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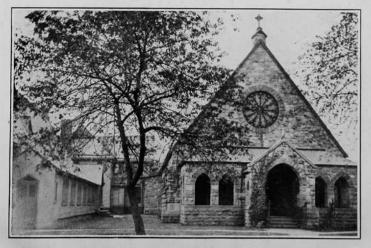
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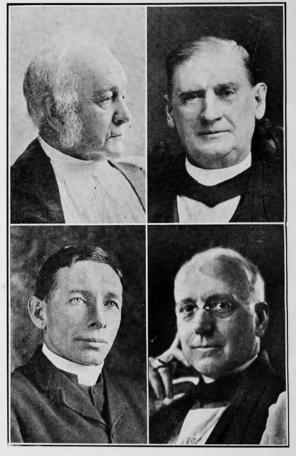
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Exterior view of St, James' Church; Parish Hall at front left, and Rectory at rear left. Photo, 1924,

BISHOPS OF WESTERN NEW YORK, 1874-1924



Rt. Rev. Arthur Cleveland Coxe, D.D., LL. D. 1865-1895 Rt. Rev. Charles Henry Brent, D.D., LL. D. 1901-1917 (Philippines), 1917.—, (W. N. Y.)

Rt. Rev. William David Walker, D. S., LL. D., D. C. L. 1883-1896 (North Dakota), 1896-1917 (W. N. Y.) Rt. Rev. David Lincoln Ferris, D. D., L. H. D. 1920.—.

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Fifty Years of History
1874-1924

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To the Memory of
The Rev. James Hogarth Dennis
First Rector, 1876-1901

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Compiled by
William S. Beard
July, 1924

During the past fifty years St. James' Church has been under the jurisdiction of the following Bishops:

The Rt. Rev. Arthur Cleveland Coxe, D. D., born May 10, 1818; consecrated as Bishop Coadjutor, January 4, 1865; Bishop of the diocese on death of Bishop DeLancey, April 5, 1865; Died, July 20, 1896.

The Rt. Rev. William David Walker, D. D., born June 29, 1839; consecrated Bishop of North Dakota, December 20, 1883; enthroned as Bishop of Western New York, December 23, 1896; Died, May 2, 1917.

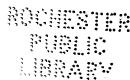
The Rt. Rev. Charles Henry Brent, D. D., born April 9, 1862; consecrated Bishop of the Philippine Islands, December 19, 1901; elected Bishop of Western New York, October 2, 1917.

The Rt. Rev. David Lincoln Ferris, D. D., born December 31, 1864; consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Western New York, October 13, 1920; elected Bishop Coadjutor, May 2, 1924.



CHAPTER I

A Mission of St. Paul's



The Church of St. James the Greater is a daughter of St. Paul's The territory now known as the Fifth Ward was in 1874 sparsely settled north of Central Avenue. Most of the non-Roman Catholic members of the community attended St. Paul's Church, then located at St. Paul and Mortimer Streets. The need of a church to minister to the people residing in the outlying portion of the parish was so obvious that plans for the establishment of a mission were discussed by groups of Episcopalians meeting at their several homes during 1872 and 1873. It was desired to make the mission a chapel of St. Paul's Parish. With the consent of the then rector of St. Paul's, the Rev. Dr. Israel Foote, subscriptions, donations and collections for that purpose were taken,

Interest in the mission had developed sufficiently by the Spring of 1874 to justify Dr. Foote in directing the members to effect a permanent organization. A meeting was, therefore, held at the home of Mr. John Southall, Almira Street and Sheridan Park, on the evening of July 14, 1874, for the purpose of organizing a mission and building a chapel of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The meeting was called to order by Charles S. Cook, who was elected temporary chair-

man. The Rev. C. N. Allen was chosen temporary secretary.

The mission was formally organized and the following officers were elected: President, John Southall; vice-president, W. W. Ross; secretary, Miss E. E. Cannan; treasurer, the Rev. C. N. Allen. The following members of the mission congregation were present: John Southall, Mrs. Charlotte Southall, Charles S. Cook, Mrs. Emma Cook, Mrs. Freelove E. Galusha, W. W. Ross, William H. Wilkins, H. C. Hermance, S. G. Hermance, Miss E. E. Cannan, the Rev. C. N. Allen, E. I. Shackleton, A. J. Masters, Mrs. Elizabeth Dolbeir, William H. Cook, Henry Barnett, George J. Barnett, Miss Lillie Cornforth, Miss Lydia Parkes, Miss C. E. Rogers, Esther Rogers, Albert Rogers, E. E. Havill and others. John Southall, Mrs. F. E. Galusha and the Rev. Mr. Allen were appointed a committee to draw up by-laws for the mission.

The mission flourished from the start. It was in a new community and its founders gave generously and enthusiastically of their time and means to establish the parish on a firm foundation.

A meeting of the mission members was held on September 1, 1874, at which Messrs. Southall, Ross and Wilkins were directed to confer with the Rev. Dr. Foote, rector of St. Paul's, relative to the transfer-

cance of money collected for the mission to the mission's treasurer.

Dr. Foeter reported that \$219.81 had been collected for the mission prior to its organization on July 14. This money had been deposited in the Rochester Savings Bank. During this period the mission had been the July 15 to 1875, a committee consisting of John Morris, William H. Wilkins and Charles S. Cook was appointed to secure a suitable room or hall for Sunday-school purposes. Actual steps for the erection of a chapel were taken on March 30, 1875, when Mrs. F. E. Galusha, William H. Wilkins and John Morris were appointed a committee to distribute subscription lists for a building fund.

The young mission's rapid growth was due to its own fine Christian enthusiasm and the zealous missionary spirit of the people of the mother church of St. Paul's.

Dr. Foote was able to report on June 8, 1875, that the chapel funds then in his possession amounted to \$4,509, as follows:

Sunday-school collections	590.08
On deposit in Erickson's Bank	
In Monroe County Savings Bank	1,987.00
Mrs. Booth's collection	432.00
The Rev. Israel Foote, D. D.	500.00

The mission was also greatly encouraged by the announcement of Dr. Foote that he had the promise of \$1,000 from Mr. Woodbury to apply on the chapel fund. At this time the mission voted to raise \$1,000 among its members for the chapel fund and also to ask Dr. Foote to begin building operations at once.

Events moved swiftly from this time on. Mrs. F. E. Galusha and John Morris were, on June 22, 1875, appointed a committee to confer with Dr. Foote regarding the kind of stone to be used in the construction of the chapel. At a meeting held on June 29, 1875, it was announced that the contract had been let for construction of a gray stone chapel. Upon request of Dr. Foote, the following committee was appointed to copy the specifications and to supervise the construction of the chapel: George H. Newell, Mrs. Freelove E. Galusha, Charles S. Cook and William H. Wilkins.

The lot at the corner of Almira and Grant Streets upon which the chapel was erected and the church stands today was donated by Mrs. F. E. Galusha.

The social side of church life was not neglected in those days, as is proven by the fact that at a meeting of the mission held on August 17, 1875, a report was read which showed that there was realized at a lawn festival held in Mrs. Galusha's orchard on July 20 the sum of \$142.39. Other receipts amounted to \$351.92, making a total of \$494.31.

THE FOUNDER OF ST. JAMES' PARISH



REV. ISRAEL FOOTE, D. D. Rector of St. Paul's Church, 1859-1882.

The mission was by this time progressing so satisfactorily that, on September 28, 1875, Dr. Foote appointed the following Executive Committee to act as a Vestry: John Southall, William H. Wilkins, John Morris, George H. Newell and Charles S. Cook.

Dr. Foote, with true missionary zeal and the most painstaking attention to details, asked President Southall to furnish him with the names of all persons desiring pews in St. James' Chapel and the respective amounts they would be willing to pay annually, in order that he might ascertain what the prospects were for obtaining a minister. Dr. Foote also sent the encouraging prediction that the chapel would be ready for consecration shortly after Christmas. The financial statement read at a meeting held on February 2, 1876, showed that the congregation was almost "over the top" in its campaign for \$1.000.

CHAPTER II

Mr. McFarlane Receives Call

Dr. Foote visited the chapel on February 29, 1876, and made an optimistic and congratulatory address. The next meeting of the congregation was held in the chapel. Dr. Foote expressed his pleasure on seeing so many present and offered some helpful suggestions for the raising of funds for the maintenance of services in the chapel.

Dr. Foote suggested that the Rev. P. McFarlane of Mayville, N. Y. would be a good rector for the chapel, and, on motion of George S. Burley, it was voted to extend a call to that clergyman at a salary of \$1,000 per year. The chapel was promised financial assistance to the extent of \$250 annually from the Missionary Board and \$100 from Dr. Foote, leaving \$650 for the congregation to raise each year.

Charles S. Cook, who had been appointed to obtain pledges, reported that annual subscriptions amounting to \$455 had been made by the following: Joseph H. Berry, John Morris, John Southall, Charles S. Cook, George S. Burley, Joseph T. Cox and Son, William H. Wilkins, Mrs. Beamish, Mrs. Leadley, Mr. Seville, Mrs. Cornforth, A. Rogers, Miss C. Rogers, Miss E. Rogers, W. Stalker, Mrs. Martin, W. Stewart, Miss Parkes, A. C. Hermance, Miss M. Quine, Mrs. Masters, J. Stewart and J. L. Bates.

As the year 1876 was the Centennial of the United States, St. James' Chapel decided to hold a Centennial Supper on April 19 and 20. Mrs. John Morris, Charles S. Cook and Mrs. John Southall comprised the committee in charge of this supper and the Rev. C. W. Hall, who was a singer of note, assisted in the musical program.

The Executive Committee of the chapel received, on April 25, 1876, a letter from the Rev. Mr. McFarlane declining the call which had been extended to him to become the first rector of St. James' parish. Mr. McFarlane explained that Bishop Coxe had requested him to remain, as a matter of duty, at Mayville. Mr. Cox, J. B. Herring and John Morris were appointed a Committee to confer with Dr. Foote regarding a rector.

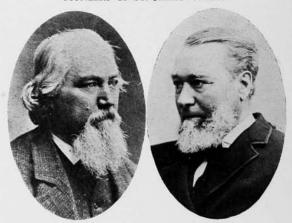
CHAPTER III

REV. JAMES HOGARTH DENNIS BECOMES FIRST RECTOR

This committee reported, on May 9, that a call had been extended to and accepted by the Rev. James Hogarth Dennis, then in charge of the church in Victor. Mr. Dennis was a son of the Rev. John Dennis, at that time one of the leading Methodist ministers in the state of New York.

Just to show that the ladies of 1876 were quite as efficient in the art of money raising as they are in the church today it seems proper to state at this point that at the meeting at which Mr. Dennis' acceptance was read it was announced that the Centennial Supper conducted by the women of the chapel had netted the neat sum of \$129.95.

PIONEERS OF ST. JAMES' PARISH



Left—Mr. John Southall, in whose house St. James' Mission was organized. Right—Mr. George H. Nicholson, one of the organizers and first wardens of St. James' parish.

