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The Pastoral Staff begins its second year of publication with this issue. We have now a large and growing number of subscribers but we want to double our circulation this year, and with the help of our present subscribers we can easily do it. With this issue subscriptions for the second year are due, if not already paid, and prompt remittances will be appreciated. Subscribers are reminded that their names and addresses must accompany all remittances. Several subscriptions have been received with nothing but the post mark to indicate the sender. Many find the easiest way of paying their subscription is to enclose a dollar, with directions to send the second copy of the paper to some one who will appreciate it but who may feel that they cannot afford it.

BISHOP'S APPOINTMENTS FOR VISITATIONS

October

5. Twentieth Sunday after Trinity,
Christ Church, South Barre.

November

2. Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity,
a. m. Trinity Church, Milford.
p. m. St. Andrew's, North Grafton.
9. Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity.
Christ Church, North Brookfield.
16. Twenty-sixth Sunday after Trinity,
a. m. Christ Church, Rochdale.
p. m. Grace Church, Oxford.
23. Twenty-seventh Sunday after Trinity,
a. m. Mount Holyoke College.
p. m. Smith College.
30. First Sunday in Advent,
a. m. St. Andrew's, Ludlow.
p. m. St. Mary's, Palmer.

December

7. Second Sunday in Advent,
14. Third Sunday in Advent,
a. m. St. Martin's, Morningside.
p. m. St. Stephen's, Pittsfield.
21. Fourth Sunday in Advent,
St. Philip's, Easthampton.

THE BISHOP'S LETTER

Sometimes one returns from a vacation to find many discouragements awaiting him. I have returned from mine (and a very pleasant one it was) to find one great encouragement. The Diocese has again met its apportionment for General Missions! This fact means loyalty to the Church and the desire to fulfil our blessed Lord's command. It represents, I know, much conscientious work and self-sacrifice. It means that the Church is living, growing, advancing, progressing in her great mission. Some detailed information, I feel sure, will be of interest. The General Board of Missions received something over eight thousand dollars more than last year; 124 more parishes contributed and 340 more completed their apportionments.

As regards Western Massachusetts, the report fills me with gratitude and pride. We were asked for \$13,628, and gave \$14,021.

Every single one of the 60 parishes and Missions to which an apportionment was given, made some contribution, besides three which were not apportioned. This is the first time in our history, I think, that there has been no blank space in our list of congregations contributing. Laus Deo!

The following 38 Parishes and Missions have completed their apportionments: Ashfield, St. John's; Athol, St. John's; Cherry Valley, St. Thomas'; Clinton, Good Shepherd; Dalton, Grace; Easthampton, St. Philip's; Fitchburg, Christ Church; Great Barrington, St. James'; Holyoke, St. Paul's; Lanesboro, St. Luke's; Lenox, Trinity; Ludlow, St. Andrew's; Millville, St. John's; Munson, All Saints; No. Brookfield, Christ Memorial; Orange, Trinity; Otis, St. Paul's; Oxford, Grace; Palmer, St. Mary's; Pittsfield, St. Stephen's; Pittsfield, St. Martin's; Rochdale, Christ Church; Sheffield, Christ Church; Shelburne Falls, Emmanuel; South Lee, Good Shepherd; Springfield, Christ Church; Springfield, All Saints'; Stockbridge, St. Paul's; Stoneville, St. George's; Ware, Trinity; Webster, Reconciliation; Whitinsville, Trinity; Wilkinsonville, St. John's; Williamstown, St. John's and Blackinton, St. Andrew's; Worcester, All Saints'; Worcester, St. John's; Worcester, St. Mark's; Worcester, St. Luke's.

Twenty-four congregations generously gave more than their apportionments. Among these were very notably St. John's, Athol; St. Andrew's, Ludlow; St. Mary's, Palmer; St. Martin's, Pittsfield; Good Shepherd, South Lee; St. Paul's, Stockbridge; and St. Luke's, Worcester. In addition to the 38 fully paid apportionments, there were four congregations which only just missed completing their amounts. I am very grateful to Almighty God and to you all. It is a splendid, inspiring record, full of cheer and hope.

Thos. F. Davies.

CLERGY RECEIVED

The Rev. Alfred deForest Snively from the Missionary District of Wyoming.

The Rev. Frederick M. DeForest, from the Missionary District of Spokane.

