eliza De Vinney, by the Rev. Theodore A. Hopkins. Sponsors, David Hoyt, Mrs. David Hoyt, Mrs. D. M. Dewey. This baptism was in Palmer's Hall.

Mr. Neely in his report for 1855-1856 makes thirty as the basis of original communicants,—twenty-eight as received during the Conventional year, 1856.

May 20th. Opening of the Sunday School. Superintendent, L. Ward Smith. Secretary and Librarian, H. H. Lambert. Teachers at first session: Delos Wentworth, Henry Bell, D. B. Beach, Mrs. Lansing, Mrs. Beach, Mrs. Delos Wentworth, Mrs. Dewey, Miss Caroline Lockwood, Miss Sarah Lockwood, Mrs. Brackett. Pupils—twenty-seven. Mrs. Dewey had charge of the infant room from the first session until her death, April, 1890.

ORIGINAL COMMUNICANTS

The list of original communicants,—those present at the first Celebration, on the first Sunday of the month, May, 1855—and largely received by letter from St. Lukes and St. Pauls—included, presumably, the following names :

(No record is found of the communicants at this first Communion—Mr. Neely's entry was for the entire years of 1855 and 1856.)

Mr. and Mrs. John Fairbanks, Mr. and Mrs. Delos Wentworth, Mrs. Maria Wentworth, Mr. and Mrs. Silas O. Smith, L. Ward Smith, Miss Maria Smith, Miss Augusta Smith, The Lockwood family—(seven names), Miss Clarissa Stone, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brackett, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Dewey, Mrs. Frances Childs, Mrs. Albert Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Beach, Miss Abby Cushman, Mrs. Elizabeth Scrantom, Myron G. Peck, Mrs. John Gray, Miss Mary Gray, Miss Maria Gray, Mrs. Reuben Bunnell, Mrs. James Wagstaff, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Woods, Mrs. H. C. Ives, Mrs. Samuel Stevens.

“ ROCHESTER, N. Y.

To the Rector of Grace Church,
Rev'd and Dear Sir:

The undersigned, late communicants of Grace Church, having removed therefrom and connected themselves with the parish of Christ Church . . . respectfully request of you to furnish them with the



MRS. DELLON M. DEWEY
1855



DELLON M. DEWEY



MRS. DELLON M. DEWEY
1885

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certificate prescribed by Canon XIII. passed by General Convention of Protestant Episcopal Church in 1853.

Thursday before Easter, A.D. 1856.

Signed.

DAN'L B. BEACH,	CATHARINE HALL,
LORAIN BEACH,	MYRON G. PECK,
SARAH HOYT,	SOPHIA SMITH,
	ELIZABETH L. SCRANTOM.

This letter was sent to Dr. Doty by Dr. Van Rensselaer in 1894—showing how little value had been placed on the early records. “It may interest you” wrote Dr. Van Rensselaer.

June 8th. “The Ladies of Christ Church, Rochester,” (to quote from the Book of Records of the old Sewing Society,) “met at the house of Mrs. John Fairbanks, 15 Chestnut Street, for the purpose of organizing a charitable and religious society within the parish.” “The Female Sewing and Benevolent Society,” was the result, and, had been confidently anticipated by the Vestry not many days before, when—“the efforts of the ladies in raising money for current expenses” was emphatically counted upon—in a forecast of expenses. The names of the founders of the old Sewing Society (Sowing seems the proper way to spell it) must never be forgotten in Christ Church, Rochester, N. Y.

Mrs. Samuel Stevens, Mrs. D. M. Dewey, Mrs. A. J. Brackett, Mrs. W. V. K. Lansing, Mrs. Delos Wentworth, Mrs. Maria Wentworth, Mrs. John Fairbanks, Mrs. Roswell Lockwood, Mrs. Charles

Lockwood, Miss Sarah Lockwood, Miss Caroline Lockwood, Miss Augusta Smith, Mrs. David Hoyt, Miss Mary Gray, Miss Miranda Jones, Mrs. Fanny Childs, Mrs. Susan Bush, Miss Wentworth, Mrs. Wheelock, Mrs. D. B. Beach.

A Constitution was adopted. The following was the result of the first election :

President, Mrs. Samuel Stevens; 1st Directress, Mrs. D. M. Dewey; 2d Directress, Mrs. E. M. Smith; 3d Directress, Mrs. W. V. K. Lansing; Secretary, Mrs. D. B. Beach; Treasurer, Mrs. A. J. Brackett; Managers, Mrs. John Fairbanks, Mrs. Delos Wentworth, Mrs. David Hoyt, Miss Sarah Lockwood.

June 27th. The Vestry decide to pay \$4,500.00 for the McFetridge lot on East Avenue, opposite Scio, "on the eastern border of the city," and to call the Rev. Mr. Neely of Utica, N. Y. to the rectorship of Christ Church.

October 1st. The Rev. Henry Adams Neely, associate rector of Calvary Church, Utica, N. Y., assumed the Rectorship—a young unmarried man, a graduate of Hobart, his Churchmanship of "the DeLancey type" (called Puseyite in those days). "We are full of zeal and energy," we read in the letter offering the rectorship to Mr. Neely, "and have no fear of any pecuniary deficiencies." Rector's salary fixed at \$1,000.00 a year; Sexton's \$75.00.

The first gift received by the new parish was \$100.00 from the Mother Church, St. Luke's. *The*



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Committee on organization had received \$100.00 from Silas O. Smith some time in 1854 or 1855.

The gifts for the sanctuary, as temporarily arranged in Palmers Hall, are entered under Memorials and Gifts. Through the efforts of the ladies of the Sewing Society a superior harmonium was provided. This venerable instrument is still in fair condition, (1904) and is occasionally used in the Parish House. The Sewing Society assumed the expense of a priest's surplice and stole. (The first cassock in Christ Church made its appearance several years later, a severe strain upon the decorum of the Sunday School children.) The Sewing Society also paid for the seat cushions, when the Chapel was near completion, and for a felt carpet "and trimmings for the same." The first Communion vessels were the gift of the Sewing Society—two cups, flagon and paten—the same that have been used for fifty years in Christ Church, and are hallowed by sacred associations. The purchase of these vessels was preceded by serious discussion, at a meeting held October 19th. "Shall we buy one chalice or two?" Two would increase the cost some fifty dollars, which meant much to the mission. Finally, two chalices were decided upon. Unwise frugality was not so successfully defeated in the matter of the carpet for the new Church. Felt would be cheaper than ingrain—so felt was bought. The kneeling benches were covered with the same. That felt carpet was fair to see for scarcely a twelve month; then the invest-

ment was bitterly deplored. In less than two years the kneeling benches were in tatters, and "keep thy foot" a wise precaution upon entering the House of the Lord. So one day the faithful women of the parish met in the Church, carpet hammers and tacks in hand—and before the sun went down things had been marvelously changed—with spicy comment on the good condition of some of those kneeling benches. That disappointing felt carpet was made to last, however, through constant repairing, until the year 1861, when a dark red ingrain, especially manufactured, with an ecclesiastical design took its place—the sewing of the long seams of that carpet, and much of the nailing down of the same, done by the women of the Church. That was "in the time of the War," be it remembered, when severe economy was the rule.

NAMING THE NEW CHURCH.

It was at a meeting of Christ Church Historical Society, September, 1879, that D. M. Dewey was called upon to tell how the Church received its name . . . "Every man interested in the new parish," said Mr. Dewey, "had a name to offer. We were resolved upon steering clear of anything with a Romish flavor. *St. Mary's* was the choice of several with carrying influence, but the fact that there was a *St. Mary's* already within the parish boundaries saved us from that. Appeal was made to Bishop Lee; as rector of *St. Luke's* he had been most zealous in organizing the new parish. "Call it Christ Church," he replied with emphasis. That settled it; Christ Church was the name of his first parish in Springfield, Mass. . . . Church growth, for many years had been impeded in Rochester. The congregation of *St. Luke's* and *St. Paul's* (not the Rector of the latter) were decidedly 'low' and lacking in sympathy with Bishop DeLancey's advanced views. *St. Paul's* had been in serious financial difficulty—Bishop DeLancey had bought the Church and, for legal reasons had changed its name to *Grace Church*. *St. Luke's* looked upon Bishop DeLancey as dangerously inclined to Puseyism—the bugbear of the Evangelicals at that time. Its delegates to Convention had annoyed and discouraged him on several occasions—Certain laymen of *St. Luke's* who sympathized with their Bishop

were foremost in promoting the new parish. got a good ready before making our first move. The devout aim of the movement had been voiced by Mr. L. Ward Smith at a preliminary meeting when a timid soul had asked, "What kind of Church is this to be?" by no means sure that Bishop DeLancey was not in league with the Pope of Rome. Mr. Smith had drawn a Prayer Book from his pocket and holding it up had answered, "it is to be a Prayer Book Church,"—and *a Prayer Book Church* Christ Church has always been.



PALMER'S HALL.

The services of the new parish were held in Palmer's Hall from April, 1855, until the following Christmas day, when the nearly completed Chapel was used for the first time. Palmer's Hall was a popular assembly room, on Main Street, opposite North. In its rear was a long established "pleasure garden," where in warm weather fire-works and ice cream were an attractive combination, to be enjoyed in little vine-clad summer-houses to the music of a band. The audience hall, where the services were held was anything but churchly, but

reading desk, altar, movable chancel, and a supply of Prayer Books were brought in when needed; and then it had a marked feature, housed in the room above, and easily reached, one that was irresistibly attractive to children and no doubt had much to do with the growth of the Sunday School—a rare collection of wax-works the very same that had belonged to the famous old Rochester Museum on Exchange Street—and which it had then cost a good shilling to gaze upon. The first sight of the wax works began at the very entrance to the building—where Lafayette, life-size, beckoned you on up the stairway to the audience room, other creations in wax along the way extending the invitation to the room above, where William Tell stood with his bow taut drawn, the arrow aimed at the apple on the head of his son. After Sunday School the children

would slip up the stairs when they could, for another look at Robert Bruce, six feet six inches high—Othello *shooting* at Desdemona, mind you; the Rochester Beauty with the languishing eyes—the Siamese Twins, a galaxy of attractions such as Mission School never had before. Those wax-works, had much to do with the founding of the new parish,—for aside from their supplemental aid to the Sunday School, they had brought one hundred dollars to the organization committee of the parish. With the financial collapse of the Old Museum they came into the possession of Silas O. Smith. He sold them for one hundred dollars to James Palmer and gave the money to the organization committee of the new parish. (See p. 15.)

December 13th. A Festival was held at Palmer's Hall under the auspices of the Sewing Society, for the building fund. The Chapel was nearly completed. James Wagstaff was doing his best to have it ready by Christmas day. Nobody would grumble if the floor were bare, the seats uncushioned, and if inclined planks served for steps at the portal. The Festival was a great success in every way; "tickets one shilling; turtle soup, oyster soup, and ice cream extra." There was a Post Office with letters for everybody and anybody—postage five cents paid upon delivery; a fortune teller's booth that none might escape. The sale of two leaflets added considerably to the profits of the affair—each a poem Hiawathian in metre. (Hiawatha was the best selling book of the hour.) Miss Augusta Smith wrote

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one, and Miss Jenny Marsh the other. Miss Smith's description of Bishop Lee's farewell message to St. Luke's was as follows :

“ On the city's western border,
 Western bank of Gasconchagon,
 Stands a venerable building ;
 Look ! its sacred aisles are crowded. . . , .
 Hushed the chant—when one descending
 Spake unto them in this wise :
 ‘ I am going, O my children,
 On a long and distant journey
 To the portals of the sunset,
 To the land of the Iowas,
 But one wish I leave behind me
 That our churches may re-double
 On the city's *eastern* border
 Build a chapel ! oh, my children ! ’ ”

Passing over what describes the readiness of his children in obeying—we see them choosing a site for the chapel—

“ Saying, ‘ *Here* shall be our chapel ;
 Shape the stones and mix the mortar !
 Swiftly bring and lay the timbers !
 Lay them lengthwise—lay them crosswise.’
 Now at last the open portal
 Calls the passer-by to linger ;
 And within the moon of snow-shoes—
 All will gather in the chapel.
 All will join in loud hosannas. . . .”

The Secretary of the Sewing Society, Mrs. Beach, enlivened her minutes at this time by recording—
 “ Our chapel is finished ! All hail our free chapel ! ”
 Net avails of this first “ festival,” \$381.81.

CHRIST CHURCH CHAPEL.

Severely plain in architecture, but strictly churchly in every detail—not a penny wasted in meaningless decoration—a harmony of symbolism throughout, Christ Church Free Chapel rose up from what had long been a jungle of fruit trees—an abandoned tree nursery, late in the autumn of 1855. Why the church was built so far in the rear of the lot which reached from East Avenue to Galusha Street (Lawn Street 1904) was inexplicable to those who did not know that the building was originally intended for the Sunday School and parish house of the church edifice of the future,—and which was to have its portal upon East Avenue quite near to the side-walk. Every brick in the pile stood for genuine self-sacrifice and cheerful giving. Few were the rich of the congregation,—and yet it was not a church built especially for the poor by the comparatively poor as mission-chapels often are. Its founders were prominent Churchmen, largely from St. Luke's; business men of the city—men of affairs—the women enlisted, exceptionally fitted for guaranteeing the permanent success of the enterprise—social leaders, many of them, and promoters of charitable and educational movements generally. It was a popular undertaking from the first—and highly favored in its first rector, the Rev. Henry A. Neely,—whose influence upon the parish shaped its after life, and still survives. Mr. Neely



MRS. CHARLES R. DAVIS



THE ORIGINAL CHRIST CHURCH
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was the ideal leader—gifted in unifying discordant elements—in focalizing energy—in maintaining and increasing zeal. Strong and deep, and true he laid the foundation stones of this parish. He trained his people in fundamentals, before all else, there was no uncertain note in what he continuously declared to be *the* fundamentals of the faith. His sermons were mainly doctrinal—best when he spoke extempore—best of all, when aroused to plead and rebuke, he spoke with the fervor of an inspired prophet. His people never thought him arbitrary,—their loyalty was unailing; he never disappointed them in any way. Even the old fashioned “evangelicals,” uneasy at the outset lest he should land them in Rome, learned to listen with docility when he taught submission to the authority of the Church in matters of faith—and that the infallibility of the Church was never to be questioned . . . That the worship of Christ Church for many years was characterized by hearty responses was the result of the training of the congregation under Mr. Neely. “Let all the people say Amen—” was his text one Sunday in those pioneer days— (ā-men not ah-men)—and so strongly did he impress upon his hearers their individual duty in making audible responses, that one old lady with a cracked, penetrating voice, whose shrill crescendo was beyond her control, soon became a feature of the responses, notably in the Litany—her “Good Lord deliver us”—a tax upon the gravity of her co-worshippers. Communion Sunday, in Mr. Neely’s time saw the children of the

Sunday School gathered around the chancel for a thorough training by him in the Catechism. Dr. Schuyler used to tell how startled he had been the first time he catechised the school on a Communion Sunday, so promptly explosive had the answer in concert been given to the first question asked—something the Doctor was unprepared for. It was in that first year of Mr. Neely's pastorate that he had printed and distributed in the pews, seven stanzas of George Herbert's poem—The Church Porch—the same framed, hung in Christ Church porch for many years.

. . . "When once thy foot enters the Church be bare.
 God is more there than thou : for thou art there
 Only by his permission. Then beware,
 And make thyself all reverence and fear.
 Kneeling ne'er spoiled silk stocking : quit thy state,
 All equal are within the Church's gate . . ."

Free seats, in the House of the Lord, was the key note of Mr. Neely's pastorate—emphasized by him continually. That the seats of Christ Church would ever be assigned according to their value was as little dreamed of by the pioneers of the parish, as that candles would ever be lighted upon the altar—the wafer substituted for home-made bread, and that a vested choir would take the place of the congregational singing—a processional cross at its head. That the young rector had decided leanings toward elaborated ritual, was no secret; but there was a conservative element among his people, that postponed, for years, after his leaving them, certain

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innovations" like draping the Church on Good Friday—the rising of the congregation at the presentation of the offertory—even the substitution of *ah-men*—for *ā-men* in the responses. This last change was not easily accomplished—the sticklers for the old pronunciation showing considerable zeal—but they were no match for the "*ah-meners*" at the end.

CHRIST CHURCH FREE CHAPEL.

The building was without an entrance porch, for several months after that first service on Christmas day. The chancel projected from the south wall some ten feet. It contained an altar, two chairs and a lectern—each plain of the plainest. The font stood on the lower chancel step, facing the main aisle. Above the altar was a small arched window of stained glass—its illumination an *Agnus Dei*. A door led from the chancel into the tiny box of a vestry; (the same door may be seen in the southwest corner of the old church today, May, 1905) one compartment of the wardrobe of the vestry was used for the Sunday School, and the Parish library. All that remains now (1905) of the interior of the old chapel is that segment of the side walls and roof between the old chancel and the new, and which was retained by Dr. Doty as a memorial monument of the first days of the parish. The height of the interior has been greatly lessened by the raising of the floor several feet. Looking up at the dusty rafters of the old chapel one day, Dr. Doty said, musingly to a survivor of the old dispensation—"Some of the dust up there must date back to '55,—a legacy from the saints of those days."

The beautiful honey locust (*Gleditsia tricanthos*) the glory of our spacious church lawn, is a survival of the old-time nursery jungle.

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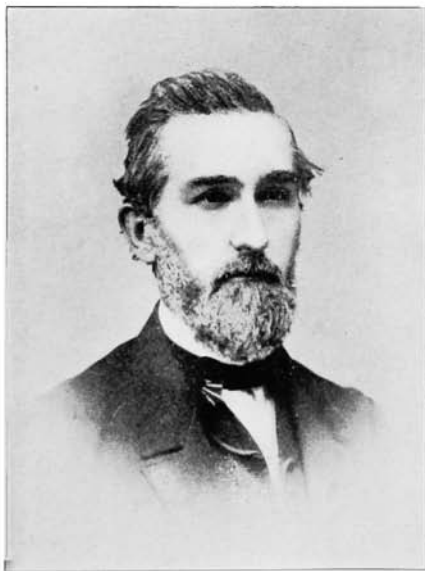
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“ While the *Gleditschia tricanthos* is common as a hedge plant, very rarely does one see as noble a specimen as that upon the grounds of Christ Church, East Avenue.”

GEORGE H. ELLWANGER.

FIRST SERVICE IN CHRIST CHURCH FREE CHAPEL.

For that first service on Christmas day, 1855, big loads of evergreens were brought from the woods in Irondequoit, by teams supplied by Mr. Silas O. Smith. The volunteer wood-choppers,—men from the congregation, were supplemented by one or two in Mr. Smith's employ, the cost nothing but cheerful service. Great piles of pine and hemlock filled the basement of the unoccupied Ranney house, next door east of the chapel. Everybody in the parish had been invited to turn out and help cut and tie the greens; for hundreds of yards of thick wreaths were demanded. The long ladders of the contractors would not be taken from the church until the greens had been hung, and such a wealth of wreaths and boughs and entire trees has never been seen in Christ Church since that Christmas day—nor such hands, as a good many of the congregation could show from working upon the pines. The stiff necks of the Israelites of old were as nothing to the stiff, sticky pine-blackened hands of that goodly number of Christ Church parishioners who were cutting, clipping and tying greens, until after midnight of that Christmas Eve,—the caroling of the tired workers, led by Mr. Neely, the first midnight service of the parish. The taking down of those Christmas greens was no trifling matter. Not until the perpetual shower of prickly needles falling, upon the heads, and down the collars of the congre-



HENRY H. LAMBERT



AARON LOVECRAFT



WM. V. K. LANSING

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gation was beyond further endurance, were they removed.

An exact repetition of every feature of that first service fifty years ago would be an amazing revelation of the contrast between the ritual approved by good Churchmanship in that day and this. Neither organ nor choristers for the hearty congregational singing—Mr. Neely's resonant bass soaring above all. Beside the harmonium stood the choir—Mr. and Mrs. Dewey; L. Ward Smith, (then a layman), Miss Mary and Miss Maria Gray, and others. If Mrs. Beach was not the organist, that day then it was Mrs. Lansing—or Mr. Gregory. Mr. Neely always preached in a black gown, of course—and wore the broad white bands "representing the tables of the law."

We get an idea of the indispensability of the black gown at that time in a letter from Rev. Theodore A. Hopkins, July 25, 1855, to D. M. Dewey, promising to supply Christ Church, August 5th. "I shall not, however, have with me my black gown. I hope you can have one borrowed, as I must leave mine here. Otherwise, I shall have to preach in my surplice."

The meter of every psalm and hymn was announced, the doxology sung at the close of each.

Mr. Lansing and Mr. Beach "took up the collection"—the former exceptionally tall—the latter below the medium height. "The long and short of Christ Church" they were sometimes called.

There is no record to be found of Mr. Neely's

sermon that Christmas day. The first treasurer's book has long been missing from the archives—the amount of that first collection looked for in vain.

Eleven Children were baptized, at that first service in the chapel, the second celebration of the rite in the parish.

William Francis Gray, Kate Malvina Gray, James Harvey Quigley, Amelia Griswold Quigley, George Franklin Quigley, Charles Henry Quigley, Albert Edward Quigley, Mary Jane Quigley, William Hancock, Frederick Joyce, James Daniel McNaught.

The Holy Communion was celebrated after the sermon.

Early in the year 1856, a parish library was opened, twenty-five cents a year entitling one to draw books. A list of the volumes it contained was framed and hung up in the church porch—doctrinal books mainly, never in great demand. A few religious novels—Miss Sewall's in full—were added. A full set of *Norton's Lives of the Bishops* were in the Sunday School library, the gift of the author—but in spite of Mr. Neely's efforts to have the children read them, their pages were unsoiled for years—their bindings unbroken. Survivals of the old Parish Library are in the library of the Parish house today, (1905). Seats intended for the children of the church; low benches were placed against the side walls early in Mr. Neely's pastorate, and by his request; proving effectually the undesirability of seating children in isolated companies beyond prompt control by adults.

THE FIRST CONFIRMATION.

March 30th. The following were confirmed by Bishop DeLancey: Mr. Alfred Hoyt, John George Gray, Thomas McNaught, Walter Morton Tompkins, Mrs. Catharine Gray, Eliza Strickland Bunnell, Adeline L. Johnson, Julia Elizabeth Varney, Miss Mary Alice Gray, Miss Maria Gray, Miss Mary Ann Shelton, Miss Gertrude Jane Wentworth, Miss Sarah Ann Elwood, Miss Caroline Neer, Miss Margaret Rebecca Drum, Miss Margaret Longford, Miss Eliza DeVinney.

August 26th. First wedding in the Church, George Tann Parker and Permelia Jane Marsh, Tuesday evening, seven o'clock, Mr. Neely officiating. Mrs. Silas O. Smith trimmed the chancel with flowers.*

Christmas Eve. The first processional of Christ Church Sunday School marched down East Avenue and Main Street to the Third Presbyterian Church—(south side of Main Street between Stone and St. Paul)—, Mr. Dewey frequently skipping out into the middle of the street the better to behold the spectacle. Christmas that year came upon Sunday. Mr. Neely would not consent to having the "Sunday School Feast" held in the church. That was before Presbyterians looked upon Christmas greens

*Two strangers in the parish—non-residents of the city—Andrew Hoagland and Marion Bucklin had been privately married in the Chapel by Mr. Neeley, July 19, 1856.

and festivities with favor, far from it. Christ Church was offered the free use of the "Sabbath" School room of the Third Presbyterian Church (then on Main Street, east corner of Minerva Alley) for its festival upon the condition that the room should be thoroughly swept clean of every vestige of Christmas greens before midnight, lest little Presbyterians be brought into touch with Romish and Pagan usage. It was well after midnight before the faithful women of Christ Church had eliminated every trace of a green sprig from the Sabbath School room—the second Christmas midnight service of the parish.

There was great suffering among the poor of the city that winter of 1857-1858. Christ Church was organized by the Rector into a relief association—the raising of funds for a parish school-house postponed until the prevailing distress should be alleviated. The Sewing Society worked mainly upon garments for the destitute several months.

A. D. 1859.

January 5th. "If we had twice our present room, it would be occupied before our next anniversary . . . we believe that within three years we might be ready to colonize and establish another Free Church in some unoccupied quarter of the city."

REPORT OF THE VESTRY.

Average attendance upon the Sunday School nearly two hundred.

"The cost of the Church building (including fur-

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niture, and Communion service) \$6,829.85 has been fully paid."

In the sermon preached upon "this our anniversary season" (January) by Mr. Neely, *the evils of the pew system*, were emphasized:

. . . "Under this system, there is no place in the Church save for those who are so desirous of it as to be willing to pay a tax for the privilege. What then are we doing for those who have no interest in the Gospel . . . ? Would you double the present efficiency of this parish. . . give it a Parochial School." Following this sermon, was the report of the Committee on Current Expenses in which the depressing statement was made, that only about one quarter of the regular attendants upon the services of the church were in the habit of contributing anything.

The Free Church system from the outlook of the vestry was not as rosy as it had been.

November. Marriage of the Rev. Henry A. Neely and Mary Floyd Delafield of Geneva, N. Y. The occasion was joyfully celebrated by the parish at the house of Mr. John Fairbanks, where the newly wedded pair were to make their home. The telegram that came from Mr. and Mrs. Neely immediately after the marriage, was the cause of hilarious rejoicing.

\$3,000.00 unpaid on the church lot.

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February. The Sunday School house finished. How well some of us remember the disap-

pointment attending the entrance of the Sunday School into the new building—or rather of that considerable number which could not get in at all, and had to return to the church. “Nothing is ever made big enough for Christ Church” was already a truism. “The school-house adjoining,” small as it was, was for years indispensable in the promotion of every parish activity. Mr. Neely’s plan, to have a parochial day-school where children might receive religious education, and training in the true faith was never realized in the many schools held in the building—Miss Herron’s of Dr. Schuyler’s time, fulfilling Mr. Neely’s ideal, perhaps, more nearly than any.

December 9th. Death of David Hoyt, ex-warden. Mr. Hoyt had been a leading bookseller and publisher for many years. He was highly esteemed as a citizen and business man, and had served as vestryman of St. Luke’s and Trinity before enlisting in the new parish on the eastern border.

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January. Death of Andrew J. Brackett, “for many years a warden of this parish, and one of its most faithful and efficient supporters.” The church was draped for Mr. Brackett’s funeral, the vestry attending in a body.

May. The enlargement of the church edifice by a recessed chancel and organ room decided upon. Accepted bid of contractor, with certain specified extra expenses, \$2,825.00. Subscriptions pledged for \$2,824.00.



ANDREW J. BRACKETT



MRS. A. J. BRACKETT

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June 5th. Mr. D. M. Dewey gives a lecture upon *Engraving and the Arts* in Corinthian Hall for the benefit of the Enlargement Fund; also an exhibition of pictures, old books etc., at the same place, on the afternoon of June 6th. Tickets fifty cents—admitting holders to lecture and exhibition.

June. The Sewing Society urge supplementing the new chancel with an organ—promising to help pay for the same. Designs for the new chancel rail, prayer desk, and lecturn were given by the Rev. Charles W. Hayes—a close personal friend of Mr. Neely.

June 12th. The last confirmation at the first chancel; Mr. Neely's last class in Christ Church, Bishop De Lancey officiating. The following were confirmed: Jonathan L. Booth, Albert Walker, H. B. James, Albert Child Walker, Samuel Stevens, George Hand Stevens, Mrs. Maria A. Smith, Mrs. Mary L. Crosman, Mrs. Maria J. Davis, Mrs. Agnes B. Elder, Mrs. Mary S. Robinson, Miss Mary Emmons, Mrs. Maria Stilson Burbank, Miss Lucy A. Milliman, Miss Emma L. Walker, Miss Sarah J. Hicks, Miss Charlotte E. Davis, Miss Emeline E. Woods, Miss Anna Powell, Miss Julia Fraats, Miss Mary Eudora Ramsey, Miss Helen Augusta Morse, Miss Martha Jane Scrantom, Miss Fanny Child Dewey, Miss Martha M. Warriner.

From a newspaper clipping, happily preserved by Mrs. Crabbe, a clue has been gained to the date of the laying corner stone for the new chancel.

June 13. "Friday morning, 11 o'clock"—

Nothing is said of the contents of the stone. There was a processional of clergy and congregation, headed by the venerable Bishop, to the temporary platform near the eastern wall of the new chancel, the 122d Psalm being recited antiphonally. Short addresses were made by the Bishop; the Rector; the Rev. Mr. Leffingwell of Palmyra, the Rev. Mr. Armitage of Detroit, and the Rev. L. Ward Smith." . . . "Before the throng had separated the Rector expressed his thanks for the cordial and ready liberality whereby the means necessary for the enlargement had been provided, and his confidence that the work would be finished without involving the parish in debt one dollar. . . ."

The specialty of the Sewing Society that summer was lawn sun-bonnets—cheap enough at a dollar apiece. So great was Mr. Neely's admiration of those "enlargement bonnets" he advised their adoption for Sunday wear; but nobody recalls ever having seen one in church—not even at the Friday morning services at eight o'clock.



“THE OLD SEWING SOCIETY.”

The loss of the Secretary's records of *The Female Sewing and Benevolent Society of Christ Church, Rochester, N. Y.*, for the years 1860, 1861, 1862, 1863, and 1864, nothing can replace. Those were the most memorable years of the organization—the years during the civil war, and of important changes in the parish generally. The record from 1855 to 1860 was imperfectly kept. Few are the survivors of the first decade of the parish; of the first year only a rapidly lessening little company remain whose reminiscences are largely unavailable. Of the original members of the Sewing Society—those of the first two years—Mrs. W. V. K. Lansing; Mrs. R. D. Kellogg; Mrs. J. H. Nellis; Mrs. A. E. Crabbe, Mrs. H. C. Ives, Mrs. Emma Breck Richardson, Miss Mary Gray, Miss Louise Dwinelle, and Mrs. Parker are the survivors, this Jubilee year, 1905.

The loss of the record of the war times is greatly to be deplored. The Society sent many boxes and barrels to the front; the school-house was the bustling headquarters for making and receiving supplies. Sewing machines were comparatively new in those days, and far less perfect than now; the most of the sewing was done by hand—hundreds of havelocks* and finger-mittens, and no end of anything and everything a soldier could possibly need

* Havelocks were adopted and speedily discarded in the civil war. They were a head covering of white cloth to be worn over the cap, as a protection against sunstroke. Thousands were sent to the front and thrown aside by our troops.

for his comfort and cheer, and much that he did not, was dispatched to the front; haste in doing the work sometimes resulting in amusing mistakes, as when a shirt was sleeved with drawers legs, and barely missed forwarding unrevised. Not a few of our number were in the army; James H. Nellis was a prisoner for months in Richmond, Va.; Captain Henry B. Hoyt, son of our first Junior Warden saw active and prolonged service at the front. The financial stress and strain of the period explains the serious falling off in the church subscriptions. The heroism of the parish in undertaking the chancel enlargement when it did, so soon after the completion of the Sunday School house, was owing largely to the persistent zeal of the Sewing Society.

"Perhaps some day," to quote from a Secretary's report, "accurate specialists—experts in statistics—will tell just how many fine stitches went to every brick in old Christ Church, and how many yards of tatten; the number of 'fascinators,' 'sea-foams,' needle-books, night caps, etc. that were built into the towers thereof." The semi-monthly meetings of "the society" were the leading social function of the parish. They were held at the houses of parishioners as a rule and began promptly at two o'clock P. M. At six, the men came to supper, and to spend the evening, the sewing and knitting by no means suspended that they might be especially entertained. Seventy-five shirts—hand made, every stitch, was nothing unusual in the report of a year's work. Old ladies' caps, and night caps were the great industry—those dainty much be-frilled creations, it was a priv-

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ilege to secure at almost any price. Matrons in those days, "put on caps" at forty. But it was widows caps, and wedding night caps that Christ Church Sewing Society excelled in making. Without a glossary, how mysterious those old records of "work done" will be some day—they are now, save to the survivors of those who helped to do it. "Net;" "cross;" "time;" "cockade;" what do they mean? Mrs. Winn, and a majority of the saints of the parish are down as "cross." Cardboard crosses are meant, let it be explained, and they were in great demand,—Albert Walker, one of the Sunday School boys, making many of them. "Time?" Oh, yes, that means that when there was not work enough to go round, the unemployed were required to pay five cents—sometimes ten. "Cockades?" There the war rings in with the rosettes of red, white and blue ribbon topped by an army button—the cockades made by the Society were in great demand. We get a glimpse of the frugality enforced in the following entry. "The President asked if the ladies present had by mistake taken home spools of cotton; a number of spools are missing."

The turkey-red covered Sewing Society basket was always kept at Mrs. Dewey's on East Avenue opposite Chestnut Street. An impressive prelude to every meeting was the arrival of that basket, carried usually by "Delly," or Fanny, or Jenny Dewey—those Mercurys on the highways and the hedges of the parish.

The following extract from a letter written "to

the Sewing Society" by Mr. Neely from St. Anthony's Falls, Minnesota, December 28, 1860, where he spent a few months should have place here.

. . . "I have been informed that the Sunday School house will not be ready to open on Christmas Day. That surprised and grieved me very much. If the children of the Sunday School have not *seceded* in consequence, they are more patient and forbearing than South Carolina. . . . I have thought it probable that on account of the President's proclamation you would defer your Annual Meeting to some other day—and will observe the day appointed by the Chief Magistrate as one of fasting and prayer on account of impending national calamities."