June 5, 1876, was one of the most eventful days in the history of St. James' Parish, for it was on that day that the handsome stone church, minus the beautiful porch which now adorns its east end and

the chancel which completes the west end of the edifice, was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Arthur Cleveland Coxe, Bishop of Western New York. It was also an eventful day for Churchmen of other parishes in Rochester, especially for those of St. Paul's, and a large

congregation participated in the services.

Bishop Coxe chose for his text the eighth verse of the 69th Psalm: "The zeal of my house hath eaten thee up." Assisting Bishop Coxe in the consecration service were the Revs. Israel Foote, D. D., James H. Dennis, T. Bolton Reed, Pelham Williams, Charles M. Nickerson, D. D., John S. Siebold, Henry Lockwood, David A. Bonner, Warren W. Walsh, William Long and John W. Wray. The Holy Communion was celebrated after the Office of Morning Prayer had been said.

The Rev. Mr. Dennis, who had already assumed the duties of rector, announced that a Sunday-school would be organized in the chapel on the following Sunday.

Everybody in the congregation was expected and apparently was willing to do anything in his or her power to further the good work. The chapel was not over-burdened with the goods of this world and a salaried sexton was simply out of the question. J. B. Herring and John Morris relieved the situation by volunteering to keep the property in order and to perform the other duties usually associated with the office of sexton until such time as the chapel could afford to pay some other person for such services.

Mrs. Charles S. Cook, Mrs. John Morris and Mrs. Elizabeth Dolbeir were appointed by President Wilkins as a Chancel Committee,

corresponding to the Altar Society of the present day.

The continued and motherly interest of St. Paul's church in the welfare of St. James' was attested soon after the consecration of the chapel by the receipt of a communication from the St. Paul's Missionary Society in which they presented to the mission a surplice and altar linen.

CHAPTER IV

St. James' Becomes An Independent Parish

In the Spring of 1876 the Rev. Mr. Dennis and the lay officers and members of the society decided that the time had come to have the chapel incorporated as an independent parish of the Diocese of Western New York, of which the Rt. Rev. Arthur Cleveland Coxe, D. D. was at that time Bishop. Mr. Dennis, in accordance with the law of the state governing such proceedings, gave notice from the chancel at the two Sunday morning services prior thereto that on August 17, 1876, a meeting of the male members of the congregation would be held for the purpose of incorporation. Notice of this meeting was also posted in a conspicuous place on the inside door near the main entrance to the church.

Women members of the church were not allowed to vote at church meetings in 1874, so, when the decision to incorporate St. James' mission as an independent parish was made, it was done by the men alone. At this incorporation meeting the following communicants of the mission were present and voted: Joseph T. Cox, John H. Hathaway, Thomas Harris, C. Seville, A. C. Hermance, Charles S. Cook, E. I. Shackleton, William H. Wilkins, J. B. Herring, George J. Barnett, Albert Rogers, John Morris, Henry Barnett, A. J. Masters, H. C. Hermance, John Stewart and W. H. Cook.

The Rev. Mr. Dennis presided and Charles S. Cook was secretary. The resolutions required by law for the incorporation of a church were adopted and a motion to name the new parish the Church of St. James the Greater was adopted. The choice of the Apostle James as the patron saint of the parish was made only after an attempt to name the church for St. Barnabas had been made by a minority of the congregation. Mrs. F. E. Galusha was the spokesman for those favoring St. James. William H. Wilkins and John Morris were the tellers for the election of two wardens and eight vestrymen. The following were chosen: Wardens, Joseph T. Cox and William H. Wilkins; vestrymen, John Morris, George S. Burley, Charles S. Cook, E. I. Shackleton, John H. Hathaway, A. J. Masters, Albert Rogers and George J. Barnett.

The vestry of the new St. James' Church held its first regular meeting two evenings after its election, August 19, 1876. Committees were appointed at a meeting on Sept. 5 as follows: Music, A. T. Leggett, Joseph T. Cox, E. I. Shackleton and the Rev. James H. Dennis; Church Property, the Rev. Mr. Dennis, John Morris, Joseph T. Cox, E. I. Shackleton, George J. Barnett and A. J. Masters.

The new church made its first formal bow to the Diocese of West-

ern New York at a meeting of the Vestry on September 12, 1876, when the following delegates to the Diocesan Council in Buffalo were elected: John Morris, E. I. Shackleton and George S. Burley.

At this meeting the Vestry adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved: That the Church of St. James the Greater of Rochester, Monroe County, State of New York, hereby agrees to abide by and conform to the Constitution and Canons in force within this diocese, and to the canonical and legal enactments thereof."

This resolution was attested by Charles S. Cook, Clerk of the Vestry.

At a meeting of the Vestry held on June 5, 1877, a resolution was adopted thanking the Rev. Dr. Israel Foote for his donation of the sum of \$271 due him on the construction of the church.

CHAPTER V

THE SOCIABLE

One of the first social events held under the auspices of St. James' Church after its incorporation as a parish was a Lawn Festival for the Sunday-school, which was held in Mrs. Freelove E. Galusha's orchard, through which Grant Street was laid out a few years later, Charles S. Cook, John Morris, E. I. Shackleton, A. J. Masters, J. B. Herring, Miss Parkes, Mrs. C. S. Cook, Miss Salter, Mrs. F. E. Galusha and William H. Wilkins were the committee that managed this lawn festival.

The committee that had been appointed, on July 14, 1874, to take the necessary steps for the erection of a church and which had for more than two years conducted the temporal affairs of the mission, held a meeting, on September 12, 1876. President Wilkins stated that inasmuch as the committee had finished its work, the church had been incorporated and a Vestry elected, there were no further duties connected with the management of the church that it could properly perform. The committee, therefore, in the justifiable satisfaction of having seen its labors crowned with success, resolved to continue its organization under the name of The Sociable.

The objects of The Sociable were to assist the church in its spiritual and social activities and to promote sociability among the members of the congregation. The Sociable performed much valuable work for the Sunday-school, especially in obtaining books for the library. Many suppers and entertainments were held under its auspices, the proceeds of which were turned over to the church treasurer. The Sociable, also, in the year 1879, collected a considerable quantity of supplies for the yellow fever sufferers. Meetings of the organization were held at the homes of the members until the erection of the Parish Hall. The meeting of February 16, 1881, is the last appearing on the records, showing, apparently, that the society had disbanded, for the reason, chiefly, that the members had become connected with other parochial organizations.

Officers of The Sociable were: President, William H. Wilkins 1877-78; Enos Baldwin 1879-80-81; vice-president, Charles S. Cook 1877-78-79-80-81, Mrs. Charlotte Southall 1879, Mrs. Freelove E. Galusha 1879-80-81; secretary, A. J. Masters 1877-78; S. George Hermance 1878-79, William S. Beard 1879-80-81; treasurer, J. B. Herring 1877-78-79-80-81.

CHAPTER VI

MUSIC IN ST. JAMES'

Music in St. James' Church was not always what it is today. A small melodeon was used in the services between the years 1876 and 1883. In the latter year, through the efforts of the Sunday-school, Guild and The Sociable, a reed organ was bought. This organ was given (after the pipe organ was installed) to a mission.

The present fine organ in the church was purchased and installed with funds bequeathed by the late Mrs. Mary G. Rand, who, in her will, directed that the sum of \$2,400 be expended for an organ and that \$5,000 be invested as a Music Fund. These funds became available during the month of February, 1891.

The pipe organ was installed during the month of May, 1891, at a total outlay of \$2,788. The purchase and installation of the organ was in charge of the Rev. James H. Dennis, George Nicholson, Eric E. Havill and Enos Baldwin. Erection of a gallery for organ and choir cost \$500.

The new organ was appropriately dedicated with a recital on the evening of June 30, 1891, given by Mr. J. E. Bagley, organist and choirmaster of Christ Church, assisted by the boy choirs of the Church of the Epiphany and Christ Church. The program included, in addition to the organ numbers, a solo, Handel's "Angels Ever Bright and Fair," by Master Henry Owen; Faure's "The Palms," by Christ Church choir, Mr. Walter Gillette soloist; Handel's "Hope In the Lord," by Master Edwin West, and Mozart's "Gloria" (Twelfth Mass), by Christ Church Choir.

CHAPTER VII

RECTORY IS BUILT

St. James' church, now nine years old, tackled, in 1883, the problem of building a rectory. On April 10 of that year Warden John Morphy and Clerk Enos Baldwin were appointed a committee to secure subscriptions to a fund for the erection of a home for the present and future pastors. In October, 1883, a vacant lot in Grant Street was purchased from Norman H. Galusha for \$1,150 and in January of the following year the contract for the rectory was let. The house was completed during 1884 and on March 3, 1885, Treasurer Enos Baldwin was able to report that the lot and house, costing \$4,063.27, was within \$900 of being paid for.

CHAPTER VIII

REPORTS SHOW FINANCIAL PROGRESS OF CHURCH

At the annual meeting of the congregation for the allotment of pews held on April 22, 1896, a printed financial report for the preceding year prepared by Treasurer William S. Beard was distributed. This report is of interest as showing the financial progress made by the parish since its organization in 1874. It was as follows:

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	Receipts	Disbursements
Account Current Fund		\$1,594.02
Communion Alms	9.00	9.00
	50.00	50.00
	50.00	50.00
Diocesan Missions	50.00	50.00
Episcopate Fund	9.40	9.15
Diocesan Fund	28.02	28.02
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Total	\$1,816.62	Total \$1.816.62

Other organizations in the parish reported as follows:

SUNDAY-SCHOOL, Miss Watson, Treasurer

Receipts	Disbursements
Balance on hand	Easter offering to Church at Victor \$ 35.00 Catechisms and Cards 18.39 Diocesan Missions 4.29 Repairs of S. S. Benches 10.00 Christmas Festival 21.05 Picnic Expenses 23.49 Current Expenses of the Church 129.82 On hand 3.83
\$245.87	\$245.87

KING'S Sons, William McMullen, Treasurer

Receipts	Disbursements
Receipts \$136.65	For cushions in Church\$125.00 For trees
\$136.65	\$136.65

KING'S DAUGHTERS, Miss Lillie Cornforth, Treasurer Receipts Disbursements

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Balance on hand \$30.64 Cash Received 133.33	Paid balance of improvements Grant Park \$35.50 Insurance on Church 22.75 City tax on Rectory 23.43 Repairs on Rectory 2.00 Charitable purposes 6.74 Table Silver 27.75 Easter offering to the Church 25.20 Use of Parish Building 6.00 Sundries 10.05 On hand 4.55
\$163.97	#1 CO OF
\$102.91	\$163.97

St. James' Guild, Miss Jennie Dennis, Treasurer

Receipts

Receipts	Disbursements
Balance on hand	For insurance on S. S. Bldg. \$ 25.00 Christmas Greens 2.00 Sundries 3.45 On hand 9.67
	
\$40.42	\$40.42

MISSIONARY SOCIETY, Miss Catherine Rogers, Treasurer

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Receipts \$15.00	Disbursements \$14.43 On hand

Disbursements

\$15.00

CHAPTER IX

ST. JAMES' GIVES A SON TO THE MINISTRY

The parish made steady progress, spiritual and material, under the rectorship of the Rev. Mr. Dennis, who gave himself unsparingly to

the welfare of the parish and the city at large.