BISHOP LAWRENCE

It is difficult to realize that the Right Reverend William Lawrence is celebrating his twentieth anniversary as Bishop of Massachusetts. After the death of Bishop Brooks, when the diocese brought itself to the task of filling the place of the great Bishop, it was certainly the Holy Spirit who showed the way to the choice of his successor. And that is the view which Dr. Lawrence himself evidently had, for no man ever took an election more seriously nor regarded a consecration as a more sacred obligation. The way he took himself in hand and prepared himself for the great office was both an evidence of his fitness for a bishopric and a revelation of his personal humility.

The division of the Diocese, whereby we were set off as a distinct Diocese, was admirably effected, and the masterly presiding of Bishop Lawrence accomplished the task with a wisdom which insured permanent satisfaction. Indeed, as a Christian executive and judge, the Bishop has established justice as a marked quality of his administration. Clergy and laity alike, parishes and missions, labor unions and employers have felt implicit confidence in his judgment whenever they have submitted a decision to him. His businesslike office is that of a director of great affairs, and the organization of the diocese points ever towards the desk in this office as the centre of its singularly unanimous and happy life.

The Church at large has recognized the capacity of Bishop Lawrence for grasping large problems, and the offices he holds he vitalizes with the same impulse of personal interest, conscientiousness, eager honesty, and indomitable attention to detail until the work is accomplished.

So we offer our mother Diocese our sincere felicitations, and congratulate our brother clergy and laity upon their celebration of this auspicious 20th century. Expressing the unanimous sentiment of our Diocese, we send a message of warm admiration, affectionate gratitude, and hearty, sincere love to the Bishop of Massachusetts.

R. K. S.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION

The General Convention of our American Church, which meets triennially, is organized like Congress in in two houses, sitting separately, the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies. The House of Bishops, which now numbers 115, is composed of every Bishop of the American Church. The presiding Bishop of the Church is the senior in order of consecration. The House of Deputies, now numbering over 600, is made up half of priests and half of laymen, as follows: Four clerical and four lay delegates from each of the the sixty-eight regular dioceses, and one of each order from the thirty-two domestic and foreign missionary districts. In the House of Deputies on any question a majority vote is sufficient unless a vote by orders is called for, when a majority of the votes of the two orders voting separately must concur to carry the motion. In the vote by orders the representatives of missionary districts have no vote. Alterations in the Book of Common Prayer or a change in the Constitution of the Church can not be made at one triennial Convention. Such measures must be proposed at one Convention, and brought up again for final adoption or rejection at the next General Convention.

GENERAL CONVENTION NOTES

There are a number of matters coming up for legislation, which are somewhat unnoticed, perhaps, because of the discussion on the "change of name" during the past three years. Among these are the election of a Presiding Bishop to replace the former custom of accepting the oldest Bishop as the presiding Bishop of the Church. The Missionary Districts are to bring up the proposition of their being granted full franchise in the House of Deputies; heretofore they have not had all the privileges of voting in the General Convention. The question of the limitation of the election of Suffragan Bishops will be discussed. One of the very important things to be acted upon is the pension of the clergy. If only the \$5,000,000 pension fund can be secured as a matter of established fact, an ever-present cause of anxiety will be relieved forever, and it is to be hoped that the Church at this Convention can effect some practical method of securing a definite and prompt result.

The Commission on the Revision of the Hymnal will bring in a report which will interest every priest and layman of the Church. Ours is distinctively a hymn-singing church, and our people will be found to be very jealous of hymns proposed to be dropped. At the same time, there are a number of other hymns which ought to be included in one hymnal. There is no doubt, whichever way we look at it, that a collection of 679 hymns ought to be a sufficient number, and perhaps a majority of our people think the number now too large.

The matter attracting the most world-wide attention must surely be the "Church Unity" proposition, more properly described as the World Conference on Faith and Order. An editorial in the *Springfield Republican* for October 3, 1913, calls attention to the fact that "the Episcopal Church in America" is the promoter of the most comprehensive and carefully considered plan now before the public looking toward the greater unity of Christendom. The fact that the Conference includes in its scope the Faith and Order of the Eastern Orthodox and other Eastern Churches, as well as the Roman Catholic and all Protestant Communions, gives to the matter, as it has so far developed, a dignity and vital interest which ought to be epoch-making.