This surely conveys the impression that the meetings of the Society were the reverse of corrective and disciplinary—even when another revision of the Constitution happened to be in order—or the question was to be discussed—"How much longer can the Free Seat System be maintained in this parish?"

October 6th. Mr. Neely sends in his resignation, to the great surprise and sorrow of his people. It was Bishop DeLancey's desire that he should do so, and accept the chaplaincy of Hobart College—for reasons considered paramount to the claims of the parish or to Mr. Neely's preference in the matter.

. . . "My intercourse with my people has been of the most kindly and enduring nature .

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. . . the new position . . . offers as a home, no attractions comparable with those which have bound me here. . . I have been determined to take the step chiefly by the prospect . . . of bringing my influence to bear directly and continuously upon a considerable body of young men, who are hereafter to be . . . *leaders* in the ecclesiastical and political world." *Letter to the vestry.*

From Hobart College, Dr. Neely was called at the close of 1864 to the assistant rectorship of Trinity Chapel, New York City. In January, 1867, he was consecrated Bishop of Maine.

The "envelope system" originated in Christ Church under the rectorship of Mr. Neely and was devised by him. Had he remained in charge of the parish ten years longer, possibly the system of free seats never had been given up, for his allegiance to the free seat system knew no shadow of turning. Subscription papers for making up deficits were circulated with increasing frequency before he left the parish; the meeting of current expenses was becoming a permanent demand upon the members of the vestry. The first entering wedge threatening the end of the free seat system came just before the arrival of the new rector, Dr. Schuyler. Cards bearing the names of the regular occupants were affixed to the seats—a measure openly resented by many, who tore off the cards, persisting in so doing whenever the same were replaced. Dr. Schuyler discreetly declined to take sides in the matter. Metal plates, numbering the seats were affixed early

in 1863. Evidently there had been a decided change of base in the vestry, made up as it was of keen-sighted business men—a change the congregation generally regarded with disfavor. Shortly before Dr. Schuyler took charge the seats had been assigned, but not rented.

September 21st, 1862. The Rev. Anthony Schuyler of Grace Church, Oswego, N. Y., accepts the rectorship. Salary \$1,400.00 . . . "until the resources of the church warrant more" is the record of the vestry.

His first sermon was from the text: "I am determined to know nothing among you but Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

A. D. 1863.

May 6th. The vestry contract for the building of an organ—\$1,400.

August. The Diocesan Convention for 1863, in Christ Church, Rochester, "had for the first time a fair attempt at a choral service,—the clergy acted as choristers." (History of the Diocese of Western New York, by Charles Wells Hayes.) Bishop DeLancey at this convention asked for an Assistant.

September 28th. Death of Silas O. Smith, Senior Warden, aged eighty years. . . . "We mourn the death of one of our founders, our Senior Warden from the beginning . . . one who labored arduously and successfully through our day of small things. . . ." (*Record of the vestry.*)



CHAS. R. BABBITT



REV. L. WARD SMITH

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The church was draped and the vestry attended in a body, each wearing a mourning badge.

October. General John L. Gardiner, U. S. A., elected Senior Warden. General Gardiner had been in command of Fort Sumter, S. C., the *immediate* predecessor of General Anderson of immortal memory. General Gardiner had been removed through southern influence, as one less likely to be successfully manipulated for secession than General Anderson. A gentleman of the old school, of distinguished military bearing, most genial and affable, General Gardiner and his charming wife were a great acquisition to the parish. Mrs. Isaac F. Quinby, whose name is inseparable from our missionary records, and whose willing hands never wearied in our church work, was a daughter of General Gardiner, and at that time a member of St. Paul's Church, uniting with Christ Church in 1876.

November. "The salary of the organist from the time the organ is put in shall be \$200.00 a year."

December 31st. The funeral services of Rev. L. Ward Smith, late rector of St. Michael's, Germantown, Penn., crowded the church of which Mr. Smith was one of the prominent founders, as it had never been before on any occasion. The sermon was by Mr. Neely from the words, "Redeeming the time." Mr. Smith had entered the ministry in middle life. He was the eldest son of Silas O. Smith, and had been identified with political, mili-

tary and literary affairs. His was the leading place among the writers of early Rochester—the publication in book form of his stories, when he was but a youth, an event of local importance. His service in the priesthood was brief—less than five years—but it revealed complete surrender to his high calling.

A. D. 1864.

March. The improvement of the front of the church edifice by a bell tower, and enlarged portal decided upon. The offertory on Easter day and Whitsunday was for “the enlargement.”

Easter. The organ used for the first time. Cost of the organ \$1,600. . . . The organ was barely placed for the Easter service; the screen for the blower was lacking; he must needs pump in full sight of the congregation. He was a sturdy old Hollander, well known in the locality, and by no means abashed by his new surroundings, his curious survey of the faces before him betraying his recognition of friends. Hardly equal to the prolonged exertion demanded, he whipped off his coat in the *Te Deum*, and scarcely waited for the amen before he was mopping his dripping face with a bright bandana. That there would be no delay in completing the full outfit of the organ was assured in that opening service, even before the man at the bellows showed plainly in the evening service his dissent from the words of the hymn: “My willing soul would stay—In such a frame as this.”

June. “Hereafter all the seats in the church shall be under the exclusive control of the vestry.”

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July 6th. The rector's salary advanced to \$1,800.

August 19th, 1864. "Arthur Cleveland Coxe elected Assistant Bishop of Western New York on the first ballot."

(See Hayes, Diocese Western New York, p 242.)

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January 15th, 1865. The Right Reverend A. Cleveland Coxe, D. D., Assistant Bishop, makes his first Episcopal visit. On this occasion the vestry presented him with a fine portmanteau, for his vestments.

April 5th. Death of Bishop DeLancey. The church was heavily draped, the hangings serving for the death of Abraham Lincoln which took place a little over a week after, April 14th. The material used was a coarse alpaca, hundreds of yards. This was afterwards given out in dress lengths, to the poor women of the parish.

December 7th. A national Thanksgiving service was held in the church commemorating the return of peace.

A. D. 1866.

January. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey after ten years of free and faithful service retired from the leadership of the choir. The vestry expressed the sincere regret of the congregation—"the deep sense of the indebtedness of the parish." It was a long time before the change was accepted as final. The congregation united in a suitable testimonial to Mr. and Mrs. Dewey in the form of a silver coffee and

tea service, inscribed, "*As well the singers as the players on instruments shall be there.*"

March. Subscriptions for a bell called for.

Whitsunday. The impressive co-incidence between the first lesson and the state of the weather during the Sunday School festival of this day is well remembered by all who were in the crowded church, when the memorable hail storm of that year burst in full fury just as Dr. Schuyler was reading of the "rushing mighty wind." The noise of the hail stones upon the roof was terrific, the darkness with fearful thunder and lightning causing a momentary panic which, fortunately, was firmly controlled. In addition to the Sunday School children, there was a large contingent of infants present with their parents and sponsors; the most of these had not left the building when the storm began. The destruction from hail, throughout the city and the surrounding country was great, the demolishing of window glass unprecedented in the history of Western New York, the loss of the nurseries alone amounting to thousands of dollars.

"We are very much in need of more light," we read in Mrs. Booth's minutes, of the Sewing Society, that year,—a matter of additional gas-jets for the chancel entirely. The women of the church gave much discussion to the question as to which was the greater need—a corona or a new lectern. The majority favored the corona; but the chancel darkness prevailed, nevertheless, for some five years longer. The old lectern, Mr. Neely's gift in 1855, was not supplemented for some six years after.

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July 17th. Death of Mrs. Fanny Child, aged seventy-five years. Mrs. Childs was the mother of Mrs. D. M. Dewey, Mrs. Albert Walker, Mrs. Elbert Scrantom and Mrs. J. M. Winslow. She was greatly beloved,—her death the common sorrow of the parish.

December. The Finance Committee report \$1,645.00 raised on subscription. \$285.00 on pledges, making \$1,930.00 of the \$2,000.00 that *must be* raised.

A. D. 1867.

November. Financial deficiency \$500.00.

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February. The vestry decide to buy the lot adjoining the church grounds on the west, fronting on East Avenue—25 feet front and rear, extending south 135 feet—with a right of way to Chestnut Park (Lawn Street 1904) at an expense of not more than \$2,500.00; and to sell to J. E. Hayden four feet of the church lot on the east side, consideration \$2,000.00; stipulation "no building shall be put up within fifteen feet of the present east line of the church building nor any further front than the front of the church building. . . ."*

March. St. Peter's congregation (Presbyterian) hold Sunday afternoon services in Christ Church by invitation of the vestry. St. Peter's had been nearly destroyed by fire, March 18th.

* See Vestry records for further stipulation.

May 27th. Dr. Schuyler resigns the rectorship. He accepts a call to Grace Church, Orange, N. J., where he remained until his death, Nov. 22, 1900, in the eighty-fifth year of his age.

June 25th. The first of a long series of Lawn Festivals, a feature of the parish, was given by Mrs. Parker's Bible Class. \$100.00 was realized for the Rectory Fund.

June 1st. The civil war and all that it meant to a vigorous parish in a northern city, was a crucial test of Dr. Schuyler's qualifications as a pastor. That he met the test as he did, and was so exceptionally fitted to bear the strain, Christ Church may well give thanks. Zealous Republicans, and zealous Democrats were about equally divided and prominent in his congregation—the bitterness of party feeling not always suppressed even in the temple of peace. There were those who called for war sermons, and there were those who would have left the church had war sermons been preached and who never said amen to the prayer for the President of the United States. Softly, steadily, ever striving for harmony, Dr. Schuyler kept a firm, gentle hand upon his people, preaching neither for Republicans nor for Democrats, but for both,—for the north and for the south and ever for Christ Crucified, holding his ranks unbroken—the bond of unity strengthened and inspired by his gospel of brotherly love. There were whispers of dissent sometimes, from both factions—but his sweet discretion held them together as one. Blessed be the peacemakers—blessed the memory of Dr. Schuyler.



DAVID HOYT
(From an old Ivory Miniature)



DANIEL B. BEACH



MRS. DANIEL B. BEACH

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His work in the parish was less aggressive than that of Mr. Neely, but none the less progressive and enduring. He held what had been acquired—he added thereto a spiritual force, glorifying Mr. Neely's fundamentals as the ivy on our church walls hides the stone blocks to-day. His was a gentle, persuasive nature—tactful, but never scheming—open as the day; not over strenuous in defining distinctions between the essentials and the non-essentials of faith. No one called him an aristocrat, proud as he was known to be, and had reason to be of his family lineage—direct descent from Peter Schuyler and Alexander Hamilton. His democracy was of the broadest, the most Catholic type. In many traits he resembled Dr. Doty, notably in his sense of humor, his liking for a good story and his gift in telling one.

His sermons were of an exceptionally high order, spiritual and persuasive, ever stamped with a literary excellence and poetical charm. He seldom preached what are called doctrinal sermons; when he did, his hearers called them by another name—their gospel was beyond the letter of dogma—above the strictures of creeds. The sermon his old Christ Church people remember best, perhaps, is that one they used to ask him to repeat every autumn after they first heard it: "We all do fade as a leaf"—a poem, in fact, on the decay of nature, and the life immortal.

January, 1869. The Rev. Walton W. Battershall of St. Thomas Church, Ravenswood, L. I., accepts the rectorship. Salary \$2,500.00.

Easter. The chancel was refurnished and greatly beautified. The corona light (cross and crown) dispelled the chancel's darkness. The cost of the corona was \$200.00, the gift of the Sewing Society. Christ Church bell rang out for the first time on Easter morning. Cost of the bell \$772.00. The inscription was given by Mr. Battershall: "I will tell of thy loving kindness early in the morning, and of thy truth in the night season."

The first ringing of that bell, Easter day, 1869, was a notable event in the neighborhood; very early it began breaking out with what seemed to outsiders, irrepressible hilarity, for it rang the responses of the lauds and prayers, and joined the chorus of the Easter carols both in the morning and the afternoon service.

March. Death of General Gardiner, ex-warden.

April 20th. Laying of the corner stone of the Church Home.

June 1st. Organization of the Board of the Church Home. Christ Church was represented on the first Board of Trustees by the Rev. W. W. Battershall, Charles E. Upton, Dellon M. Dewey. On the Board of Managers by Mrs. D. M. Dewey (Vice-President); Mrs. J. L. Booth, Miss Maria Smith, Mrs. Charles E. Upton, Mrs. J. M. Smith, Mrs. E. M. Smith (Corresponding Secretary).

The Church Home has ever had the generous support of Christ Church. The names of its parishioners who have served long and faithfully upon its Board may not be given here.

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The Rectory finished and opened with a parish house-warming.

The contract with the builders of the rectory specified that the cost was not to exceed \$4,100.00.

January, 1870. Church debt, \$2,455.29

Pledges due (collectible,) 470.03

\$1,985.26

April 22d. "On motion of Mr. Upton, seconded by Mr. Dewey it was resolved that the necessities of the church demand that for *this* year an assessment be made upon the occupants of the church seats and that the assessment be upon a basis in accordance with the seating accommodations of the church—a committee to be appointed to make such an assessment, and that the amount so provided shall not be less than \$4,000.00."

Minutes of the Vestry.

This announcement was made from the chancel the Sunday morning following the action of the Vestry. Bishop Neely was visiting his old parish upon that occasion. He lamented the measure, but admitted its necessity.

May. Mr. Battershall asked a reduction of his salary—\$500.00—"until the financial pressure of the church is relieved." The vestry firmly declined.

July. Death of Mrs. A. J. Brackett.

December. Death of Aaron Lovecraft, vestryman and chairman of the Music Committee; also leader of the choir for many years. The year ends with a hopeful outlook financially, owing to a

general retrenchment in expenses. A subscription paper is circulated, and a slight relaxation in the prevailing frugality is seen in the order given by the vestry for "a new door mat and duster, not to exceed \$10.00." The vestry is authorized to mortgage the church for \$6,000.

1871.

Hope Chapel Mission, supported by Christ Church for some four years, becomes an independent parish—under the name of St. Clements, (predecessor of St. Andrews). . . . "St. Clements, an offshoot of Christ Church founded mainly by the late William B. Douglas, . . . after much tribulation blossomed out into St. Andrews. . . ."

Hayes' Diocese Western New York.

October. A re-assessment on the church seats, increases the revenue to \$6,000.00—"Sittings *not* seats." Twenty sittings placed at the disposal of the rector.

November. "As the vocal music of the church has always been voluntary, it is deemed inexpedient to make any expense for leading a choir."

Vestry minutes.

Appropriation for Christmas decorations—"not to exceed fifty dollars." The parish had long since advanced beyond chopping, cutting and tying its own Christmas greens.

1872.

March. The New Church Hymnal introduced; 125 copies bought by the Vestry for the pews.



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July. Dr. Cutler of New York gives special instruction to the choir and congregation in church music.

September 25th. Death of Anna Davidson Battershall, beloved wife of the rector; aged twenty-nine years. There is no deeper sorrow to record in the history of Christ Church, than that which came with the sudden death of Mrs. Battershall. She had been with us nearly three years—her presence in our new rectory its dominating charm. She was exceptionally qualified for the no-easy-place of our "Rectorine," by her winsome grace, unfailing courtesy and gentle tact. Mrs. Battershall left three children: Fletcher Williams, Cornelia Smith, Anna Davidson.

1873.

September. Mr. Frank A. Ward elected treasurer of the vestry—the beginning of his long, unremitting service as chief custodian of the finances of the parish. 1905 finds him, still "the watch-dog of the treasury." He had been Superintendent of the Sunday School for some time.

1874.

July 29th. The Rev. Mr. Battershall resigns the rectorship. He had accepted a call to St. Peter's Church, Albany, N. Y.

Under the five years pastorate of Mr. Battershall there was no decrease in the material prosperity of the parish, and yet, it was the unanimous conviction of the vestry that the time had come when the

free seat system must be given up, or financial disaster was inevitable. The renting of the sittings—not the seats—of the church is the prominent historical event of Mr. Battershall's rectorship. As a preacher of surpassing power, and no less as a faithful pastor, he has left an indelible impress upon the spiritual life of this parish. He gave us an intellectual and moral uplift. Five years of sermons like his—sermons permeated by his exalted conceptions of divine truth, and vitalized by the fire of his poetical temperament—yet never above and beyond the comprehension of the simple in mind, were an educational force, enlarging the outlook upon life in all its phases, with wondrous revelation of things unseen.

Mr. Battershall came to Christ Church a young man, in the early years of his priesthood—an honored son of Yale—a close observer of public movements, of the actual trend of religious and intellectual thought, a close student of dominant influences shaping the future of christianity. To inspire the development of the higher life was the intrinsic feature of his gospel.

The Rectory, in the Church grounds was built under the personal direction of Mr. and Mrs. Battershall, and mainly, it seemed, for the exercise of hospitality to his people. That Rectory was our first parish house—its sweet home atmosphere permeating the parish.

Mr. Neely laid the foundation stones of Christ Church, Dr. Schuyler added the polished walls of



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the temple, Mr. Battershall revealed the symbolism of the house not made with hands. The sorrow he was called to endure shortly before leaving Christ Church, consecrated forever the sacred bonds that separation from us has never broken.

"A Sunday service for deaf-mutes was established in 1874 in Christ Church, Rochester, the beginning of a work which has grown into larger dimensions as a recognized institution of the Diocese."*

January, 1874.

Independent organization of the Woman's Missionary Society, auxiliary to the Sewing Society.

. . . "WHEREAS, Christ Church, Rochester, N. Y., is a branch of the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Society, and as it is deemed inexpedient to maintain two separate societies in the parish ;

Resolved, that the Sewing and Benevolent Society of Christ Church appropriate a portion of labor and money during the year 1874 for the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Society." *Secretary's minutes January, 1874*. At the annual meeting, 1874, of the S. B. S. a committee was appointed "to so revise the constitution as to express a recognition of co-operation with the Woman's Auxiliary Missionary Society of New York."

1875.

February. The Rev. Joseph L. Tucker of the Church Mission House, New York, N. Y., accepts the call to the rectorship.

*Hayes' History Diocese Western New York.

December. A committee of the young men of the parish are appointed to raise and collect subscriptions for the church debt. Names not recorded.

1876.

A year of trial and discord in the parish—a year of discipline for each faction of a disunited vestry; the self-sacrificing spirit of the rector seen in his offering to accept for that year a reduction of his salary; an offer not accepted by the vestry.

“The expenses of the parish are in excess of its income. . . . The church is now indebted to its rector about \$800.00—to say nothing of other floating debts now long past due. . . . The committee recommend . . . that no further debts be incurred . . . until means shall be provided to pay them.”

Vestry Record.

The year 1876 is memorable in the history of the parish as that of the organization January 15th—(and largely through the rector, Mr. Tucker), of the Christ Church branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions. “Previous to the organization,” to quote from the brief summary of the history of the Society furnished by its secretary, Miss Charlotte E. Davis, who has filled that office twenty-four years, “several missionary boxes had been sent out from Christ Church, Rochester, N. Y., but union with the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions had not been affected. This was brought about by Mr. Tucker, who called a meeting for that object and drafted the first By-laws of the Society.”

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* Charter members, Mrs. J. N. Pomeroy, *Mrs. Thomas Wright*, Mrs. C. R. Davis, Mrs. H. P. Merrill, *Mrs. Frank Clarkson*, *Mrs. J. L. Tucker*, *Miss Mary Walker* (now Mrs. Van Ingen), Mrs. McNaughton, Mrs. McCartey, *Mrs. C. G. Houston*, Mrs. Yates, *Miss Yates*, Mrs. Bell, Miss L. E. Guernsey.

The name of Mrs. William Horton was added to the roll at the first regular meeting, and is to be found on every list of members from that day to this.

June 1st, 1881, the Auxiliary united with similar societies of the Diocese in forming "The Western New York Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions." One hundred and seven boxes have been sent out by this society; (1904) total valuation about ten thousand dollars, aside from boxes, etc., sent to various missionaries and mission stations in the home field. A large amount of time and money was given, in the earlier years of the organization to the care of the parish poor.

Cash contributions made through the W. N. Y. Branch of The Woman's Auxiliary have amounted to about \$12,000.00. In the years 1883 and 1903, it entertained the annual meetings of the Diocesan Branch. May 15th and 16th, 1889, and January 15th and 16th, 1896, it entertained the quarterly meeting.

1877.

June. Action in the Supreme Court brought against the church corporation by the City Bank

* The names in italics are those of the known survivors of the charter members, May, 1905.

for unpaid notes. W. Martin Jones appointed referee. Two suits brought against the church this year. (See Vestry minutes, October 22, 1877). These suits were soon after withdrawn.

August 6th. The Rev. Mr. Tucker resigns the rectorship, "for a wider sphere of usefulness in a southern diocese." He had accepted a call to St. Andrews Church, Jackson, Mississippi. His heroic service in the first years of his rectorship of St. Andrews in caring for the sufferers from yellow fever during the fearful plague of 1878, and his prolonged labors for years after in behalf of the negroes of the far south, are a record of unparalleled self-sacrifice. After a rectorship of six years at St. Andrews he was called (1883) to Christ Church, Mobile, Ala., where he remained until 1899 when he became rector of St. James, Baton Rouge, La., his present pastorate (1905). The degree of Doctor of Divinity was bestowed upon him by the University of Mississippi in 1878.

September 6th. Death of Lewis R. Herrick, M. D., a generous benefactor of the parish, father of Mrs. J. Moreau Smith.

October 28th. The Reverend William D'Orville Doty of St. Paul's, Waterloo, N. Y., visits the parish and officiates at both services. He had received a call to the rectorship.

First Sunday in November. The Right Reverend H. A. Neely, Bishop of Maine, visited his old parish, preaching impressively from the text: "I hear that there are divisions among you,"—a

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word in season, fruitful in its immediate results for peace.

November 3rd. Mr. Doty finally accepts the call upon specified conditions, among which were the following: "That immediate steps be taken towards the liquidation of the debt upon the church property, . . . that no interest upon the debt of the church shall be paid from the revenue arising from the rentals of the pews until said revenue shall have reached a point where a salary of \$3,000.00, annually, can be paid the rector and other necessary expenses be provided for; the rector in the meantime, to receive not less than \$2,500.00 a year," all of which was approved by the vestry with modifications pertaining to the payment of interest on the debt, from the revenue of the church. . . . "\$2,500.00 with Rectory the first year, thereafter \$3,000.00 with Rectory."





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PART TWO.

1877-1900.

"It is not necessary to die in order to give your life. There is a costlier expenditure than death. The essence of life is love, and the sympathy which love begets. To give one's life for others is to work for them lovingly." *Dr. Battershall.*

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Advent. The Rev. William D'Orville Doty assumes the rectorship. During his pastorate of twenty-two years he seldom failed to preach an annual sermon on the anniversary of his coming to the parish. Those sermons are a history in themselves of each year preceding their writing and when published, well indexed, and made accessible for reference, will be a valuable addition to the parish archives. Had Dr. Doty's life been spared, and his duties permitted, he would have written a history of the parish. He was our first historian rector.

When he assumed the rectorship the church debt was about \$12,000.00.

Again in the history of the parish the right leader, has been given. Bitterness and division soon disappeared, and as one, the congregation rallied around its new rector. . . . "I am determined to know nothing among you but Jesus Christ and him crucified. . . ." His ear was closed against every reference to past difficulties.

In work, clearly defined and systematically done, he united the parish as it never had been before. It was no light burden he had taken, and that not willingly, a parish under a load of debt, and at war with itself. In the lifting of that debt the sure antidote for dissension was found in hearty concerted effort, inspired by his never failing confidence and cheer, and guided by his rare executive ability. Like Mr. Neely he had an exceptionally fine voice both in singing and speaking—his sweet strong tenor a choir of itself, as often it was, in the saint's day and lenten services. An impressive feature of the Communion service, until a few years before his death, was his singing of the opening sentence of the Trisagion—"Therefore with angels and arch-angels . . .," a distinguished singer who was in the congregation one morning, declaring it surpassed anything he had ever heard upon such an occasion. His churchmanship was that of true catholicity; otherwise, his trials in Christ Church parish, at that time, might have been sore grievous, for among its faithful communicants was a good showing of high, and low, and broad,—those who called for candles on the altar, those who would have left the church had they been placed there, with a little band of that school whose indifference in such matters made them a source of concern to extreme ritualists and old fashioned Episcopalians, alike.

"Is he high, or is he low?

That is what we want to know. . . ."

was often repeated in those days, to his amusement,

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and not once did he make the mistake of partisanship. He was ever and always a Prayer Book Churchman, with liberal views as to improvement of ritual. In the vestry records of those days, it is plainly to be seen, that a new spirit was abroad in the parish,—a strong controlling hand was at the helm.*

In September (17th, 18th, 19th), the forty-first Annual Diocesan Council was held in Christ Church. Bishop Coxe (recently returned from Europe,) was given a reception at the Osburn House by the churchmen of the city.

1879.

January 4th. Mr. Doty founds the Parish Aid Society—to take the place of the old Sewing Society—an organization for systematic giving for the payment of the church debt.

“Upon motion of Mrs. Parker, seconded by Mrs. Thomas Wright,

Resolved, That the Sewing Society of Christ Church hereafter assume the name and adopt the Constitution of the Parish Aid Society, retaining the officers already elected.

Carried.”

It was decided upon the organization of the

*“His churchmanship betrayed no trace of personal or local accent. The sanction and the functions of the historic church were to him of greater moment than the fortunes of a parochial venture or the interests of a school of thought.”

Dr. Battershall, Memorial Sermon.

Parish Aid, that whenever one hundred dollars should be raised, the same should be duly paid to the bank holding the mortgage on the church, and endorsed on the same.

One hundred and eighty-six contributors gave on an average twenty-five cents a month. At the end of the first year the treasurer reported *twelve hundred and fifty dollars* as received from all sources by the Parish Aid during the year. The vestry was prompt in expressing its "unfeigned thanks for the unexpected results of the energetic labors of the Parish Aid."

First Executive Board of The Parish Aid: Mrs. J. Moreau Smith, President; Mrs. Curtis Clark, Vice-President; Miss Jennie Dewey, Treasurer; Mrs. Parker, Secretary.

The Woman's Missionary Society is no longer connected with the Parish Aid.

Things financial brightening generally in the parish. "The day is at hand."

May, 1879. The Finance Committee of the Vestry report: Indebtedness, \$8,177.75. That the income of the year would equal the expenses seemed assured.

September. The rector founds Christ Church Guild—its object the mutual improvement of its members. Departments, Art, History, Literature, Mechanics, Music, Science.

President, the Rector; Vice-Pres, Albert C. Walker; Treasurer, Miss Mary C. Walker; Librar-

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ian, Miss Ruth Quinby; Secretary, Egbert F. Ashley.

From September, 1879, to February, 1881, "*The Guild*" was emphatically an up-and-doing association, and deservedly popular with the young people of the parish; Mr. Doty its moving spirit—Robert Cartwright his strong and ready support, and of whom it was recorded in the annals of those days, that his mechanical genius was equal to carrying out anything *The Guild* could devise as necessary for the success of their amateur theatricals, from running a curtain on a broken wire, to making one portrait, of his own artistic creation, serve for anybody under the sun, past or present, Pickwick or J. Moreau Smith, Copperfield or Del Dewey, Shakespeare or Curtis Clark, George Washington or Frank Sawtelle,—one touch of the Cartwright brush and there were the lineaments demanded. No less successful was he as a lecturer before the Guild, upon subjects like Bridge Building, Electricity, Illuminating Gas, etc., etc., his "talks" always listened to with genuine interest, no matter the subject. He was the indispensable, versatile utility man of those novel entertainments given by *The Guild* "in the school house adjoining," the parish thoroughly represented in the performers. The first *Dickens Evening* was almost impromptu, but it proved such a grand success,—each impersonation of a character from Dickens, giving, in the processional before the footlights a characteristic saying of that character. Mr. Dewey as Micawber,

Mrs. Medcalf as Dora Copperfield, Dick Parker as Ham, Mrs. Frank Page as Betsey Trotwood, Albert Walker as Mr. Peggotty, Fanny Dewey as Miss Mowcher, Will Congdon as Barkis, are but a few of the long list of stars. *An Evening with Copperfield* followed in due time—impersonations and pantomime accompanied by readings—Mr. Doty, the reader, assisted by Mary Walker. Sam Wilder, as the fat boy, is perhaps best remembered (he was nearly melted in excelsior), unless it is Bert Ashley as Sam Weller or Mr. Sprague as Pickwick.

. . . It is hard telling who carried off the more laurels at that hilarious performance, for George Gray as Stiggins was a great success and Albert Walker as Jingle—in fact every performer was a star. The Dickens series was followed by a travesty of Shakespeare—" *Shakespeare at the Water Cure*," an adaptation, with local flavoring, of a popular comedy *Place Aux Dames*,—Mr. Tom Karl's stage wardrobe at the service of the troupe—the irreverent liberties taken with Shakespeare in the two performances—not easily pardoned by everyone, irresistible as was the fun of it all.

" *Old Songs and their Pictures* " had a successful run, tableaux or pantomime accompanying the singing with fine effect—George Wilder and Vin Smith whitewashing *The Old Kentucky Home*, like experts at the trade,—Belle Winn a most dolorous *Barbara Allen*, Hugh Medcalf, behind prison bars of black listing, singing " *Fly away to your native*

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land sweet bird," as he let fly out over the heads of the startled audience, a stuffed dove, fastened to the central gas fixture of the auditorium by an elastic cord. Force Parker as Robinson Crusoe, his marvelous costume of brown wrapping paper and feathers, divided applause with his old dog Prex. Pity the whole program may not be given here. It closed at last—everything heartily encored with George Gray's singing of the following parody of the Old Sexton,—leaning upon the big snow shovel of the church:

I sing the song of the Parish Aid.
 The old, old debt on this church must be paid.
 A relic of by-gone days you see
 Is that old church debt; and Mr. Do-tee
 Has sent collectors to cottage and hall
 To gather subscriptions—all—all—all.
 Though you loiter in pleasure or toilsomly spin,
 Your dimes and your dollars, they gather them in.
 They gather them in. Those collectors go—
 No matter the rain, no matter the snow—
 They will not forget you—no, not one—
 Mother and daughter, father and son.
 Five thousand dollars must come this year;
 Five thousand dollars good and clear.
 Five thousand dollars will end this din
 Of the old church debt. We gather it in.
 Our third term President, Mrs. Wilder A. C.,
 Will hold her chair per-pet-u-a-lee.
 Eighteen hundred dollars and more,
 Is her last record—she'll beat that score!
 Our treas-ur-er is Jennay Dew-ee
 A vet-e-ran—the sec-re-ta-ree.

They'll raise the debt, come thick, come thin.
Your dimes and your dollars they'll gather them in !

Fourteen districts we have in all,
Live where you may those collectors call :
Fourteen collectors : Mrs. Clarkson,
Mesdames Hoyt, Nellis, Scrantom, Leighton ;
Mrs. S. Wilder, and Mrs. Dew-ee ;
J. M. Smith and Warren, K. E. ;
Morris and Sprague ; Clark ; Mrs. Nat. Winn,
Your dimes and your dollars, they gather them in.

One of these days the old debt will be gone ;
And the bell will ring with a ding, ding, dong.
We ask you now to that jubilee,
All Christ Church folk, from Mr. Nee-lee
Down to our William D'Orville Do-tee.
But until that day of jubilee—
Over and over our dirge shall be :
Five thousand dollars, come thick, come thin—
Five thousand dollars, we'll gather it in.

This series of amateur entertainments was a decided feature of the winter of 1879-1880, and did much for the social life of the parish. Only the leading performances are here recorded ; the names of all the performers too many for publication. Dellon C. Dewey Musical Director ; Robert Cartwright, Stage Manager ; The Rector, general supervisor ; Mrs. Parker playwright.

September 15th. Christ Church Historical Society was founded by Mr. Doty, its object the collection of material for the history of the parish, the same to be completed for the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first service in Christ Church Chapel which would be upon Christmas day, 1880.

President, the Rector; Secretary, Mrs. Parker.

Among the scanty archives preserved of this society's brief and energetic existence, are the reminiscences of a few of the pioneers of the parish; a single paper, of the several read at the meetings, with a card leaflet, "Mile-Stones: A Story-Chronological,"—giving the leading events of the parish, 1854–1880. For many reasons the full history that Mr. Doty anticipated was never achieved, the making of history having prior interest with his people to the writing and reading of the same.

The organization of the *Little Woman's Sewing School* took place in the winter of 1879, if the memory of some of its founders is correct.

For twenty-one years, until the death of Dr. Doty, the Sewing School was a marked feature of the parish work, second to none in his personal interest. One hundred little girls and more attended its Saturday afternoon sessions, through the winter, the only stipulation that of attendance upon the closing service in the church, when Dr. Doty often spoke to the children, after leading their singing of a hymn. The great majority of the pupils were from families having no other relation to the parish than that of the Sewing School. Material was furnished for the garments the little girls were taught to make for themselves—one who had entered the school very young making her wedding dress entire after her graduation—a story Dr. Doty was fond of telling. There was always a considerable contin-

gent of Colored children. The funeral of one of them, Eliza Curtis, "who sang like a lark," will be long remembered. Shortly before her death, when her pastor in the Baptist Church declined to immerse her because of her illness and the bitter cold weather, Dr. Doty granted her request to be baptized. She was buried from the church, her white casket flower-laden, the choristers in attendance with her comrades in the Sewing School. No records were kept of the Sewing School. Among its many active workers were Mrs. Thomas Wright, Mrs. Beman, Mrs. Samuel Wilder, Miss Stagg, Mrs. Doty, Mrs. E. K. Warren, Miss Pettinger, Miss Belle Winn, Mrs. Gallagher, and in its later years, Mrs. M. V. Sayles. A meager list for what should be a long one.