At the request of the rector, the Vestry on July 30, 1896, signed the necessary papers entering Franklin Emerson Smith, a St. James' boy, as a student for Holy Orders. Mr. Smith had prepared for Hobart College at the private preparatory school of the Rev. Mr. West in Medina and was graduated from Hobart in 1896. In June, three years later, he was graduated from the General Theological Seminary in New York and in the following November he was recommended by the Vestry for ordination. Mr. Smith was placed in charge of Grace Church, Randolph, immediately following his ordination to the diaconate, continuing in that parish after his advancement to the priesthood a little more than one year later.

It was during his pastorate in Randolph that Mr. Smith's health broke down and, in spite of the best medical treatment obtainable in the Adirondacks and the Southwest, he passed away less than four years after his ordination in LasVegas, N. M. His funeral was held in St. James' Church and burial was made in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Mr. Dennis, on November 11, 1900, requested the Vestry to engage the services of the Rev. Warren W. Way until June 6, 1901, at which time he (Mr. Dennis) planned to resign. The Vestry complied with the request and Mr. Way served as acting rector until February 24, 1901, when he resigned to accept a call to Grace Church, Cortland. The Rev. Francis C. Woodard of Indianapolis was then engaged as acting rector. Mr. Dennis tendered his resignation, to take effect on Trinity Sunday, 1901, which was accepted by the Vestry, on the Feast-of the Ascension, 1901, completing a quarter of a century as first rector of St. James' Parish.

The Rev. Francis C. Woodard assumed the rectorship of the parish on June 2, 1901, and on June 14, 1901, at a meeting of the Vestry on the evening of that day he asked and was promised the hearty coperation of the officials of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Woodard and their son, Raymond F. Woodard, moved into the rectory during June.





Upper—The Isabella Watson Hollister Memorial Window over the Altar. Below—Interior view of St. James' Church before alterations were made in 1905.

CHAPTER X

ALTERATIONS TO THE CHURCH

When the original church was built in 1876 the front, or east, end of the edifice was finished in wood. The original plan called for a tower at this end of the church, but it was not until 1901 that sufficient funds seemed available for the completion of the work. It was undoubtedly the plan of the first rector of the church, the Rev. Mr. Dennis, and his associates at the time the church was erected, to have the chancel at the east end. However, when in 1901 it was decided to make alterations in the building, it was declared to be inadvisable from an architectural standpoint to place the chancel in the east end of the church.

To do so would have perpetuated the main entrance at the rear side door of the church. In order to secure a main entrance at the front of the church, the architect, Mr. J. Foster Warner, advised that the chancel be changed to the west end.

Two vacant lots bequeathed to the church by the late John Morris were made the nucleus of a building fund. William S. Hale and William Ross were appointed a committee, in May, 1901, to determine as to the advisability of raising a fund for alterations to the church building. The project was discussed by the various parochial societies for more than a year and on December 5, 1902, the rector, the Rev. Francis C. Woodard, appointed the following committee to raise funds for building purposes: William S. Beard, Frank P. Brewer, James W. Spence, Arthur G. Kates, S. C. Stewart, Roy C. Kates.

A fine response to the appeal for funds was made by members of the congregation, and on March 3, 1905, Messrs. James W. Spence and Roy C. Kates, a special subscriptions committee, reported that Mr. Granger A. Hollister and Miss E. C. Watson had each made a subscription of \$2,000 and that very substantial sums had been given by Miss Myra Galusha and Mrs. Harriet Galusha vanIngen.

The alterations and additions designed by and carried out under the direction of Mr. J. Foster Warner, architect, changed quite materially the interior of the church, enlarged its seating capacity and, abolishing the choir gallery, transferred the organ to the chancel.

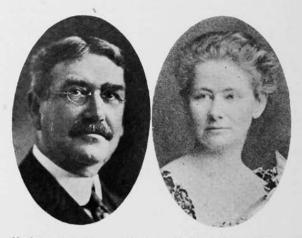
Probably the most outstanding improvement in the appearance of the interior of the church achieved by the alterations made in 1905 was the beautiful window installed by Mr. Granger A. Hollister in loving memory of his first wife, Mrs. Isabella Watson Hollister.

The contractors who made the alterations in the church were Herman C. Thiem, mason work, and Frank J. Sauer, carpentry and painting.

Resolutions of sympathy on the death of Mrs. Granger A. Hollister were adopted at a meeting of the Vestry on April 26, 1903, and copies of the same were sent to Mr. Hollister and to Mrs. Hollister's sister, Miss E. C. Watson.

The pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Woodard, who, after several years of faithful service, resigned on September 1, 1909 to become rector of Grace Church, Scottsville, was succeeded by that of the Rev. James C. Gairdner. The latter was succeeded in 1922 by the Rev. Francis A. Ransom, the present rector.

FAITHFUL FRIENDS OF ST. JAMES' PARISH



Mr. Granger A. Hollister and Mrs. Granger A. (Isabella Watson) Hollister.

CHAPTER XI

THE "FAIR" TWENTY YEARS AGO

For the purpose of giving an idea of the activity prevailing in St. James' Parish twenty years ago, the following is a copy of an article printed in the Rochester Times, November 24, 1903:

"The annual three nights entertainment and fair of St. James' Episcopal Church closed last evening in the parish building in Almira Street. The hall was packed to the doors and many were unable to gain admission. At 8:30 o'clock an excellent minstrel performance was given by the following young men:

End men, John Hathaway, Sr., Raymond F. Woodard, Caleb Pierce, James W. Spence, Benjamin Mac Millan, William E. Kates; interlocutor, Roy C. Kates; Chorus, Archie Shove, Leslie Stewart, Arthur Hastings, Arthur Charity, Grove B. Brewer, Harry Whitehouse, Walter Greene, Harry Jewell, Fred Jewell, Albert Leggett, William Holly, Walter Michelsen, Earl Randolph, George Wagner, Frank Bigelow, Henry D. Mac Millan, John Hathaway, Jr., Frank Zwerlein; Business Manager, Caleb Pierce; Stage Manager, Lewis Michelsen; orchestra director, Fred M. Reynolds; musical director, Arthur C. Young.

Solos were sung by John Hathaway Sr., Benjamin Mac Millan, Raymond F. Woodard, and Albert Leggett.

Following are the names of those in charge of the booths:

Domestic-Mrs. Henry D. Mac Millan, Mrs. Mary A. Kates, Mrs. William Vance and the Misses Lou and Lillie Wilbur.

Candy—Misses Fannie Hathaway, Amelia Pierce, Margaret Redfern, Ruth Hartel, Emma Wagner, Nellie Vance, Florence Krautwurst, Ethel M. Kates, Bessie B. Wilkins, Nellie Heusner.

Grocery-J. E. Hancock.

Mystery and Handkerchief-Mrs. Charles A. Wilson, Mrs. Charles J. Adams, Miss Elsa Mac Millan, Miss Victoria Stewart and Miss Mollie Heusner.

Flower-Misses Sadie Sullivan, Grace Sullivan, May Danzer, Mary Stewart, Jessie Worth, Grace Moore and Amelia Pierce.

Fancy-Miss Jennie Wilkins, Mrs. J. W. Spence, Mrs. E. Fulton, Mrs. Austin, Misses Cora Christa, Bessie B. Wilkins, Emilie Diehle, Ida Adreansen, Sadie Whitehouse and Caleb Pierce.

Supper—Miss Clara Quine, Mrs. J. E. Hancock, Misses Vance, Lizzie Morphy, Nellie Christa, Minnie Christa, Emilia Diehle, Mrs. J. H. Hathaway, Miss Beiter, Mrs. Mac Millan, Misses Mamie Beard, Annie Barthel and Mrs. F. P. Brewer.

Ping-Pong-Stewart M. Beard.

Ice Cream—George J. Wagner, Arthur Hastings, William Pierce and Burt Adams.

CHAPTER XII

DEATH OF THE REV. JAMES H. DENNIS

The people of Rochester generally were grieved and shocked upon receipt of news of the death of the Rev. James H. Dennis, which occurred in May, 1914. The Vestry of St. James' met and adopted resolutions of sympathy and a Memorial Service was held in the Church on June 7.

The following is copied from an article published in the Rochester Times:

"In St. James Episcopal Church, which he served for a quarter of a century, an impressive memorial service was held yesterday afternoon for Rev. James Hogarth Dennis, who died recently at his home, Willow Brook Farm, near Porsmouth, R. I. Mr. Dennis, who was the first rector of St. James' Church, was widely known in this city and throughout the diocese. Rev. Evan H. Martin, of St. Thomas' Church, a long time friend of Mr. Dennis, paid a high tribute to him.

"'What could be said of few Christians was true of Mr. Dennis,' the speaker said. 'He could face the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount and have no feeling of shame. I first learned of the extent of Mr. Dennis' work at a luncheon at which the late Bishop Hendrick was the guest of honor. These men, separated so widely in creed, in their work for mankind were closer than brothers. Such men are always greater than the places they occupy. Mr. Dennis could join with Protestant, Catholic, Unitarian, Jew, or even atheist, in a work he saw was non-sectarian, Almost alone, he began years ago the work now carried forward by United Charities. He could not bear the sight of suffering in either heast or human being, but he could endure suffering, privation of food or raiment without a murmer when he believed that he had given to those more needy.

"It was Mr. Dennis's delight,' continued Mr. Martin, 'to work not only with those who were down and out, but those who had fallen through their own misdoings, especially the victims of strong drink. He did not make one or two trials and then give up a man, as most of us do, but he kept at him, never discouraged. To him no man was hopeless this side of the grave. To-day some of those he reclaimed are walking the streets sober and respected citizens.

"Rev. James C. Gairdner, rector of the church, read a tribute from Rt. Rev. William D. Walker, bishop-of the diocese."

The sum of \$205 was deposited in the bank on July 2, 1914, as the nucleus of the James Hogarth Dennis Memorial Fund. This fund was added to by contributions from members and former members of the congregation and friends of Mr. Dennis outside the parish and during Mr. Gairdner's pastorate the handsome brass pulpit now standing in the chancel was dedicated to the memory of the parish's first rector.

A committee was appointed on June 1, 1923, to make arrangements for the semi-centennial celebration of the parish during the

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week of July 14, 1924. This committee consisted of Mr. Walter S. Colt, chairman; the rector, the Rev. F. A. Ransom; wardens, George Hayt and Walter S. Colt; vestrymen, Albert E. Adams, Financial Secretary; William E. Kates; Avard E. Whelpley, treasurer; Alfred D. Green; Henry W. Cook, clerk; T. W. McQuay; Charles Lemmon; Percy W. Schaefer and C. J. Newman; representatives of the various parochial societies and Charles S. Cook and William S. Beard.