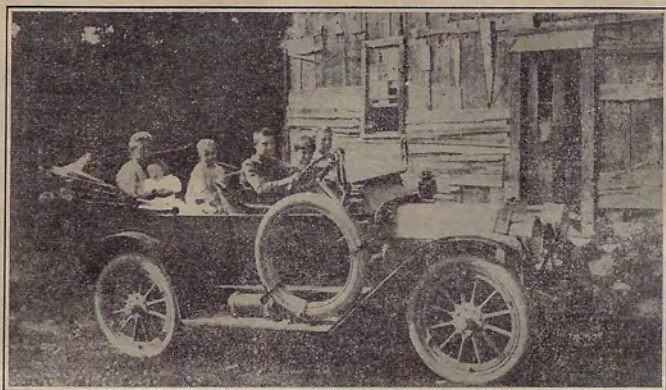
The joint missionary sessions at the General Convention are planned as follows: October 10 at 11 o'clock a session at which the triennial report of the Board of Missions will be read with addresses by the President, Bishop Lloyd, and the treasurer, Mr. George Gordon King. The afternoon of this day will be given to the discussion of the needs of the domestic missions with addresses by several domestic missionary bishops.

The second session is planned for the afternoon of October 14. The subject is missions in the Orient, with addresses by bishops from China and Japan.

The third joint session is planned for the morning of Thursday, October 16, with addresses by the bishops of Brazil, Mexico and Alaska.

The fourth session will be on Monday, October 20, and the subject: "Missions to the Indians, Negroes and West Africans."

The final session is planned for Wednesday morning, October 22, with addresses on missions to the islands of the world. Addresses will be made by the bishops of Cuba, Honolulu and the Philippine Islands.



RURAL WORK--1913

Eighteen helpers presented themselves this year for work in this field. Each of them had something of training; all of them had much of devotion. Together they have put in a total of work equal to 222 seven-day weeks for one person or about five years of six-day weeks without vacation. They have brought to Baptism about 150 persons—mostly children. They have visited every carded family, brought cards, books and maps up to date, taught summer Sunday Schools, taken the sick to hospitals, relieved others and instructed many concerning the Kingdom of Heaven. They have driven miles beyond number, sometimes in nights that were black and storms that were appalling. They worked under the belief that they had a commission of no ordinary importance. And as the results of the summer's work are brought to pass in review their belief seems surely justified.

The towns worked in—most of them thoroughly covered in the outlying parts—were 45 in number. They lie in Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin, Worcester and Hampshire Counties which are all the counties of the Diocese. The order in which these counties are named parallels the diminishing number of towns worked in in each—the greatest number lying in Berkshire County, i. e., one-third of the total number. The cards now carry over five thousand persons to whom we mean something and who mean much to us. Comparatively little new territory has been entered, though some has, for it is obvious that each year we should first attend to those who know and look for us—particularly the nine hundred that we have baptized.

Perhaps there is no better place than this to call the attention of those in the Diocese who are interested in this branch of the work to the long contemplated "Sponsors' Guild." Of the 900 persons baptized in the diocesan missionary department probably 800 were children,—most of them still children. For these, several hundred sponsors are involved of whom at least one hundred are Church Communicants who, not otherwise related to the children for whom they stand, have responded to the call to keep in sight the sign of the Cross received at the baptismal bowl. The children, in number, have outgrown the Sponsors. No longer is there a list of volunteers waiting for children yet to be baptized. The list long since has been exhausted, for the reason that there was a limit to the list but no limit to the children. Not again can we hope to have individual sponsors for individual children or even for single families. Nevertheless something must be done, for to baptize a child and to

leave him, so far as our part in the matter is concerned, is to throw the water into the desert, the seed into the brush, the compass into the sea. The one possibility of saving this situation, so far as much thought has made any to appear, is to combine all of the parish sponsors now acting for faraway children into such an organization that collectively they may act by such means as their wisdom and sense of responsibility may devise for all of the children. A devoted Churchwoman of this Diocese has consented to undertake this vital matter and it will be brought forward at the Fall Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary by way of presenting it to general attention only,—there being no intention of imposing any new burden upon the Auxiliary as such.

The summer's work of St. Faith's School at Heath has been exceedingly satisfactory. The full report of those in charge has not yet come in, hence, the attendance cannot be recorded. This year we reaped the first fruits of this movement, for three very efficient helpers served in the field at large, who would not have been there were it not for the School at Heath in which only had they received such special training as they possessed. Beside the older girls who came hither for something of missionary training, a number of young girls came up, for appropriate instruction, from the families out in the field which it is our privilege to serve.