February 1st. Funded debt of the church, \$5,750.00.

May. The Rector and congregation of Christ Church invited to attend the consecration of St. Andrews—" . . . remembering the fostering care which your parish long bestowed . . . looking to you as our Mother Church."

May. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Sunday School was commemorated with full choral service. The church was elaborately trimmed with flowers and evergreens, a green ribbon badge was worn by teachers and pupils—"1855-1880,"—the opening processional headed by two teachers of 1855 and 1856, Mrs. Dewey and Mrs. Parker both of whom had been in service the most

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of the twenty-five years. "Here come the *ve-ne-trans!*" Jimmy Winn called out when he saw them at the head of the line.

Letters addressed to the school from Bishop Neely, Dr. Schuyler and Dr. Battershall were read, with *Reminiscences*, from which the following extracts are taken :

"How well I remember one class of little boys of that first year of our Sunday School, Al. Walker, Davie Hoyt, Willie Hoyt, Fred Hall, Andy Brackett, Willie Lansing and Eugene Bassett. The teacher of that class used to write Sunday School books for the Church Publication Society, weaving the names of her boys into her stories. '*Davie, the Boy Missionary*'; '*Andy, the Troublesome Boy*,' were among them."

"In the infant class that used to assemble in the rear of the church, there was always Delly Dewey, a good little boy who never forgot his penny ; and the little Lambert girls, and Mary Walker, bright and rosy, and Dickie Lansing, and Nellie Nellis—I cannot name them all. But the member of the Sunday School most conspicuous then as now, on Easter day at the Sunday School festival was *the old Roman Soldier* with his deep bass voice, and that same old lie, which reiterated conviction of its blackness never prevented his re-telling every year just the same, calling out that emphatic outburst of 'Fie ! old Roman *why* tell a lie ?' that every child delighted to join in at the loudest. The list of *old Roman Soldiers* includes the names of L. Ward

Smith (the first on the list) William C. Walker, George Gray, Dellon Dewey, Rev. Chas. H. Boynton and even that of our Rector, Mr. Doty—for Roman soldiers were not always to be secured from the rank and file, you know. . . . Somebody is asking what became of all the pennies that the children have brought in twenty-five years to this Sunday School—such a pile of pennies as they would make heaped up here today. Some of them paid for that chair in the chancel; forty dollars of them went every year for two years to a Girls' school in Africa; nearly one hundred dollars of them were given to pay for the publishing of two or three Sunday School books. Yes, and a lot of them were spent upon a chancel window in the *Church of the Good Shepherd* away out in Faribault, Minnesota,—a lot more on the endowment of scholarships. . . . They have bought books and reading for missionaries, and they paid for many nice things sent to the soldiers in the time of the war. . . . Twelve years ago, in 1868, the Sunday School children of the church were enlisted as the big boys must remember well, to serve in the Missionary army, of which Dr. Twing was the Commander-in-Chief, and to whom the soldiers sent their pennies for several years. In Mr. Battershall's time the Sunday School was largely depended upon for a church choir, and a prize was offered for faithful attendance upon rehearsals and services. A little boy there was, whose zeal as a volunteer chorister is a fair sample of that of all the others. He crippled

his feet so badly one Saturday when he skated all day that he could not wear his shoes to church the next morning; but sooner than be absent from the choir he put on his father's boots and shuffled down that side aisle to his place. One more story of that choir. Bishop Coxe preached one Sunday from the text 'I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness,' closing with a direct and impressive appeal to the boys in the choir to give themselves to the service of Christ and His Church. Just then the place of sexton happened to be vacant. Within the week following several of the boys applied for the place, the duties of which, they plainly thought consisted mainly in ringing the church bell. . . . The teachers of our Sunday School have never limited their service to the mother parish. St. Clements, now St. Andrews, when a mission was supplied with teachers in the main from our school. So with Grape Street Mission, and St. Marks. . . . Each of the rectors of Christ Church added some characteristic feature to our Sunday School. . . . Mr. Doty brought in the sugar Easter eggs—one for each child—and the children's Good Friday Service. Twenty-five years from now, (that will be A. D. 1905), when his good deeds are spoken of, the children will hear of him, no doubt, as the rector who lifted the big debt, and possibly, if he is not still alive, they will fancy that he was a very big man considering what he lifted so successfully. . . .

. . . Twenty-five years from now, (May, 1905), the Sunday School of Christ Church, Rochester, will be looking back fifty years to its Mission Chapel, and there will be only a few, a very few at those semi-centenary services who were among the children of Mr. Neely's Sunday School. A great and beautiful stone church will have replaced this brick building before then. . . . Our story today is that of twenty-five years only; theirs will be the story of fifty years, but it will be the same old story of zeal in well-doing—a showing of what the lessons meant that you are learning today, what it really means to do our duty to God and to our neighbor. . . .”*

It was in those days, that somebody said that Christ Church had one more blessed Season than most parishes. “We have Advent-tide—and Christmas-tide—and Easter-tide—and Tom Karl-tide.” Mr. Karl the famous opera tenor spent his summers largely in Rochester, with his friend, Dellon Dewey, giving with his co-operation at least one Musicale for the benefit of Christ Church. Will we ever forget how he sang *Adeste Fideles* at the early Christmas service one year, or the surprise he

* The fifteenth anniversary was commemorated Sunday, October 24th, in Wilder Hall, Mrs. Parker, the sole survivor present of the Sunday School teachers of 1855. Upon the platform were two of her old class: Albert C. Walker and David Hoyt. She gave a few reminiscences of fifty years ago—and was followed by Egbert F. Ashley, a former superintendent of the school.

caused by his unexpected appearance in the *Cats Opera*, given by the young people, one summer when he introduced himself, before supplementing the programme, with a song, as "Mr. Tom Cat, of course."

November. The Rector in his fourth annual sermon gave, as was his established custom upon that occasion, a full report of the organizations and affairs of the parish. Every member of the congregation from A. (Alexander Street) to Z. (Zimmer) had received, at least, one pastoral visit. The contributions of the parish for several objects had been \$6,982.06. The shadow of the old debt was decreasing fast.

November 24th. Collections, etc., reported by the Parish Aid for the year, ending November 1880, \$1,800.00.

December. The church debt reduced to about \$3,000.00. The records of the Vestry and of the Parish Aid, even when strictly confined to official minutes, reveal the prevailing zeal of the parish.

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February. A fine presentation of "*Patience*" was given under the auspices of the Parish Aid at the old Quaker Meeting house on Alexander Street, the same having been freely loaned for the occasion by Mr. J. Moreau Smith.

Easter, 1882.

The Offertory for the Church debt was \$1,625.00, reducing the same to \$1,000.00.

June. A four months' leave of absence is given Mr. Doty. The Rev. Charles F. J. Wrigley is appointed Assistant Minister by Mr. Doty, a choice cordially approved by the vestry and congregation.

June. Mr. Charles E. Upton, a former vestryman of Christ Church, gives the University *Avenue Mission*, the use, for three years of a vacant lot on Hawthorne Street, and of the temporary chapel that he agrees to erect thereon. Dr. James A. Massey of St. Johns, Mount Morris, was called to the Mission, which received the name of St. Johns.

Mrs. Margaret Ferrarei had founded this Mission on Upton Park some two years before. Its services were held in a private house until the removal to University Avenue. Mr. William G. Congdon, a zealous co-worker with Mrs. Ferrarei was also a leader of the movement. St. Johns was merged into St. Pauls, upon the building of the new St. Pauls on East Avenue.

February 11th. First Sunday in Lent. *A Day of Jubilee*. It was on this day, that Mr. Doty held up, triumphantly, before the congregation what was plainly a long legal document: the last mortgage with its final discharge, the old church debt, fully cancelled. The congregation sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," as never before. For the first time in its history, the parish did not owe



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a dollar. "The payment of the debt," said the rector on this jubilant occasion, "has been largely through the efforts of the Parish Aid."

March 18th. Mr. Doty baptized by immersion, Miss Mary R. Sharp, at the second Baptist Church, receiving her "into the congregation of Christ's flock" at the next Sunday morning's service. He wore his surplice at the baptism, and used the Prayer Book service.

Easter Day. Mr. Doty founds the "Keep out of debt fund."

Offertory for the same, \$760.00.

The *Parish House Builders* organized, and at the front.

FIRST CONSECRATION OF CHRIST CHURCH.

1883.

Easter Even. Christ Church at last was formally consecrated, Mr. Doty reading for the first time since he was its rector as an opening sentence, "The Lord is in His Holy Temple," emphasizing *His*. Bishop Coxe preached impressively from the text: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

" . . . How harmless it looked, when held up before us, that dreadful mortgage which had kept us in abject submission so long, forbidding new carpets, fresh paint, or anything else no matter how plain the need. There it was, that maledictory cloud, dissolving forever. The Parish House! How instantaneously it loomed up, with its special and complete provision for Sunday School, church entertainments, Parish library, everything we needed for better church work. There was no cessation from doing, you remember. Straightway a meeting was called to decide what our next work should be, the foundation stones of a Parish House materializing in our united resolve, that one should be built at once."

Secretary's Report—Parish Aid Society.

Sometime in the early summer of 1883, Mr. Doty planted ivy and clematis on the eastern and



JAMES SABEY



DELOS WENTWORTH

northern wall of the old church. The same transplanted covers the church walls to-day.

July. Death of James Sabey, vestryman, aged seventy-four years. . . . "A singularly pure and consistent life. . . . A life which from the early days of our parish has been identified with its varied interests. . . . His transparent honesty and spotless integrity as a business man. . . . his genial and sunny disposition will long be remembered."

Memorial of the Vestry.

October. \$350.00 appropriated by the Music Committee of the Vestry for the payment of small salaries to the choristers and for various expenses of the choir.

December. Communicants, 440. Sunday School pupils, 236. Total offering for various purposes during the year, \$10,186.61.

December. About \$2,000.00 in bank for the Parish House.

1884.

March 7th. Death of Mrs. Silas O. Smith, aged ninety years. From the founding of the parish she had been foremost in everything pertaining to the prosperity of the church. The following tribute to her memory appeared in The Churchman signed G. W. D.

"Mrs. Smith was truly a historic character in the city and diocese to which she belonged. From her home, as from a center, radiated a steady influence

of high breeding, large hospitality, and noble christian beneficence, that went far to mold and give tone to the future city. Her circle of connections in Western New York was wide, and all looked to her instinctively for countenance and counsel. The first religious services, with a view to planting the Episcopal Church in Rochester, were held in Mrs. Smith's parlors; and St. Luke's Church is the outgrowth of this germ. Mrs. Smith was also one of the original organizers of the Rochester Orphan Asylum, of the Rochester Female Charitable Society, and of the Home for the Friendless. In the management of each of these institutions her rare personality, calm, strong and singlehearted, was both felt and recognized.

But if Mrs. Smith's hand was not stayed, nor her generosity stinted, in the public works of her age and neighborhood, the consistent power and beauty of her life were best known in privacy; for she shunned display. A dignified and gracious matron her brow was full of honor; and yet, even to the end of her great age, her smile was like a maid's for easy cheerfulness and quick intelligence. She was a wise and thorough friend; to her dependents she was a beneficent guide; from the poor and sorrowful she never turned away her face.

Her life was one long prayer. Perhaps her most marked characteristic was her charity,—her deep longing for peace. She would sacrifice everything but truth and right for it. It was often remarked by her intimate associates, that they never heard a bitter word or harsh judgment fall from her lips."

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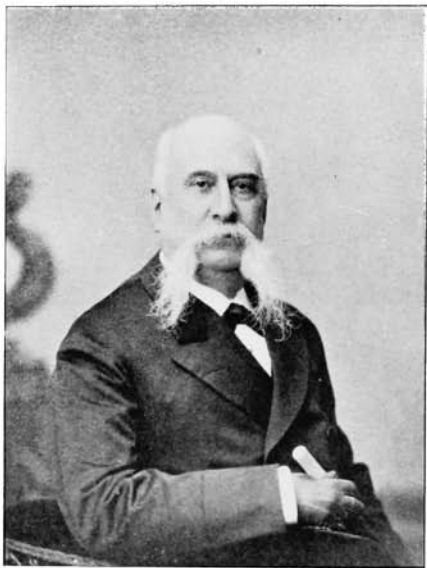
April 11th. Good Friday. Death of Edward Meigs Smith, son of Silas O. Smith, in London, England. The sudden death of the Hon. Edward M. Smith, late United States Consul at Mannheim, Germany, when on his way home to Rochester, was a great loss to Christ Church and the community at large. A vestryman of the parish until the death of his father in 1863, he was then chosen to the vacant wardenship. He had filled the office of Mayor of the city, also of Postmaster, and other positions of civic trust, his social popularity increasing with his years. During the eight years of his consulate he had dispensed a royal hospitality to his countrymen. His funeral from Christ Church was a public event, the Vestry, the Common Council, the ex-Mayors, the Maennerchor Society, the Old School Boys, the members of the many societies, etc., to which Mr. Smith had belonged following his remains to Mount Hope. When the procession passed the Church Home the children stood with uncovered heads, their last tribute to a beloved benefactor.

The following is taken from the Memorial tribute of Dr. Battershall:

“Edward M. Smith, by the grace of God and the sweet force and law of his nature, carried his heart through all his life fresh and open as the heart of a boy. If I were asked to name his dominant trait, I should reply at once, without hesitation, and, I think, without challenge, *unselfishness*. It was this that gave that subtle charm to his speech and

manner, and the daily flow of his life. It made his life rich in friendships, drawn, not as friendships are usually drawn, from the small circles of those whose taste and habits are akin to our own, but from the great world of men, whose lives touched his only at a single point. His sympathies were too large to be pinned to any social badge, or to flow in the groove of party or class. He never trampled on men to reach anything. His hand was always outstretched to those who had no claim but the need of help. And to warmth of heart he added faculty of brain, which enabled him to throw his habit of helping others into those organic forms which outlive and work beyond the accidents of personal contact. He was public-spirited, not for the sake of the public place, but the public good. He was the friend and helper of all institutions and associations in the community for the relief of human misery, and lighting up the life of the poor, and bringing men together in brotherhood. It must needs be that such a man would be called to official life. But he never held an office in which he did not count the service higher than the honor, and which he did not discharge with conscientious industry and stainless record.

But I would leave the innermost and most gracious thing in his life unnamed, did I not speak of that with which my position and relationship to him of necessity made me most familiar. His love to man walked hand in hand with faith in God. He felt most profoundly the divine facts and sanc-



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tions which condition human life and make it worth the living. He kept his heart open to the vision of them, and without cant or formal phrase, he was not ashamed to speak of them. His faith was of that intelligent, practical, energetic sort, which made him a counselor and a worker in the church of Christ. He gave liberally of his time and money to the parish of which he was one of the founders, and whose highest office of dignity and trust he held for many years. Christ Church was very dear to him as we all know, but his religion did not lose its earnestness when it was no longer fed at its altar. Everywhere, at Mannheim as at Rochester, his Christian life and work proved the depth and the reality of his faith which has now become vision; 'His servants shall see his face.'"

WALTON W. BATTERSHALL.

Easter day. Mr. Doty announced to the Sunday School at its Easter festival that he had a present to make. First they must guess what it might be. He pointed to a mysterious heap in the chancel, covered completely by drapery. No one ventured a guess—what could it be? He then slowly uncovered a block of brown stone with 1884 cut upon it. It was the corner stone of the Parish House to be sure, that he had ordered from the quarry in Waterloo, N. Y., his old parish. Did they see that hole in the stone? It was for contributions to the Parish House, and in good time that stone would be laid in the foundations thereof. Then two of the Sunday School boys, "Marty" Hoyt, and Willie

Wentworth, the first a grandson of David Hoyt, the first Junior Warden of the parish, the second a grandnephew of Delos Wentworth, one of the pioneer vestry, and for years Sunday School Superintendent,—carried that stone down the aisle and placed it in the church porch, where it was conspicuous for three years—and more—a constant reminder of the undertaking which changed at last its inscription from 1884 to 1887.

April. "The School house adjoining" was presented to the Bishop, to be removed, and used as he might see fit for missionary purposes within the diocese. The building proved not worth moving and was in 1888 broken up for utilization in various ways—mainly for fire-wood.

The corner stone that had been laid in 1860, was not easily found; but it was at last through the persistent search of Mary Davis Page. Its contents showed that it had been carelessly sealed and laid, as it held but a pulpy mass of water-soaked matter,—a lesson for the future layers of corner stones in Christ Church parish.

Whitsunday. Memorable in the annals of the parish as the day Pere Hyacinthe preached in French in Christ Church,—Bishop Coxe gracefully interpreting his discourse.

June. The degree of Doctor in Divinity conferred upon the Rector, by Griswold College, Iowa.

October. The long vexed question of a right of way to Chestnut Park, formerly Galusha Street, west of the church edifice, settled at last by the

purchase, by the vestry of the house and lot adjoining the church on that street, with an additional purchase of ground enough, west of the East Avenue frontage to make the width of the church lot one hundred and sixty-four feet, the same reaching through to Chestnut Park. This investment removed what had been a serious obstacle in the building of the Parish House.

October. The vestry decide that the choir boys shall be "robed in proper vestments." Dr. Joseph A. Biegler, a generous patron of the musical committee, not only urged the adoption of vestments, but agreed to bear the entire expense of a full outfit. The youngsters in knee breeches, occupying the front seats of the choir had done much to bring about this change, owing to their diversified and brilliant display of hosiery and neckwear, difficult to harmonize with exalted ritual. Dr. Doty had long been in favor of vestments for the choristers, and the music committee had favored the change—the expense the great obstacle to be overcome, as it necessitated a robing room with all the rest. The old school house was made to do its last service as a temporary robing room for the choristers. A covered passage was built between it and the old vestry, the climbing of the steep stairs telling considerably on the voices and behavior of the boys as they entered the church in processional—another emphatic plea for hastening the building of the Parish House.

(Here seems the place to record that "D'Or"

Doty, the eldest son of Dr. Doty, was the first chorister of Christ church, and the only one for several months. Of his own volition he joined the choir, a little fellow about ten years old. He was one of the number, (names unrecorded), who wore the first vestments. His has been a leading voice in Christ Church choir for more than twenty years—his two sons are now members of the choir.)

November. Commemoration Services of the Seabury Centennial held in Christ Church. In the historical sermon preached by Dr. Doty upon this occasion, he surprised his hearers by saying that one of the first candidates for holy orders ordained in the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, was the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin who was buried in Mount Hope Cemetery; and who died in Rochester in 1846 in his eighty-ninth year. Mr. Baldwin had graduated at Yale in 1776, and soon after leaving college had received an appointment, presumably as chaplain, in the continental army which he held for some time, his pension the only support of his declining years. Dr. Doty's suggestion that a memorial tablet to the Rev. Ashbel Baldwin be placed in the chancel of Christ Church was cordially commended, and the same was erected and unveiled, with appropriate ceremonies, March 7th, 1886, the one hundred and twenty-ninth anniversary of Mr. Baldwin's birth. It was designed by D. M. Dewey.

The Irondequoit Chapter of the daughters of the American Revolution honor this tablet upon



REV. DR. DOTY AND WM. D'ORVILLE DOTY, JR.
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Memorial Day. A biographical sketch of the Rev. Mr. Baldwin is given in *Annals of the American Episcopal Church*, by W. B. Sprague, D.D., p. 352.

Christmas Day was made memorable by the first appearance in Christ Church of a vested choir; every member a parishioner.

May. Architects' plans for the Parish House were submitted to the Parish Aid—"one of the group of buildings, not only a Parish House—but a new and much larger church edifice, and a fine Rectory, each to be built of stone. Not a vestige of the former buildings will remain. . . ." Of that meeting of the Parish Aid the Secretary wrote: "Some could see, with the eye of faith, the present rectorine looking out from the broad windows of the spacious rectory, her grand-children around her, and she not a very venerable old lady either."

Trinity Sunday.

May 31st. Thirtieth anniversary of the Sunday School. The offertory of the school was \$1,000.00 in gold "for the Parish House."

July 10th. *From Parish Aid Minutes* "Upon motion of Mrs. A. Carter Wilder:

WHEREAS, From the plans of the architect which have been accepted by the vestry the erection of two-thirds of the proposed Parish House will cost about \$10,000. And

WHEREAS, The Parish Aid Society has raised about \$3,000.00 and the Sunday School \$1,000.00 for this Parish House. Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Parish Aid be responsible for \$2,000.00, *IF* the vestry will raise \$4,000, and begin the work immediately. Carried."

August. Dr. and Mrs. Schuyler visit the parish, the guests of Mrs. Thomas Leighton.

January 18th. Dr. Doty and the choristers gave a full choral service at the State Industrial School. Dr. Doty spoke impressively from the text: "Stretch forth thy hand,"

January 29th. Death of Charlotte Lockwood Fairbanks, Orange, N. J., widow of John Fairbanks. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fairbanks were prominent founders of the parish. She was a sister of the Rev. Henry A. Lockwood assistant rector at various times. Mr. Lockwood was one of the first missionaries sent out by the American Church to China early in the thirties. He lived in Pittsford, N. Y., in his declining years.

March. Death of Charles E. Upton. In 1859 Mr. Upton a rising young business man, was received by letter from St. Luke's. In 1861 he became a member of the vestry,—second to none in his zeal for the prosperity of the parish. In 1879 he was transferred to St. Luke's. His was a moving spirit in the first enlargement of "the chapel," and in every good work of the parish during his long service as vestryman.

Easter.

April 25th. The Monroe Commandery of Knights Templar attend evening service in a body

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—in full regalia : Dr. Doty preaching an appropriate sermon. When the congregation arose to repeat the Apostle's Creed, the Sir Knights drew their swords, and held them at present, until the creed was finished, according to ancient custom.

September. The Forty-ninth Council of the Diocese of Western New York held in Christ Church, Rochester. The Right Reverend William J. Boone, Bishop of Shanghai, was in attendance.

THE CHAPTER HOUSE.

This and the year following was the era of the Chapter House sometimes called the Palmer House—that temporary provision for a Parish House necessitated by the removal of “the School House adjoining.” An old East Avenue residence, a little to the west of the church was rented by the parish and soon transformed into most comfortable headquarters for church work. Miss Julia Hamilton (not a member of the parish) loaned a piano—a fair sample of many gifts received. The social gatherings at the Chapter House were particularly pleasant, lessening greatly the disappointment attending the delay in building the Parish House.

November. At the annual meeting of the Parish Aid Mrs Doty was unanimously elected President, an office she filled most acceptably for fourteen years.

December. The vestry decide to build a stone transept on the west side of the old edifice, the same to be one bay of the future church, the Parish House to be directly in the rear of the new transept.

December 8th. Chapter House house-warming.

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January. Full choral service given by the choristers at the State Industrial School, Bishop Brewer, of Montana, addressing the pupils.

April. The Chapter House torn down. The

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Easter Sale of April 20th was held in an unoccupied house loaned the ladies by J. Moreau Smith; \$400.00 cleared at this sale, for the Parish House.

The Easter Offering for the Parish House was nearly \$7,000.

May. The subject of consolidating the parishes of Christ Church and St. Pauls, an absorbing and exciting topic. The vestry of each parish favored the movement; the rectors, Dr. Doty and Dr. Platt, were wisely silent; a majority in each congregation hotly opposed the consolidation, and expressed their dissent in the public press. The project was abandoned.

June 20th. Dr. Doty with the choristers, and a few of his congregation held a baptismal service at a gypsy camp in an abandoned nursery, near the Rapids, in response to the urgent request of the mother of a baby boy born a few days before, "a direct descendant of the royal line of Romany." A trunk on end supported the china bowl which served as a font, the tawny black-eyed gypsies suspending their card-playing and fortune telling to gaze upon the ceremony whereby Monroe Howard Stanley was made soldier and servant of the Church. The Doctor's scarlet hood did not escape the eye of one of the game cocks of the camp; but a boy gypsy saw what was pending in time to prevent a serious innovation of the service.

August 5th. Death of Frances Hunter Wilder, widow of A. Carter Wilder, aged fifty-seven years.

The sudden and unexpected death of Mrs.

Wilder was a great blow to the parish and the community generally. It took place only two days before the breaking ground for the Parish House, an event she was eagerly anticipating, and in which she was to take a prominent part.

“Thou hast been lifted up ; changed yet the same ;
Nor have we lost thee in thy heavenly birth ;
Still one in Him : thou of the angel name,
And we who wear the sordid garb of earth.”

Parish Aid Memorial tribute.

Mrs. Wilder left a legacy of \$3,000.00 for the Parish House.

August 7th. Sunday. Directly after the morning service, the congregation followed Dr. Doty and the singing choristers to the rear of the church where a spot of ground had been barely broken for the building of the Parish House. Mr. D. M. Dewey walked beside Dr. Doty and carried a spade, with which, after an appropriate preliminary service Dr. Doty made a vigorous dig into the soil throwing up a shovelfull, saying as he did so, “I break ground for a fabric to be here builded . . . to be devoted to the glory of God . . . and the edification of His children,” passing the spade to Mr. Dewey who after a vigorous use of the same, passed it to Mr. J. Moreau Smith, a majority of those in attendance using it to good purpose.

Promptly at six o'clock the next morning Dr. Doty was on the ground to see the work upon the Parish House actually begun. Sixteen men, three overseers, and three teams had his close super-



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vision for a half hour or more, one of the happiest of his life.

"Alas, that it may not be recorded that the Parish Aid Society, individually and collectively were wide awake like Dr. Doty at an early hour that eighth of August, 1887, and on the ground before seven. What a picture it had been: Mrs. Doty guiding with her presidential hand the plough's first furrow; Mrs. J. Moreau Smith driving the horses, whip in hand, suffering no lagging you may be sure; our treasurer dropping flowers on the freshly upturned earth, every collector and contributor chanting the Constitution of the Parish Aid, By-laws included, the vestry with uncovered heads cheering lustily, expecting a supply of hot coffee and rolls of course."

Record, Parish Aid.

September 11th. Sunday. Laying of the corner stone of the Parish House with appropriate services. The following articles were placed in the stone: Bible and Book of Common Prayer; Pastoral Letter of the House of Bishops (1886); Journal of the Forty-ninth convention of the Diocese of Western New York; photographs of Bishop Coxe, Dr. Doty and members of the choir and of the church in 1887; a sketch of the proposed new church; history of the Sunday School;* list of wardens and vestrymen; building committee and architects, masons and carpenters, church pro-

* As this is the only History of the Sunday School known to be in existence it seems a pity that it should be inaccessible.

grammes of various kinds, Parish Aid records, map of the city; silver currency and postage stamps, copies of the city and church papers, "Rochester. A Story Historical," and much else that was fittingly included.

November. "At no distant day we may now count upon the Parish House completed, ready for our joyful entrance. Carpenters, plumbers, etc., permitting, our Christmas Sale will be held in Wilder Memorial Hall, December 15th, 1887."

Parish Aid Record.

November. Extract from Dr. Doty's Annual Sermon: "The Woman's Missionary Society has done a noble work . . . the Parish Aid has achieved wonders . . . the Sewing School, now in its eighth year, is deservedly popular .

. . . St. Mary's Sisterhood has a future full of promise . . . Our Chapter of St. Andrew's Brotherhood is training our young Churchmen to come behind in no gift . . ." The Boys of '76 had added eight years to their history, but were still "the Boys" of their popular chaplain, "the Doctor."

Christmas Day. First service at midnight, in the Church, enlarged by the new bay, a section of the great church of the future. . . . "On Christmas day the choristers came singing through the door leading to the Parish House as joyfully as if that too were finished. . . . The doubt entertained by some, as to the actual need of the the annex was dispelled by the fact that all the new

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sittings were filled at once, suggesting that an eastern annex, another section of the new church edifice would soon be called for."

Twenty-five seats were gained by the annex.

January 1st. Unpaid seat rentals due, about \$2,000.00,—held to be "mostly good."

January. The Rev. Michael Scofield appointed assistant minister.

January 12th. Soirée Musicale—Miss Caroline Gardiner Clark, at the residence of J. Moreau Smith—proceeds \$200.00.

January 23d. Opening of Christ Church Night School for Boys.

February 6th. Dr. Doty and thirty choristers "go sleighriding out to Pittsford," where they sing at a special service, the guests of the Rev. Mr. LeBoutillier.

March 23d. Report of seat committee . . .

. . . "present total rating of seats,	\$7,363.20
Total rating of seats in annex,	1,804.40
Rental from annex,	871.00
Rental in full,	6,496.36

April 2d. The completion of the Parish House celebrated by a house-warming, "The model workshop of a working parish." Cost of the Parish House about \$17,000.00. Robert W. Gibson, architect. The Supper and Sale followed by addresses and music in Wilder Memorial Hall. Among the speakers were the Rector, Mr. D. M. Dewey, Mr. Delos Wentworth, Hon. George Raines, Mr. George W. Elliott. Mrs. Parker read

selections from the Ancient Writings of Christ Church, verses, etc., called out on past occasions.

Easter Day. Was made memorable by the opening of the Parish House, the Sunday School in triumphal processional marching into Wilder Memorial Hall for the dedicatory services. . . . "It was actualized at last, the fondest hope of our Rector, who having graduated with honors in making bricks without straw is now provided with a reasonable amount of straw for awhile at least. But the old cry of the parish is unmistakably heard already—our finished building is not big enough." So much from the Parish Aid records—this from the report of the Building Committee of the Vestry: "We desire to express our obligations, especially to Mr. Robert Cartwright to whose careful and experienced advice and assistance we are indebted for much of the best results of the undertaking. Last but by no means least, we wish to put on record what we feel that we as a Committee and the parish of Christ Church owe to our beloved rector in the conception, planning and carrying out of this work, which is and has long been so dear to his heart. That he should have given so much of his time to the details, has been of invaluable assistance to your Committee. How large a share of the happy result is due to his persistent efforts, and patient care and watchfulness, God knows."

Signed,	WILLIAM J. ASHLEY,	} Committee.
	FRANK A. WARD,	
	E. W. OSBORN.	



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April 15th. Death of Miss Mary Breck.

In the first years of the parish, the Breck family had much to do in shaping its future—a Presbyterian household in the main, prominently associated with the old Third Church,—one of those delightful homes, and large families that are the stronghold of every Christian community—hospitable firesides radiating blessing. The Brecks established close relations between Christ Church and the Third Presbyterian, as the family was about equally divided between the two congregations, difference in choice of a place of worship never dividing religious interests.

Trinity Sunday.

May 27th. At the Thirty-second Anniversary of the Sunday School Dr. Doty called upon the children to begin laying up money for a fine new organ. The names of those who gave for the organ would have places upon the pipes. Three hundred pupils were registered. A balance of over \$200.00 in the treasury.

The boy soprano, Harry Brandon of New York, sang at the evening service.

October. The first of the monthly receptions of the Rector at the Parish House.

October. Organization by Mrs. A. E. Crabbe of the Parish Branch of *The Girls' Friendly*: President, Mrs. A. E. Crabbe; Secretary, Miss Mary A. Doolittle; Working assistants, Mrs. A. E. Crabbe, Miss Mary A. Doolittle, Mrs. Theodore A. Hop-

kins, Mrs. Gabriel Bishop, Mrs. William C. Bush. Among the later zealous workers in *The Girls' Friendly* have been Mrs. T. C. White, Mrs. George French, Miss Winn, Miss Belle Winn, Mrs. H. L. Chapman, Miss Carrie Quinby, Miss Elizabeth Pratt.

The receipts of the Parish Aid, for the year 1888, was the largest ever recorded, \$1,833.19.

Another annex, the new chancel, looms up. "Even the old Neelyites who venerate the old chapel, are glad to hear that the building of the eastern annex will soon be undertaken."

The Parish Messenger makes its appearance early in the year.

Death of the Rev. Michael Scofield, Assistant Minister.

January. Organization of the DeLancey Club.

January 19th. Death of Dellon M. Dewey, aged sixty-nine years. "His life stimulated ever the best work of the parish; his memory will be a perpetual stimulus to our endeavors. One of the founders of the parish, for thirty-two years a member of this vestry. . . for ten years a warden. . . a willing supporter and benefactor, an ardent and tireless worker. . . his musical gifts devoted to the service of Almighty God."

April. Charles Homer Boynton, deacon, appointed assistant Minister.

April. Dr. Doty makes a sea voyage to Florida. The Rev. Dr. Roy of Coburg, Ontario, officiates during his absence.

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At the Easter Sale. "The Seven Days Wonders" scores a notable success. . . . Seven days wonders in three days, all the days of the week in eight hours, Sunday excepted, that day provided for by a table at which Dr. Doty's photograph was on sale.

May. Meeting of The Woman's Auxiliary of Western New York in Wilder Hall, large attendance.

June 27th. Death of Mary Eleanor Davis, widow of Charles R. Davis. "The history of the parish were incomplete without her name, so frequently found in its records of missionary and parish usefulness."

July. Death of Mrs. Ann Boyle aged ninety-two years. "There is but one older person buried in Mount Hope. . . . Out of her poverty she scattered riches, out of her loneliness blessed cheer."

Thanksgiving Day brought the children of the congregation to the Parish House, each with a gift for the Church Home, pound packages as a rule, for replenishing the Home larder.

The offertory at the morning service was for the Church Home, an institution ever close to the heart of Dr. Doty.