CHAPTER XIII

Mr. and Mrs. Granger A. Hollister

Mr. Granger A. Hollister, whose death occurred on January 19, 1924, will be remembered with love, respect and gratitude not only by the present but by coming generations in St. James'parish for the untiring and helpful interest which he took in its general welfare and for the sound advice and material assistance which he gave to its rectors and vestries at times when it needed assistance. Mr. and Mrs. Hollister were the largest contributors to the fund for the enlargement of the church building and they were also the donors of the beautiful window over the altar in memory of Mrs. Isabella Watson Hollister, Mr. Hollister's first wife.

The following was published in a Rochester newspaper at the time of the unveiling of the Hollister Memorial Window:

"Services were held yesterday afternoon at St. James' Episcopal Church in honor of the unveiling of the memorial window for the late Mrs. Isabella Watson Hollister. Rev. Murray Bartlett of St. Paul's Church and Rev. Francis C. Woodard, rector of St. James' Church, conducted the services. Mrs. Hollister, although i member of St. Faul's Church, always had very great interest in all that pertained to St. James' Church, having instituted the King's Daughtres there as well as having taught a class in the Sunday-school for a period of years prior to her death. Mr. Bartlett spoke eloquently of the work that Mrs. Hollister had done and the virtue that she exemplified, and also of the sentiment that roomsted this memorial wift to the church where she had labared so ment that prompted this memorial gift to the church where she had labored so

A Rochester newspaper, on April 20, 1903, published the follow-

"Isabella Watson, wife of Granger A. Hollister, died at the family residence, No. 375 East Ave., yesterday morning. She had suffered from organic heart disease for some time.

"Mrs. Hollister was the daughter of the late Don Alonzo Watson and was born in this city. She was educated at Brooklyn Heights Seminary with high honors and was married in 1889 to Granger A. Hollister. There were no children of the marriage.

"She leaves beside her husband, one sister, Miss Elizabeth C. Watson, and

one brother, James S. Watson, both of this city.

"Mrs. Hollister has been for many years prominent in the philanthropic work of the city, as well in social circles. She was one of the board of lady managers of the Homeopathic Hospital and also acted as treasurer of the institution. She kept the books same as any other bookkeeper would and attended in person to all the details of the office. She also taught a Sunday-school class in St. James' Church for many years. She gave freely of her energies as well as of her means. She had a mind of unusual vigor and kept up well with the serious literature of the day. Her devotion to study was shown by the fact that she took up the study of Greek three years ago in order to read the New Testament in the original. She had a wide circle of friends, to whom her pleasing nature had greatly endeared her and who will mourn her loss with sincere regret.

"The funeral of Mrs. Hollister will take place from St. Paul's Episcopal

CHAPTER XIV

SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING

The first recorded contribution for the proposed Parish Hall was under date of February 5, 1878, when \$25 was placed to the credit of the Sunday-School Building Fund in the Rochester Savings Bank. On July 9, 1878, the following resolutions were adopted by the Vestry:

"That permission is hereby given to our rector to build or cause to be built on our church property, south of our church edifice, a suitable wooden building to be used as a Sunday-school, or any other purpose appertaining to our church work; said building to become property of the Church of St. James the Greater, and to be under the direct control of the Vestry of said church.

"Resolved further, that it is expressly understood and agreed that this Vestry will not be called upon to furnish any funds whatever toward the construction, completion or furnishing of said building and that all funds for this

purpose will be raised by our rector from outside sources."

On November 5, 1878, the plans for Sunday-school building presented by the Rev. James H. Dennis were approved, and Mr. Dennis was authorized to break ground as soon as he deemed it advisable.

The report of the Treasurer on January 7, 1879, showed that funds were coming in for the Sunday-school Building and work was started.

The vouchers and papers in possession of the church show that payments for the foundation of the building were made on December 12, 1878, continuing on beyond August 14, 1879, on which date a policy of insurance covering the construction expired.

On the completion of the Sunday-school building, the Vestry on August 5, 1879, adopted rules for the management of the building by a joint committee to be composed of representatives of the Sundayschool, Sociable and Guild. The Vestry, however, for some at this late date unknown reason, reconsidered their action on September 9. On November 4, a communication was received by the Vestry from the joint committee, consisting of Robert Stewart of the Sunday-school, William S. Beard of the Guild, and S. George Hermance of the Sociable, which stated that they had been elected by their respective organizations and were empowered to assume the expense incurred by use of building: also that the committee would conform to rules laid down by the Vestry. On December 23, the Vestry adopted rules for the building and the joint committee assumed charge. The following served on this committee: Sunday-school, Robert Stewart, Jr., who was president of the Committee, 1879-80; Sociable, Enos Baldwin, 1879, George S. Hermance, Sec'y, Eric E. Havill, 1880, and afterward President; Guild, William S. Beard, 1879; A. C. Hermance, 1880.

The last report found of the committee was dated April 17, 1881.

On May 10, 1881, the Vestry assumed charge of the building, by appointing a committee consisting of William H. Bemish, Enos Baldwin and S. George Hermance. Since that time control of the building has been exercised by the Vestry or a committee thereof. Its uses have been many and the building has been of inestimable value in the work of the parish.

CHAPTER XV

RECTORS OF ST. JAMES' PARISH

The first Rector of St. James' Church was the Rev. James Hogarth Dennis.

Mr. Dennis officiated at the first service on June 5, 1876, when Bishop Coxe consecrated the church. He then took up the active work of building up the congregation, organizing the Sunday-school, Guild and other parochial societies.

His work was continuous and difficult, the Parish covering a large territory which was constantly extending in the northern and north-eastern sections of the city, a number of families living as far east as Portland Avenue. Not content with the regular parochial work, Mr. Dennis, aided by generous friends, was instrumental in the erection of the present Parish Building during the year 1878, and the rectory adjoining the Church on Grant Street during the year 1884.

During the year 1894, Mr. Dennis, after a trip to France, together with Father T. A. Hendrick and George K. De Kappelle, a French gentleman of title who had come to this country to live, organized the Mont de Piete, patterned after the famous Mont de Piete of Paris.

The organization was designed to combat the evils of the money lending system, which held many poor people it its clutches. Mr. Dennis and Father Hendrick found many prominent men ready and willing to aid them in their work.

Mr. Dennis was one of the best known men in Rochester. He was found everywhere suffering was to be found. Poor children, who had previously suffered from inhuman parents, or who had no home at all, were cared for and placed in comfortable homes through his instrumentality. Although prominent in his own Communion, Mr. Dennis by no means confined his efforts to his parish or church. He was known, first of all, as a practical and consistent Christian, charitable in all things and to all men.

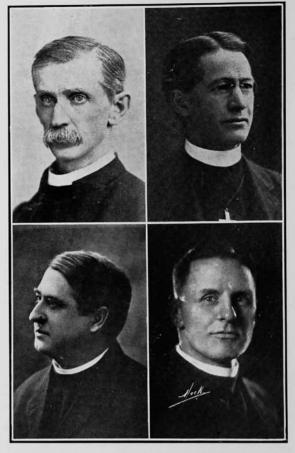
Mr. Dennis was one of the organizers of the Rochester Humane Society, serving several terms as its President. He also served as President of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. He was closely associated in charitable and Humane Society Work with Rev. Father Hendrick of St. Bridget's Parish.

Mr. Dennis was for several years a member of the Standing Committee of the diocese. His ministry in Rochester covered a quarter of a century.

On leaving St. James' Church, Mr. Dennis removed to the state of Rhode Island. His life and work up to his death on May 5, 1914, at

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THE RECTORS OF ST. JAMES' PARISH



Rev. James Hogarth Dennis, 1876-1901 Rev. James Charles Gairdner, 1911-1922

Rev. Francis C. Woodard, 1901-1909 Rev. Francis Albright Ransom, 1922—

the age of 75 years, is well described in the following article published in the Rochester Times of May 6, 1914:

"The death of Rev. James Hogarth Dennis, who was for 25 years Rector of St. James' Episcopal Church, Rochester, occurred at his home at Willow Brook Farm, Portsmouth, R. I., yesterday noon. Mr. Dennis was 75 years of age. At the time of his death he was the rector of Holy Trinity Church at Tiverton, R. I.

"Mr. Dennis was the eldest son of the late Rev. John Dennis, D. D. and a brother of the late Rev. Henry Seeley Dennis. He was born at Canoga, in Seneca County, and was graduated from Genesee College at Lima in the class of 1860. During his college course he developed an inherited artistic talent. For several years after graduation, he pursued his art studies at the National Academy of Design in New York.

"Later he studied for the ministry, and in the early '70's he was ordained to the priesthood by the late Bishop Arthur Cleveland Coxe. After ministering on Episcopal parish at Middleport, he established a mission at Victor. Then he took up the work at St. James' Church in this city and carried it on for a quarter of a century. Latterly he has had charge of Holy Trinity Parish at Tiverton, one of the oldest Episcopal parishes in New England, where he was instrumental in erecting a new church edifice. His work in Tiverton continued until his death.

"Throughout his long and busy ministerial life, Mr. Dennis continued his artistic work. His best work was done in the last decade in his studio on the shore of Narragansett Bay which looked out upon the resting place of King Philip at Mount Hope. He was one of the founders and the first president of the Rochester Art Club, and several of his latest canvases were shown at the club's recent exhibition. Many of his paintings are in Rochester, as well as in New England homes.

"Of Mr. Dennis parochial work in Rochester it is not necessary to speak at length. His life in this city, as well as among the fisher folk of Tiverton and the mill workers of Fall River, Mass., was a life of willing sacrifice for others; but it was a sacrifice which will cause thousands to hallow his memory, for in

the fullness of his charity he took no thought of self.

"Mr. Dennis was not married, He leaves two brothers, John Dennis and
Richard H. Dennis of Rochester, and two sisters, Mrs. Francis D. Hodgson, of
Newark, N. Y. and Miss Jennie Dennis of Portsmouth, R. I. The funeral will be held at Portsmouth, R. I. and interment made at Mount Hope Cemetery, this city. The burial will be private and held with brief family services at Mount Hope Chapel on Saturday, May 9."

Mr. Dennis is buried in what is known as Lot No. 72, northwest

quarter Range 4.

The following tribute to Mr. Dennis was written by Mrs. Katherine Josephine Dowling for the Rochester Historical Society:

"The next Church erected was the Episcopal Church of St. James the Greater. Rev. James H. Dennis, the first pastor, had the care of the souls of the parish for many years.

"To him Rochester owes a debt of gratitude for his efforts in behalf of

poor and destitute.
"With Father Thomas A. Hendrick he worked unceasingly for the helpless and erring, saving many children from lives of degradation and vice.
"These true exemplars I boldly say 'were among our sages and saints."

The records of the Vestry show that the Rev. Francis C. Woodard, second rector of St. James', was requested on December 1, 1900, to accept the position of rector, beginning June 2, 1901, at which time the Rev. James Hogarth Dennis would complete 25 years of service.