The automobile provided for this work by kindness that shall not be forgotten, surpassed every expectation in its ability to traverse the missionary sections. Under the new reckoning brought in by this machine, hills no longer exist and distance is practically negligible. The diary shows that more than once this summer a work trip has been begun, performed and completed in one day that formerly took three in coming, going and doing. Apart from the saving of time, deliverance from the nerve tear inflicted by non-connecting trains, the dilatory stage and the unspeakable trolley over their circuitous routes to approximate stations, is an advantage that years of endurance of such methods of travel well qualifies one to esteem.

Assurances have been received from those conversant with Santa Claus and his ways that there are to be fine doings along his line this Christmas out in the far-away. All that he requires of a house is that it shall have a chimney and some children. And a great list of houses having both has been already handed on to him. The house in the cut does not show the chimney but it has a very nice one and the children you can see for yourselves. These children are ours by baptism. The hand that touches them today shall be remembered through their tomorrow of life.

A REASONABLE REQUEST

It frequently happens that a box or barrel of goods sent for the diocesan missionary work bears neither inside nor out any mark indicating its sender. Will not those whose generosity has led them so far as to assemble and send these gifts, place with such a card bearing the address of the one to whom acknowledgement—grateful—may be made?

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary in New York City October 7 to 21 will open with a Quiet Hour by Bishop Lloyd in St. Michael's Church on Amsterdam Ave. The members of this great meeting are chosen from each diocesan branch, five representatives with five alternates making up the number. In addition to the business sessions and the normal and conference classes, the mass meeting in Carnegie Hall and the presentation of the United Thank Offering in the Cathedral are especially noteworthy. The normal study classes will consider these topics: China, Missions in the Bible, and the Junior Department. Miss Grace Lindley will have the oversight of these classes. The conference classes on the Woman's Auxiliary and its Junior Department will be held daily at 11 a. m. on October 14 to 20, inclusive. On October 13, six drawing room meetings will be held, the addresses being by two bishops and a layman. This triennial meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary promises to be of great importance. The United Offering from our own diocese is, in round numbers, a thousand dollars.

THE BROTHERHOOD CONVENTION

The 28th national convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, which was opened in New York City October 1 and continued for five days, was in the broadest sense a convention of Churchmen generally, as well as of the Brotherhood, coming as it did just before the triennial General Convention of the Church.

The Brotherhood meeting was the largest in registration that has ever been held, and one of the greatest gatherings of Churchmen in the form of a convention in the history of the Church.

The larger meetings and conferences were held in Carnegie Hall, and the parish house and Church of Zion and St. Trinity nearby was one of the headquarters. The Hotel Gotham was selected as the Council headquarters hotel, and the Council held its meetings at the nearby Church Club. The new St. Thomas Church was the place of the charge and preparation service. Several of the services were held at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

The convention was really a conference on the vital things of life and practical methods of effectively reaching men and boys. All of the speakers were men of wide experience and unquestioned ability, and the convention days proved a period of spiritual refreshment, while at the same time affording an opportunity for the social and friendly meeting of man with man.

SOCIAL SERVICE MEETINGS

The Joint Commission on Social Service is planning for a special mass meeting, a series of conferences, and an exhibit during the second week of the approaching General Convention. The mass meeting will probably be held in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Wednesday evening, October 15, and the conferences at some conveniently situated church on Tuesday, Wednesday

and Thursday, October 14-16. The general subject of the mass meeting, at which Bishop Lawrence will preside as Chairman of the Joint Commission, will be "The Church and the Social Problem." The conferences, which are intended for parish workers and representatives of the various diocesan social service commissions as well as for the general public, will discuss such topics as "The Church and Industry," "The Church and the Rural Problem," "Cooperation with Community Agencies," "Education for Social Service," and others of related interest.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The programs for the meetings in New York, during the session of the General Convention, is as follows:

Thursday, October 16: 7.00 a. m.—Corporate Communion in St. Michael's Church, 99th St. and Amsterdam Ave. 8.00 p. m.—Evening Service, St. Michael's Church. Speakers: *The Aim and Purpose of the Work*, The Rev. Dr. Barry, Church of St. Mary the Virgin, New York; *The Spiritual Side of the Work*, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Courtney, St. James Church, New York; *The Results of the Work*, The Rev. D. Stewart Hamilton, Patterson, N. J., The Rt. Rev. Dr. Brent, Bishop of the Philippine Islands.