November. Mainly through the influence of Dr. Joseph A. Biegler, chairman of the Music Committee, \$200.00 was appropriated by the vestry "for experimenting with a director, who should not be obliged to act as organist as well." Mr. William H. Crabbe was appointed.

December. After fourteen years as organist

Mr. Edwin A. Medcalf resigns, the vestry expressing the sincere thanks of the congregation for his most faithful and excellent service.

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February. The stone cross of the bell tower blown down in a gale.

March 26th. Death of Mary Frances Smith Butterworth at Hastings, England. The deceased was the widow of John F. Butterworth of New York, and the eldest daughter of Silas O. Smith.

Mrs. Butterworth, as Mrs. Samuel Stevens, was the first president of the old Sewing Society, and prominently identified with the formative period of the parish; a woman of rare culture and social charm. . . . "So long did Mrs. Stevens and Mrs. Dewey work together in our pioneer days, it is sweet to think of their going from us forever in a certain companionship, widely separated as their lives have been for years—a few weeks only between their deaths."

Memorial of Parish Aid.

April 28th. Death of Sarah Childs Dewey, widow of Dellon M. Dewey, aged sixty-seven years.

"To enumerate Mrs. Dewey's associations with this parish would be to give its entire history. .

. . . She was the leader, par excellence of the Woman's Work. . . . The infant School from its first session has been under her faithful care.

. . . "Some of us who heard her sing *Rock of Ages* last Good Friday caught the old time sweet-

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ness and fervor of her rare voice, uplifted for the last time in old Christ Church."

Parish Aid Memorial.

April. Mr. James E. Bagley engaged as organist and director, \$700.00 a year. The vestry appropriate \$1,200.00 for music for the coming year.

April 30th. Death of Mrs. E. K. Warren, a zealous promoter of the Little Woman's Sewing School.

The care of the Parish House has become no light burden for the Committee of Women appointed to keep it in order.

May 5th. Death of Delos Wentworth, ex-Warden, aged seventy-five years. . . . "for three years a vestryman, for twenty-eight years a warden of this parish, on many occasions a delegate to the councils of the diocese." It was in his law office that the first preliminary meeting was held for the new parish 'on the eastern border.'"

June. The Rev. Mr. Boynton, assistant minister accepts a call to St. Michael's Geneseo.

Death of Mrs. Emma Corbett Herrick, aged seventy-one years, widow of Dr. Lewis R. Herrick. Mrs. Herrick was a liberal and ready benefactor of the parish and most dearly beloved. She was the mother of Mrs. J. Moreau Smith.

July. The Rev. T. F. Johnson becomes assistant minister.

November. The children of the late Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Dewey express to the vestry, their desire to present the church a fine organ as a

Memorial of their parents. The Hook organ of Emmanuel Church, Boston, was to be displaced by a Memorial bequest. It would be placed in Christ Church at a small cost to the parish for alteration and setting. The organ, a superior instrument would be a memorial gift, its acceptance necessitating the building of the new chancel at once at a cost of about \$14,000.00.

The enthusiasm with which the new chancel project was taken up, is seen in the following from the annals of the Parish Aid: "We who have been following Stanley through Darkest Africa know how much better is progression, though it be with struggle and suffering than halting overlong behind a stockade. Have we not halted long enough from special endeavor, from heroic effort like that which built the Mission Chapel of 1855, and enlarged the same during the war, risking contracting for the first organ (when the financial outlook was dark)—and which resolved upon having a bell, and a corona light, not long after, and in these latter days a Parish House—and the western annex? Were we ever in finer trim for pulling oars against a stiff tide? Dr. Doty knows of those who are restless already for something hard to do, something worth the doing, for an idle congregation, like an idle army or populace is in pitiful case when it must be entertained to be kept out of mischief. It will not be Dr. Doty's fault if the new chancel is not built within a twelve month, and our memorial organ, one of the finest in Western New York, is housed as it should be."

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January. The Bond system, adopted by the vestry supplants the collector system of the Parish Aid.

January. Working drawings ordered of R. W. Gibson, architect for the new chancel and organ rooms.

"The best method for raising \$18,000.00?" is generally discussed. The "Bond" system was in answer to that question, every member of the parish expected to take at least one bond.

"One-half of the new memorial organ is here," we read in the January issue of the *Parish Messenger*. "Six large cases of metal pipes, and forty-eight large pipes of wood, some of the latter so large an ordinary sized man could be comfortable therein."

A. D. 1891, the thirty-sixth year of Christ Church parish (human life at thirty-six is fullest and fairest), was of all the years in its history most laden with rejoicing, bringing as it did the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Dr. Doty's ordination to the priesthood; the thirty-sixth anniversary of the Sunday School; the laying of the corner stone of the new chancel; its completion and Benediction with a wealth of memorial gifts (See *Memorials and Gifts*).

Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul.

This Silver Anniversary of Dr. Doty's ordination to the priesthood was commemorated by a special musical service, the Rev. W. C. Hubbard preaching an impressive sermon. (For the list of the gifts

received, (*See Memorials and Gifts*). The Rev. C. F. J. Wrigley preached in the evening. On the Monday evening following, a reception was given Dr. and Mrs. Doty in the Parish House; Bishop Coxe, and Bishop Hare of South Dakota among the guests and informal speakers upon this delightful occasion. An oil portrait of Dr. Doty taken twenty-five years before hung above the platform, "66-91." Wilder Hall was transformed into a veritable bower of palms and flowers.

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February. Death of the Rev. T. R. Johnson assistant minister. During the short time of his ministry in the parish, he had endeared himself to all.

March. The Easter Offering was given to the Monroe Avenue Mission.

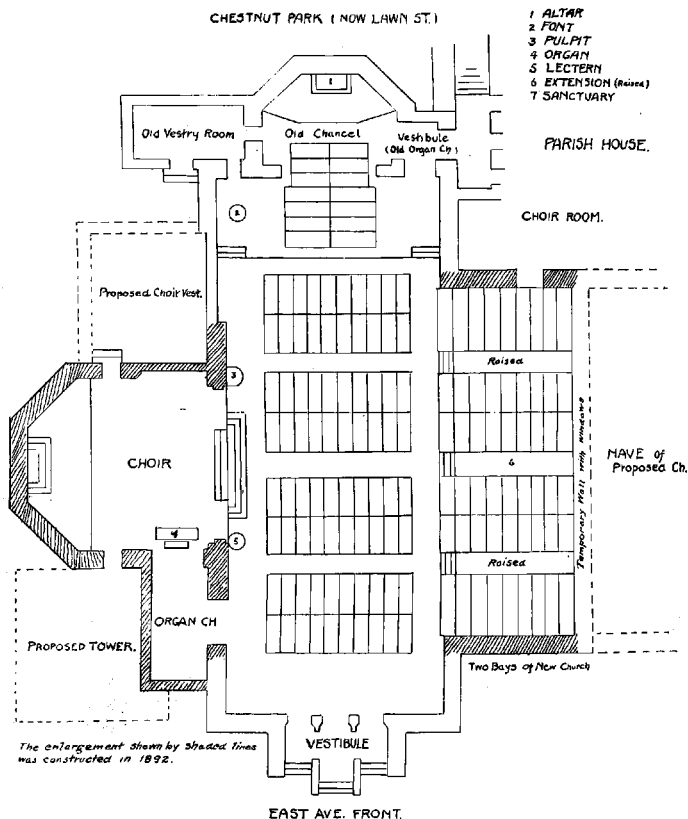
Lent. Mr. R. W. Gibson, New York architect, submits working drawings for the new chancel and organ rooms.

June 1st. Laying of the corner stone of the new chancel, Bishop Coxe officiating. A large attendance of the clergy of the city and the near vicinity. The contents of the stone were similar to those placed in that of the Parish House.

July 10. The old organ sold to St. Johns Church, Iona, Michigan, for \$800.00.

October. Mr. Dellon M. Dewey, Jr., and Mr. Joseph Walker appointed lay readers.

October 21st. First wedding in the new chancel. James Sabey Winn and Mary A. Robbins.



The enlargement shown by shaded lines was constructed in 1892.

Plan of Christ Church with new Chancel and Organ Chamber on East Side and two bays of new Church forming extension to old, on West Side.

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October 26th. Inaugural Recital on the Memorial Organ, Mr. James E. Bagley, organist and director, assisted by the choristers and the best musical talent of the city. The specifications of the organ, and its superior tones fully establishing its claim as one of the best in Western New York.

November 5th. Organization of Christ Church Men's Club by George F. Crosman, Albert C. Walker, J. C. Kalbfleisch, A. G. Warren, Eugene C. Denton and others.

November. The Octave of All Saints,—the Benediction of the new chancel, a memorable occasion in the history of the parish. Each of the former rectors was present, with the exception of Dr. Tucker of Mobile, Alabama, represented in a measure by a letter of congratulation. The office for the leading service: the consecration of the chancel and the memorial gifts, had been prescribed by Bishop Coxe. The services began Saturday evening, November 7th, the Rt. Rev. Henry A. Neely, Bishop of Maine, preaching from the text: "Ye also as living stones, are built up a spiritual house." Dr. Schuyler was the preacher Sunday morning; the services of Benediction and Holy Communion by the Bishop of Maine. Dr. Battershall's sermon in the evening was from the suggestive text: "And when he came out he could not speak to them, and they perceived that he had seen a vision," a fitting culmination of the events of the day. The gifts hallowed one by one, after the consecration of the chancel are recorded under *Memorials and Gifts*.

This was Bishop Neely's last visit to Christ Church parish.

November 9th. The church was filled to its utmost capacity by a meeting of the local branches of the *Girls' Friendly*. Bishop Neely and Dr. Battershall were among the speakers. A large meeting of the *Woman's Auxiliary* of the Diocese was also held that day in the Parish House; the Rev. Mr. Hubbard's address, "The Divine Touch," long to be remembered. The Rev. Mr. Hart spoke upon *Mission Work in Rochester*; Dr. Battershall on *Woman's Mission in the Church*.

November 10th. *The Great Syngg Meetings under ye auspices of ye Pa Rish Aid So Ciety*—prolonged the festivities of the parish with an amusing rendering of old hymns and tunes, the singers dressed in the style of long ago, the "olde menne and matrons," as well as the "young menne and maidens" of the congregation doing their best to make the unique concert a great success.

December 2d. The first banquet of the club was given at Wilder Memorial Hall, John N. Beckley, toastmaster. Dr. Doty in responding to the toast, *Our Rector* was in his happiest vein. . .

. . . "If I have had success with anything it is with boys; the boys have been the means of unifying the organization of this church. My marriage, with Christ Church has been a success. Christ Church has now had five husbands, and she has used them all extremely well, proving that marriage as some are affirming, is not always a failure."

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The Vestry, called out Mr. W. J. Ashley. "It is like a graveyard—this meeting—those inside can't get out, those outside don't want to get in."

Mr. Egbert F. Ashley's theme was fittingly *The Sunday School*. The speeches were all exceptionally good, the banquet prolonged to a late hour.

This is what we find recorded in the Parish Aid annals concerning that first banquet of the Men's Club: "Only think of it dear sisters, ye who have baked and scrubbed and washed dishes, and ran your feet off selling tickets for church suppers, and pricked your fingers into graters making fancy articles for sales, how hilariously the dearly beloved brethren do these things when they get themselves into harness for parish usefulness along the lines of social harmony and cheer. They meet together and when they have eaten and are full, they make laugh-provoking speeches, and sing songs, and smoke fine cigars, and nobody whimpers if the money bag is lighter rather than heavier than before, for it is the *social* life of the parish they have enlisted to promote, and which they make a success in promoting. They never go down into the Parish House kitchen and make coffee and sandwiches, to save a penny, nor do we behold them carving turkeys and scooping up ice cream! Their heaviest duty seems to be, responding to toasts *extempore*, (wholly off hand unprepared speeches of course.) Are they not likely to wholly displace our old fashioned methods of making church wheels 'go round'? Is it not in order for us to learn of

them and go and do likewise? They toss off a banquet like a bumper—Myering's orchestra playing sweetly in the background. Even 'dress suits are not necessary;' How glad we have been at our suppers, etc., for a sparse showing of business tweeds even. Will it be rashly premature in us if we rise up from much serving of tables, and clasp our hands at deliverance from raising money in the old hard ways, because, forsooth, the men of the parish have proved to our satisfaction that there is an easier and pleasanter way?"

December 29th. At the annual meeting of the Parish Aid Mrs. Medcalf, the treasurer, entered upon her tenth year of office; Mrs. Parker, secretary, upon her twenty-first.

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January. The Rev. Henry Rollings appointed assistant minister. Mr. Rollings resigned September, 1893.

February 27th. *Alice in Wonderland* was given by the young folk of the parish in Wilder Memorial Hall. . . . "Clever and successful."

Easter Tuesday. Supper and sale of the Parish Aid with fine musical by the *St. Andrew's Brotherhood*. Total receipts, \$252.30.

May. "A sum, not to exceed \$1,400.00 was appropriated by the vestry, 'for the expense of the music of the church, during the present year, the same to include the salary of the organist, payments to members of the choir, the keeping of the

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organ in repair by the makers, and all other expenses connected with the rendering of the music.'"

October 11th. Experience Meeting—Parish Aid—"How I earned my dollar this summer."

October. Choir boys in need of new vestments; nine years' wear had told upon the outfit. A choristers' concert decided upon.

November 3rd. Free organ recital with vocal numbers, by Miss Elizabeth Doty and Mrs. Pulver.

November 6th. Death of Elizabeth Bushnell Clarkson, wife of George G. Clarkson, aged sixty-four years . . . "her zeal the motive power of many good works."

November 22nd. Choristers concert. The boys get their new vestments.

December. The Bond System given up by the Parish Aid—"the Ten System" adopted. Ten chairmen appointed—committees of the members increased by tens, etc.

December 8th. Second Annual Dinner of the Christ Church Club. David L. Hill, toastmaster.

In the history of the Club, there is no record of a more important meeting. Everyone present was enthused for the new church building,—the keynote of every address, an inspiration, ensuring the immediate realization of the great project. John N. Beckley was the last speaker—*The new edifice, when shall we see it?* And for all that it was

clearly shown that the same would cost \$50,000.00, there was no waning of zeal, the subscriptions amounting to more than twenty thousand dollars before the meeting adjourned (at a late hour). The Church Club had given vital impulse to what would soon make the new church edifice a glorious reality.

November. Death of Mrs. Daniel B. Beach, first Secretary of the old Sewing Society, keeper of the records for many years.

December 6th. Death of Mrs. H. H. Lambert another prominent member of the old Sewing Society. Mr. Lambert died May, 1876. He was the first Secretary and Librarian of the Sunday School, 1855.

December 12th. *The Men's Club* entertain right royally the women of the parish,—J. C. Kalbfleisch chairman upon this happy occasion.

December 20th. Mrs. J. C. Kalbfleisch succeeds Mrs. Parker as Secretary of the Parish Aid.

At the meeting of the Parish Aid Society, held January 25, 1893, Dr. Doty offered the following:

"WHEREAS, in the closing moments of our last meeting, a letter from our esteemed secretary, Mrs. Parker, was read, conveying to us the very unwelcome news of the resignation of her office.

Therefore, be it resolved, That in accepting the resignation which we now do with profound regret, we can but recall the fact that for twenty-two years last past, Mrs. Parker has filled this office, first in the old Sewing Society, and second in the Parish

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Aid Society, with fidelity and ability of no common order—and her faithfulness can best be seen in the remarkable records she has left which give a connected and full history—not only of the two above named societies, but of our own and her dear parish of Christ Church.

To her faithfulness must be added her self-sacrificing service in the work of the church—her thoughtfulness for, and her loyalty to her parish, her Society and her Rector, her punctuality in her work—her varied and brilliant gifts in creating methods whereby the design of the Society might be accomplished. All these sentiments and more, we wish to present to our late Secretary, and to assure her of our sorrow over the loss of her valuable services as Secretary of the Parish Aid Society.

Resolved, That Mrs. Parker be requested to accept the position of Honorary Secretary of the Parish Aid Society for the remainder of the official year, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Parker and spread upon our minutes."

1893.

January 11th. Death of Caroline Goldsborough Gardiner, widow of the late General John L. Gardiner. "Elect lady—chosen of God—a gentle woman of the old school—her sweet courtesies unfailing—her serenity bestowing peace."

Memorial Tribute.

February. Dr. Doty appointed a member of the

"Advisory Council in Religious Congresses of the World's Columbian Exposition." Miss M. Jeanette Ballantyne, for many years a parishioner of Christ Church, was appointed a member of the "Advisory Council of the World's Congress of Stenographers at the Columbian Exposition."

March. The Parish Aid pledged to pay \$1,000.00 a year for four years for the Building Fund of the New Church.

The Choir boys are to be paid hereafter from four to twelve cents for each service and rehearsal.

May. " . . . for the purpose of providing funds with which to pay for the building and completion of Christ Church, and for paying for the present indebtedness, the vestry agree to Mortgage the church property, . . . for an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00.

May. St. Paul's Church invites Christ Church to worship with its congregation during the reconstruction of Christ Church edifice. This invitation was unanimously accepted.

It is a delightful page in our history,—those services at old St. Paul's through the summer of 1893, when as one congregation we met for the Sunday services,—the pastor of each flock, (Dr. Washburn and Dr. Doty) in the chancel—the choirs under their leaders—Mr. Edward H. Walker and Mr. James E. Bagley, harmoniously united. Christ Church Sunday School met in our Parish House, as before,—in the Library of which a temporary altar was erected for early celebrations and week day services.

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In an important sense the consolidation of the parishes was effected.

May. The contract for the new church edifice is let to H. H. Edgerton. It was to be built of red Albion sandstone, decorated, gothic in style, one hundred and eighty feet from the East Avenue street line. The old chancel with a section of the old church would be retained. The building of the tower postponed indefinitely.

June. Meneely of Troy offers \$190.00 for the old bell, bought of them in 1869 for \$772.00. The bell was sold less than a year later to the Evangelical Church of West Walworth, Wayne Co., N. Y., for \$225.00.

October 25th. The old system of collectors revived by the Parish Aid. Another revision of the Constitution called for.

November 27th. *After Forty Years*, a play written by Charlotte Curtis Smith, a well known parishioner, and rising writer, was successfully performed at Wilder Memorial Hall, with a fine support of parish talent. This play was repeated for the benefit of the Woman's Missionary Society.

A list of the leading performances, concerts, suppers, etc., given during the year and many following, for the New Church and other funds is too lengthy for publication here. Irrepressible was the zeal of the builders of the great stone church. Christ Church teaspoons, \$3.50 each, added something to the steadily increasing fund.

December 27th. Death of Myron G. Peck, one

of the founders of the parish. The marble font was his gift in 1855.

1894.

January. The subject of a consolidation of the parishes of St. Paul's and Christ Church was revived, much discussed, and again dropped as impracticable.

May 15th. Whitsun Tuesday. The day of the Benediction of the New Church edifice—a triumphant prelude to the opening services of the Fifty-Seventh Council of the Diocese of Western New York.

The first service in the new Church had been held on Easter day.

June 10th. Silver Wedding day of Dr. and Mrs. Doty. Reception at the Rector's home, Arnold Park.

June. The Rev. J. Howard Perkins appointed curate.

1895.

March. A sounding board is placed above the pulpit. \$200.00.

May. The Annual Meeting of the local societies of the *Girls' Friendly* is held in Christ Church, —a luncheon served by the parish branch of the society.

October. The resignation of the old and reliable treasurer of the Parish Aid, Mrs. E. A. Medcalf, accepted with sincere regret—and an expression of appreciation and thanks for long and faithful service. Mrs. Medcalf was succeeded by Mrs. George Archer.

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December. Fourth Dinner of the Church Club, William J. Ashley, toast-master.

1896.

February 12th. The Right Reverend F. D. Huntington, D.D., Bishop of Central New York, preached in Christ Church.

February 21st. Sunday evening. Gounod's *Gallia* given by the choir, in a special musical service. The same repeated on Ash Wednesday evening. Stainer's *Crucifixion* was rendered Good Friday night.

Cooked food sales a marked feature of Parish Aid activity. The Easter sale was supplemented by a Magic Lantern Entertainment, a decided success.

During the summer the choristers gave their fifth annual concert with dramatic selections for a Camping Out fund. Their camp was at Point Lookout, Sodus Bay, Dr. Doty spending two or three days of each week with them. The choristers sang in the little church at Sodus Point Sunday mornings during their outing.

June. Amount of insurance carried on the church property placed at \$50,000.00.

July 20th. Death of the Right Reverend Arthur Cleveland Coxe—Bishop of Western New York.

October 22nd. Concert by members of the Tuesday Musical. Soloists: Tom Karl; Mrs. Elizabeth Doty Coyne; Miss Shafer.

November. Death of James H. Nellis, vestryman nearly thirty years,—and a member of the parish

since 1856. He and his family are identified with its history and good works.

December 26th. The Right Reverend W. D. Walker, D. C. L., LL.D., Bishop of Western New York, preaches in Christ Church, his first sermon in the Archdeaconry of Rochester. The Bishop was the guest of honor at the Church Club Banquet held December 27th, Robert Cartwright, toast-master. The Bishop was given a social reception at Powers Hall by the church people of the city.

Christmastide. Through generous donations, Dr. Doty is enabled to give a Christmas dinner to about fifty families.

Total amount raised by the Parish Aid during the year \$1,412.65.

1897.

February 9th. A lecture under the auspices of the Parish Aid by Mr. Adelbert Cronise, upon Japan. This interesting lecture was supplemented by a fine concert.

February 14th. Gounod's *Gallia*, given by the choir.

February 15th. Death of Sarah Edwards Sabey, widow of James Sabey. "Let us thank God for the faithful life of this, his aged servant." *Dr. Doty*.

February 17th. Death of Joseph Engel . . .
 . "among the first to subscribe liberally for the building of our new church . . . his five sons identified with the parish. . . ." *Dr. Doty*.

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February 20th. The Rev. Dr. Bodine, of Philadelphia, begins a ten days pre-Lenten Mission in Christ Church.

March. Dr. Doty urged by the vestry to take a two months' vacation. . . . He went to Virginia Beach, accompanied by Mrs. Doty and his daughter Marion, stopping awhile in Washington, D. C., returning in June, greatly benefited by the rest and change.

April 2d. Death of Cornelia Ward Smith, widow of Edward Meigs Smith. The funeral of Mrs. Smith was one of the most impressive ever held in Christ Church. Dr. Battershall, Archdeacon Washburn, and the Rev. Mr. Hart took part in the services. Gounod's *Te Deum* in C, was antiphonally rendered by the choristers, in accordance with the the dying wish of Mrs. Smith. The Committal was by Dr. Battershall.

. . . "She was a notable woman, who in womanly ways, touched large circles of life with strong and subtle influence. Her power was unasserted and unsought; it was simply the outflow of a rich nature, trained by the discipline of life, and a faith in ideal and eternal things, into beautiful character. Her husband, Edward Meigs Smith, represented one of the oldest and most eminent families of Rochester. He was one of the founders and wardens of the parish of Christ Church; and he carried unblemished his christian gentlemanhood, through many years of public and official life. During the eight years of his Consular service in

the Duchy of Baden, the grace and culture of his wife gave to his position a social distinction far beyond its political significance. After her husband's death in 1884, Mrs Smith returned to her home in Rochester. Sorrow henceforth chastened her life. It did not break its springs, or weaken its grasp, on those things which gave it breadth and beauty. During the patient, dignified years of her widowhood, even with failing health, there was the same energy of nature, charm of manner, love of beauty, delicate taste, intellectual alertness, interest in the world of art and of letters. There was the same sympathy with life, only the sympathy was more tender and thoughtful, and sought with keener, more finely trained insight the suffering side of life. All this found expression in generous interpretations, and helpful deeds, and behind all this, was that intelligent, refined type of spiritual life, that is nourished at the altar of the church to which she gave her love and loyalty."

WALTON W. BATTERSHALL.

April. First Sunday morning Deaf Mute Service in the Parish House.

April 20th. Nearly \$300.00 made by the Parish Aid at its Lunch Counter Sale.

July 9th. Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Collier. "After serving God in her generation, gently gathered unto her fathers . . . in the confidence of a certain faith."

The Lord Bishop of Rochester, England, the Right Reverend Edward Stuart Talbot, D. D., visits

the city during the summer, preaching at Christ Church at 3:00 P. M. The seating capacity of the church was taxed to its utmost—fully twelve hundred persons, it was estimated, listening to his sermon upon what it means to be good,—the necessity of the union of religion and morality for the perfection of character.

Advent. The twentieth anniversary of Dr. Doty's pastorate joyfully commemorated. His sermon was from the text "Thus have I been twenty years in thy house" . . . "our parish today, as in the past, is in a good, healthy, growing condition." . . . A special musical service was the feature of the evening. *The Two Advents, A Church Cantata*, rendered by choir, organ and congregation. The Parochial Record, prepared by Dr. Doty for this occasion is a valuable compilation of parish statistics, covering twenty years, 1877-1897. Of the three hundred and twenty-five families of the parish, only sixty-two were parishioners twenty years before. Number of communicants Advent, 1897, seven hundred and fifty.

December 1st. Sixth dinner of Christ Church Club, Mr. Joseph Walker, toast-master. "It is now just twenty years since our Rector entered upon his work in this parish. Let us make this dinner a grand celebration of that event." The menu, the toasts, and the officers, as given in the programme preserved in the parish archives, is proof sufficient that the dinner was an eminent success in every way. Bishop Walker, the Rev. Mr. Wrigley of Buf-

falo, and the Rev. Warren C. Hubbard were among the speakers,—Dr. Doty's response to *The Past* both humorous and felicitous—he congratulating himself upon his support by the men, particularly the young men, of the parish.

The Rev. E. H. Edson appointed curate.

December 4th. Lay readers service held at Christ Church—the first in Rochester.

Sum total raised by the Parish Aid for the year 1897—\$1,131.35 an increase on the amount of the preceding year of \$120.00.

1898.

January 4th. Death of Frances Gridley Child, widow of Albert E. Walker. Mrs. Walker at the time of her death was one of the few survivors of the founders of the parish, one of the thirty-five or more communicants of St. Lukes who were admitted by letter to the first celebration of the Holy Communion in the new East Side Mission. Her name, her work, and her sweet quiet influence are a part of the history of the parish. In the old Sewing Society days she was an indispensable member, so great was the demand for her fine needle work in the daintiest of those specialties for which the Society was famous, her skillful needle an unfailing source of considerable revenue. A gentle-woman in the truest sense, she has given Christ Church, not only the benefaction of a silent influence, but the perpetuation of that influence in her sons and daughters. Christ Church may well rise up and call her blessed.

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Ash Wednesday. Gounod's *Gallia* given by the choir at a musical service in the evening.

The Circle system adopted by the Parish Aid: eight circles, with an alphabetical grouping of the members, each circle pledged to raise fifty dollars, at least, during the year, with choice of methods, collections and subscriptions to be handed in at a monthly reception given by one or more of the circles. (P. 209, Book 8, Parish Aid.)

Four thousand dollars pledged to the Building Committee of the New Church, with the expense attending upon the care of the Parish House was quite sufficient to stimulate supreme effort on the part of the Parish Aid.

Good Friday Evening. Musical service by the choir. Stainer's *Crucifixion*, interspersed with hymns sung by the congregation.

March 30th. The E, the F, and the G circles give a Reading. Paper: *Russia*, by Mrs. S. L. Linn (not a parishioner).

October 19th. Death of William B. Douglas, aged eighty years. The many benefactions of Mr. Douglas to the church at large, were ever those of a cheerful giver and as a rule unknown to the public. . . . "There are men living in prosperity today who owe their start in life to Mr. Douglas, and hundreds who are the richer in comfort and happiness because he lived, and the poorer because he died."

Memorial tribute.

November 10th. A reception was given to

Bishop Walker and Dr. and Mrs. Doty upon their return from the General Convention in Washington, D. C.

November. The Parish House thoroughly renovated.

November 24th. Mrs. J. Moreau Smith gives a reception for Mrs. Doty and Mrs. Edson.

Many are the devices of the competing Circles in Entertainments, etc., for the Building Fund.

Among Dr. Doty's papers the following has been found, another proof of his intention to write a history of the parish :

"Members of Christ Church who responded to their country's call. (In the Spanish American War.)

Murray W. Crosby,	Captain	Co. H.,	3rd N. Y. V. I.	
George A. Grenville,	2d Lieut.	"	"	"
Walter Ball,	Lieut. on Cruiser,	New York.		
John Quinby,	"	Vesuvius.		
Albert F. Smith,	Sergt.	Co. H.,	3rd N. Y. V. I.	
Wm. C. Seward,	Corpl.'	"	"	"
Lionel F. Whitney,	Musician	"	"	"
Mort Rundel,	Private	"	"	"
John Battershall,	"	"	"	"
Harry Bristow,	"	"	"	"
John E. Williams,	"	"	"	"
Wm. T. Cooksley,	"	"	"	"
George Schaeffer,	"	Co. A.,	"	"
Ed. B. Stockdale,	"	"	"	"
Harry Angevine,	"	Co. B.,	"	"
Albert C. Dillman,	Corpl.		2d	"
George Williams,	"		"	"
Andrew S. McDowell,	Electrician on battleship Texas.			

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Clarence Ball,	Seaman on Saturn.
Fred Schumacher,	" "
Fred Zellweger,	Quartermaster on Jason.
Frank McDowell,	Landsman.
Harry Shearer,	Private 8th N. Y. V. I.
Joseph Hunter,	" 5th Ohio
Fred C. Nellis.	
Fred Whelock	Co. I, 202 Regt.
W. S. Rowley.	
Francis M. Blacklock,	Lieut. (record unfilled)."

January 16th. The Sunday Schools of the city parishes hold a service for Missions at Christ Church.

May 29th. Death of William Jarvis Ashley, Warden and ex-Sunday School Superintendent, and a vestryman form any years—a man whose loss was sincerely mourned by the parish, and felt by Dr. Doty as that of a brother, . . . "always the genial Christian gentleman, whether as man of affairs or in the performance of the many church duties that fell to him."

Memorial of the Church Club—"Always a tower of strength to his Bishop and his Rector."

Minutes of the Vestry.

Mr. Frank A. Ward was elected Warden in place of Mr. Ashley. Mr. David Hoyt succeeded Mr. Ward as vestryman.

October 5th. Death of Emily Stuart Smith only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Moreau Smith.

Her short life was spent in blessed ministrations, and good works. A life fragrant with kindly deeds and loving consolations consecrated to Christ and the Church.

October 31st. Death of the Right Reverend

Henry Adams Neely, D. D., in Portland, Maine. Bishop Neely was born in Fayetteville, N. Y., May 14, 1830. Rector of Christ Church 1855-1864; Consecrated to the Episcopate January 25, 1867. His widow survived him less than two years. He left no children.

November 3rd. Death of Miss Lucy Ellen Guernsey, aged seventy-three. Miss Guernsey achieved early in life a wide reputation as a writer of Sunday School books. She was editor of the *Parish Visitor* at the time of her death; she had been appointed deaconess by Bishop Coxe a few years before. She was President of the Christ Church Missionary Society from 1881-1885, and a valued teacher in the Sunday School, having charge of an adult Bible Class.

She united with the parish early in its first decade.

Miss Guernsey was reasonably proud of having founded the first Sewing School for poor children in Rochester, and with having had much to do with the founding of the Home for Aged Women on East Avenue, whose inmates were cheered by her regular visits as long as she was able to continue them. She united with St. Lukes not many years before her death, but her loyalty to Christ Church was never lessened thereby.



REV. WILLIAM D'ORVILLE DOTY, D.D.



PART THREE.

"God summoned him in the fullness of his power while his heart was full of you."

Sermon by Dr. Battershall on the death of Dr. Doty.

□ Christmas-tide 1899. Christmas came on Monday that year. The week before had been one of unusual exertion for Dr. Doty—his nervous energy seriously overdrawn—but to save himself in the slightest, he never did—assuredly not if he could be of service anywhere or to anyone. Christmas Eve he directed the decoration of the Sanctuary, handling damp evergreens without a thought of the risk incurred, considering his physical condition. He attended a meeting of the *Girls' Friendly* that evening—and without going home for rest, entered upon the midnight service with his characteristic fervor—(his was ever the true Christmas joy)—nor did he show signs of weariness the next day; but then he could always conceal what might possibly lessen the enjoyment of his people. It was a happy Christmas, with never a shadow of the close impending gloom.

Christmas week for Dr. Doty was a continuous round of duties.

He had been asked to take part in the meeting to be held at the Brick Church New Years Eve under the auspices of the Masonic Lodges of the city—a service commemorating the Centenary of the death of George Washington. The subject assigned him was *Washington as a Churchman*. During the week

preceding, he worked upon his address under great pressure and often late into the night. Sunday—sadly as he was in need of rest, he was at the early Celebration and the Sunday School immediately following, nor would he accept the offer of his assistant, Mr. Edson, to preach for him that morning, and to relieve him, as well, of most of the service. There was an exceptionally large congregation. A good share of the afternoon was given to final revision of his address for the evening. He visited the sick that afternoon walking some distance. At the evening service he preached again,—his last words to his people—the last time his voice was heard in Christ Church. As soon as his sermon was ended, he entered the carriage waiting to take him to the Centenary, arriving barely in time to fill his part on the interesting programme. His address was called one of the best of the evening; but there were those of his hearers who saw his mental and physical exhaustion and were not unprepared to hear the next day of his serious illness. Before morning he awoke from troubled sleep in great pain—and after a few days of extreme suffering from capillary bronchitis terminating in pneumonia,—and when it was believed the worst was over, and that he might recover, he slipped away without a struggle after cheerfully saying to his physician, "*now*, I think I can sleep."