Inability of Mr. Dennis to perform the duties of rector, caused the Vestry to ask Mr. Woodard to take up the work on March 1. This proposition Mr. Woodard kindly agreed to, and assumed the position of rector on June 2.

The Rev. Mr. Woodard was graduated from the University of Indiana in 1881 with the degrees of B. A. and B. S. He then entered Yale Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated with the degree of B. D. He was ordained, June 5, 1892. Mr. Woodard has been rector of the following parishes: St. James', New Castle, Ind.; Holy Innocents, Indianapolis, Ind.; St. James', Rochester; Trinity, Chambersburg, Pa.; Grace Church, Scottsville, where he is now located.

This Church was enlarged during his rectorship, Mr. Woodard working earnestly to make the canvass for funds a success. He also increased the membership of the church and Sunday-school. The articles descriptive of the Boys' Club found on another page testify to his good work among the young people of the Church.

Mr. Woodard resigned on September 1, 1909.

Mr. Woodard's pastorate was one of the most eventful in the history of the parish. Extensive alterations were made to the church building and a vested choir introduced under the direction of Mr. Arthur Garfield Young, now organist and choirmaster of Christ Church. Mr. Young developed, in an entirely new field, a choir that compared most favorably with any of the paid choirs of the larger churches. A beautiful processional cross was presented to the church by Mrs. Gilbert van Ingen, formerly Miss Harriet Galusha, during Mr. Woodard's pastorate. Mrs. van Ingen now resides in Princeton, N. J. The early, or 8 o'clock, celebration of Holy Communion every Sunday morning was instituted by Mr. Woodard.

The Rev. James Charles Gairdner, third rector of the parish, is a native of Canada, the family home being at Bayfield in Western Ontario. He crossed the border to prepare for Holy Orders and entered Nashotah House, Diocese of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, as a

candidate from the Diocese of Nebraska.

Completing his seminary course in 1896, he received deacon's orders in that year from Bishop Worthington and was advanced to priest's orders by the same Bishop in 1897. For several years he served at Tecumsch, Wymore and Falls City in the southeastern corner of the state of Nebraska, doing a truly missionary work. He was later rector of Grace Church, Holland, Mich.

In 1909 he came to Western New York as senior curate at St. James' Church, Buffalo. From there he came to St. James', Rochester, beginning his duties as rector on New Year's Day, 1911, and continuing until Easter, April 16, 1922, when continued ill-health compelled him to give up active work.

During his term the parochial budget system was adopted and the

duplex offering envelopes were introduced. The small paned leaded windows on the main floor of the Parish Hall were replaced with white prism glass, the handsome pulpit was erected as a memorial to the first rector, and many other progressive steps were taken.

The Rev. Francis Albright Ransom, present rector, was born at Lockport and educated in the public schools there. Removing to Buffalo in 1903, he became a candidate for Holy Orders from St. James' Church, and entered the DeLancey Divinity School. He returned to St. James', Buffalo, in 1908 as junior curate, having received deacon's orders on Ascension Day of that year. He was advanced to priest's orders in 1910, and continued at St. James' Church, Buffalo, until May 1, 1911, when he was placed in charge of Gowanda, Hamburg and the other diocesan mission work. He returned to Buffalo on November 1, 1915, as rector of St. Stephen's Church and continued there until the day he came to Rochester, December 1, 1922.

Mr. Ransom immediately went to work energetically to increase the membership of the church. His efforts have been successful. Attendance at services is good, the Sunday-school is in a flourishing condition, the number of members who have made pledges through the envelope system has been so largely increased that the aggregate amount now pledged is the largest in the history of the church. Many improvements have been made to the Parish Hall, rectory and church grounds. Mr. Ransom is largely responsible for the work now going on to make the coming Golden Jubilee a success.

CHAPTER XVI

CHURCH OFFICERS DURING FIFTY YEARS

Rectors—The Rev. James Hogarth Dennis, June 5, 1876-June 2, 1901, 25 years; Died May 5, 1914. The Rev. Francis C. Woodard, acting for Mr. Dennis from March 1, 1901, June 2, 1901-September 1, 1909; The Rev. James C. Gairdner, January 1, 1911 Easter Sunday, April 16, 1922; The Rev. Francis A. Ransom, December 1, 1922.

Wardens--Joseph T. Cox, 1876; William H. Wilkins, 1876-7-8-9; Charles S. Cook, 1877-8-9-80; John Southall, 1880; George Nicholson, 1881-2-3-4-5-67-8-9.90.1.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.1900.1; John Morphy, 1881.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.90.1.2.3.4.5.6-7.8.9.1900.1; William S. Beard, 1901.2.3.4.5.6.7.8.9.10.11.12.13.14.15; William S.

Rogers, 1876; George J. Barnett, 1876; John Southall, 1877-8-9; Robert Stewart, 1877-82; George Nicholson, 1877-8-9-80; James B. Herring, 1877-9-80-1-2; art, 1877-82; George Nicholson, 187/8-9-80; James B. Herring, 1877-9-80-1-2; Hugh Stewart, 1878-9; A. B. Gates, 1878; Enos Baldwin, 1878-9-80-1-2-3-4-5-7-8-9-90-1-2; William H. Bemish, 1880-1-2-3-4-5; John Morphy, 1880; C. A. Buckley, 1880-1; S. George Hermance, 1881-4-5-6; John Callister, 1881; John Stewart, 1880; Eric E. Havill, 1882-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-90-1; Joseph T. Cox, Jr., 1883-4-5; William Sweeting, 1883-4-6; A. McCallum, 1884-5-6-7-8-9-90-1-2-3-4; A. C. Hermance, 1885-6; Herbert Saunders, 1886-7-8-9-90-1-2-3-4; William S. Beard, 1887-8-9-90-1-2-3-4; William Harvey, 1888-9-90-1-2-3; William Ross, 1890-7-8-9-1900-1; Frank L. Dutton, 1891-2-3-4-5; John Callister, 1892-3; William S. Hale, 1892-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-1900-1-12-13; Frank P. Brewer, 1894-5-6-7-8-9-1900-1-2-6-7-8-9-1900-1-2-6-7-8-9; William McMullen, 1894-5-6; Irving Adreansen, 1895-6-1904; Stewart M. Beard, 1895-6-7-8-9-1900-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14; H. A. Rose, 1896-7-8-9-1900-1-2-3; James R. Payer, 1897; J. L. Weld, 1898; Frank A. Christa, 1899-1911-12-13-14-15; Arthur G. 1897. J. L. Weld, 1898; Frank A. Christa, 1899-1911-12-13-14-15; Arthur G. Kates, 1899-1900-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15; James W. Spence, 1900-1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10; William B. Vance, 1901-2-3; S. C. Stewart, 1901-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10; Roy C. Kates, 1903-4-5-6-7-8-9; J. E. Hancock, 1903-4-5; George A. Wilkins, 1904-5; Walter S. Colt, 1905-6-7-8-9-10-11-21-3-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22; W. A. Coorr, 1906-7-8-9-10; Benjamin Driver, 1906-7-8-9-10; John G. Hathaway, 1909-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17; William E. Kates, 1911-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-22-23-24; George Yokel, 1911-12-13-14-15; William Wilson, 1911-12-13-14-15; Caper Driver, 1911-12-13; F. J. Tunmore, 1914-15-16; Albert E. Adams, 1915-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24; David Baird, 1915-16; R. J. Horton, 1915-16-17; F. C. Cuy, 1915-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-4; George Hayt, 1917-18; T. C. Embra, 1917-19-20-21; George R. Hoare, 1918-19; W. R. Martin, 1918-19-20-21-22-23; Oseph Harris, 1919; D. Gillen, 1919-20-21-22-23; Gr.

Hayt, 1917-18; T. C. Embra, 1917-19-20-21; George R. Hoare, 1918-19; W. R. Martin, 1918-19-20-21; Joseph Harris, 1919; D. Gillen, 1919-20-21-22; Alfred D. Green, 1920-21-22; T. W. McQuay, 1921-22-23-24; Charles Lemmon, 1922-23-24; Mr. Stevens, 1922-23-24; Henry W. Cook, 1922-23-24; Percy W. Schaefer, 1923-24; C. J. Newman, 1923-24.

Officers of the Vestry—Clerk, Charles S. Cook, 1876; A. J. Masters, 1877-8-980; William H. Bemish, 1880-12; Enos Baldwin, 1883; S. George Hermance, 1884-5-6; Herbert Saunders, 1887-8-990-12-3; Frank P. Brewer, 1894 continuously up to and including 1915; John G. Hathaway, 1916-17; T. C. Embra, 1918; W. R. Marlin, April 12th, 1918-19; D. Gillam, 20-21; Alfred D. Green, 1922; Henry W. Cook, 1923-24; Treasurer, John Morris, 1876; Charles S. Cook, 1877-8-980-12-3; E. I. Shackleton, 1884-5-6-7-8; William S. Beard, 1889 continuously to and including 1915; Walter S. Colt, 1916; A. E. Whelpley, 1917-18-19-20-12-22-32-4; Missionary Treasurer, Arthur G. Kates, 1914; Walter S. Colt, 1915; R. J. Horton, 1916; F. C. Cuy, 1917-18-19-20.

CHAPTER XVII

PAROCHIAL SOCIETIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL, 1876-1924

Written by Miss Jennie E. Quine

On Trinity Sunday, June 11, 1876, the Sunday following the consecration of the church, a Sunday-school was organized by the rector, the Rev. James H. Dennis. Our first superintendent was William H. Wilkins, who held office for many years. Among the first teachers were Miss Lizzie Salter, Miss Lillie Cornforth, Miss Emma Moser, Mr. John Southall, Miss Lydia Parkes, Mrs. John Southall, Miss Sarah Salter, Mrs. Charles S. Cook and Miss Margaret Vance. Mrs. Alfred J. Masters, who was much interested in the work, was our first organist. Sunday-school was held in the church for a time, but our numbers increased rapidly and a separate building was soon needed.

The necessary funds for the erection of a building for Sundayschool and social purposes were raised by the Rev. James Hogarth Dennis among his friends, and the corner stone was laid by the Rt. Rev. Arthur Cleveland Coxe, on St. John's Day, December 27, 1878.

The original windows of stained glass were the gift of St. Luke's Sunday-school. Members of St. Luke's parish also contributed \$1300 to the building fund. A bell, which for nearly half a century has from its quaint old belfry called the people to worship, was the gift of Mr. Don Alonzo Watson.

A piano was purchased by St. James' Sunday-school workers for the sum of \$400, which amount was raised chiefly by entertainments.

It was through the efforts of James B. Herring, our first sexton, that funds were raised to buy the round clock that still does duty in the Sunday-school building. He took great pride in the upkeep of the building and the deportment of the Sunday-school.

For many years Sunday-school was held on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with a short closing service in the church, and over 300 children attended regularly. A large number of children received their early religious training in St. James' Sunday-school and one often hears the remark, "why, I went to St. James' Sunday-School," from people of various ages and denominations.

Classes in oil and water color painting, taught by the Rev. James H. Dennis and classes in sewing and crocheting were held in the

Parish Hall on Saturday afternoons for several years.