January 5th, 1900. A little before the break of the day, William D'Orville Doty entered upon eternal rest.

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Sunday afternoon, January 7th, his remains were taken to Christ Church and placed in the old chancel—the members of the vestry, and the clergy of the city and diocese on guard. It was a sunless day, black with rain. Slowly and continuously, from three of that Sunday afternoon, until the church doors were closed at six, a silent reverent crowd passed before the casket, the light from the corona softly illuminating his face with its farewell message for each and every one. All night vigil was kept with prayer and praise. . . . The greater part of the crowd which came to his funeral on Monday afternoon could not enter the church.

. . . That funeral service was a fitting culmination of his life; it was all that he with his exalted ideals of ceremonial ritual could have desired,—triumphant throughout; a song of victory. The casket was carried from the church on the shoulders of professional bearers, the long processional of the clergy, vestry, family and friends following, passing between the choristers ranged on either side of the church walk outside,—choristers of several choirs who sang the alleluia hymn as it had never been heard before. Again, at Mount Hope, that flower-laden casket passed through long lines of choristers, their alleluias rising above the open grave.

January 21st. A memorial service was held in Christ Church, Bishop Walker conducting the same. Dr. Battershall of St. Peters, Albany, spoke most impressively of the life of the departed. "The Good Shepherd giveth His life for the

sheep." The Bishop's chair, which Dr. Doty had draped with his own hands upon the death of Bishop Neely only three months before was an impressive feature of the old chancel at his funeral, and at the memorial service a week after, merging as it did sorrow for the death of the first rector of Christ Church with that for the last.

. . . "Now and then death comes with a peculiar sweep or stroke. The passing of some men is as the opening of a door, not only in the life that has vanished, but in the life that remains. In the consecration of death we get a new vision of the man,—a new measurement of his personality and the value of his touch upon us. It is not that death idealizes; it only clarifies the medium through which we discover the full proportions and the large perspectives of the life which has moved beside our own . . . a veiled and uncomputed power. .

. . . When he who has loved us and helped us stands in the transfiguration of death then only do we take the full estimate of the man and of all he has been to us."

Dr. Battershall, Memorial Sermon.

Never was a pastor more beloved by his people. He was in truth a member of every family of his congregation, the first sought for in time of trouble.

. . . He took unceasing and individual interest in each soul committed to his care. When grievously hurt, he made no sign, when ignored he made no protest—to smite him was to gain his blessing, if blessing were in his power. . . . He had no

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aspiration to be a popular, and a great preacher, but he did strive to hold his people by loyal personal service, glad if he might at any cost lead them in paths of peace. He walked humbly with his God, turning neither to the right nor the left, the vows of his pastorate the law of his life. He was wholly untroubled by the doubts and questions disturbing the souls of many of his brethren in the sacred ministry. He believed all that he taught his people to believe. The service of the church never became an old story to him. "I never read it upon any occasion" he has been known to say, "but I find in it a newer and a fresher meaning." No one could read the burial service like Dr. Doty. What wonder that he was called upon so frequently, incessantly, to officiate at funerals where the claim upon him was slight; to decline was contrary to the man's nature. "Few realize" he has said "how much time I spend on the road to Mount Hope." Many are the instances now recalled of his heroic devotion,—like that of his insisting upon watching all night with a poor parishioner dying of malignant diphtheria, comforting his last hours with assurances that the motherless, penniless children should be cared for—as they were, for Dr. Doty never failed in such trust. . . . He loved his people—and they loved him. He had no preferences unless it was for the unfortunate and the troublesome—and those were never neglected by him. He could not be too overcharged to attend at once to a call for assistance nor was he ever too sad to give out

freely of the joyousness of his inner life. His keen sense of humor, his relish for a good story,—his clear, ringing, contagious laughter—his readily outstretched glad hand—have done as much for the consolation of his people as his pastoral councils and his prayers. “I have come to make you laugh again—” he said to one in bitter affliction, and laugh together they did before he had gone.

There have been more brilliant preachers—but never was the simple gospel of the Christ and its fundamentals, more earnestly presented; more zealously maintained. His life was his epistle. The church with which he had been identified for nearly a quarter of a century is his Memorial—but it is nothing in comparison with the sweet memory of the loving, true pastor, enshrined in the hearts of his people—that loving, unselfish, joyful personality, inseparable from the name of William D’Orville Doty.

Dr. Doty, at the time of his death, was prominent in the Order of Free and Accepted Masons, holding the office of Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, with that of Chaplain of the General Grand Council of Royal and Silent Masters in the United States.

He was actively engaged in municipal and educational reform—was enlisted in various philanthropic and patriotic movements—was a member of the Alpha Delta Phi—one of the Vice-Presidents of the Monroe County Red Cross and a loyal officer of the Humane Society. He was deputy to six

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General Conventions, serving upon important committees—and always prominent among the leading clergy of the diocese in church work. When censured by his people, as he was sometimes—for doing so much outside his parish, he has been heard to say, “other sheep have I, which are not of this fold.”—the multitudes, in no way connected with his parish, who mourned his loss, proving the truth of his words.

William D’Orville Doty, was born in Windham, Greene County, N. Y., December 28, 1835; Graduated Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, 1862, with degree of B. A. ; Matriculated General Theological Seminary, New York, 1862 ; Admitted to Holy Orders, 1864; Assistant Rector St. Paul’s, Boston, Mass., 1864; Admitted to the priesthood, 1866; Rector All Saints, Brooklyn, N. Y., 1867; Married Sarah Elizabeth Haskell, Boston, Mass., 1869; Rector St. Paul’s, Waterloo, N. Y., 1871 ; Rector Christ Church, Rochester, N. Y., 1877 ; Entered into rest, January 5, 1900; Leaving a widow and five children : (Mrs.) Elizabeth Haskell Coyne, William D’Orville Doty, Jr., Mabelle Haskell Doty, Marion Brooks Doty, Leonidas Doty.

Dr. Doty is buried in Mount Hope, Rochester, N. Y.



“ WITH ALL THE COMPANY OF HEAVEN.”

O heights supernal where he woke !
At last the cooling palms !
The shout of all the company
Of heaven in glad psalms !
At last His face and wounded hands—
At last the Master's voice ! . . .
And yet we mourn. . . Have pity, Christ,
And help us to rejoice.

Our holy place is desolate.
For tears we cannot see
The glory of the inner court
Where still our priest is he ;
And where for us he pleadeth sore . . .
O Jesu by that cross
Grant him that soon we count as joy
This bitter, bitter loss.

Lighten our darkness, Light of Light,
Lest we be slow to run
Full strong of heart to do the work
Those folded hands begun ;—
To build where he may build no more ;
To reap what he hath sown . . .
Lighten this darkness Light of Light—
And make his prayer our own.

J. M. P.



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“What can we do best to commemorate the memory and manifest our affection for our departed rector? At present we cannot tell what, as a people we most desire to do, but your vestry surely feel that nothing could so well serve or be so fitting as a determination on the part of each individual member of this great body to be loyal to the parish that Dr. Doty loved so well, and to endeavor conscientiously, to help carry along the great work that it is possible for it to do in the future. . . .”

*From the letter of the vestry to the congregation,
February 17, 1900.*

Signed, J. MOREAU SMITH, } Wardens.
 FRANK A. WARD, }

ALBERT C. WALKER,	E. HENRY SCRANTOM,
CHARLES P. BOSWELL,	J. CRAIG POWERS,
CHARLES J. FERRIN, JR.,	EGBERT F. ASHLEY,
JOHN F. ALDEN,	DAVID HOYT,

EUGENE C. DENTON, Clerk.

January 30th. At a meeting called by the vestry, when addresses were made on the future work of the parish and its needs, the payment of the church debt as a Memorial of Dr. Doty was unanimously supported and urged. “If Dr. Doty could speak,” it was said, “he would say that his one great desire would be the raising of the debt on the church. If there was ever a man who worked for this church it was Dr. Doty, and it is for us to carry on that work now he is gone.”

THE DR. DOTY MEMORIAL FUND.

“He spent himself for this church. Is it not fitting that you should make it in very truth his consecrated memorial? Now that God has taken him will you not complete his task?”

Dr. Battershall, Memorial Sermon.

At the time of Dr. Doty's death, January, 1900, the mortgage debt upon the church property was \$45,000.00. After mature deliberation the vestry and congregation decided that a fund to be called the *Dr. Doty Memorial Fund* should be raised toward paying off the debt on the church. Much credit is due to Mr. John N. Beckley for the success of the effort. His enthusiasm and persistence shared by the vestry and congregation resulted in securing one hundred and thirty-three pledges aggregating \$22,084.75, most of which was to be paid in four installments, the last one maturing October, 1903. Of the amount pledged there was paid \$21,448.91, leaving as yet unpaid (1904) \$635.84 or less than three per cent. During that period the Parish Aid Society in addition paid to the fund \$1,900.00 and the Mothers' meeting \$10.00, making a total applied on the debt (September, 1904) of \$23,358.91. Of this sum, Mrs. L. Ward Clark, a devoted communicant of the parish gave \$5,000.00.

PART FOUR.

“Corporations, it is said, have no souls. I know that churches have habits. The habit of the women of Christ Church in raising money is to be depended upon.”

Dr. Battershall at the Parish Aid Meeting of the Semi-Centennial Jubilee.

1900.

January. Mortgage indebtedness \$45,000.00.

Early in the year \$22,084.95 was pledged to the Dr. Doty Memorial Fund by one hundred and thirty-two members of the parish.

The chancel was newly tinted and greatly improved by Easter. The Annunciation and Nativity windows, memorials of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Meigs Smith were placed, and awaited unveiling on Easter Day.

The vestry accepted the main features of the Tiffany scheme of decoration, to be carried out in time: white stone reredos, white marble altar, mosaic altar panel, representing the institution of the Lord's Supper, rood screen, pendant chancel lamp, altar candlesticks, etc.

EASTER DAY.

Unveiling of the Annunciation and the Nativity chancel windows.

The soft green and blue shadings of these beautiful windows are produced by the thickening and thinning of the glass, except in the flesh tints by the brush. The smaller windows of the chancel are a part of the same Memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Meigs Smith.

April. Mrs. Doty resigns the presidency of the Parish Aid. Her resignation is finally accepted with sincere regret, and full recognition of her ten years of faithful service.

May. A Rector's Council, a confederation of the parish organizations suggested, and urged by the curate, the Rev. Mr. Edson.

September. The Rev. Elijah H. Edson, accepts a call to Grace Church, Madison, South Dakota. For more than two years Mr. Edson was Dr. Doty's efficient helper, acquiring that thorough knowledge of the parish which fitted him for the onerous duties he was afterwards called upon to assume. For nine months after the death of Dr. Doty he served most acceptably as minister-in-charge, faithfully shepherding the flock, and preaching with spiritual power, comforting and helping the bereaved congregation to bear its loss. He did much to promote harmony and courage, and greatly endeared himself by his kindliness and devotion to the parish. It was with the hearty good wishes of all that he entered upon his work in South Dakota.

September. The Rev. E. S. Towson of the diocese of Virginia is called as temporary curate, serving the parish most acceptably for two months.

October 2nd. The Rev. Andrew J. Graham of Christ Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, called to the Rectorship.

October. The Rev. Mr. Graham accepts the Rectorship. He visits the parish officiating at the morning service, Sunday, November 11th.



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October. \$600.00 a year for two years, pledged by the Parish Aid to the Finance Committee of the vestry.

The following is taken from the report of the Vestry Finance Committee, "as to future income":

Probable expenditures for the year 1901..	<u>\$8,150.00</u>
Income from pew rentals after deductions	\$4,800.00
Offerings.....	800.00
Rent account.....	<u>200.00</u>
	\$5,800.00

The deficiency of \$2,300.00 was promptly made up by individuals, largely members of the vestry.

November 22nd. Death of the Rev. Anthony Schuyler, D. D., Rector of Grace Church, Orange, N. J., in the eighty-fifth year of his age. Rector of Christ Church, Rochester, N. Y., from 1862-1868. Within thirteen months the first two Rectors and Dr. Doty had been taken.

December. Amount received from legacy of Mrs. Edward Meigs Smith, \$5,268.16.

1901.

January 1st. The Rev. A. J. Graham, B.D., takes charge of the parish.

January 21st. Parish Reception given to the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Graham at the Parish House.

Andrew J. Graham, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, 1855, educated in Common and High Schools, Painesville, Ohio; tutor and student in Nebraska College 1872-1877; student Seabury Divinity School Fari-

bault, Minnesota, 1879-1881. Concord School of Philosophy 1881. Ordained to the diaconate, Trinity Cathedral, Omaha, Nebraska, May 30, 1877. Advanced to the priesthood, Cathedral of our Merciful Saviour, Faribault, Minnesota, June, 1881; 1877-1889, Rector St. Stephen's Grand Island and adjacent Missions; 1884-1894, Rector Holy Trinity, Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Minister of St. Mary's Free Church; 1894-1896, Rector St. Mark's, Washington, D. C., and in charge of the Missions of the Good Shepherd; 1896-1901 Rector Christ Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, and in charge of St. Agnes Mission; 1901 assumes the Rectorship of Christ Church, Rochester, N. Y.

March, 1901. Death of Almeron J. Johnson, aged sixty-eight years. Mr. Johnson's legacy of \$30,000.00 for the building of the tower as a Memorial of his son Joseph A. Johnson, is the largest bequest ever given by one individual to the parish. Mr. Johnson had not long been identified with Christ Church, at the time of his making this generous gift. He was one of Dr. Doty's new parishioners.

The mosaic tiling of the aisles in the new church was also the gift of Mr. Johnson, in memory of his beloved wife: Sarah Robbins Johnson, a communicant of St. Luke's at the time of her death (1897).

March 25th. Died at Tallahassee, Florida, Helen Estelle Herrick, wife of J. Moreau Smith (Senior Warden of Christ Church). Ten days before her death Mr. and Mrs. J. Moreau Smith,

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and their son Walton, had left home for a southern trip. At Tallahassee she contracted a cold which brought on pneumonia. Mrs. Smith was the daughter of the late Dr. Lewis R. Herrick, of Albany, N. Y., and was born in that city in 1839. Christ Church had never a more loyal member, one ever ready to spend and be spent in its service.

During the Eastertide following Mrs. Smith's death, the Parish Aid held a Memorial Service at which a tribute by "the old Secretary" was read and recorded upon the minutes.

. . . "Eastertide in Christ Church one year ago, was memorable indeed. We were barely emerging from the valley of the shadow. There was for us a new meaning in the Easter Gospel. Dr. Doty's voice more than ever, was in the words—'Lift up your hearts.' This Eastertide the Easter gospel has a fuller revelation in this additional bereavement. . . . 'What a loss.' How often those words have been repeated since her death,—with sad comment upon the loss not only to her family, but to Christ Church, the Church Home,—her many friends—the various good works in which she was engaged. . . . A sweet, strong womanly woman; true wife and mother, and truest friend; a church woman of the old fashioned school,—a strongly defined personality—possessing that rare charm, in these days of assertive women, of never making that personality aggressive and conspicuous. With decided opinions of her own—she was ever tolerant of the con-

victions of others—an evenly poised character whose equilibrium could be depended upon—a sunny nature dispensing good cheer, the best of comforters in time of trouble. Leadership she never sought and unwillingly accepted only when convinced that upon her consent the success of some good work largely depended—yet, as a leader she had exceptional qualifications—that of peacekeeper first of all. Well may we say: ‘What a loss.’ . . . Could we bring to Wilder Hall the dainty fancy articles alone that she has made for our church sales in the thirty years and more that she has been one of our number, what a collection it would be. Dr. Doty used to say that he would like to see a processional of ‘the storks, on one leg,’ that Mrs. Smith’s needle had invoked for the Parish Aid; he was sure it would be a long one. Do we not always think of her with a piece of fancy work in her hand, ‘something for the sale,’—something for which she had presumably secured a generous purchaser in advance?

Human speech for human sorrow is inadequate at the best. The death of Dr. Doty seemed to us an irreparable loss, until our eyes had been opened to see, though but dimly, the tide of blessing of which that transplanted life was the source. ‘What a sorrow this had been to him—’ how can we help saying today—How fast they are gathering on the other side, that other congregation of his, and of which he used to say, that he could see them at times in their old seats, their faces upturned while he spake

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from the chancel. He liked to name them over, beginning with the front seat where Mr. and Mrs. Dewey sat so many years—a lingering thought for every name:—Mrs. Carter Wilder; Ann Boyle; Mrs. Gardiner; Mrs. Collier; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. Sabey,—a long list—Tom Matthias in the seat near the door, that poor English boy, burned in the Lantern Works fire, and who through Dr. Doty had honored burial from the church, with ready help for his destitute mother. ‘That other congregation,’ Dr. Doty would say, ‘is growing fast and there are no divisions among them; they are always in church—and they never criticise my sermons.’ ”

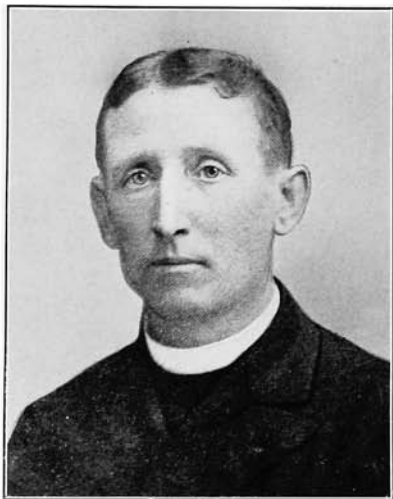
February 11th. Death of Matilda A. Schofield, widow of the Rev. Michael Schofield, a former assistant.

March 3rd. Death of Mrs. C. L. Stowell, long a faithful worker in the Parish Aid and a devoted communicant.

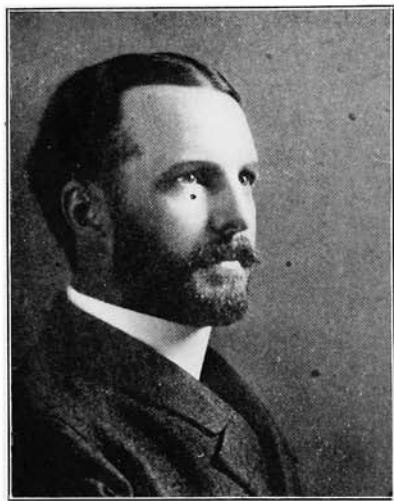
July 2d. Death of Mary Floyd Neely, widow of the late Bishop of Maine, aged sixty-seven years. “At evening time there shall be light.” (Mrs. Neely was blind several years before her death.)

July. The Bemish property on Lawn Street, adjoining the church lot on the west, bought by the vestry for \$2,525.00, and improved at an expense of about \$700.00.

September. The Rev. Webster W. Jennings—Senior Curate of St. Marks, Frankford, Philadelphia, appointed Curate.



REV. ELIJAH H. EDSON



REV. WEBSTER W. JENNINGS

THE EXTRA PAROCHIAL FUND.

In the autumn of 1901, Mr. Graham inaugurated the plan of annual individual pledges for one or more of the following objects:

Diocesan Missions—
Domestic Missions—
Foreign Missions—
Woman's Auxiliary—
Church Home.

To these were added :—

Bishop's Salary—
Diocesan Expenses.

The scheme was intended to accomplish three things :—

- (1)—To raise more money.
- (2)—To distribute the responsibility over the whole parish.
- (3)—To remove the necessity of frequent appeals.

	No. of Pledges	Amount
1901-2.....	129.....	\$1,227.50
1902-3.....	99.....	1,214.00
1903-4.....	101.....	1,339.75
1904-5.....	.....	.....

THE MISSIONARY CONFERENCE OF 1901.

The great Missionary Conference held in Rochester December 4th to 8th, 1901, owed its inception to the Rector, Rev. Andrew J. Graham. The most important services were held in Christ Church. A preliminary meeting of clergy and laity in June resulted in the election of the following Executive Committee:

Rev. Andrew J. Graham, Chairman; Mr. George H. Plummer, Secretary and Treasurer; Rev. R. R. Converse, D.D., Rev. Edward P. Hart, Rev. Murray Bartlett, Rev. L. C. Washburn, D.D., Mr. Rufus A. Sibley.

The chairmen of the various sub-committees were as follows:

Speaker, Eugene C. Denton; Services, Rev. Edward M. Parrott, Jr.; Press, William S. McCoy; Hospitality, John M. Williams; Music, Wm. C. Walker; Transportation, Frank J. Amsden; Exhibit, Mrs. C. A. Van der Beek.

The enthusiasm called forth by this great Missionary Conference was not confined to the congregations of the Rochester churches, the citizens generally taking an interest in the meetings.

The missionary field in China, Japan, the Philippines, Africa, Brazil, Cuba, Mexico, Alaska and the Domestic field had each its special speaker, in addition to the secretaries and officers of the Board of Missions, and other missionary organizations of the church.

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The following Bishops were present and made addresses : Bishop Walker, of Western New York; Bishop Rowe, of Alaska ; Bishop Graves, of China; Bishop Kinsolving, of Brazil; Bishop Peterkin of West Virginia ; Bishop Nelson, of Georgia ; Dr. Brent (Bishop Elect) of the Philippines; Bishop Doane, of Albany.

Among the Clergy present were Dr. W. B. Bodine, Philadelphia; Dr. Nelson, Geneva; Dr. H. A. Anstice, Philadelphia; Rev. Andrew Bard, Walla Walla, Washington; Dr. W. D. Powers, Church Missionary Society; Dr. Lloyd, Church Missionary Society; Rev. Henry Forrester, City of Mexico; Dr. H. L. Duhring, Philadelphia; Rev. Charles H. Evans, Missionary to Japan; Rev. Edward Welles Burleson, Missionary to North Dakota, and others.

Among the Lay Workers were Miss Emery, Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary; W. A. Butler, Mauch Chunk; Mrs. Nicholas, President of the Woman's Auxiliary, and others.

The services and meetings were held in Christ Church, St. Luke's and St. Paul's. Early Celebrations, Morning Conferences, Noon-day Prayers, Missionary Exhibits, Afternoon Instructions and Evening Sermons were continuous and well attended.

The object of the meeting was to spread information concerning Missions and to stimulate zeal in their support.

No appeal was made for money, and yet nearly seven hundred dollars was received in offerings.

The daily press gave generous space to reports,

and the Conference had wide notice in all of the Church Periodicals. Through it a forward movement for Missions was effectually gained.

1902.

A. D. 1902 will be remembered as the year of the building of the Johnson Memorial tower and of the erection of the Beckley Memorial altar, with a part of the new reredos; and of the mosaic altar piece in memory of Mrs. J. Moreau Smith.

January 29th. Reception given to the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Jennings by the *Parish Aid*.

February. The resignation of Mr. James E. Bagley, Choir Master was received and accepted with recognition of his faithful service for twelve years. Mr. Bagley had accepted a position as organist in Cincinnati, Ohio. Under Mr. Bagley's directorship, the music of Christ Church became second to none in the diocese—his exalted ideal of what Church Music should be meeting with no opposition in its realization.

February. W. D. Doty appointed temporary Choir Master; John Warner, temporary Choir Organist.

February 10th. Musicales under the auspices of the Entertainment Chapter of the *Parish Aid*.

February. "The mortgage debt upon the church which eighteen months ago was \$45,000.00 was reduced to \$29,000 with \$6,400.00 more pledged to its reduction."

February. A committee is appointed by the

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Parish Aid to confer with a committee from the vestry upon a special Memorial, (other than the payment of the debt) to Dr. Doty.

MRS. FRANK A. WARD,	} <i>Parish Aid.</i>
MRS. NATHANIEL WINN,	
MRS. SAMUEL WILDER,	
MRS. WILLIAM A. HALSEY,	
MRS. DAVID HOYT,	
MRS. T. T. WHITE,	} <i>Vestry.</i>
THE RECTOR,	
MR. EGBERT F. ASHLEY,	
MR. JOHN F. ALDEN,	
MR. ALBERT C. WALKER,	
MR. JOHN N. BECKLEY,	

Easter Morning, 1902. Death of Elizabeth Gardiner Quinby, widow of General I. F. Quinby, aged seventy-five years. "It was granted her to bear many sons and daughters to rise up and call her blessed, and to see her children's children. . . . She had herself the inheritance of a holy life, and she has left that inheritance to her children. . . . Her home was the center from which in widening circles her sympathy and usefulness reached out. . . . As a Manager on the Church Home Board for many years, in the parochial societies of Old St. Paul's, and latterly in Christ Church as an active member, and as President of the Western New York Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary, she manifested her interest and coöperation with outside work and workers. Her never idle hands were always weaving garments for the needy, those

that this Dorcas had woven through her long and busy life cannot be numbered." *From a memorial tribute by Helen Collier Wright.*

April 10th. The Flower Committee give a Silver Tea, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Jenkins, Jr. "Kindly drop a silver coin in the tray by the door."

April. The Tower Committee report the signing of the building contract with Hiram H. Edgerton. Estimated cost of the tower, \$28,210.00. Wm. C. Walker, superintending Architect.

April. Repairs upon the organ, with alterations decided upon. Estimate of cost about \$500.00.

Total receipts of *Parish Aid*, April, 1901, to April, 1902, \$2,587.37.

Whit-Sunday, May 18th. The corner stone of the tower was laid. The contents of the same had been wisely selected, the impressive services conducted by Bishop Walker. The Rev. Mr. Graham in his address upon the occasion paid fitting tribute to the memory of Mr. Johnson—"the man whose generous impulses has already placed in this church a memorial to his beloved wife. . . This tower . . . when completed may stand for a thousand years and more, the outward visible sign of an inward spiritual grace." He urged that in the room to be set apart in the tower for historical archives,



ALMERON J. JOHNSON,
The Donor of the Tower



JOSEPH ALMERON JOHNSON,
To Whose Memory the Tower was Erected

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under the church seats, at a cost of \$600.00, by the *Parish Aid*.

June 1st. The Rev. Scott Kidder, Curate St. Mary's, Tuxedo Park—installed as Junior Curate, Organist and Choir Master.

November. Unanimous effort is made to sustain the rector in his proposed system for promoting regular contributions to the Missions of the Church, the diocese and the parish. "It is the desire of the rector and the vestry that every family and individual connected with Christ Church shall make some pledge toward the Mission work which the church is undertaking and carrying on at home and in foreign lands."

November 2d. Sunday. First service after the placing of the new Sanctuary memorials: the altar and reredos; Eucharistic lights; mosaic and canopy.

Pledges and offerings solicited by the rector for the City Hospital and the Homeopathic Hospital.

. . . "Both institutions have been very kind to me in connection with the poor of this parish."

November. Insurance on church increased to \$50,000.00; \$43,000.00 on church building, memorials, etc.; \$5,000.00, on organ; \$2,000.00, furniture. That upon the building was soon after increased to \$50,000.00.

Extra help for shoveling snow for the next four months is to be paid for, "not exceeding \$5.00 a month." Before the winter was over \$5.00 a month was added to the sexton's salary as well for shoveling snow.

December. The Calendar plan adopted by the Parish Aid for Lenten work, the proceeds to be an Easter offering for the church debt. The person representing a year gave ten dollars; each month five dollars: the weeks two dollars each; the days one dollar. The year secured the months, the months the weeks, the weeks the days. Four hundred and forty-two dollars, the result of a successful effort. The Chapters took up this scheme with enthusiasm.

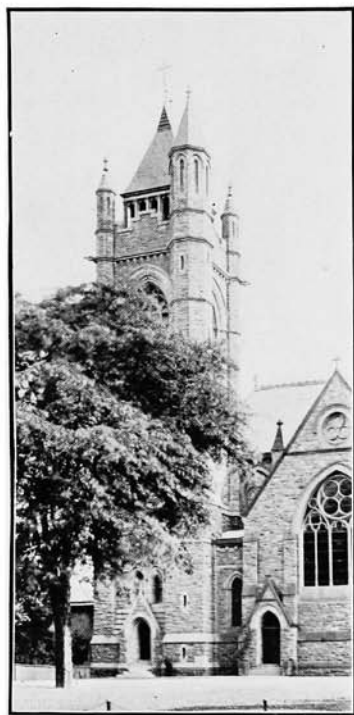
During the summer of 1902 the church interior was redecorated at a cost of \$824.84.

December. The Rev. Scott Kidder sends in his resignation as junior curate and choir master. The Rector expressed to Mr. Kidder the regret of the parish in accepting the same and the good will with which it committed him to a promising future.

1903.

January. Death of Fenton W. Sayers, sexton of the church for many years.

March. The mortgage debt upon the church reduced to \$26,000.00 from \$29,000.00 of the year before, with \$3,000.00 more pledged for its further reduction. See p. 158, Book 10, Parish Aid.



THE JOHNSON MEMORIAL TOWER

DEDICATION OF THE TOWER.

Sunday, April 26, 1903, at three o'clock P. M., the new tower of the Church was dedicated by the Right Reverend Wm. D. Walker, D.D. The Rector and the Curate, Rev. W. W. Jennings, with several of the city clergy, together with the vestry, were in the procession, which marched from the front entrance of the church across the lawn to the tower door, reading antiphonally appropriate Psalms,—thence through the tower to the chancel. The address by the Bishop was from Psalm xlviii:12-13, "Walk about Zion and go round about her, and tell the towers thereof, mark ye well her bulwarks, set up her houses, that ye may tell them that come after."

Lent. The Wednesday Afternoon Lenten Class take up the study of Church History. Original papers by the members. Easter Offering, \$1,589.45.

April. Mr. W. H. Carter, for twelve years organist and choir master of St. Luke's Cathedral, Portland, Maine, accepts a similar position in Christ Church.

April. A dramatization of *Cranford* given by amateurs (the majority not connected with the parish), for the Memorial Fund, by the Entertainment Chapter of the Parish Aid; \$238.00 realized. The notable success of this entertainment was largely due to the management of Mrs. George F. Johnston; Miss Gabrielle Clark and Miss Caroline

Osburn, each of the performers deserving special mention by name.

April 29th. Mrs. George Sabey and Mrs. Walter C. Fish receive each a silver cross from the President of the Parish Aid for faithful attendance upon the meetings during the year.

June 11th. An expression of sympathy from the Rector and Vestry is sent to the pastor and trustees of the Brick Church destroyed by fire that day.

. . . "if our church building were conveniently located, we would account it a pleasure to accommodate your congregation in this distress."

July 18th. Death of Miss Maria Smith, daughter of Silas O. Smith. "Of a deeply religious nature, yet debarred for years from attendance on public worship, her room became a sanctuary filled with that Presence in which she ever conscionably lived. No one could visit it without carrying thence the sense of benediction.

. . . She belonged to the past rather than the present generation—her whole intercourse with others was marked by that refinement of speech and manner, born and nurtured by an old fashioned courtesy." *Memorial tribute.* "W."

August 19th. Death of Ella Truesdall Smith, widow of Dr. George Hand Smith, son of Silas O. Smith. Dr. Smith died at West Kensington, England (his residence), January 17, 1892.

September 23d. The Annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary (both senior and junior branches) was held in Christ Church,—one of the

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largest meetings in the history of the Auxiliary, over two hundred and fifty delegates in attendance. A fine luncheon was served on both days in the Parish House to over three hundred guests.

November 10th. Tenth Annual Dinner Men's Club of Christ Church held in Wilder Memorial Hall; the Rev. Mr. Jennings, toast master. . . .

The Hawaiian Islands, Right Reverend H. B. Restarick; "*Get into the Game*," Rev. L. C. Washburn, D.D.; *Life in London*, Herbert J. Winn; *Observations*, Rev. Mr. Graham.

During Advent a Musical service was given in the church each Wednesday evening, the programme including masterpieces of leading composers.

December. The proceeds of the Chapters of the *Parish Aid* from Christmas Sale, etc., \$943.45.

The Christmas Sale was a memorable occasion—surpassingly attractive and successful—each Chapter in charge of a booth—each booth representing a day of the week. That the following menu was served for thirty-five cents will surely interest the parishioners of 1955, as we of today are interested in knowing that turtle soup was to be had at the Palmer Hall Sale, Christmas, 1855, for a "shilling." "Creamed chicken and mushrooms, hashed brown potatoes, cold ham, green salad, ice cream, cake and coffee," all for thirty-five cents, only to think of it! Fifty years from now will the good women of Christ Church wonder be serving liquidated elements

of the atmosphere, pepsinated and digested tablets, etc., etc., for some mission in a newly explored asteroid of the Milky Way?

December 16th. At a meeting of the Vestry, upon motion of Mr. Egbert F. Ashley,

Resolved, "That we endeavor to raise by subscription \$2,500.00 for the general purposes of the church, payable on or before May 1st, 1904." By February 10, 1904, \$1,625.00 had been received. Another entry of interest to the future historian (that of 1955) is Mr. Beckley's motion, "that an appropriation, not exceeding \$2,000.00 be made for music for the coming year. The same to include the laundering of the choir vestments, and the usual allowance of \$50.00 a year for organ repairs."

1904.

January. Mrs. John F. Alden furnished the *Parish Aid* with mite boxes for general distribution in behalf of the Easter offering; \$310.00 was the result of this happy thought.

February. "The mortgage debt upon the church, which one year ago was \$26,600.00 is now reduced to \$22,200.00. The number of rented sittings is increasing; the prospect of advance in every way is good."

Report of the Vestry.

April 12th. Death of Simon V. McDowell, aged fifty-seven years. "Mr. McDowell has been a devoted member of this parish for thirty years. For several years he was a member of the vestry,

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during which time his generosity in giving both of time and means did much for the upbuilding of the church. For many years a sufferer from physical weakness, his courage and Christian fortitude, his untiring energy and cheerfulness, have proved him indeed a faithful soldier to his life's end, and endeared him to the hearts of all who knew him."

Minutes of the Vestry.

April 13th. "It is the expression of the vestry that it is not desirable that permission be given the Rochester Railway Company to lay tracks on East Avenue from Main Street, east to Union Street."

Minutes.

April 27th. Mrs. Kalbfleisch in her Secretary's Report of the Parish Aid makes plain that the spirit of the old Sewing Society is by no means extinct. The following has the ring of the Neelyite days:

"Repairs as usual are quite an item in our expenditures. Besides caring for these essentials the Society has given \$74.30 for choir vestments, assumed the cost of placing a Bell telephone in the Parish House, furnishing a mirror for the robing-room, kalsomined the room occupied by the Infant Class, raised Mrs. Boddy's (the care-taker) salary to \$10.00 a week, and paid \$410.00 on the mortgage debt of the church."

The Treasurer's Annual Report, at the same meeting, gave \$2,576.44 as the total receipts of the year. Disbursements, \$1,968.02; Balance on hand, \$608.42; \$162.00 of which is in trust as follows:

\$50.00 for the *Dr. Doty Memorial Fund*; \$76.00, choir vestments; \$36.45 Christmas Sale.

Officers elected :

<i>President</i>	MRS. JOHN F. ALDEN
<i>Secretary</i>	MRS. J. C. KALBFLEISCH
<i>Treasurer</i>	MRS. G. W. ARCHER
<i>First Vice-President</i>	MRS. F. A. WARD
<i>Second Vice-President</i>	MRS. T. T. WHITE
<i>Third Vice-President</i>	MRS. F. D. RUSSELL
<i>Fourth Vice-President</i>	MISS ELIZABETH CLARKE
<i>Fifth Vice-President</i>	MRS. JOHN BECKLEY

April 29th. The Convocation of the Archdeaconry, of Rochester, was held in Christ Church. The Rev. Dr. Washburn declined re-election as Archdeacon; an office he had filled since the founding of the two Archdeaconries in 1895.

The Rev. William L. Davis, of Grace Church, Dundee, N. Y., a parishioner of Christ Church from early boyhood, was elected Archdeacon of Rochester.

May. 21st. Death of Mrs. Ann E. Way, a beloved parishioner.

September. First Wednesday in September, first meeting after adjournment for the summer, and foundation of *Rally Day* by the *Parish Aid*. Luncheon was served the active members of the Society and plans for the winter's campaign discussed.

The first Sunday in October a graded course of instruction was introduced into the Sunday School, displacing the old system. Carefully selected teach-



SIMON V. MCDOWELL
(In Masonic Regalia)



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ers were appointed for each of the four grades—Primary, Junior, Intermediate, Senior.

October 17th. Part First of *The Story Chronological* was read by Mrs. Parker before Mrs. Barnum's Chapter of the *Parish Aid*; a fine musical program was rendered. Suggestions for the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the parish were discussed, and coffee and sandwiches served.

October 27th. A meeting was held at the Parish House under the auspices of *The Church Club* and *The Woman's Auxiliary* for the hearing of special reports from the General Convention at Boston. The programme as follows :

Baby's Branch of Junior Auxiliary MISS MARY HART
Woman's Auxiliary MRS. C. A. VANDER BEEK
The Sunday School Conference REV. E. P. HART
The United Offering MRS. T. T. WHITE
The Girls' Friendly MRS. ROBERT MATHEWS

(Read by MISS FLORENCE HART.)

The Archbishop of Canterbury MRS. J. H. STEDMAN
Missionary Aspects of the Boston Meeting

. REV. C. H. BOYNTON, Ph. D.
The Two Houses of the General Convention

. REV. R. R. CONVERSE, D. D.
Tremont Temple and Symphony Hall REV. A. J. GRAHAM

A large and enthusiastic meeting.

Proceeds of the Parish Aid Christmas Sale,
 \$495.76.

1905.

January. \$3,331.91 reported as paid by the Parish Aid in four years upon the Church debt.

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The amount of that debt, January, 1905, \$21,587.00.

January 11th. Mrs. Graham's Chapter, Number One entertained the Parish at the Rector's home.

February 9th. Eleventh Annual Dinner of the Men's Club of Christ Church—Dr. Robert T. French, toast master.

The Optimist.....W. MARTIN JONES

Some old Sailors' yarns, ADMIRAL FRANKLIN HANFORD, U. S. N.

The Function of the County in our form of government,

.....ARTHUR WARREN

Our Parish.....REV. ANDREW J. GRAHAM

President.....THOMAS J. SWANTON

Vice-Presidents DR. DOUGLAS WARD, WM. O. BOSWELL, MARTIN

B. HOYT, HENRY C. WRIGHT, ANDREW J. WARNER

Secretary.....DELOS M. ROSE

Treasurer.....W. OSBORNE ASHLEY



THE FIRST JUBILEE SERVICE.

February 19th. (Sunday). The prelude service of the commemoration of the Semi-Centennial was held, when, as announced on the widely circulated card signed by the Rector and the Vestry, the financial condition of the parish was presented under various heads by several speakers. Subscription blanks were distributed with an appeal for the amount needed for removing the debt upon the parish. The result of the exhilarating addresses and the inspirational service was that Mr. Graham could announce the amount of the offertory that morning, in money and pledges, as \$12,000.00. Whereupon "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" was sung as upon similar occasions in the history of the parish. The total indebtedness before the service was \$24,000.00. Beside the \$12,000.00 of the morning's offertory there was \$5,000.00 already in the treasury for application upon the debt; \$17,000.00 reduced the amount nearly three-fourths. That the remaining \$7,500.00 would be raised as the crowning event of the Jubilee year, there was good reason for believing. The speakers upon this notable occasion were the Rector, E. F. Ashley, E. C. Denton, R. W. Davis, J. N. Beckley, and T. J. Swanton.

The Cooked Food Sales of the Parish Aid from October, 1904, to February, 1905, amounted to \$141.15.

February 23rd. Chapter Number Four of the Parish Aid gave a Silver Tea. An unique feature was the singing of old songs in the costume of fifty years ago, by Mrs. Van Ingen, Mrs. Medcalf, and Mrs. Winfred Smith. A paper on *Old-Time Housekeeping* was read by Mrs Parker.

March 1st. Chapter Number Two of the Parish Aid (Mrs. White and Mrs. Winn) gave the last social meeting before Lent.

March 15th. The first of the Wednesday Afternoon Lenten Readings of the Parish Aid was held at the Parish House.

Address THE RECTOR
Advent, Its Sundays and Holy Days...MRS. GEORGE FRENCH
Hymns and Hymn Writers of the Advent Season.....
 MRS. W. STUART SMITH

MARCH 22D.

Christmas and Epiphany... MISS M. JEANETTE BALLANTYNE
Hymns and Hymn Writers.....MRS. GEO. R. L. COULSON

MARCH 29TH.

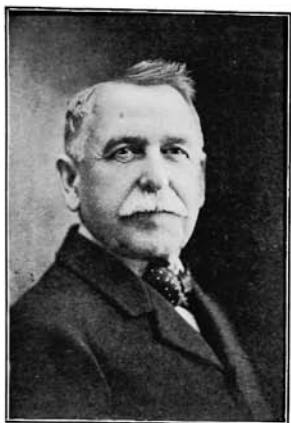
Lent and Easter..... MRS. FRANK PAGE
Hymns and Hymn Writers.....MISS BELLE WINN

APRIL 5TH.

Ascension and Whitsuntide..... MISS MACY
Trinity Season and the Te Deum.....MRS. W. C. FISH

APRIL 12TH.

The Saints' Days of Trinity Season..... MRS. I. V. SNYDER
Hymns and Hymn Writers.....MISS HALE



ELBERT HENRY SCRANTOM



CAEN STONE CREDENCE TABLE,
SCRANTOM MEMORIAL
(From Architect's Drawing.)

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EASTER SUNDAY.

April 23rd. The offertory for the Church Debt amounted to about \$15,000.00; cash \$8,000.00; pledges, payable November 1st, 1905, \$7,000.00.

Miss Elizabeth Pettinger, a beloved old-time member of the parish, gave \$500.

April 13th. Death of Elbert Henry Scrantom, Ex-Vestryman. Mr. Scrantom was a grandson of Hamlet Scrantom, the first pioneer settler on the *One Hundred Acre Tract* (1812), his log cabin built on the site of Powers Block of today, his family most honorably identified with the history and business enterprise of our city, In Christ Church no less than in the City of Rochester, Henry Scrantom belonged to a historic family. He was a grandson of Mrs. Fanny Child, of saintly memory, three of whose daughters were prominent foundationers of the parish.

THE EASTER JUBILEE SALE.

April 26th. "The Jubilee Sale and Supper was a decided success. The tables were grouped in Wilder Memorial Hall and were laden with articles. The Memory Table was a feature of the fiftieth Anniversary gathering, representing as it did gifts in fancy articles, money and plants, each in memory of loved ones gone before. The plants had been placed in the old chancel on Easter day, and it was a beautiful thought that prompted such a decoration. \$377.11 was realized by the Memory Table. Supper was served in the library, missionary and choir rooms to about three hundred. *Practical Cookery*, compiled by Mrs. Alden with the aid of Chapter-Five, made its first appearance at this time and found a ready sale." *Annual Report (1905) Parish Aid Secretary.*

The sale of Mrs. Alden's *Practical Cookery Book* reached one hundred copies before it had been published a month. Price—\$1.00.

The Memory Table in charge of Mrs. Medcalf and Mrs. Page makes the following report:

"It would have been unmindful of those who labored in, and for the Parish in her day of small things, not to have them, through their descendants and friends, enter with us into the joy and thanksgiving of our jubilee festival. Letters were sent to relations and acquaintances of those early workers whose address could be ascer-

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tained ;—the result more than fulfilling the hopes of the originators of the plan. Loyalty has ever been a characteristic of the workers in Christ Church, and her tradition fails not in this generation. From far and near came loving tributes to those who have entered into rest—names in some instances of those unknown to the present dispensation. Who shall doubt that they now rejoice with us in the fulfillment of their prophetic vision ?

GIFTS TO THE MEMORY TABLE.

Mrs. Wm. Horton, in memory of Wm. Horton.

Mrs. Richard Wright, in memory of Wm. T. Wright.

Miss Cartwright, for The Memory Fund.

Mr. Dellon M. Dewey, Mr. Karl, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Dewey.

Mrs. A. M. Shoecraft, in memory of " A little child."

Mrs. Sam'l Brown, in memory of Dr. Schuyler and Dr. Doty.

Miss Rogers, in memory of Miss Mary Rogers.

Miss Catlin, Elizabeth, N. J., in memory of Rev. Dr. Baldwin.

Mr. W. H. Pringle, for the Memory Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Clark, in memory of Gen. and Mrs. John L. Gardiner.

Dr. and Mrs. Bartlett, in memory of " Others in Paradise."

Mrs. F. F. Wallace Soule, Passaic, N. J., in memory of Mrs. George B. Page.

Mrs. Sam'l Wilder, in memory of Mrs. Carter Wilder.

Miss Eleanor F. Page, in memory of Mr. Chas. R. Davis.

Miss Wentworth, Washington, D. C., for the Memory Fund.

Mrs. Harriet Pomeroy Thompson, New York, in memory of Mrs. John N. Pomeroy.

Miss Mary Sharp, Delaware, for the Memory Fund.

Mrs. Harper and Misses Bell, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bell.

Mrs. Emily Decker Lindsley, in memory of "My Mother."

Mrs. Herbert W. Clark, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Wagstaff.

Miss Fannie C. Dewey, in memory of Mrs. Fannie Child.

Mrs. John F. Alden, in memory of Mrs. Harriet W. Alden.

Mrs. Linda Bunnell Turner, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Bunnell.

Mrs. E. D. Sprague, for the Memory Fund.

Miss Watson, in memory of Mr. Charles Watson.

Miss Mariott, in memory of Mrs. Coke.

Miss Emily Hoyt, in memory of Anna Wells Hoyt.

Mrs. Gilman N. Perkins, in memory of Mrs. D. W. Powers.

Miss Mary McDougal, for the Memory Fund.

Mrs. Louise Morrison, in memory of Mrs. Helen Fiske.

Mrs. H. S. Wright, in memory of Elizabeth Ann Collier.

Miss Millman and the Messrs. Millman, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Sam'l Millman.

Mrs. Mary D. Baker, in memory of Dr. Doty.

Mr. Wm. M. Hoyt, in memory of Mrs. Mary M. B. Hoyt.

Mr. Geo. A. Reynolds, in memory of Martha Scrantom Reynolds.

Miss Jennie Farrell, in memory of Miss Lucy Ellen Guernsey.

Miss C. E. Davis, }
Mrs. F. W. Page, } in memory of Mrs. Chas. R. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Medcalf, in memory of Gertrude Dorothy Medcalf.

Miss Garfield, in memory of Miss Harriet Garfield.

Miss Garfield, in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Johnson.

Mrs. R. D. Kellogg, in memory of Mr. R. D. Kellogg.

Dr. David B. Jewett, for the Memory Fund.

Mrs. Helen S. Scrantom, in memory of Mr. E. H. Scrantom.

Mrs. Cooney, in memory of Mrs. Wm. Floyd.

"Her children," in memory of Mrs. Mary Bemish.

Mrs. Alexis Smith, in memory of Mr. J. H. Nellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Way, in memory of Mrs. Ann. E. Way.

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- Mrs. O. F. Kingdon, in memory of { Mr. O. F. Kingdon.
Mr. Chas. Kingdon.
- Mr. Emory Osburn, in memory of { Mrs. Osburn.
Miss Bessie Osburn.
- Mrs. Sarah Bailey, in memory of Mrs. Dove.
- Mr. Geo. G. Clarkson, in memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Bushnell Clarkson.
- Miss Minnie Good, in memory of Katharine Good.
- Mr. Augustine Booth, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Booth.
- Mrs. John W. Maltby, in memory of Edward W. Maltby.
- Miss Boorman, in memory of Mrs. Boorman.
- Miss Ada L. Courtney, in memory of Mr. G. W. Courtney.
- Miss Maud A. Lambert, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Lambert.
- Mr. Geo. H. Gray, in memory of " My Mother."
- Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Doty, in memory of Josephine Doty.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Doty, in memory of Dr. Doty.
- Mrs. I. Gridley Scrantom, in memory of Caroline Goldsborough Scrantom.
- Mrs. Emily B. Brown, in memory of Mrs. Caroline Buckle.
- Anna and Elizabeth McKee, in memory of grand daughters of Robert Fordham.
- Adelaide Lambert, in memory of Jennie Dewey Lambert.
- Mrs. James M. Pitkin, in memory of Mr. James M. Pitkin.
- Mrs. Elizabeth Fordham, in memory of Mr. Robt. Fordham.
- Mrs. William Van Zandt, in memory of Miss Alice Russell.
- Mrs. Oscar Pardo, in memory of Miss Mary Breck.
- Mrs. Crawford S. Porter, in memory of Mrs. Caroline Morse.
- Mrs. O'Brien, in memory of Mr. Thomas Baker.
- Miss Julia Griffith, in memory of Mr. Chas. R. Babbitt.
- Mrs. Mary J. Swanton, in memory of Mr. Robert Swanton.
- Mrs. Jennie H. Ladew, New York, in memory of Dr. Doty.
- Mr. Osborne Ashley, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ashley.
- Three Friends, in memory of Dr. Schuyler and Dr. Doty.

Two Friends, for the Memory Fund.

Mrs. E. W. Maurer, in memory of Mrs. Hannah Chambers.

Mrs. William Raines, in memory of Mrs. W. W. Varney.

Miss M. Jeanette Ballantyne, in memory of Miss Ballantyne.

Mr. William Walker, in memory of Mrs. Hester Watson Walker.

Mrs. Winn for the Memory Fund.

The value of these gifts was in the remembrance of departed loved ones. Some were in money, not a few in useful or fancy articles for the sale. A picture of Mrs. Neely, the first "Rectorine," was upon the Memory Table. Pictures of Christ Church Free Chapel of fifty years ago—the gift of Mr. George A. Reynolds—had a large sale, also the potted plants that were in the old chancel on Easter day; each a memorial.

SECOND JUBILEE SERVICE.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

April 30th. Bishop Walker confirmed a class of forty-five, the largest class ever confirmed in Christ Church. Mr. Graham read from the Parish Records the names of the class of thirty-five confirmed thirty-four years before; until then the largest confirmation class of the parish.

The offering of this class for the *Endowment Fund* was \$29.06. The fund to date (May, 1905) is \$142.99 (at interest).

JUBILEE CLASS.

Ader, Frederick Joseph	Lines, William Harry
Ader, Helen Frances	Logue, Donald Garrison
Averill, Howard Henry	Moore, William Everett
Booth, Alice Elizabeth	McNeil, Hattie Bell
Costain, Loraine May	Mellen, Elizabeth Florence
Cook, Maud	McDowell, Horace
Dunn, Hildreth Marjorie	Martin, Allen Frank
Egelston, Ida	Mack, Edna Irene
Egelston, Sadie	Neefus, Katharine
Egelston, June	Oakes, Minnie May
Fish, Grace Helen	Prongay, Leslie
Graham, Helen May	Patterson, Daniel Whitten
Goff, Delia Luella	Smith, Bert
Hatfield, Helen	Scranton, De Hart Gridley
Hutchinson, Edwin Alexander	Saks, Mary Worthington
Hill, Margaret Edith	Sabey, Kathryn Edwards
Harvey, Mary Edwards	Seymour, Elsie Crawford
Harris, Mary Agnes	Shipton, Martha
Harrington, Louise Augusta	Thomas, Alanson Emmett
Kalbfleisch, Ruth Oswald	Thompson, Kent Chester
Keyes, Andrew Fairchild	Van Zant, Doris
Kirby, Cornelia Maurice	Wendell, Elizabeth Augusta

RT. REV. WILLIAM D. WALKER, D.D.,

Bishop of Western New York

REV. ANDREW J. GRAHAM.....*Rector*

REV. WEBSTER W. JENNINGS.....*Curate*

THIRD JUBILEE SERVICE

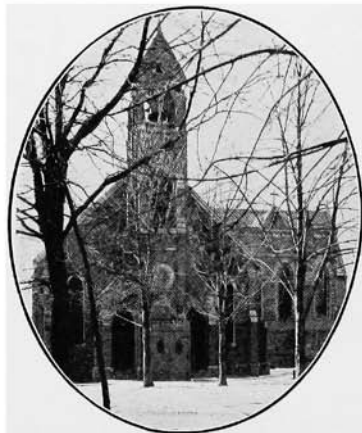
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

May 7th. In the great crowd that filled Christ Church on this memorable occasion, few were the faces of those who had been of the congregation that met in Palmer's Hall fifty years before, even as children of the Sunday School. Vestrymen Albert C. Walker and David Hoyt represented the old dispensation ; Warden J. Moreau Smith was a revered landmark of the middle distance ; J. Craig Powers a fair type of the young vestryman and parishioner of these latter days.

The singing of the old hymn—to the old tune—that was sung at the first service, "I love Thy Kingdom Lord," was an appropriate feature of the service, particularly to the small contingent of "Neelyites," with whom the merging of sad retrospection into full jubileation was no easy matter. Looking backward to the severe simplicity of that Palmer's Hall ritual, the cherished convictions that some of those foundationers once held as to the dangers of Puseyism and ritualism was amusingly remembered by their survivors. Could they have foreseen as the evolution of their zeal, that long processional of vested choristers headed by a cross-bearer, to say nothing of the brilliant academic hood of Dr. Battershall, the altar lights and the wafer in the Holy Communion, surely their hearts would have failed them utterly.



THE ORIGINAL CHURCH
As enlarged by a recess chancel in 1862



THE OLD CHURCH
With the English bell tower, built in 1869, and the
two stone bays of the present church added in 1887.

Dr. Battershall began the service with the Litany. It was a triumphant service throughout. The choristers surpassed themselves, and the soloists every previous achievement. Gounod's *Sanctus Dei* was sung at the Celebration which followed the sermon. The theme of Dr. Battershall's discourse was *The Church of today*. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you—always in every prayer of mine making request with joy."

. . . "The unbroken growth and prosperity of Christ Church, Rochester, its commanding position in the religious life of the city, its harmonious energetic work of today are simply the witness to and the fruition of the high motives on which the parish was organized, and the great love that has been dedicated to it.

. . . "As I stand here revered names and vanished faces throng upon me—the name of Neely, the first priest of Christ Church, who became the great-hearted Bishop of Maine; of Schuyler, who consolidated the young parish; of Doty, whose devoted and affectionate ministry was gladdened and crowned by the building of this majestic edifice, whose altar, only yesterday as it were, with singular artistic success, you have embellished and dignified. These and other names dear to me, names which you all know, which some of you bear, names no less identified with the history of this parish, throng upon me, 'a cloud of witnesses.' I thank my God for every remembrance of them.

. . . "There is no question that the religious thought and work of this age has made large departures and taken new accents. If we compare the christianity of this land today with the christianity of a hundred years ago, we cannot fail to recognize that there has been a readjustment of its thought and an expansion of its work.

"The life of the church in every age is a part of the great world-life. That never stands still, never crystallizes into a permanent and final form. It flows like a river. It grows like a tree. It perpetually creates new needs, confronts problems; adopts new methods. The Church of Christ, placed in the world for its redemption, is under the pressure of the same law. Like human nature, it is ever the same; like human life, it ever changes. It must adjust its methods to its mission. It is above the world, but it is in the world, and it must speak to the world in a speech that it understands. It must touch the world at the points where its life is nearest the roots; is most urgent and most highly sensitized.

. . . "Your first duty to this church is to make it a shelter to your personal spiritual life, a perpetual force from on high giving you strength and endurance and repose in the strain and hurt that you get in the world and that are inevitable in the very process of living. It holds the altar of Christ, and Christ is the Light of the world and the Bread of Life. This church also stands for Christ on the lake shore and the pavement, bringing into

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the common life of His day the pity and helpfulness of God. As I walk the streets of your city (once mine), and there flows about me the human tide—men, women and children—each on his errand of business or pleasure, each with his own life to live, his own soul to care for, each moving within his own circle of thought and opportunity and struggle and sorrow, the pathos and inextinguishable interest of it all is borne upon me, and also the thought of how feebly the Church touches this torrent of life that sweeps past its door.

“The broken front of our modern Christianity and our discordant theologies are responsible in a large measure for this. The reactions from old theological mistakes and the secular trend of the age are still more responsible. Comparatively few of our people know or appreciate the real value of the Church in the world’s march or their personal life. They are untrained to discover the divinity and beauty of worship. Most of them think Christ is to be found only in a Book, a book that they seldom read and which they have heard has suffered somewhat from the scholars and critics. This misapprehension will have its day and clear the air. Christ in His essential being, as He is held in the immemorial faith and worship of the Church, is alive today, alive at His altar, alive in the groping, half-conscious thought of the world, more powerfully and more subtly alive than when He walked the highways of

Judea. The lives of Christians are the proof of Christ.

"What does the world know of the Church, except what is seen in the words and deeds of its members? . . . Too often has the Church forgotten this and driven men from its altars, not deliberately, but by mistake, by narrowness, by arrogance, by over strenuousness; by fencing off the Church from life and making it a cell instead of a temple . . . overlooking the fact that Christ was not only the Christ of the mountain oratory, but also the Christ of the city streets. . .

"This church, with its history, with its place on the great avenue along which is clustered such a large percentage of the life of the city, has an opportunity, and with the opportunity it has a duty, to which we must summon all its resources and adjust all its methods. If it fulfil its mission it must not be a club or a coterie, or an association intersected by all the lines of secular demarkation, but a workshop for the doing of Christ's work among all sorts and conditions of men.

. . . "The life of a parish touches and is touched by the whole belt of life around the earth. Nations, races, civilizations in these days elbow each other. Japan in exchange for our science gives us lessons in military and sanitary organization and magnificent dedication to the commonwealth. There is a cosmopolitanism in the domain of ideas, of commerce, of personal contact and influence which brings into our life new exposures, new problems,

new duties. This is a fact of immense import. It concerns the world-wide mission of the Church. Never as now, did the Man of Nazareth—the Christ of the healing hands,—loom up in the heart and conscience of men. The broad resistless wave of Christ's humanitarianism is sweeping over the Church. You see it in the net-work of schools, hospitals, and asylums, . . . in the humanitarian accent that runs through our literature; the University settlements, . . . in what is absurdly called the institutional Church, . . . in the Parish Houses, which all over the land are standing as the workshops of the Church, oftentimes exceeding in the cost of their equipment that of the shrine that shelters the altar. . . . The motive of all worship and all work in the Church is to open in the hearts of men, paths for the feet of Christ.

"A church of Christ, whether it stands in a great metropolis, a village or a savage frontier, stands for the life of Christ in the blended want, misery, sorrow, sin and splendor of actual human life on this earth. Its work is to bring the one into the other; the motive of Christ into the daily process of living. Otherwise it has no excuse for being. Its object is not the making of money, or personal aggrandizement, or popular amusement, or aesthetic entertainment or the upbuilding and preservation of an impressive piece of architecture. Nothing in man is beyond the range of the church of Christ; its concern and sympathy, and all the motive of that work is to bring the divine Christ into the hearts and lives of men."

"Have men outlived their need of Christ? Has the world withdrawn its welcome to the rescue of Christ? Are they right who say that the church has become a diminished factor in the care and leadership of its life? Nay, the old need abides, the old cry re-echoes. History has proved that the world cannot take care of itself even on its most material measurements. The more material the measurements the more quickly it collapses. It must have thrones of uncontested authority, truths that are eternal, sanctions that are divine if it slide not into moral confusion.

. . . "Men and women of Christ Church, love this parish, be true to it, pray for it, work for it. And may forces flow from this altar that shall comfort you, strengthen you and inspire you to make it more and more the vision and the realization of the beneficent Christ."

Dr. Battershall preached at the choral service in the evening. His theme, *The Need of Moral Sunshine*; his text, "The precious fruits brought forth by the sun."

May 9th, Tuesday. Mr. Graham and the Vestry entertained Dr. Battershall and the clergy of Rochester, at a Jubilee luncheon (Genesee Valley Club.) Good stirring addresses were a feature of the occasion.

FOURTH JUBILEE SERVICE.

PARISH AID DAY.

May 10th. Holy Communion was celebrated in the old chancel at 9:30 in the morning. There was a large attendance of the women of the parish.

At 10:30 a business meeting of the Parish Aid preceded the Annual Meeting of the Society; Mrs. Alden, presiding.

The Annual Reports of the Secretary, Mrs. Kalbfleisch, and of the Treasurer, Mrs. Archer, were most gratifying, that of the Secretary a résumé of Woman's work in the parish since the organization of the old Sewing Society, with a summary of the year's achievements, by the several Chapters. That the Society had made good its name of Parish Aid in more ways than can be given here, was shown in the inspiring report—kitchen utensils, a clock, a desk and chairs for the church study, etc., had been given. . . . "We have had another year of prosperity; one characteristic of the able administration which has had the interest and welfare of Christ Church ever in mind from June, 1855, to May, 1905.

. . . Mrs. L. M. Winn is the oldest representative of the Sewing and Benevolent Society, who is a member to-day of the Parish Aid. She joined the old Society in 1861, and has been enrolled on each of the various lists of members forty-four years."

The Treasurer's Report was the banner report of Woman's Work in Christ Church for fifty years;

surpassing every previous record, \$2,222.65 the sum total that had been raised during the year; \$1,245.55 from the Jubilee Sale; \$827.54 by the six Chapters, each of which had an interesting report of its special campaign. Naturally, the retiring Board of Officers was unanimously re-elected.

MRS. JOHN F. ALDEN, *President*.

MRS. FRANK A. WARD,	}	<i>Vice-Presidents.</i>
MRS. T. T. WHITE,		
MRS. F. D. RUSSELL,		
MISS ELIZABETH CLARK,		
MRS. JOHN N. BECKLEY,		

MRS. J. C. KALBFLEISCH, *Secretary*.

MRS. GEORGE W. ARCHER, *Treasurer*.

The Chairmen of the six Chapters were to be appointed by the President at a future meeting. Two Thousand Dollars was appropriated for the offertory at the evening service.

The "old Secretary" gave a few reminiscences of the pioneer days of the parish, paying loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. D. M. Dewey.

FIFTH JUBILEE SERVICE.

The music of the evening service of Parish Aid Day was exceptionally fine; the addresses interspersed by the singing of appropriate hymns. The Rector's introductory address ought to settle beyond question that St. Luke's is the Mother Parish of Christ Church and that St. Paul's is the elder sister. Dr. Converse spoke in his happiest vein of the pride of the mother parish in her daughter. The Rev. Mr. Martin, of St. Thomas, would have it remembered that St. Thomas is a granddaughter of St. Luke's, and therefore close of kin to Christ Church. The Rev. Mr. Lippitt, of the Ascension, confessed some bewilderment as to the genealogical relationship of Christ Church to his parish, as the Ascension was the child of Trinity, and Trinity was an elder sister of Christ Church.

But the historic feature of the occasion, and one most appropriate on the admirable program arranged by Mr. Graham, was the presence of the Rev. Charles W. Hayes, D.D., of Geneva, N. Y., (for many years Canon of Bishop Neely's Cathedral, Portland, Maine), the historian of the diocese of Western New York, and peculiarly linked with the early history of Christ Church through close friendship with its first Rector. Everything relating to Mr. Neely's pastorate, was, in those days, of prime interest to his old college chum "Charlie Hayes," a frequent visitor of the parish. When the new

chancel was decided upon (1862) he had furnished the designs for the chancel-rail, the lectern and prayer-desk still in use in the old south chancel. Seeing him in Christ Church again was to bring back the past impressively. Dr. Hayes dwelt upon several important facts pertaining to the early history of the parish; the naming of the Church, etc. He was followed by Dr. Battershall. . . . "When I left this parish thirty-one years ago it was like tearing up a tree by its roots. I return thirty-one years after to find the marks of my handiwork almost obliterated. Churches have habits. The women of Christ Church have not surprised me in laying two thousand dollars on the altar tonight; they formed the habit of giving years ago." . . . Woman's devotion to the Christ was the theme of his brief and impressive discourse; her loyalty from the night that the Man of Nazareth stood before the judgment seat of Pilate and there had been no one in all the world to plead for Him, save that Roman woman: "Have thou nothing to do with this just man."

SIXTH JUBILEE SERVICE.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

May 21st. Upon this occasion the Rector preached his Jubilee sermon—here given in full, as a valuable historical retrospect, and sure to be read with interest by those who celebrate the Centennial of 1955:

“We cannot speak with exactitude about our descendants, but our ancestry is a matter of history. It is a source of noble inspiration to have had an honorable ancestry. There is something in blood, something in right living and high thinking, which hands down a goodly heritage. The first and inherent, inalienable right of every person is to be well born; and the same is true of institutions. To be well born is to enter on life's journey with no serious handicap.

“At this suggestion your thoughts go back fifty years, to the natal day of our parish; it was well born. Its godfathers and godmothers were of the best; the fathers and mothers in Israel were doing things in those days. The beginnings of the parish were necessarily small, but very good. The right spirit prevailed; good feeling and good sense were dominant. Yes, Christ Church parish was well born.

“Its fifty years have been marked by good men and women. A catalogue of its illustrious saints would make a good sized book, and the details of

all its good work would make a library. It is not my purpose to-day to enter upon that most interesting narrative—a worthier pen has done that, and by Christmastide, at the latest, a beautiful volume published under the authority and direction of the vestry, vividly illustrated by word pictures and pictures from plates, will be in your hands and entice you to the persual of the records of your ancestors, cast in charming literary form by one who, in the goodness of Providence, has been permitted to linger, as a child of the parish, through all these fifty years, to bring in her hands and place for you and your descendants, on the altar of love, a history of dear old Christ Church parish.

“I may pause here, for a few minutes, in my jubilee address, to pay my tribute and yours to the old Secretary without whose ability to gather up and unite threads of history and without whose wealth of memory and love of the parish such a book could not have been made possible. Happy will be the occasion when the second jubilee year arrives, if some devoted child of the present, standing in the faithful ranks of our parish worshipers for fifty years, shall be similarly equipped in mind and memory and heart to write into a second volume the history that we and our descendants shall have made. I am speaking these words for the ears of coming decades, and would offer, while she yet lives to Mrs. Parker, the appreciation and gratitude that we feel. . . .

“We are emphasizing, by debt-raising and memor-

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ials and special services, our jubilee year. It is fitting so to do. Well is it for any people to surround themselves with memory galleries from whose walls look down a noble cloud of witnesses. Would you see them and know of their works, read the history.