Our splendid library has always been a source of pleasure and many a happy hour has been spent reading the books. A permanent "Library Fund" of \$100, the interest of which only is used, is a

memorial to Miss Clarice G. Jeffrey, one of our faithful teachers, who died in 1892.

In the early days our Sunday-school picnics were held in Galusha's orchard, which adjoined the church property, and the delightful times we had, and the novelty of sitting upon the grass under the trees, while we ate the lunches served by the teachers, are still pleasant memories.

The Sunday-school and church picnics are now held together, usually at Ontario Beach Park, and are much enjoyed by all. Many old friends meet at "the Picnic."

The Christmas Festival, held on Holy Innocents Day—whenever possible, is looked forward to by the children each year with much pleasure, and Santa Claus, who distributes the gifts, is, of course, a great favorite.

In the old days this festival began at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and lasted well into the evening, beginning with a short service in the church, after which we marched into the Sunday-school building to sung before the distribution of the gifts and "Farewell to Thee, O Christmas Tree," sung after the tree was dismantled, still recall happy days to many.

"Fill the Easter font with care, Heap the roses rich and rane: Round the stately calla set Heliotrope and mignonette; From their fragrance comes a voice; Bidding Christian hearts rejoice; Whispering thro' their lips of bloom, Christ is risen from the tomb."

Does not this recall to your memory the procession of little girls. dressed in white, and carrying flowers, marching up the aisle of the Church, singing this Carol, on the Easter days of long ago? Cannot you almost hear them singing?

Do you remember how the flowers were placed in the wire cross set on top of the Font, which in the old church stood at the foot of the chancel steps, the little girls passing on into the chancel, where they remained during the service?

To many of us this Easter Festival was the crowning event of the year and for weeks we practiced the carols and the marching.

Our present day Easter Festival is somewhat different, the entire school marching into the church, led by the choir, which meets us at the door of the church.

At the close of the beautiful Easter service, small plants, which the children prize highly, are given to them. When these plants are returned, in good condition, on the following Easter, and used to beautify the church on that day, the child is given a Prayer Book or Hymnal, suitably inscribed, as a reward for the care of the plant.

At present we have a well organized, live Sunday-school, with an

enrollment of nearly 100, and an efficient corps of officers and teachers. The Standard Course of Study, prescribed by the General Board of Religious Education, is followed and the lesson material of the Christian Nurture Series is used.

We have also a lively Boy Scout Troop, which is doing good work. An interesting service is held on "Flower Sunday." The children bring flowers to the church, and these are taken, after the beautiful "Flower Service," to the children in the hospitals, who enjoy them very much.

The "Fish Pond" at our Annual Bazaar is in charge of the Sundayschool, and the proceeds are given to the church.

The Sunday-school is also helping support an orphan in the Near East and "pennies for the baby" are given with much pleasure by the children.

The James H. Dennis Bible Class, promoted by St. James Men's Club, began its sessions on May 4, 1924. Two of its members were appointed leaders, Mr. A. E. Whelpley and Mr. C. J. Newman, under guidance of the rector, and the interest already shown seems to assure a good future.

We hope also, to have again, in the near future, a Bible Class for

Superintendents of the Sunday-school, 1876-1924: William H. Wilkins, the Rev. James H. Dennis, William H. Bemish, Charles A. Buckley, the Rev. Francis C. Woodard, Irving J. Adreansen, the Rev. James C. Gairdner, A. E. Whelpley, the Rev. A. S. Attridge, the Rev. Francis A. Ransom.

Present officers are: Superintendent, the Rev. Francis A. Ransom; Secretary Gladys L. Gartland; Treasurer, Jennie E. Quine; Librarian, Melville McQuay, Teachers: Miss Anna Barthel, Mrs. Chas. A. Wilson, Mrs. Aletta Austin, Miss Jennie E. Quine, Mr. Ector Veomett, Mr. Daniel Schout, Miss Mary Schout, Mrs. Chas, J. Newman, Mr. Percy Lewis, the Rev. Francis A. Ranson.

St. James Guild

Written by Elizabeth Willson, Recording Secretary

St. James Guild was organized in the year 1878, as a young people's guild. The membership included the boys and girls and some of the older people of the church. About 20 joined at the organization, with Mr. John Southall as chairman. Officers of St. James Guild during the year 1878 were: President, S. George Hermance; Vice-Presidents, Miss Sarah Vance, Hugh Stewart; Secretary, William H. Bemish; Treasurer, A. C. Hermance; Executive Committee, the Rev. James Hogarth Dennis, William H. Wilkins, Charles F. Nicholson, Miss Lydia A. Parks, Miss Kate Rogers, Miss Ida Cannan. The Guild in 1878 had a membership of fifty.

The Guild held debates, socials, and many entertainments. The subject of the first debate was: "Resolved that it was not right to take the Bible out of the public schools." The affirmative won.

The Rev. James H. Dennis, who was rector at the time, said it

would be for the benefit of the church to have a parish house and the Guild boys broke the ground and worked hard to build the parish house as it now stands. For six months the boys did all the sexton's work, filling the lamps, sweeping, cleaning, etc. to save expense.

Later the girls took up the work until the Vestry was able to engage a sexton.

The Guild assumed the expense of having the parish house lighted with gas, and did other good works including the laying of the stone walks.

The first lady president was Miss Lillie Cornforth, who filled the office for a number of years in a very competent manner.

The Rev. Mr. Dennis was vice-president. He always took a lively interest in the Guild, being present at all the meetings and also helping financially, for he would never allow the Guild to get into debt.

It was decided at one of the meetings to have only ladies as members, the men to form a Men's Club. It was then named St. James' Ladies Guild.

The presidents of the Guild included Miss Lillie Cornforth, Mrs. John H. Hathaway, Mrs. Mary A. Kates, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. Sadie Wagner, Mrs. Charles Quade, Mrs. James Buchholz.

Our president in 1924 is Miss Martha May Hathaway.

Mrs. William Vance was Treasurer for a number of years and was succeeded by Mrs. Bert. Adams who has held the office for the last twelve years. Mrs. Elizabeth Willson has held the office of Recording Secretary for 25 years.

The aim of the Guild is to help the rector in church work, both social and charitable. The annual pledge of \$300 for the support of the church is always redeemed.

Friends who have helped the Guild by generous donations are Mr. Rufus A. Sibley, Mrs. George H. Clark, Mr. Walter S. Colt and Mr. George Perry.

The Guild made the surplices for the choir, and one member, Mrs. Bert Adams, made the beautiful chancel and altar cloths now used in the church.

Each year the Guild has charge of the supper and domestic table at the annual Fair which is held during the month of December.

Two of our faithful presidents for a number of years, Mrs. John H. Hathaway and Mrs. Mary A. Kates, also a number of the members have passed to the "Higher Life" where, we trust, all is well with them and we can say with the poet:

"All souls of those that die are sunbeams lifted higher."

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS

Written by Clara F. Quine

The King's Daughters of St. James' Church cance this existence June 26, 1889, being organized in St. James' Rectory with the following ten members: Miss Jennie Dennis, who was made Leader; Miss Emilie Deihle, who was made President; Miss Lucy MacCallum, who was made Vice-President; Miss Blanche MacMillan, who was made Secretary; Miss Lillie Cornforth, who was made Treasurer; Miss Kate Rogers, Miss Lillie Wilber, Miss Lillie Walker, Miss Belle Mattison and Miss Mary Eisensohn.

It was resolved that the circle be known as, "The Ready and Willing Circle." It was formed from the Sunday-school classes of Miss Jennie Dennis and Miss Lillie Cornforth, the object being to help in church work. Although young in years and few in numbers, it did considerable outside charity work, and also took an interest in the

work of the church.

In the year 1891, the society placed in the church the Tiffany window "Saint Cecelia," in memory of Mrs. Carrie B. Dickenson Urie, and in 1906, when the church was enlarged, put in the choir stalls, and helped two different times to decorate the rectory for incoming rectors, besides sending Christmas baskets, flowers to the sick, and buying silver, chairs, rugs, and tables for the parish building.

It has been our privilege, during many years, to help the Vestry, by keeping taxes paid on the church property, and assisting in the active and social life of the parish by giving suppers and entertain-

ments, and taking part in the annual bazaar,

During the thirty-five years of our association, we have had 124 members; and now have a very live and active society of 11 members. We have a list of 12 members who have gone on before, and although we have, at different times, been urged to change our name or to reorganize as a different society, we feel linked with the past, and wish

to carry on the work so ably begun in 1889.

Our beloved Bishop Coxe said in a personal talk to the members of St. James' King's Daughters: "If you are real and true King's Daughters, it is a greater honor to you than if you were born daughters of Queen Victoria." How can we forget his kindness to all of us, or the great friendship shown us by Mrs. Isabella Watson Hollister, who was always ready and willing to do anything possible for the King's Daughters of St. James' Church.

Daugnters of St. James Church.

Present Members: Miss Clara F. Quine, President; Mrs. Charlotte Kester, Vice-President; Mrs. George Perry, Treasurer; Mrs. James Swart, Secretary; Miss Anna Barthel, Mrs. William S. Beard, Mrs. Aletta Austin, Mrs. Clara Zimmer, Mrs. George Poble, Mrs. Harry Terry, Miss Mary Beard.

Deceased Members: Mrs. William Harvey, Mrs. Elizabeth Morphy Aldrich, Mrs. Sarah Harris, Mrs. Jenine Mutchler, Mrs. C. Turpin, Mrs. L. Zeigler, Mrs. Isabella W. Hollister, Mrs. Nellie Rose Gilbert, Mrs. Charlotte Bowman Brooks, Mrs. Sarah V Stewart Mrs. Matilda Emberry. Mrs. Lonise Ross Weeks. Mrs. Sarah V. Stewart, Mrs. Matilda Emberry, Mrs. Louise Ross Weeks.

St. James' Men's Club

This organization grew out of the King's Sons, composed mostly of young men of the church with dues of ten cents per month, which disbanded in 1892.

During the year 1893 about 30 men of the parish met at the residence of F. P. Brewer, 92 Chatham Street, and, after the supper that was served, organized the Men's Club. The dues were fixed at 25 cents per year. At each meeting a collection is taken.

This plan works well, giving sufficient funds for running expenses. At the first meeting William S. Hale was elected President, and William Ross Vice-president.

Meetings were held at the homes of the members, always being well attended. After a few years it was decided to hold the meetings in the Parish Building, the members taking turn in serving the lunch.

The club has taken an active interest in all projects for the benefit of the church, each year having charge of the Country Store at the Church Fair and on several occasions giving minstrel shows, the proceeds being turned into the church treasury.

One of the enjoyable features of the club is the annual outing which is held on the last Saturday in August.

The Officers for the year 1924 are: President, Robert W. Baker; Vice-President, Willard G. Terry; Secretary, Henry W. Cook; Treasurer, Harry E. Terry; Steward, James F. Buckholz.