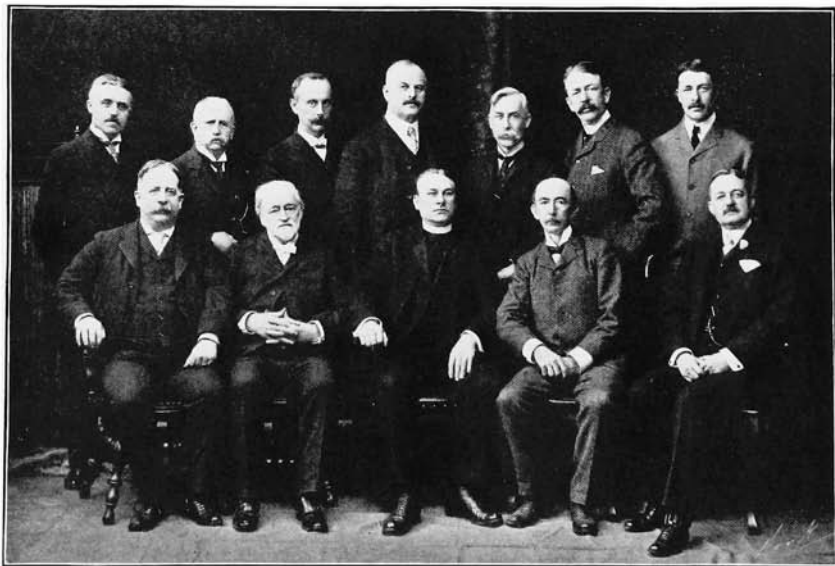
"I permit myself here to give a moment's notice of the place the women have occupied in the parish life and growth. I am sure the men will not consider me to be deficient in the sense of proportion if I give special mention to the women of the parish.

"One of the first offerings of money for the infant parish was from the women, and a check for two thousand dollars was placed upon the altar by the women on the evening of the tenth of the present month toward removing the church debt. These are simply two emphatic points in the long line of labor, with which the members of the band of women workers have blessed this church. I am sure both men and women will rejoice to have me record here the great obligation we owe to Mrs. John F. Alden, who, for the greater part of the past six years, has served as President, and led the women of the Parish Aid through hard work to repeated success. It is no mere flattery which we men offer her and the women of this parish, and to the memory of those who are resting in Christ. The tribute of an honest commendation, and of a deep appreciation is but a slight recognition of all their faithful services.

"It may not justly be construed into neglect of others, if I devote a little time and space to the mention of the present wardens and vestrymen of Christ Church. There has been no break in the ranks of the vestry for nearly six years. These eleven men have served continuously, through a very important epoch.* Upon them devolved the privilege and duty of placing a pastor in the lines of one who had loved and been beloved as rector for nearly a quarter of a century. It is to their credit that during all the months they were seeking a rector, no division was ever permitted to find place among them.

"Upon them rested the grave responsibility of providing for carrying the great mortgage debt on the church property of \$47,000; and, also, of finding the means wherewith to pay the current necessities of a large and expensive institution. Thank God, the members of the flock were responsive to the leadership and worked with faith, and gave with generosity. During the official life of this vestry, the property on Lawn street, contiguous to the church, has been purchased, the tower built, the altar and lower part of the reredos erected, an endowment fund created, and the mortgage debt of the church reduced to \$16,000.00. And, if God wills, the vestry remaining unbroken a half year longer, we trust to be able to say that the parish is practically free from all indebtedness of every sort.

* The names of the vestry, 1905, are given elsewhere.



THE RECTOR, WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN OF CHRIST CHURCH, TAKEN IN 1903

Beginning at the left, standing: Eugene C. Denton, Chas P. Boswell, Frank D. Russell, John N. Beckley,
Albert C. Walker, Egbert F. Ashley, John Craig Powers.

At the left, sitting: John F. Alden, J. Moreau Smith, The Rector, Frank A. Ward, David Hoyt.

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"I may allude to some changes, in the ceremonial part of our worship, during these five years—introductions which imply no change in doctrine: The processional cross now leads the choir, wafer bread is used in the Holy Communion (as a matter of convenience), eucharistic lights have been placed upon both altars. Your late rector, Dr. Doty, was every whit as strong a churchman as your present rector, but the time was not ripe for these little changes in the service and he was wise enough to recognize the fact.

"I love this parish church; I love its worship and its ritual. It represents the purest type of Anglican Catholicity. It is not cold in barrenness, neither is it tawdry in decoration or bewildering in detailed ceremonial. Let me be frank and say there is but one other change I would ever desire and that is the use of one single, pure white eucharistic vestment. The symbolism of it is beautiful, namely: that he who celebrates the holy feast of the Lord's Supper should wear a pure garment, worn on no other occasion. It may be next year, or ten years hence, or longer before I lay down this rectorship in death, or by removal; but, my sincere prayer is that the dignity and the beauty, and the unity, and the loyalty of this service may be retained and maintained. This prayer shall be my last will and testament, as touching my interest in the services of this parish.

"And now what of the outlook? Into what shall the past and the present issue? What shall the future bring? Fifty years hence, what will be the

location of this parish church? What convenience for work will it possess? What will be the interior appearance of this structure? Will its worship stand for the faith once delivered to the saints?

"In making reply to these inquiries I can only say what I hope and what it seems reasonable to believe. The church stands too far back from the street ever to be driven away by street noise, and it owns too large a tract of land to be driven away by cramped quarters. These conditions, with one other, enable a downtown church to remain downtown—and that is what Christ Church will be long before the second jubilee sun in 1955 gilds her tower. The other condition is an endowment—and that should be \$100,000.

"I prophecy that the present parish house will be followed by one with more room and greater conveniences. The interior of the church will be completed. All the window spaces will be filled with rich memorials. The south chancel will be thrown into conformity with the main church. A memorial font and lectern will take their places. A rood screen of wondrous beauty will stretch from arch to arch. A great lamp—pendant—will ornament and light the chancel. Credence table, bishop's chair, and sedilia, all of stone, will stand in the sanctuary, while the great reredos, so nobly begun, will reach almost to the roof. This much and more.

"The worship of this parish Church will be true to the faith of the Gospel; it can hardly be otherwise. The congregation was too well born and has

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been too well trained to be moved away from the heights of Christian worship to the lower plain of materialism.

“ The work of this parish in the future should be practical and manifold. With the debt removed, with work rooms and Sunday-School accommodations increased, and the endowment fund realized, the parish should be able to adjust itself to the daily needs of an increasing number. So continue, and so press forward, thou little member of the great army of Christ, doing for humanity what Christ would do, and receiving from Christ the disciples' reward.”

The music at this service was exceptionally fine; including the offertory duet from Stainer's “ *Daughter of Jarius, Love Divine.*”

SEVENTH JUBILEE SERVICE.

SUNDAY EVENING.

May 21st. The sermon by Mr. Jennings, Curate, was a happy prolongation of the jubilee note: “ This fiftieth anniversary ought to be of great value to us. A consideration of all that has been done in the past fifty years should teach us the value of our heritage, and lead us to hand down to those who will occupy our places fifty years from now one as noble, and uplifting as is ours to-day. . . .”

EIGHTH JUBILEE SERVICE.

TUESDAY EVENING.

May 23rd. This service was especially arranged for *The Brotherhood of St. Andrew*, *The Daughters of the King*, *The Men's Club*, *The Girls' Friendly*, *The Mothers' Meeting*, and *The Woman's Auxiliary*, each of which was fairly if not fully represented. A large delegation of the *Daughters of the King* knelt at the chancel together, when five new members took the solemn vows of obligation to the Order. They were addressed, most felicitously, by the Rev. E. P. Hart, of St. Mark's upon cheerful happiness and true consecration.

The Rev. Mr. Bartlett, of St. Paul's, spoke for the *Girls' Friendly* and the *Mothers' Meetings* with rousing earnestness and apt illustration. The vanishing halo of Judas in the altar mosaic had suggested his theme: Halos. "Every man who wears a halo is not a saint; the genuine halo is character, and character is built up by fighting the evil in one's life." He could not refrain in closing, to humorously reiterate his conviction that St. Paul's, and not St. Luke's, was the mother of Christ Church, calling out from Mr. Graham, the response that, as a strong believer in the miraculous, he might yet be able to concede that Christ Church had had two mothers at least.

The Rev. F. C. Woodard, of St. James, spoke upon "The Church Idea," making an impassioned

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plea for the preservation of the Holy Catholic Church from innovations, that he held would inevitably place her upon a level with the sects outside the true fold—a gospel recalling the tenor of the teachings of the first Rector of Christ Church, emphatically,—an illustration of the sermons in the first decade of our history. “Of all the Jubilee addresses,” said an old Neelyite, “that was the one for making glad the shade of our first rector. It had the genuine Neely ring proclaiming the Church as the monopolist of divine truth.”

Mr. Graham spoke eloquently for the *Woman's Auxiliary*, both of the parish and the diocese. “I love Thy Kingdom, Lord,” was sung again to the old tune. At the offertory Stainer's *Love Divine* was once more beautifully rendered by one of the boy sopranos of the choir.



PART FIVE.

1854-1905.

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS.

"This House of Prayer has become a House of Memories."—
Dr. Battershall.

A complete list of the important gifts to the parish during the first fifty years of its history, may never be given owing to the fact that a complete record of them has not been kept. The following list has been made under great difficulty. It is to be hoped that the appointing of a *historian* will be one of the happy results of this jubilee year of the Parish :

May 11th, 1854. Soon after the first meeting for the organization of the parish, Silas O. Smith, a prominent parishioner of St. Luke's, gave one hundred dollars to "the organization committee of the new Mission for the east side," the proceeds of the sale of the old Museum Wax Works. (See p. 19.)

November 17, 1855. One hundred dollars was received from the Ladies' Sewing Society of St. Luke's Church, followed by many gifts, both large and small from other members of the mother parish: Hon. Wm. Pitkin, \$10.00; Children of Mr. David Hoyt, \$2.00, etc.

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FIRST GIFTS TO CHRIST CHURCH FREE CHAPEL.

Altar and lectern, by The Rev. H. A. Neely; * Altar kneeling cushions, Mrs. Samuel Stevens; Altar linen, Mrs. E. M. Smith; Altar linen, Ladies' Sewing Society; Baptismal font (still in use, 1905), Myron G. Peck; Chancel chair, James Wagstaff; Communion service: two flagons, chalices and paten, (\$250.00); harmonium (\$275.00); seat cushions (\$130.00); felt carpet, 195½ yards, (\$166.66), priest's surplice (\$12.60), and a black silk stole,—gifts of the Sewing Society; Bible and Prayer Book, by Daniel Holbrook, (not a parishioner;) Parish Register, by Martin Breck; trees and shrubbery for the grounds, by Ellwanger and Barry.

In 1855 the members of the Vestry, with a few others, subscribed the amount of the Rector's salary.



In 1860, Hiram Sibley gave the stone used in building the Sunday School house; Alderman Butler, the lime; J. H. Gregory, the sand; the Monroe County Bible Society, a bible; Henry B. Hoyt, a Prayer Book; Hayden and Bromley, a

* This first altar, of stained pine, gave place in Dr. Doty's time to the one now in Wilder Memorial Hall, the same that was used for many years in the old chancel.

chair; A. J. Brackett, three chairs; J. H. Nellis, velvet for desk cover.

THE L. WARD SMITH WINDOW.

The central window of the old church chancel is "the Rev. L. Ward Smith Memorial." In 1863 this window had been assigned by the Vestry to Silas O. Smith. The change was made in 1875, at the request of Hon. E. M. Smith, on the ground that an altar window should belong only to one of the priesthood.

THE ROBINSON WINDOW.

The east window of the old chancel is "The Charles Robinson Memorial." Mr. Robinson was a vestryman in Mr. Neely's time.

THE BRACKETT WINDOW.

The west window is "The Andrew J. Brackett Memorial." Second junior warden.

Soon after the death of the Rev. L. Ward Smith, (1863), his black silk robe was given to the church by his mother, Mrs. Silas O. Smith.

THE LOVECRAFT WINDOWS.

In the west wall of what remains of the old church are the memorial windows of Aaron Lovecraft and Georgiana Lovecraft Meyers. Mr. Lovecraft was vestryman and choir-master for several years. These windows were designed by D. M. Dewey, and were the gifts (about 1867) of Mrs. Aaron Lovecraft and

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Andrew Meyers. Upon the headstone at the grave of Mr. Lovecraft in Mount Hope, the action of the Vestry upon his death—with the names of the Vestry—may be seen in raised letters.

January, 1869, new chancel cushions were given by givers unknown. An alms chest was received from Mr. L. A. Ward (not a member of the parish).

In 1871 among the many gifts to the new rectory were two black walnut mantel pieces from Mrs. Parker's adult Bible Class; cost \$100.00, the proceeds of the first lawn festival.

In 1875 the church chancel was renovated and newly decorated by Lewis R. Herrick, M. D., in memory of a beloved granddaughter, Emma Herrick.

THE BATTERSHALL LECTERN.

This is a memorial to Anna Davidson Battershall—the gift of Dr. Battershall.

May, 1879, a dying legacy of \$5.00 was received from Rosamond E. Horton.

June 29, 1881, Mrs. Lewis R. Herrick gave \$1,000.00 to the Parish Aid.

April, 1882, Miss Martha Dunlap, through Mr. D. W. Powers, gave the Parish Aid \$500.00.

THE GARDINER ALTAR CROSS.

Christmas, 1883, there was placed upon the altar the brass memorial cross given by Mrs. Caroline Gardiner in memory of her husband, General John L. Gardiner, and of her children Caroline Gardiner

Wallace, Kate F. Gardiner and John H. Gardiner.
 . . . "Most beloved in life: in death sustained
by the blessed gospel, of which this cross will be
an enduring reminder." *Dr. Doty.*

Easter, 1884, Dr. Doty received from Mrs. Lewis R. Herrick a cathedral funeral robe of heavy black silk, a burial cap, and two embroidered stoles; the latter, the handiwork of Miss Fanny Wilder.

Christmas, 1884, Dr. Joseph A. Biegler, Chairman of the Music Committee, gave a full outfit of chorister vestments,—the first worn by the choir.

THE MCDOWELL SAFE.

The fire-proof safe for parish records was given by Simon V. McDowell some time in 1884.

Easter Day, 1884. Dr. Doty presented the Sunday School with the corner stone for the future Parish House.

August, 1885. "A few parishioners," names unrecorded, gave a crimson axminster carpet for the chancel, choir, and the main aisle of the church.

THE BAPTISMAL EWER.

Whitsunday, 1885. A brass baptismal ewer was received by Dr. Doty and presented to the congregation. It is inscribed: "I baptize you with water unto repentance." The ewer was the gift of Mrs. L. H. Herrick in memory of her granddaughter, Emma Herrick.

Christmas, 1885. A dorsal of pure white, with

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cross of red immortelles, was given "in memory of a young and dear communicant." Name unknown.

It was in 1885 or 1886 that William L. Davis fashioned with his own hands the choir stalls, which added greatly to the beauty of the old chancel.

Early in 1886, James Rawnsley, choir master, upon his leaving for England, was given a gold headed cane, watch chain and charm by the members of the choir.

THE VAN INGEN PALL.

The purple broadcloth funeral pall bearing a large white cross and first used February 1st, 1887, at the burial service of Elizabeth Ann Clarke Van Ingen, widow of the Reverend John V. Van Ingen, D.D., was given to Christ Church by her children as a memorial.

THE SLOAN—GREGG MEMORIAL.

Easter, 1887, was made memorable by the costly gift of Miss Jennie Sloan and Mr. Harry L. Gregg to Dr. Doty of a white brocade altar frontal and two stoles, embroidered in colors and jewelled; also, pulpit hangings, book marks, silk chalice veil, and jewelled burse. The altar frontal and one of the stoles is a Memorial to three sisters of Miss Sloan (one the wife of Mr. Gregg)—Alma Sloan Cross, Nellie Sloan Gregg and Mary Sloan Smith. The other stole, the more elaborately embroidered of the two, a cherub's head above a cross on either side, was designed as a Memorial to

two children of Dr. Doty, Edward Newell and Richard Haskell. In the picture of Dr. Doty in his surplice, taken on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his consecration to the priesthood, the detail of this beautiful stole is distinctly seen. It is the stole and the surplice in which he was buried. The embroidery of this Memorial was done by Miss Anna Wells, of Geneva, N. Y.

Easter, 1887. Two silver vases were received from Mrs. A. Carter Wilder. They bore the monogram F. W. (Frances Wilder.)

THE RESURRECTION WINDOW.

This is a Memorial to Frances Hunter Wilder,—the gift of Miss Frances Wilder (Mrs. Keddie Ray Fletcher)—and was the first window filling the grand scheme of memorial windows devised by Dr. Doty,—a scheme beginning with an Annunciation window, and ending with a Te Deum window. (Those contemplating erecting memorial windows in Christ Church will be grateful for the suggestions of this admirable scheme.)

THE LINES WINDOW

Advent, 1884. The Lines Memorial window was placed in the Parish House, "in loving memory of William Harry and Albert Lines."

THE FERRIN ALTAR BOOK-REST.

Advent, 1888. The brass altar book-rest (old chancel) was given by Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Ferrin; "thanksgiving for the life of a child" (restored from dangerous illness).

WILDER HALL.

Advent, 1888. Wilder Memorial Hall was so named by the Vestry, in memory of Frances Hunter Wilder, and in grateful recognition of her legacy of \$3,000.00 applied upon the building of the Parish House. At the same service the Missionary Room was named the Frances Caldwell Memorial Room in acknowledgment of Miss Caldwell's legacy of \$738.00, also expended on the Parish House. Tablets were erected to each of these benefactors by the Vestry (\$16.00 each).

The pictures upon the walls of the Parish House and those of the Rector's Study have been given by many parishioners. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey gave, perhaps, the most of them; Mrs. T. C. White presented three of the finest to the *Girls' Friendly*; Mrs. Doty, the large picture of Dr. Doty in his surplice; William D'Orville Doty, Jr., the large one of Bishop Coxe, (a legacy from his father). The former Rectors gave each his own picture. The Rogers statuettes were the gift of Dr. Doty—also the fur rug. A list of all the gifts to the Parish House would make a volume by itself.

September, 1889. Two cut glass altar cruets,—the silver stoppers surmounted by a cross, were received. The name of the giver is unrecorded. They are inscribed "to the glory of God and in memory of Charlotte E. Beardsley." The name of the donor of the eucharist spoon is also unknown,—and, when it was given.

In 1889 two alms basins of black walnut, the handiwork of William L. Davis, were given the Mission Sunday School of the parish, (Monroe Avenue Mission).

In the summer of 1889, hard wood floors were laid in the Parish House by the Parish Aid (\$600.00).

A large biblical map was given Mrs. Parker's Bible Class by the Parish Aid Society, about 1890 (cost \$7.00). The same hangs in Wilder Memorial Hall (1905).

THE ALMS BASIN.

Early in 1890 Dr. Doty called for an Easter offering of gold and silver—the same to be converted into an alms basin,—a Memorial to the Rev. Michael Scofield. This beautiful alms basin, with its lining of pure gold, bears the following inscription: "In Memoriam. The Reverend Michael Scofield, M. A., Priest and Assistant Minister of Christ Church, Rochester, N. Y. Born, January 15, A. D. 1816, died, December 5, A. D. 1888." Around the rim is engraved "Thy prayers and thy alms are come up as a Memorial before God." Only the names of the departed are engraved upon the basin. Already the space is nearly filled: Dellon M. Dewey, Sarah Jane Dewey, Marie Louise Dewey, Emma C. Herrick, William Bushnell and wife, Harriet M. Warren, Mary Eleanor Davis, Francis Wheeler, William Rogers, Amy B. Congdon, Olive Joy Williams, William Doty,

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Julia Newell Doty, Edward Newell Doty, Richard Girdler Doty, Edward M. Smith, Fanny Hunter Wilder, Catharine Goldsborough, Fanny Child, David Baldwin, Henry D. Sargent, Edward M. Taylor, Harry Charles Hoyt, Emily Horton, Rosamond E. Horton, Frank Horton, William T. Haskell, Sarah E. Haskell, Francis Haskell, Sarah A. Jacquith, George A. Cornwall, Margaret Van Scuyver Cornwall, John Byron Cornwall, Thomas McCauley Ballantyne. "God grant them rest eternal and light perpetual."

Septuagesima, 1891. The celebration by the parish of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Dr. Doty's ordination to the priesthood brought many gifts to him, personally. Trinity Church presented him with a golden flagon. . . "a thank offering for many loving services. 1866-1891." From Mrs. A. E. Sargent he received a gold chalice and paten; from Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Stowell, a cardinal hood—the insignia of the degree of doctor of divinity; twenty-five dollars was sent from an unknown giver—"a thank offering to lay a stone in the new chancel." Many other loving remembrances were received. It was upon this occasion that Mrs. Doty presented to the parish the fine large photograph (framed) of the Doctor in his surplice; the picture which hangs in the Parish House. The surplice is of the finest lawn—the one in which he was consecrated—a gift from his bride-to-be,—the surplice in which he was buried. The following letter was sent to Mrs. Doty by the Vestry:

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ROCHESTER, June 5, 1891.

My dear Mrs. Doty :

At a meeting of the Vestry of Christ Church held on Wednesday evening, June 3, 1891, the following was adopted :

The Vestry desire to place on record a minute of their appreciation of the kind thought that suggested the gift to them, by Mrs. Doty the wife of our beloved Rector, of a beautiful full length portrait of her husband on the occasion of the recent Reception commemorating the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

The presentation was an incident of happy surprise to the large number of the parish present and added to the many pleasures of that joyous occasion.

The pride and pleasure with which the portrait will be cherished by the Vestry and their successors during the years to come will be the greater for the association with it of the name of the giver ; whose continuous interest and self sacrificing efforts in so many parts of our parish work has endeared her to the hearts of all its members, and in whose loving aid we recognize one strong element of the success that has crowned the labors of our Rector in this parish and community.

Expressing for each member of the Vestry, the warmest thanks for your beautiful gift, I am,

Very truly yours,

ALBERT C. WALKER,

Clerk.

All Saints, 1891, (November 8th), was made memorable by the Benediction services of the new chancel, when the following Memorials and gifts were accepted and consecrated.

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THE SANCTUARY MOSAIC PAVEMENT.

"Dedicated to the glory of God and the blessed memory of Emma Corbett Herrick. Born Nov. 13, 1819. Died, June, 1890."

THE CHOIR PAVEMENT.

A Memorial of Miss Mary Breck, born March 10, 1824 ; died April 15, 1888. Miss Breck left a legacy to the church of \$500.00.

THE ORGAN.

This bears the following inscription: "To the glory of God and in loving memory of Dellon M. Dewey, died January 17, 1889—Sarah Jane Dewey, died April 28, 1890. Among the founders of this parish, (1855), and for many years leaders in the choir. O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord, praise Him and magnify Him forever."

The organ, is the gift of Fanny Child Dewey, Dellon M. Dewey, Jr., Jane Dewey Medcalf.

THE SANCTUARY RAIL.

. . . "To the glory of God and in loving memory of Albert E. and Frances Child Walker, 1809—1888, 1820—1898; among the founders of Christ Church parish."

The gift of their children, Albert Child Walker, Clara Walker Whittlesey, Mary Walker Van Ingen, William C. Walker, Edward H. Walker.

A SILVER PATEN.

. . . "To the glory of God and as a memorial of the first Senior Warden of Christ Church, Rochester, Silas O. Smith, and of Seba Hand Smith, his wife"—by their children.

THE ALTAR.

The altar of the Benediction Service (1891), was not a memorial, but a gift from Dr. Doty, intended to serve only until a more fitting altar should take its place. In 1902, the Beckley Memorial Altar was given and Dr. Doty's gift removed to the old chancel. Christ Church has had four altars. What became of Mr. Neely's gift to the Mission Chapel, is at present unknown. Presumably it was given to some Mission Church.

THE QUINBY LITANY DESK.

"To the glory of God and in loving memory of I. F. Quinby, died Sept. 13, 1891, aet. 70." The gift of his widow and children.

During the last illness of Mrs. Quinby she gave her own prayer-desk to Mr. Graham, for parish use. The same is to be given a fitting place in the church as soon as plans providing for the comfortable attendance upon the services of invalids and the aged have materialized.

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THE CHORISTER STALLS.

By request of Dr. Doty these have been made a Memorial to Myron G. Peck in recognition of his legacy of \$500.00. Inscription not yet affixed (1905).

THE BRASS PULPIT.

This with its pedestal of polished marble is the Memorial of James and Sarah Edwards Sabey. The pulpit bears the inscription: "To the glory of God and in loving memory of James Sabey, vestryman of Christ Church. Died July 20, A. D. 1883, aged 74 years. Erected Christmas, 1884." After its removal to the new chancel, the pedestal and brass stairs were added. The steps bear the inscription: "To the glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah Edwards Sabey—Nov. 5, 1809, Feb. 15, 1897."

THE GREGORY BOOK-REST.

The brass book-rest of the new chancel altar is inscribed: "To the glory of God and in loving memory of Charlotte Upham Gregory and James Henderson Gregory." Mr. and Mrs. Gregory were among the first communicants of the parish, and ever zealous in its good works. This Memorial was the gift of Mrs. James A. Massey.

The square piano in the Sunday School room (1905), and the large mirror and hat-stand in the robing room, were given in 1892 by Mrs. M. B. Warren, (a sister of Mrs. Doty).

December, 1893. Mrs. William Kidd gave \$2,000.00 to the Building Fund.

THE WARREN ALTAR CROSS.

The massive jewelled altar cross on the new chancel altar is inscribed: "To the glory of God and in loving memory of Harriet M. Warren, Aug. 31, A. D. 1827, April 30, A. D. 1890." The gift of Mrs. M. B. Warren (1894).

THE WOODWORTH ALTAR VASES.

The two brass altar vases (new chancel) are in memory of Anna Warren Woodworth . . . "April 23rd, A.D. 1858, August 13th, A.D. 1887." The gift of Mrs. M. B. Warren (1892).

THE CLARKSON ALTAR HANGINGS.

Early in 1893 a set of altar hangings, the frontal bearing the Agnus Dei, were given by the Hon. George G. Clarkson—a memorial to his wife, Elizabeth Bushnell Clarkson.

THE CARTWRIGHT BIBLE.

The great Bible upon the brass lectern of the new chancel is inscribed: "In loving memory of Louis F. Cartwright, July 10, 1870, August 23, 1894."

THE COLLIER BIBLE.

The old chancel Bible is inscribed: "In memory of my mother, Elizabeth Ann Collier, aged 88. 'Numbered with Thy Saints.' Given by her daughter, Mrs. Helen Collier Wright." Mrs. Collier died July 9, 1897.

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THE JOHNSON PAVEMENT.

The mosaic pavement of the main aisles of the church is inscribed: "This tile floor is dedicated to the glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah Louise, wife of Almeron J. Johnson. Easter, A.D. 1894."

THE HOPKINS SERVICE BOOKS.

The large altar service book and Prayer Book of the new chancel are Memorials to the Reverend Theodore Austin Hopkins—the gift of Mrs. Hopkins (1894.)

April, 1894. The Boys' Club received a gift of chairs from the Church of the Ascension. Pews from the old church had been given by Christ Church to the Church of the Ascension a short time before.

March, 1894. The Vestry present altar Prayer Books and Hymnals to St. Paul's parish, in recognition of the hospitality given Christ Church congregation for ten months, during the building of the new church.

Mrs. Frank W. Embry's gift to the Parish House of a wash-boiler, clothes-wringer and large extension table are but a few of the many Memorials of her practical generosity.

THE TE DEUM WINDOW.

The glorious Te Deum Window, the grand finale, in the scheme of Memorial windows devised by Dr. Doty with the colaboration of Bishop Coxe and unveiled with appropriate ceremonial May 31st, 1896,

was the gift of Aldice G. Warren in memory of his parents. . . . " This window is erected to the glory of God and in reverent memory of Aldice Parker Warren and his wife Margaret Ann Carothers. . . ." A key of the design of the window explaining every detail hangs beneath it. It is the work of Frederick Wilson, Tiffany, New York, and ranks with the finest achievements of that artist.

January, 1897. A mural alms chest was received from Mr. E. A. Tobey and placed in the narthex.

June, 1897. An altar frontal of white silk was given by the Altar Guild, the embroidery, by Miss Mabelle Doty.

October, 1897. Real estate valued at \$2,500.00 and a legacy of \$5,000.00 were received from the estate of Cornelia Ward Smith, widow of Edward Meigs Smith.

THE EDWARD MEIGS SMITH WINDOWS.

April, 1900. The Annunciation and the Nativity windows (with the smaller ones in the clere story, which are their supplement) were placed in the new chancel. Upon the south altar window, that of the Nativity is inscribed: " To the glory of God and in loving memory of Edward Meigs Smith, who entered life eternal, April 11th, 1884. ' There shall come a star out of Jacob and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel.' "

The north window—that of the Annunciation—bears the inscription: " To the glory of God and in loving memory of Cornelia Ward Smith, who

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entered into life eternal, April 2, 1897. 'My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.' "

The drawings for these windows were received by Dr. Doty but a few days before his last illness, and he spent much time upon their careful and final revision; his anticipation of seeing them in place was one of the last joys of his life. These windows are a part of the Tiffany scheme.

January, 1901. A carpet sweeper for the Parish House, the gift of Mrs. Boucher; a tea-pot from Mrs. Alden; the covering for a box in the Missionary Room from Mrs. David Hoyt, are fair samples of many New Year's gifts.

In 1902, Miss Ruth Quinby and Miss Caroline Quinby gave \$100.00 to the Woman's Auxiliary of Christ Church, in memory of their mother, Elizabeth Gardiner Quinby. The same has been made a Memorial Fund for one whose name and loving service is inseparable from the history of the Woman's Auxiliary.



Most precious among the treasures of Christ Church, and to be given a sacred niche in the tower room where the parish archives are to be stored, is the red covered Prayer-Book that Dr. Doty almost invariably held when speaking extempore to his people. In fact, he has been heard to say, that the holding of that book was a necessity to his speaking at all, so lost was he without it. When we

recall him, speaking from the old chancel in the Lenten services, is it not always with the red covered Prayer-Book pressed close against his surplice, just as it is seen in his photograph in the Parish House? At the General Convention of 1892, when the final revisions of the Book of Common Prayer were made, he entered every revision in the red covered Prayer Book in his fine, clear cut chirography, making the turning over of these well-worn leaves full of interest to his people. It was from these notes that he gave an interesting account of the discussions attending each item of revision.

"A Book of Altar Service," old chancel altar—was the gift of the Altar Guild, Feast of St. Michael's and All Angels', September 29, 1903.

THE CLERGY OFFICE.

The old Vestry Room, a part of "the enlargement" of 1862, was never a cheerful nook at its best—more like a prison cell than anything else, dark and damp—a single gas-jet and a rusty stove for light and heat. Had the parish needed a malerial dungeon for offenders—say, like Johnny Alexander, that most cherubic of the first choristers, who once brought a June bug to Church on a Sunday with a string fast to its leg,—flying the same during sermon time—why, then a use for that old Vestry Room as it used to be had not been hard to find. After the completion of the Parish House it was well-nigh abandoned, save as a catch-all for things discarded. Soon after the arrival of Mr.

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Graham, Mrs. John F. Alden had a happy thought ; and presto ! the sunniest, coziest, most attractive of Rector's Studies came to pass, with the disappearance of every feature of the old time cell. In their place was a broad bay window, a fine library table, easy chairs, pictures, everything in harmony with the latter-day dispensation of the parish. Only one instance, of many where Mr. and Mrs. Alden have been ready and most practical givers.

THE JOHNSON TOWER.

The bronze tablet in the tower bears the following inscription :

“ To the glory of God
And in loving memory of
Joseph Almeron Johnson.

1874-1900.

This tower was erected through the
generous provision of his father,
Almeron J. Johnson,
who was a member of this parish and
who entered into rest
March 21, 1901.”

The amount of the legacy left by Almeron J. Johnson for this Memorial was \$30,000.00.

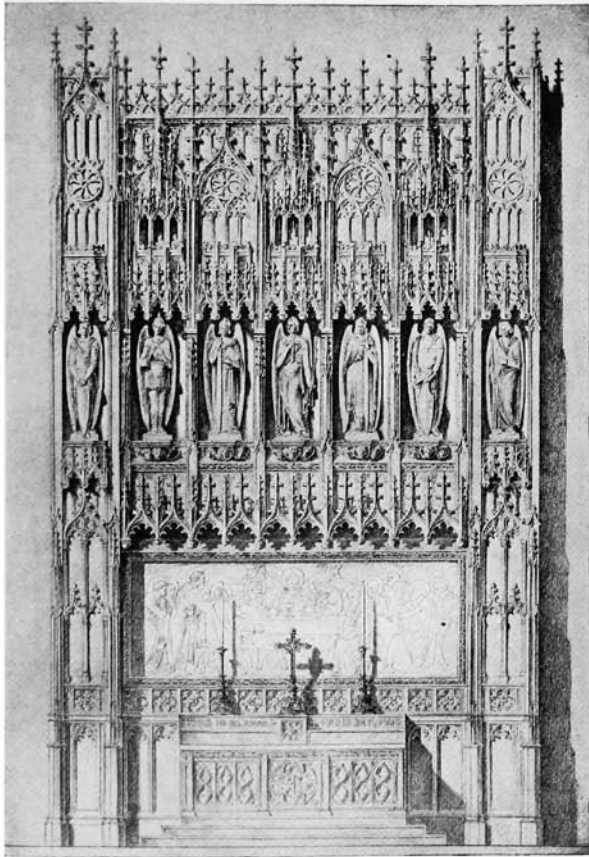
Mr. Johnson died in New York City. He is buried in Mount Hope.

THE BECKLEY MEMORIAL ALTAR.

The marble altar of the new sanctuary, the eucharistic lights, the exquisite white, green and royal purple super-frontals, the kneeling pads for the altar steps, and the costly silk rug, each carry-

ing out the Tiffany scheme,—are a Memorial “in loving remembrance of Herbert C. Beckley, born September 11, 1876; entered into life eternal October 3, 1889,” . . . the gift of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John N. Beckley and of his brother Walter Riley Beckley. The altar is of purest white marble,—its recessed panels bearing appropriate emblems and inscriptions, every detail in harmony with the superb mosaic above it. The super-frontals of the *Beckley Memorial* are made from original designs by Helbrunner, London, England. (The red super-frontal, also the work of Helbrunner, is the gift of the Altar Guild.) So high and spacious is the chancel of Christ Church, the unusual size of its altar is not apparent. It is over eleven feet in length—one of the largest in this country—there are few in England as long; its length the same as that of Durham Cathedral. The altar hangings of Christ Church are among its most valuable possessions, and demand careful custodianship. The parish has reason for congratulating itself upon the faithful superintendence that Miss Winn gives to this department, and that it has reliable caretakers in Mr. Evans and Mrs. Boddy.

The Gospel candle of the Altar (north side) symbolizes the divinity of our Lord and is inscribed: “The Word was God.” The Epistle candle symbolizes humanity: “The Word was made flesh.”



THE REREDOS

The part completed (1905) comprises the Marble Altar, the Mosaic Painting of The Lord's Supper and pinnacled frame and pilasters of caen stone up to the line of Angel Statues.

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THE REREDOS MOSAIC.

This beautiful mosaic—*the Institution of the Lord's Supper*—with its warmth of subdued color, is truly the glowing heart of the sanctuary, creating the permeating atmosphere of the holy place,—another realization of the Tiffany scheme—in which the art of Frederick Wilson finds rare expression in gold, mother of pearl, and glass. On the gospel side is the inscription (by no means conspicuous):

“ This framed mosaic is erected
to the glory of God and
in
loving memory of
Helen Estelle
by her husband and son

J. Moreau Smith—V. Moreau Smith.

‘ Lord I have loved the habitation of Thy House and the
place where Thine honor dwelleth.’ ”

“ The whole setting is in distinct contrast to Da Vinci's Last Supper,” to quote from the description given in the Parish Leaflet. “ That is rightly named, for Da Vinci's arrangement bears all the signs of the Paschal Feast. In Wilson's arrangement these signs are eliminated and only the symbols of the Christian sacrament are present. . . . ” The proper name for this masterpiece is The Lord's Supper—not the Last Supper, as it is often called.

THE PROCESSIONAL CROSS.

This bears the following inscription :

“ In memory of

Emilie Stuart Smith

Life—Nov. 29, 1864. Life Eternal—Oct. 8, 1899.

Presented to Christ Church

by her father, J. Moreau Smith

and her brothers

V. Moreau Smith and L. Walton Smith.”

This gift was received in 1904.

The wall clock of the Parish House was given by a “ few Sunday School teachers ” in 1904.

Easter, 1904. The Mother’s Club, made an offering of \$20.00 for the Doty Memorial Fund.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS ENDOWMENT FUND.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

April 10th. The Confirmation Class of this day laid the foundation of a Parish Endowment Fund by their united offering of \$36.81 for that purpose.

. . . “ *Be it resolved*, That the Vestry, for itself and the whole parish hereby express its deep appreciation of this action, and, as a matter of historical interest, order the names of the persons then confirmed to be recorded in the minutes of the Vestry. Carried.

Members of the Confirmation Class, “ The original Foundationers,” 1904:

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Harry Blake Harrington,	Charles C. Force,
Mary Alice Page,	Nathan R. Brower,
May Elizabeth Hall,	Charles Edward LeRoy,
Catharine Louise Hill,	Burt Alfred Brown,
Cornelia D. Yackel,	Donald Malcolm Grant,
Margaret B. Hayd,	Francis Grant,
Mrs. Arline Lousdale Oakley,	Mrs. Hattie Gerling Read
Frederick William Oakley,	Parker Corwin Hansel,
Harold Clifford Neefus,	Ruth E. Cotton,
Thomas Charles Goodwin,	Ernest Marshall Scott,
Amy Jones,	William Kirk Curry,
Charles Jones,	Lambert Dunn,
Madalean Jones,	Charlotte Buff Dunn,
Mrs. Fanny Louise Darling,	Jennie Hazleton Lintz,
Mary Bogue Alden,	Flossie May Tilling,
Beatrice Lillian Crosman,	Lucenia Reynolds,
Jennie Mabel Royce,	Charles T. Marshall,
Joseph Lister,	Josephine M. Gray,
Blanche May Denno,	Mrs. Laura Wilkins Smith,
Laura May Upton,	Mrs. Cornelia Mariott,
Mrs. Julia Louise Brown,	Elizabeth Patterson,
Mrs. Elizabeth Fenton Attridge,	Frank Armstrong Wesley.

The many pieces of fine altar linen that have been given by Miss Jennie Winn, and by faithful women not a few, would make a long list indeed, even if we began with those of the Altar Guild in Dr. Doty's time. The following gifts are among the most valuable: Corporal, Miss Leona Hoyt; Chalice Veil, Miss Louise Scofield; Set of Altar Linen, (May, 1902,) Mrs. M. E. Grubb, Philadelphia, Pa.; Fair Linen Cloth, (May, 1902,) Mrs.

Frederick Grant. Two Prayer Books were given by the Altar Guild, Easter, 1904.

The unrecorded gifts of the Vestry alone, individually and collectively, would make a long list. In one year, Mr. McDowell contributed the whole expense of a thorough renovation of the exterior and the interior of the old church, an expenditure of hundreds of dollars.

Another parishioner paid a curate's salary for at least one year, nor may his name be given.

In 1902, the Parish Aid gave \$209.50 towards the \$400.00 paid for the Grand Piano in use in the choir room. The balance of \$190.50 was given by twenty-six parishioners.

August, 1904. An altar Prayer Book and Hymnal was received, upon which is inscribed: "In memory of William D'Orville Doty, D.D. Given by his friend Lemuel A. Jeffreys." First used Sunday, September 4, 1904.

ALL SAINTS.

October, 1904. Eucharistic lights for the old chancel altar. "In memory of David Hoyt, first Junior Warden." By his sons.

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EASTER TIDE—1905.

THE BILL CABINET.

This mahogany wall cabinet with four full sets of Prayer books, Hymnals, and two Consecration cards for use in the sanctuary and at the altar bears the inscription: "To the glory of God, and in loving memory of the Rev. Edward C. Bill, D.D., and of Elizabeth Hoyt, his wife, by their children, A. H. B. and N. R. B."

THE SCRANTOM CREDENCE TABLE.

A credence table of carved Caen stone will be placed in the sanctuary by Easter, 1906, by Helen Seelye Scrantom, in memory of Elbert Henry Scrantom—another feature of the Tiffany scheme.



The parish little know how often and how promptly the vestry individually and collectively have bridged financial chasms. The present prosperity of the parish and its confident outlook for the future is owing, largely, to the high character of the men who from the first have shaped and controlled its affairs—men prominent in the financial and business world, and loyal, Prayer Book Churchmen as well.

At the date of the closing of this *Story-Chronological*, one of the last gifts to be recorded is an extension ladder from the Senior Warden, J. Moreau *Smith*. The first gift to the parish,

it will be remembered, was that of Silas O. *Smith* (\$100.00), the proceeds from the sale of the old Museum Wax Works, the coincidence in the surname, one occurring continuously in the list of our Memorials and gifts, recalling what Mr. Aaron Erickson, a leading citizen and prominent in St. Luke's, once said of our Free Mission Chapel in its sturdy infancy—"It's a Smithsonian Institute"—little dreaming that for fifty years his words would stand true. When A. D. 1955 shall dawn upon Christ Church, Rochester, N. Y., many of the old records, from which this *Story-Chronological* has been compiled (non-indexed, poorly kept records, alas! many of them), will have become illegible, but of this we may be sure that the inspirational spirit which has been the life of this parish for fifty years, will have increased tenfold,—and who can foresee what it will bring to pass?

THE DR. DOTY SPECIAL MEMORIAL FUND.

SUNDAY BEFORE ALL SAINTS.

October 29, 1905. At the morning service Mr. Graham announced that the offertory upon All Saints Day would be for a continuing fund—for placing in the church some visible memorial to Dr. Doty—the form of which had not been decided upon. A nucleus for such a fund had been provided by thirty-six dollars raised by a few young men in Dr. Doty's time for an object never carried out. The Parish Aid had appropriated fifty dollars for a special memorial to Dr. Doty in 1900.

By the offertory of All Saints the *Dr. Doty Special Memorial Fund* was increased to one hundred and forty-six dollars. W. Osborne Ashley was appointed treasurer of the same.



It is decided that the debt shall be paid and the church consecrated at the Christmas Jubilee.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

November 12, 1905. As the result of an almost unpremeditated meeting of the vestry held at the house of Mr. Beckley the evening before—when

various plans for the immediate payment of the debt were discussed. Mr. Graham could lay before his people that morning what he and the vestry greatly desired to see accomplished, providing that the hearty support of the congregation was given. Following the sermon by Dr. Washburn—a fitting prelude for the occasion—Mr. Graham came forward to the chancel steps and said :

“ My good people, I have an important message to deliver to you today. Few are the times in my life when I have felt so deeply the need of support as now. May you be merciful and of your great patience hear me. Little did I think, when I stood before you last Sunday and made my annual appeal for Missions, that again today I would make an appeal, based indeed upon the very essence of the Christian Faith, and yet issuing in things material. I bear to you a message expressing the unanimous sentiment of the Vestry, concerning a complete provision for our parish debt, and the consecration of our church building within this Jubilee year. About eight or ten months ago, we began the work of raising \$29,500, with which to pay all obligations. On the first of June, we had secured, including a bequest of \$2,000, and the noble offering of \$2,000 from the Parish Aid Society, the sum of \$19,000. Christmas-tide which marks the end of our Jubilee year, is but six weeks away and we face the necessity of securing \$10,500 more by that time, or we must bear disappointment in not attaining the goal so ardently longed for. If my people had not worked and given

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generously for many years. I would not feel distress in making this appeal; but the great majority have been ever faithful in working and giving. The vestry are united in the conviction that this is the psychological year; that never again will there be such universal sentiment in favor of the sweeping away of all debt. Now is the time when we may bury the church debt in the grave of oblivion. And yet your rector has neither the grit or grace, nor power of endurance, at the beginning of this busy year to take up this work unless he is sure that the desire of the parish is for marching onward to victory. If you shall fall in with our desire, then the vestry will at once send out pledges to all members of the parish, making the vitality and payment of the same dependent upon having every dollar of the \$10,500 subscribed for; their pledges to be paid in two portions; one on Easter Day, 1906; the other Nov. 1, 1906. Having received these pledges, the vestry will finance the business side of the situation and take up the mortgage. There are *six weeks to Christmas*, and what is done must be done quickly. We shall hope to report on next Sunday, that the greater part of the needed amount is pledged and on the Sunday following, to announce definitely that success has been attained. I now put you to the test of a vote. I call for every man, woman and child who, with the rector and the vestry, would push forward, to stand up. If you are weary of this debt matter remember we are weary too. If you are disposed to give up the battle and fall back upon your

laurels, you have many laurels to fall back upon, for in the five years just closing, you have raised over \$120.00; but we hope that you will all stand up in this vote. I now call for the vote."

The great congregation rose promptly and almost as one; few, besides the strangers present remaining seated. "I thank you," came fervently from Mr. Graham. "We will now close this service."

The consecration of the church at the Christmas Jubilee stood assured.

As this *Story-Chronological* already well through the press at the date of this last entry, November 13, 1905, may not record that Christmas Jubilee service, blank pages will be found at the end of the book, whereon the press accounts of the event, with individual notes may be entered.

Christ Church has had three financial athletes among its rectors—Neely, Doty and Graham—each a marvel in heavy debt raising. But verily, considering the size of the debt when Mr. Graham assumed the rectorship, he will have surpassed every previous achievement in that line, when the church is rid of its present indebtedness, and consecrated upon Christmas Day.

Let the pages assigned for the closing event of this Jubilee year tell the glad story anticipated—the grand culmination of the history of the parish for its first fifty years—the consecration of the building that from foundation stones to crowning cross stands as a memorial to WILLIAM D'ORVILLE DOTY.

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The record of this *Story-Chronological* is here only suspended. It is to be continued in the second volume which may be looked for no later than A. D. 1955, if not A. D. 1930.

Finis may not be written here, nor the half of what Christ Church of to day beholds in glorious vision—the promise of the next fifty years.

“ As the pyramid builded of vapor is blown by His whirlwind
to naught,

So work without Him is for nothing ; He giveth the life to our
thought ;

Whatever is strong in His purpose—in humbleness woven and
pure,

Is part of His purpose eternal—He toucheth it, saying,
ENDURE.”



SUPPLEMENTARY.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Incredible as it may seem, it is nevertheless true, that antedating the present efficient Superintendency of the Rev. Mr. Jennings, nothing like a full record of Christ Church Sunday School since its first session in Palmer's Hall, May, 1855, is to be found among the parish archives. Few, and unsatisfactory for historical timber are the documentary scraps, that, at sundry times and in divers places, superintendents and teachers may have written and left to happy chance for preservation. Such a thing as preservation and classification of archives has been unknown in Christ Church. But there is a room in the tower that some day, it is confidently predicted, will be a model Historical Chamber—its custodian an expert in the keeping of records. Writing a history of the parish will then be a different matter from what it is this A. D. 1905, when the reminiscences of pioneers, if severely sifted of pure fancy and tradition, leave the annalist in sorry plight for working material.

The Sunday School has always been an essential feature of our parish usefulness. The annual sermons of Dr. Doty, if accessible through publication, would help greatly in writing its history; but unwritten reminiscence must suffice. Could such be obtained through a symposium of the small number who were once little tots in the infant room

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with Mrs. Dewey in the days of the Calvary Catechism, and are now teachers under the improved system introduced by the Rev. Mr. Jennings, the result would add vastly to this volume. It is too late, however to make such a symposium a feature of our Jubilee year, but when one is held in the near future, a *History of Christ Church Sunday School* may be looked for in the story of the old time teachers and pupils.

It is to be hoped that *the old Roman Soldier* will not fail to put in an appearance at that symposium, telling how he felt when denounced before the whole congregation year after year for telling that awful lie the children were ever so hilarious in discovering and proclaiming.

Mr. L. Ward Smith was the first superintendent. The order of his successors is here given from memory and possibly several names are omitted :

Delos Wentworth, Wm. J. Ashley, Frank A. Ward, Elbert B. Mann, Albert C. Walker, Egbert F. Ashley, the Rev. Mr. Jennings. The curates have always acted as superintendents. The primary has had but three sub-superintendents in fifty years, so prolonged was Mrs. Dewey's administration. She was followed by Mrs. Kalbfleisch, whose successor is Miss Belle Winn.

Large adult Bible classes have been conducted by Miss Guernsey, Miss Doolittle, Mrs. Parker, Wm. J. Ashley and the Rector from time to time. Christmas and Easter brought ever its Sunday School Festival,—the summer a picnic.

For many years, in Dr. Schuyler's and Mr. Battershall's time mainly, the Church lawn was the place for the picnic, when Jack Van Ingen would make hundreds of tissue paper lanterns (he must make one more,—a relic for the Historical Room), and the Kelly Lantern Works would put up a big headlight on the church porch, and there was a game of drop-the-handkerchief for the little boys and girls, and a big policeman at the gate, and all the strawberries and lemonade one could desire, and everybody was at their friskiest, outsiders looking through the high picket fence, thinking it a fine thing to belong to Christ Church where such good times seemed the natural order of things, as indeed they were. Then the picnics on the lawn went out of fashion, quite,—and the carryalls came in, packed to the horses' ears for the Bay or the Lake. Then the trolley picnics came to pass, and afterwards those by steam cars and steam boats. If there is a delightful resort within a radius of forty miles from the Four Corners where Christ Church has not cracked its hard boiled eggs, and made coffee and lemonade, and played baseball, it is the business of the coming historian to find out, when he or she undertakes to show just where the Sunday School picnics have gone in the last fifty years,—with much more of importance.

Surely, there has been no department of their parish work upon which the several rectors have left so vivid an imprint, each of his personality, as that of the Sunday School. Under "Mr. Neely"

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the monthly catechizing at the chancel was a fixed rule. Dr. Schuyler proclaimed frankly, at the outset of his pastorate, that he was not a success in Sunday School work and should delegate it largely to capable deputies, which he did. Dr. Battershall's rare gift was in making the Sunday School something more than a routine of memorizing. Mr. Tucker had exceptional qualifications for the field—he placed things on a new and better basis. Dr. Doty infused the whole school with his cheerful personality, throwing his heart into every detail, particularly, in the singing of the carols, never so happy as when walking up and down the aisle singing, baton in hand, his voice inspiring the voiceless.

Could the Honor Roll of the Sunday School be given, surely the name of Charlotte E. Davis would stand at the head. A happy feature of the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary, Sunday, September 24, 1905, was the presentation to Miss Davis of a gold medal in recognition of her fifty years of faithful attendance as pupil and teacher. That the training of the children in the catechism, under the superintendency of Mr. Jennings, is all that "Mr. Neely" could desire was amply demonstrated upon this occasion.

This imperfect "appreciation" of the Sunday School is offered with sincere regret that it is so lacking in historical data. But, if the disappointment help to stimulate zeal in the keeping of the parish records hereafter,—in the speedy appointment

of a historian,* congratulations for the parish are in order. The writing of the History of Christ Church Sunday School should not longer be postponed.

THE MOTHER CHURCH.

The following letter to Mr. Graham was read by him at the Parish Aid Jubilee Service, May 10, 1905:

. . . "Make us upon this occasion to appreciate as we never have, what it cost St. Luke's to found the new parish *on the eastern border*, to part with some forty-five of its best communicants,—and all that it was to those members of St. Luke's to sever their relations with the mother parish. There were none among them that St. Luke's was the better for losing—no disgruntled croakers she might be glad to spare. They were zealous, faithful communicants who gave themselves to the new work from a sense of duty to the Church in Rochester. Our condition as a parish had been different today had those foundationers been less sacrificing than they were—for leaving St. Luke's meant in a sense to each of them exile from cherished surroundings, and possibly financial stress and strain. But Bishop Lee had urged the undertaking; it had been the key-note of his farewell words to them soon

*October, 1905, Miss Belle Winn was appointed Historian of the Sunday School. Congratulations for the Historian of the Church A. D. 1955.

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after his consecration as Bishop of Iowa. That explains why the secession of so large a contingent from St. Luke's left no bitterness behind, God-speeds and benedictory gifts following their departure. Was it nothing for St. Luke's to lose Silas O. Smith and his large family of devoted church-men and church-women? And the Lockwoods?—a veritable host of the Lord,—Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Dewey, (who could make a choir for old St. Luke's, by themselves alone) and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Brackett? Long is the list of names, each one standing for all that the record of after years fully confirmed. Names that are a part of the history of St. Luke's as well as of Christ Church. . . . "

CURATES AND ASSISTANT MINISTERS,

OFFICERS AND ORGANIZATIONS OF THE PARISH.

In the pioneer days of the parish, Mr. Neely had no lack of occasional and able "supplies,"—a clerical guest, the rule rather than the exception each Sunday. The Rev. Henry A. Lockwood—of the historical Lockwoods—and who had been among the first to go as a missionary to China—was the first of our regularly appointed assistants taking charge of the parish during the rector's absence in Minnesota for several months in the winter of 1861-62. The following list of his successors has been compiled under difficulty and it contains, it is feared, important omissions and chronological errors:

The Rev. Daniel Flack.....	1866-1871
He had charge of the Hope Chapel Mission.	
Rev. Charles F. J. Wrigley.....	1882-1883
Rev. Michael Scofield.....	1888
Rev. A. R. Gunn.....	1888
Rev. Charles H. Boynton....	1889
Rev. T. F. Johnson.....	1889
Rev. Henry Rollings.....	1892-1893
Rev. E. H. Edson.....	1897-1900
Rev. E. S. Towson (Supply).....	1900
Rev. W. W. Jennings.....	1901-....

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WARDENS OF CHRIST CHURCH.

1855-1905.

(The Present Wardens are in italics.)

Silas O. Smith.....	1855-1863
David Hoyt.....	1855-1856
Andrew J. Brackett.....	1856-1862
Delos Wentworth.....	1862-1890
General John L. Gardiner.....	1863-1865
Alfred Hoyt.....	1865-1870
Edward M. Smith.....	1870-1878
James Sabey.....	1878-1879
<i>J. Moreau Smith</i>	1879-....
Dellon M. Dewey.....	1880-1889
William J. Ashley.....	1889-1899
<i>Frank A. Ward</i>	1899-

VESTRYMEN.

1855-1905.

(The Present Vestrymen are in italics.)

Dellon M. Dewey.....	1855-1880
Andrew J. Brackett.....	1855-1856
Delos Wentworth.....	1855-1862
Daniel B. Beach.....	1855-1865
John M. Winslow.....	1855-1856
John Fairbanks.....	1855-1858
Edward M. Smith.....	1855-1870
Charles R. Babbitt.....	1855-1865
Walter M. Tompkins.....	1856-1858
Martin B. Breck.....	1856-7, 1866-1867
James H. Nellis (Almost continuous).....	1857-1889
W. V. K. Lansing (Not continuous).....	1857-1869
Henry H. Lambert.....	1857-1858
James Wagstaff.....	1858-1859
Joseph A. Sprague.....	1859-1863

T. T. Morse.....	1859-1860
James H. Gregory.....	1859-1860
Charles E. Upton.....	1861-1876
C. C. Goodale.....	1861-1862
Charles Robinson.....	1861-1862
John F. Rothgangle.....	1861-1862
Aaron Lovecraft.....	1862-1870
Jonathan L. Booth.....	1863-1864
Robert D. Kellogg.....	1864-1865
Nathaniel Winn.....	1864-1865
Abner Burbank.....	1866-1871
George S. Barry.....	1866-1868
Curtis Clark.....	1868-1877, 1878-1880
William J. Ashley.....	1870-1889
J. Moreau Smith.....	1870-1879
William H. Shepard.....	1871-1873
James Sabey.....	1872-1878
<i>Charles P. Boswell</i>	<i>1874-1876, 1892-....</i>
Robert Cartwright.....	1879-1884
E. K. Warren.....	1877-1878
Simon V. McDowell.....	1877-1893
W. Martin Jones.....	1878-1879
Henry B. Ellwanger.....	1877-1879
William C. Medcalf.....	1877-1878
<i>Albert C. Walker</i>	<i>1877-....</i>
Frank A. Ward.....	1879-1899
E. W. Osburn.....	1880-1890
John A. Davis.....	1881-1889
Joseph A. Biegler.....	1884-1892
Sylvanus J. Macy.....	1889-1894
Elbert B. Mann.....	1889-1892
Charles J. Ferrin, Jr.....	1889-1900
E. Henry Scranton.....	1890-1900
<i>John N. Beckley</i>	<i>1892-....</i>
J. C. Kalbfleisch.....	1893-1896
<i>J. Craig Powers</i>	<i>1895-....</i>

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<i>Egbert F. Ashley</i>	1896-....
<i>John F. Alden</i>	1896-....
<i>David Hoyt</i>	1899-....
<i>Frank D. Russell</i>	1900-....
<i>Eugene C. Denton</i>	1900-....

There was no election in 1888. The vestry "held over" awaiting the change in the time of election, then believed to be pending—from the Monday after Easter to the first Monday in Advent—a change that did not take place until Advent 1896. Under the provision of the new law of the State of New York, the Wardens are now elected for a term of two years and the Vestrymen for terms of three years, one-third in rotation.

CLERKS OF THE VESTRY.

1855-1905.

Daniel B. Beach.....	1855-1857
W. V. K. Lansing (Intermittent).....	1857-1862
T. Weed Whittlesey (Intermittent)	1857-1861
George E. Ripsom.....	1861-1862
George T. Parker.....	1862-1863
Henry H. Lambert	}
W. V. K. Lansing	
William W. Hoyt and others }	
Charles W. Hardy.....	1868-1875
Frank A. Ward.....	1875-1877
Albert C. Walker.....	1877-1897
A. G. Warren.....	1897-1898
<i>Eugene C. Denton</i>	1898

PRESIDENTS OF THE OLD SEWING SOCIETY.

Mrs. Samuel Stevens	1855
Mrs. D. M. Dewey, 1st Directress.	
Mrs. Samuel Stevens.....	1856
Mrs. D. M. Dewey, 1st Directress.	

Mrs. Samuel Stevens	1857
Mrs. D. M. Dewey, 1st Directress.	
Mrs. Daniel B. Beach	1858
Mrs. H. H. Lambert, 1st Directress.	
Mrs. D. M. Dewey	1859
Mrs. H. H. Lambert, 1st Directress.	
Mrs. D. M. Dewey	1860
Mrs. J. B. Sprague, 1st Directress.	
Mrs. C. C. Goodale	1861
Mrs. R. D. Kellogg, 1st Directress.	
Mrs. D. M. Dewey	1862
Mrs. J. B. Sprague, 1st Directress.	
Mrs. J. M. Parker	1863
Mrs. J. C. Candee, 1st Directress.	
Mrs. W. V. K. Lansing	1864
Miss Mary Breck, 1st Directress.	
Mrs. E. M. Smith	1865
Miss Mary Breck 1st Directress.	
Mrs. J. H. Gregory	1866
Miss Josephine Benton, 1st Directress.	
Mrs. D. M. Dewey	1867
Miss Emma Breck, 1st Directress.	
Miss Kate Herron	1868
No Directresses. (Mite Societies.)	
Miss Kate Herron	1869
Miss Mary A. Doolittle, 1st Directress	
Mrs. W. W. Battershall	1870
Mrs. Thomas Leighton, 1st Directress.	
Mrs. Curtis Clark	1871
Mrs. M. M. Ferreira, 1st Directress.	
Mrs. Thomas Leighton	1872
Miss Mary Breck, 1st Directress.	

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Mrs. J. M. Pomeroy	1873
Mrs. Philip Dater, 1st Directress.		
Mrs. J. N. Pomeroy	1874
Mrs. John Woollard, 1st Directress.		
Mrs. C. E. Upton	.....	1875
Mrs. Thomas Leighton, 1st Directress		
Miss Mary A. Doolittle	.....	1876
Mrs. Wm. Caulkins, 1st Directress.		
Miss Mary A. Doolittle	.....	1877
No Directresses. (Mite societies.)		
Mrs. Henry Gallagher (<i>pro tem</i>)	.....	1878
Mrs. J. Moreau Smith	.....	1878
Mrs. Curtis Clark, Vice-President.		

SECRETARIES OLD SEWING SOCIETY.

Mrs. D. B. Beach	.....	1855-1858
Miss L. E. Guernsey	.....	1858
Mrs. J. H. Gregory	.....	1858
Miss Emma Breck	.....	1859-1860
Mrs. J. M. Parker,		
1861, 1862, 1865, 1867, 1873, 1874, 1878-....		
Mrs. W. V. K. Lansing	.....	1863
Mrs. J. L. Booth	.....	1864-1866
Miss Fanny C. Dewey	.....	1869, 1870, 1875-1877
Miss L. E. Guernsey	.....	1871-1872

TREASURERS OLD SEWING SOCIETY.

Mrs. A. J. Brackett	.....	1855-1860, 1862
Mrs. D. B. Beach	.....	1861
Mrs. J. H. Nellis	.....	1862-1868, 1871-1873
Miss Hattie Garfield	.....	1869-1870
Miss Mary A. Doolittle	.....	1874

Miss Fanny C. Dewey.....	1875
Miss Breck	1876-1877
Miss Jenny Dewey.....	1878

Mrs. D. M. Dewey served continuously for many years as first Directress and Chairman of the Board of Managers of the old Sewing Society.

PRESIDENTS OF THE PARISH AID.

Mrs. J. Moreau Smith	1879, 1882
Mrs. A. Carter Wilder	1880-1881
Mrs. M. B. Warren	1883-1885
Mrs. Wm. D'Orville Doty.....	1886-1900

Upon Mrs. Doty's retirement, Mrs John F. Alden, Vice-President, assumed the duties of President.

May 31, 1900—the time of the Annual Meeting was changed from November to April.

Mrs. John F. Alden.....	1901-1902
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(From April until September the Society was without a President)

Mrs. Frank A. Ward	1903
<i>Mrs. John F. Alden.....</i>	<i>1904-....</i>

Mrs. J. Moreau Smith served as first Vice-President of the Parish Aid many years. She and Mrs. Doty, as President, headed the executive board for years.

SECRETARIES OF THE PARISH AID.

Mrs. J. M. Parker.....	1878-1890
<i>Mrs. J C Kalbfleisch.....</i>	<i>1890-....</i>

TREASURERS OF THE PARISH AID.

Miss Jenny Dewey, (Mrs. E. A. Medcalf).....	1879-1895
<i>Mrs. George W. Archer.....</i>	<i>1896-....</i>

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

PRESIDENTS, 1876-1905.

Mrs. H. S. Wright.....	1876-1877
Mrs. Richard Harrison....	1877-1878



MRS. JANE MARSH PARKER
1885

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Mrs. I. F. Quinby.....	1878-1880, 1886-1891
Miss L. E. Guernsey.....	1881-1885
<i>Mrs. T. T. White</i>	1891-1896, 1898-1900, 1902-....
Mrs. Whitney Williams.....	1896-1898
Mrs. Wm. L. Halsey.....	1900-1902

SECRETARIES.

Mrs. J. N. Pomeroy.....	1876-1878
Miss C. E. Davis.....	1878-1891
Mrs. C. G. Houston.....	1891-1895
<i>Miss C. E. Davis</i>	1895-....

TREASURERS.

Miss Mary Walker.....	1876-1882
Mrs. F. A. Ward.....	1882-1884
Miss C. Curtis.....	1884-1888
Miss J. L. Winn.....	1888-1898
Mrs. E. F. Ashley.....	1898-1902
<i>Miss M. S. Houston</i>	1902-....

THE JUBILEE CHOIR:

<i>Organist</i>	W. H. CARTER
<i>Baritone Soloist</i>	W. D'ORVILLE DOTY
<i>Tenor Soloist</i>	R. L. MONAGHAN
<i>Soprano Soloists</i>	{ HOWARD AVERILL KIRK CURRY

SOPRANOS.

Lawrence Doty	Alcott Neary
Andrew Fairchild Keyes	Ralph S. Andrews
Kent Chester Thompson	Henry H. Reed
James Henry Slater	Dudley Ward
George Charles Hymens	Harold Harper
Alanson E. Thomas	Alfred D. Dukelow
Daniel Witten Patterson	J. L. DeCook
Howard Henry Averill	Howard Engel
George Charles Schatzlein	Edwin C. Hutchinson
Kirk Curry	Buchanan Gould
Harry D. Cahart	

ALTOS

Thos. Goodwin	Edmund May
Maurice Adams	W. J. Schneider
Clarence Starr	Chester Haak
Robert McCory	

TENORS.

R. L. Monaghan	John W. Brooks
Charles Monaghan	Joseph Walker
T. J. Reynolds	E. Ray Finzer
Judson E. Chapman	James T. Evans

BASSES.

W. D'O. Doty	James Johnson
F. Petty	W. H. May
W. F. Hart	J. E. Williams
A. J. Tischer	F. Mutschler
C. I. Chapman	

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Superintendent THE REV. W. W. JENNINGS.

<i>Secretary</i>	MR. S. A. WATSON
<i>Treasurer</i>	MISS JULIA BASTABLE
<i>Librarian</i>	MR. ROBERT EDSON
<i>Pianist</i>	MISS ANNA HAWLEY

TEACHERS.

Primary Department.

Miss Isabel Winn	Miss Winifred Page
Miss Ruth Edson	Mrs. Isaac Snyder

Junior Department.

Miss Beulah Simpson,	Mr. John H. Quine
Miss Louise Tamblingson	Miss C. M. Wilkinson
Miss Sadie Underhill	Mr. John W. Brook
Mrs. Peter A. Dukelow	Miss Lily Hale

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Middle Department.

Miss Caroline Quimby	Mrs. William L. Davis
Miss Charlotte Davis	Mr. Mark W. Way

Senior Department.

Mr. S. S. Trowbridge	Mr. Frank Russell
Mr. A. Longwell	

MISSIONS COMMITTEE.

J. A. VAN INGEN, *Chairman.*

J. Craig Powers	Mrs. W. R. Van Zandt
John H. Quine	Mrs. I. G. Scrantom
Fred Mutschler	Wm. O. Boswell
Mrs. Fred Mutschler	

PERIODICAL CLUB.

Mrs. J. Craig Powers	Miss Osburn
Miss Gabrielle Clarke	



THE PARISH AID.

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Names of Officers have been given on p. 233.

THE MEN'S CLUB.

<i>President</i>	THOS. J. SWANTON
<i>Secretary</i> }	
<i>Treasurer</i> }	DELOS ROSE

THE ALTAR GUILD.

Directress.....MISS JENNIE WINN

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THE BROTHERHOOD OF ST. ANDREW.

DirectorEUGENE C. DENTON
Secretary }HARRY WEST
Treasurer }

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PresidentMISS CARRIE MILLARD
SecretaryMISS BEULAH SIMPSON
TreasurerMISS ELEANOR PAGE

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Branch SecretaryMRS. H. L. CHAPMAN

THE MOTHER'S MEETING.

PresidentMRS. W. L. DAVIS

THE JUNIOR AUXILIARY.

PresidentMISS KATE WINIFRED PAGE



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CaretakerMRS. MARGARET BODDY



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