The following copied from newspaper articles will show some of the activities of the Men's Club:

1902-"St. James' Club, the men's society of St. James' Episcopal Church, held its annual banquet last evening at the Parish Hall, corner of Almira and Grant Streets.

"The tables and hall were decorated with red and white and an enjoyable

evening was spent by all present.

"William S. Beard acted as toastmaster and responses were made by the rector, Rev. Francis C. Woodard, James W. Spence, F. P. Brewer, Edward S. Kates, William H. Vance, R. D. Huesner, William S. Hale, W. H. Rose, Henry MacMillan, George Wilkins and John Nicholson.

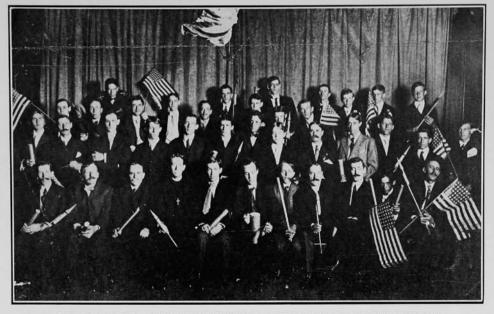
MacMillan, George Wilkins and John Nicholson.

"The following comprised the Banquet Committee: Frederick D. Michelsen, James W. Spence and W. H. Vance.
"The officers of St. James' Club are as follows: President, Arthur G. Kates; Secretary, Stewart M. Beard; Treasurer, Frederick D. Michelsen."

January 8, 1904—"The annual banquet of the Men's Club of St. James' Episcopal Church was held last evening at the Parish Hall, Almira and Grant Streets and was successful in every particular. The members of the Boys' Club, of which Mr. Joseph Siegfried is President, were the guests of honor and they had a most eniovable time. had a most enjoyable time.

"Mr. Frank P. Brewer, President of the club, acted as toastmaster and introduced the rector, the Rev. Francis C. Woodard, as the first speaker. Mr. Woodard expressed his delight at seeing so many men and hoys at the dinner and said that the two clubs were doing excellent work for St. James' parish. Toasts were also responded to by Supervisor William S. Beard, retiring President

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YOUNG MEN OF ST. JAMES' CHURCH READY TO CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY, 1903.

of the Club; Mr. James W. Spence, and Lewis Michelsen of the Boys' Club. Vocal and piano solos were given by Mr. John H. Hathaway, Sr., Mr. Raymond F. Woodard, Mr. Raymond Michelsen, Mr. Harry Whitehouse and Mr. William Wagner.

"The committee in charge of the banquet, which was served by several of the ladies of the parish, was composed of Messrs. Stewart M. Beard, Chairman; Arthur G. Kates and Benjamin MacMillan.

"The officers of the Club are as follows: President, Mr. Frank P. Brewer; Vice-President, Mr. Roy C. Kates; Secretary, Mr. George Yokel; Treasurer, Mr. Raymond C. Vance."

THE BOYS' CLUB

It not being possible to locate the records of the Boys' Club, which was organized in the year 1901, flourished for a number of years, giving service to the church in many ways, including the finishing of the platform in the front of the Sunday-School Building, and the physical training which enabled its members to be proficient in athletic sports and games, we are obliged to copy the following articles that appeared in the newspapers at various times describing in detail the work and special events of this strong and live organization:

October 26, 1903—Tomorrow evening the fall opening exercise and drill of the Boys' Club of St. James' Episcopal Church will be held in the parish hall, Grant and Almira Streets, where the many friends of the society will greet the young athletes, who, for the short space of two months, have wisely abandoned strenuous gymnasium work. By this renewal the members will once more be placed in the possession of opportunities for self improvement, mental and physical.

For the past two years this flourishing society, which was organized by the present rector, the Rev. Francis C. Woodard, has built and maintained a well-equipped gymnasium in the main hall of the parish building, while the society parlors and reading rooms have also been appropriately furnished. This transformation was not an easy thing to do, yet steady persistent effort accomplished this. Started as it was in its infant days by a small number of youthful parishioners who saw no capital save a bare building supplied with numerous benches, and who, at first, could not comprehend a movement among the young men which would go far beyond a few social gatherings during the year, it was not strange that those actively engaged in its interest during the short two years of recorded existence, should draw the contrast between the first gathering and its environments with the present condition and rejoice that success was thus marked.

The first real movement in the interest of club organization was started by the junior group of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the first gathering, held in July 1901, was an informal banquet. The object of the meeting was expounded by several persons, including Rev. F. C. Woodard who, while attending Yale College, acted as special organizer and director of a boys' club in New Haven. The Rector related that evening several pleasing anecdotes of his work in that capacity and heartily co-operated, giving many helpful suggestions which were adopted at once. The first President elected was Lewis Michelsen, who served three terms in succession. Gradually under able guidance and direction, the club started to equip the gymnasium by accepting the donation of a punching bag and stand, purchasing a mat, dumbells, etc., and securing the services of a competent physical director, Henry D. Mac Millan.

Work was begun in earnest and from time to time, after due parliamentary discussion, mats, horizontal bars, parallel bars, pulley machines, boxing gloves,

and other essential articles of equipment were purchased last winter. By far the most enjoyable of physical work outside of class drill was basket ball, and it is the intention of the Executive Committee to make this a feature this year,

With the advent of the opening the members have also anticipated the use of a long felt want—shower baths. That special interest should be centered on this point is not strange, for the most perfect system very often proves defective and inadequate under improvised conditions. The baths have been placed in an upper chamber in the rear of the hall, and hot water supplied by arrangements with a tank in the boiler room.

Upon several occasions during the year special entertainments, banquets, and drills are held. The annual banquet comes in July. On these occasions speakers are secured, and among those who have favored the club are Professor Kendrick P. Shedd, Dr. Charles R. Barber, Charles E. Ogden, the Rev. E. P. Hart, Rev. R. R. Converse, Dr. C A. Barbour, Attorney Edward Lynn and Dr. Montgomery E. Leary.

Tomorrow evening there will be no business meeting but the following officers will be in immediate charge: President Grove Brewer, Vice-President Fred Michelsen, Secretary Raymond Woodard, Treasurer Lewis Michelsen, Librarian Charles Heusner, Sergeant at Arms Arthur Gabel.

December 2, 1923-The members of the Boys' Club of St. James' Episcopal Church gave their athletic exhibition of the season in their gymnasium, Almira and Grant Streets, last evening, a large number of their friends turning out to witness the entertainment. The programme opened up with the regular class exercises with dumbbells, led by the physical director, Henry D. Mac Millan and followed by class exercises on the parallel bars, horizontal bar and trapeze and tumbling excercises.

One of the most interesting features of the exhibition was a three round boxing match between William Wagner and Arthur Gabel for the championship of the Club. Wagner outweighed Gabel who was quick and clever. At the conclusion of the bout Referee Beard declared it a draw.

The relay race and the high jump were participated in by teams made up as follows: Arthur Gabel, Captain; Frank Zwerlein, Charles Beard, Raymond Woodard, Mortimer Van Roe, Walter Michelsen, Fred Michelsen; and Joseph Siegfried; Captain, Henry D. Mac Millan, Grove B. Brewer, William Wagner, Raymond Michelsen, George Wagner, and Lewis Michelsen.

The relay race was won by Siegfried's team, while Gabel's team won the high jump, Gabel himself making the highest jump. The young athletes were enthusiastic and showed up remarkably well, considering that they had spent but one night in the gymnasium preparing for the exhibition since closing for

the summer last June.

Their work speaks well for their physical director.

Stewart M. Beard was the referee and Irving J. Adreansen timekeeper and scorer of last night's events.

St. James' Club has one of the most perfectly appointed gymnasiums in the City, having recently installed shower baths and other up-to-date apparatus. A library well stocked with books and nearly all of the leading magazines and periodicals is maintained, under the care of Librarian Charles Heusner.

The other officers of the club are: Grove B. Brewer, President; Fred Michelsen, Vice-President; Raymond Woodard, Secretary; Lewis Michelsen,

Treasurer: Arthur Gabel, sergeant-at-arms.

St. James Lodge, No. 906, I. O. G. T.

Realizing the importance of training along temperance lines, the Rev. James Hogarth Dennis, with the assistance of Mrs. M. A. Laidlaw, gathered together a little band of young people which resulted

in the institution of St. James' Lodge, No. 906, I. O. G. T., on Monday evening, July 14th, 1884, in the Parish Building. The instituting and installing was performed by W. Martin Jones, G. W. C. T., assisted by members of Draper, Washington and Macedon Center Lodges.

The following were the charter members, also the first officers of the Lodge: Lodge Deputy, The Rev. James H. Dennis; W. C. T. Robert A. Laidlaw; W. V. T. Minnie C. Laidlaw; W. Sec'y., Charles Hines; W. A. S. Agnes Henderson; W. F. S. Ella Smith; Treas., M. A. Laidlaw; Chaplain, Rev. James H. Dennis; Marshal, Frederick W. Laidlaw; Inside Guard, Jennie E. Quine; Sentinel, Thomas Laidlaw.

For seventeen years the lodge met in St. James' Parish Building, then, after a short stay at the home of Herman A. Searle, it removed to St. Bridget's School Building, where it remained for about a year. Meetings were afterward held in various places until March 16, 1916, when the charter was surrendered.

The lodge was not only a great power for good, but was also a social factor in the lives of its members. Many will remember the interesting debates that were held. For many years St. James' Lodge also conducted a Juvenile Temple, a temperance society for children.

St. James' Sunday-School Workers

The young people of the Church, organized on April 18, 1882, under the name of the Sunday-School Workers of St. James' Church, the main objects being to build up the Sunday-School, to promote sociability among its members and to give assistance to the church in every possible way. The officers were: President, the Rev. James H. Dennis, 1882-1883; Vice-President, Mrs. Robert Stewart, 1882 to Sept. 29, 1883; First Vice-President, Miss Jennie Vance, from Sept. 29, 1883; Second Vice-President, Fred W. Laidlaw, from Sept. 29, 1883; Secretary, Henry W. Cook, 1882; William S. Beard, from Sept. 29, 1883; Treasurer, Joseph T. Cox, 1882; Frank Leadley, May to Sept. 29, 1883; George Cox, from Sept. 29, 1883.

The Workers gave entertainments, the proceeds being used in making improvements in the Sunday-School Building, and for necessary articles that were beneficial to Sunday-School and church work. The records show that the last meeting was held on December 26, 1883.

THE MERRY IDLERS

A society was formed in the early '80's, called the Merry Idlers, by a group of young girls who objected to being called "Busy Bees," as suggested for them, as too prosy for the lively misses. Their first venture was a strawberry festival, the strawberries being donated by Mr. John Morris, Sr. The festival netted \$60 for the church. This was followed by an oyster supper and many other enjoyable events during that decade, at which merry times were enjoyed by all.

The members were: Misses Minnie Bemish, Lillie Christa, Fanny Cannan, Hattie Galusha, Amelia Kohl, Cora Morris, Elizabeth Quine, Clara Quine, Nellie Van Ingen, Alice Wiseman, Hattie Wiseman and Hattie Veith.

RAMBLER YACHT CLUB

During the years 1882-3-4 possibly 1885, the Rev. Mr. Dennis had the use of the Yacht Rambler, in which he took the boys of the church between the ages of 16 and 21 years on a cruise or vacation trip each summer. This bunch of boys considered themselves to be members of the Rambler Yacht Club. Whether there was a regular organization, the writer does not remember, although he considers that he was a member of the club. Those participating in the trips were usually the same boys or young men. Each term could be used properly, with slight additions from year to year.

Mr. Dennis was in absolute charge and the sailing was usually

done with Reuben H. Bemish as director or captain.

The writer distinctly remembers sleeping one night on the soft side of the planking of the dock at Charlotte, all of the covering being given to Mr. Dennis; also an all-night trip with the wind blowing rather briskly between Sodus and Charlotte. He recalls also a pleasant afternoon's fishing at Pultneyville and another trip to Oak Orchard. The owner, Mr. Geo. H. Newell, recalling the yacht, the club naturally dissolved.

St. Margaret's Guild

St. Margaret's Guild was re-organized on October 15, 1914, with the following officers: President, Miss Dorothy Hathaway; Secretary, Miss Quade; Treasurer, Miss Moran.

This organization existed for several years, the members doing excellent work in giving entertainments, the proceeds of which were turned into the church treasury. The Guild also assisted at the annual church fairs, by arranging and providing a booth, and holding social parties for its members and friends.

ST. ELIZABETH'S GUILD

St. Elizabeth's Guild was organized with ten members, the purpose of the society being to bring the young married women of the parish together for social meetings and for the benefit of the church. The guild has weathered through years of service and is still progressing. The present officers are: Mrs. A. E. Whelpley, President; Mrs. Richard Pearce, secretary; Mrs. G. W. McQuay, treasurer.

THE RED CROSS IN ST. JAMES' PARISH

Early in June, 1917, St. James' started to do its share to alleviate the rigors of war by having a chapter of the Red Cross, which met

every week for more than a year to sew. The charter officers were: President, Mrs. F. J. Tunmore; Vice-President, Miss Anna Barthel; Secretary, Miss Mattie H. Davis; Treasurer, Miss Elizabeth Westcott.

There was an active and a contributing membership of 74, in-

cluding 25 men.

Much knitting was done at home not only by our women, but by 20 outside our church. Materials were donated and sold by head-quarters and given by members, and the ladies told many a yarn about yarns. Sweaters, mufflers, socks and helmets, to the number of 209 were knit, and about one thousand slings, bandages and other articles hemmed and folded. Quite a few soldiers laid heads on our comfort pillows and mended their clothes from our "Comfort Bags."

A bit of a splurge was made in the giving of one "Comfort Bag," the one presented to our singer, Mr. Albert Wilcock, at a farewell reception on the eve of his sailing for France. The Rev. Harry Idle did the honors, and, after one of the happiest evenings ever spent in our friendly parish house, Mrs. Wilson, on behalf of all the ladies, gave Mr. Wilcock a farwell kiss. We never saw him again, as he was stricken with a fatal disease in the Orient, in the sanitation branch of the service. The other boys to go into service were Edward Danzer, Clifton Embra, Harry Kester, Carl Quade, George Warren, Ambrose Merry, Charles S. Beard, Arthur T. Berg, Leon Booth, William Bauer, William L. Clifford, Charles D. Cook, Frederick C. Guy, George Harrison, Thomas R. Hortop, Harold G. Perry, George A. Schaefer, Henry F. Tunney.

All of these returned and are starred on our service flag.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

The Young People's Fellowship of St. James' Church was organized March 11, 1923, with 10 members. The following officers were appointed by the rector: Chairman, Miss Gladys Gartland; Secretary, Miss Ruth Emblow; Treasurer, William Diel.

The purpose of the Fellowship is to work in the five fields of service—church, community, diocese, nation and world, and to promote social life among the young people of the church. The Fellowship works in conjunction with the other Fellowships through the City Council.

During the first year of its existence the Fellowship has been most successful in its work. One member was sent to the Geneva Summer Conference. Christmas baskets were distributed in the community. The members also painted the library and the kitchen of the Guild Hall. The Fellowship took an active part in the campaign conducted by the Fellowships for the purpose of raising money for the rebuild-of the Easter School in the Philippine Islands, the school founded by Bishop Brent. One Sunday a month the members participated in the evening service.

Many successful parties and dances were conducted by the Fellowship.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary was organized in February, 1902, with the following officers: President, Mrs. Mary L. Heusner; vice-president, Mrs. S. C. Stewart; secretary, Mrs. Nellie Christa Kates; treasurer, Mrs. Francis C. Woodard. Fourteen members were enrolled. Mr. Woodard, the rector, introduced Mrs. Vanderbeck, who explained the work of the Auxiliary, and Mrs. White, who described the Triennial Offering. It was agreed to take for the auxiliary's motto, "We are laborers together with Christ." Mrs. William Harvey and Miss Anna Barthel served as President of the auxiliary for several years. Supplies of various kinds were sent to missionaries and their people in the South and West.

St. Agnes Guild

This guild existed during the years 1906-7, the object being to assist in church work. The funds raised were entirely devoted to that purpose. The guild presented to the church the Litany Desk now used therein. Miss Jennie Hathaway was President. Misses Ruth Hartel, Anna Lannin and Bessie Wilkins were also officers.

THE HOGARTH DRAMATIC CLUB

This organization was named after the Rev. James Hogarth Dennis. The purpose was to give entertainments both in and outside of the church. Mr. Arthur Ducette was the instructor. Among the members were Misses Angie Van Husen, Hattie Meerdink, Pauline Michelsen, Jennie Hathaway, Benjamin MacMillan, Caleb Pierce, Jerome Kates, Lewis Michelsen and Theodore Benz. The club gave many entertainments during the years 1908-9.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

WINDOWS

In Memoriam—Mrs. Mary C. Leyden Presented by Mrs. Selema B. Long (Removed at the rebuilding of the Church)

In Memoriam

Rev. William Long

Entered into Rest

Selema B. Long

October 2, 1882

January 11, 1895

To the Glory of God, and in loving memory of Carrie B. Dickinson Urie Entered into Rest March 1, 1891 Presented by the King's Daughters In Memory of Sadie L. Hathaway Died June 6, 1894

Presented by Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hathaway and Mrs. George H. Clark, December 9, 1906.

CHANCEL WINDOW

In loving memory of Isabella Watson Hollister
Died April 19, 1903
Presented by Mr. and Mrs. Granger A. Hollister, December 9, 1906.

MEMORIALS

Communion Service—Presented to St. James' Church by Mrs. Hiram Sibley, in Whitsun-week, 1876, in memory of Laura Sibley Atkinson.

Altar Cross—In memory of Clarice Greig Jeffrey, "Faithful unto death." Entered into rest March 25, 1892. Purchased with offerings at Memorial Services held for Miss Jeffrey in St. Paul's and St. James' Churches,

Library Fund.—In memory of Clarice Greig Jeffrey. Presented by Sunday-school Classes, 1892.

Altar Vases—In memory of Sarah Evernden Whitehouse. 1906. Presented by Mrs. Lyman B. Odell and Mrs. J. W. Spence.

Altar Service Book and Altar Desk—In memory of Mary McKay Kates. 1841-1911. Presented by her children.

Prayer Book on Prayer Desk-To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Matilda Agnes Moser-Christa. 1835-1912. Presented by her children.

Pulpit—Erected by the members of the Church of St. James the Greater, Almira Street. To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Rev. James Hogarth Dennis, Rector 1876-1901. Entered into Rest May 5, 1914. Epiphany, 1916.

OTHER GIFTS

Surplices and Altar Linen—Presented by St. Paul's Missionary Society, July 6, 1876.

First Communion Cloth—Presented by Mrs. John Southall, Mrs. Charles S. Cook and Miss Kate Rogers, 1876.

Lectern Hanging—Presented by Misses C. E. and Esther Rogers, 1876. Stone for Sunday-school Building—Presented by Mr. John Callister. Lectern Bible—Presented by Miss Margaret C. Vance, 1890.

Font-Presented by Mrs. Hiram Sibley.

Litany Desk-Presented by St. Agnes Guild, 1902.

Lectern Bible and Vestibule Gates in front of Church—Presented by Miss Myra E. Galusha, 1906.

Prayer Books and Hymnals for Pews—Presented by Miss Myra E. Galusha.

Bequest of One Hundred Dollars—Presented by Mrs. Lucy Seville, 1914.

Prayer Desk in Chancel—Presented by St. Mary's Guild, 1913. "To the Glory of God."

Processional Cross—Presented by Mrs. Harriet Galusha vanIngen, "To the Glory of God." Easter, 1913.

Silver Wafer Box-Presented by Mrs. Isabella Knight-Erskine Perry. "To the Glory of God." Trinity, 1913.

Baptismal Shell—Presented by Mr. and Mrs. George R. Hoare. "To the Glory of God." Easter, 1915.

Wiring in Parish Building—Presented by Choir Guild, 1922. Large Hymnals with notes—Presented by Choir Guild, 1923.

PROGRAM OF THE GOLDEN JUBILEE

July 13-14-15-16, 1924

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, JULY 13

- 8:00 Eucharist. Corporate Communion of past and present officers of parish.
- 9:30 Church School.
- 10:45 Eucharist. Rt. Rev. Charles H. Brent, D. D., preacher.

Processional Hymn 511.

Sermon Hymn 502.

Offertory Anthem, The Blessings of Peace.

H. Gray.

Presentation, Hymn 504. Communion Hymn 330.

Recessional Hymn 512.

The music of the Eucharist will be Tours' Communion Service in F

7:45 Evening Prayer, Rev. George E. Norton, preacher.

Processional Hymn 22.

Bonum Est. Nunc Dimittis.

Sermon Hymn 538.

Offertory solo, Hold Thou my Hand. Recessional Hymn 531. Briggs.

MONDAY, JULY 14, THE ANNIVERSARY DAY

- 10:00 Eucharist. Sermon by the Rector on The Future.
 - 6:30 Dinner. Addresses by Rt. Rev. David L. Ferris, D. D., Hon. Clarence D. Van Zandt, Rev. Francis C. Woodard, Rev. Jerome Kates, Rev. John J. Bresnihan, Rev. Harry Greensmith, Rev. Frederick Frankenfeld.

TUESDAY, JULY 15, PARISH SOCIETIES DAY

- 10:00 Eucharist. Corporate Communion of past and present members of Parish Societies.
 - 8:00 Re-union of past and present parishioners. Addresses by early officers of Parish Societies. Reminiscences. Light refreshments.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, CHURCH SCHOOL AND CHOIR DAY

- 10:00 Eucharist. Corporate Communion of past and present members of Church School and Choir.
- 8:00 Lawn party with addresses and musical numbers closing at 9:45 with a Thanksgiving in the Church at which a brief organ recital will be given by Mr. Arthur Young.

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