The work of the Society will be explained by charts and leaflets, each day at St. Michael's Parish House, from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m., from October 8 to October 22, inclusive. From Associates Record on Annual Central Council Meetings closely follows the General Convention being held in Brooklyn from October 27 to October 31. Beginning Monday evening by Quiet Hours in Grace Church, conducted by Bishop Brent, and ending Thursday evening by the inspiring annual Service, also in Grace Church, with Rt. Rev. Benjamin Brenston, Bishop of Western Colorado, preacher.

REV. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN COOLEY

The Reverend Benjamin Franklin Cooley, of Westfield, died on August 7, and was buried from the Church of the Atonement on August 10. Mr. Cooley lived a most remarkable life as an apostle of the Oxford Movement and a pioneer founder of missions in Massachusetts and elsewhere. His work is marked by a constant moving about from place to place, and even from one diocese to another, everywhere working with enthusiastic zeal, but leaving for another field whenever opposed on account of his "High Church" tendencies. He started the parishes and missions at Westfield, Holyoke, Easthampton, North Chelmsford and the House of Prayer, Lowell. In Northern New Jersey, in Connecticut and in North Dakota his work can be traced, even into Canada, with parishes started one after another, churches built, and the same strong church feeling established in them all. Beginning in 1856, Mr. Cooley's impetuous career lasted actively for thirty years, and the remainder of his life he passed quietly in Westfield. His name does not appear on the list of the American clergy as he never requested a transfer from the Canadian Church when he returned to his home.

DIOCESAN NOTES

ADAMS. ST. MARK'S. *Rev. Louis J. Zahner, Rector.*

This is the second year we have tried the weekly pledge system and we are more than pleased with the result. At a meeting held by The Parish Aid in the rector's study, it was thought advisable to install a heater for the Parish House and paint the outside of the building; and we are vevy glad to report that our treasury will enable us to do so at once. Vacations ended parish activities have been resumed, we are now looking forward to our winter work—New England Dinner, Rummage Sale, Christmas Sale. We also hope to do something for Missions.

AMHERST. GRACE CHURCH. *Rev. Ellis Bishop, Rector.*

During the temporary absence of the rector, Mr. F. L. Woolsey of New York has had charge of the services. At the May meeting in Springfield Mrs. Bishop was made an elective member of the G. F. S. for the Diocese of Western Massachusetts.

The parish house is progressing rapidly and is expected to be ready for use by Christmas.

ATHOL. ST. JOHN'S. *Rev. Hervey C. Parke, Missionary.*

During the absence of the Minister in charge on vacation, morning prayer and sermon were read each Sunday most acceptably by Messrs. Phillips and Silvia, as lay readers.

The Church School began again and was reorganized on the graded basis on the first Sunday in September. An excellent teaching staff has been secured and a lay superintendent. All scholars will use the regular church envelopes as a part of their training.

The Girls' Friendly Society, had its opening meeting for the year on September 23. Miss Whittier of Cambridge and Mrs. Van Bokkelen of New York spoke to the girls on the life and work of the society. It was decided to meet every Tuesday evening and to have the first admission service October 7.

Preparations for the new Parish House are progressing. A committee has been appointed to work out ways and means and to collect funds to the amount of \$8000, and it is hoped that the building can be begun in early spring.

CHERRY VALLEY. ST. THOMAS' CHURCH. *Rev. Willard H. Roots, Missionary.* Old St. Thomas Church, Cherry Valley, was burned three years ago and new St. Thomas was consecrated June 16—the new edifice has given St. Thomas new life. At the first service June 15, Rev. Henry Hague baptized four children and at the consecration service presented a class of six for confirmation.

A branch of the Girls' Friendly Society has been organized and the men are considering the possibility of organizing a Chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

CLINTON. CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD. *Rev. David Sprague, Rector.* Mr. F. W. Birchall was elected Junior Warden to fill the vacancy arising from the death of Mr. C. A. Bartlett.

The Good Shepherd Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society, of Clinton, held its annual meeting Oct. 7, the following officers being elected: President, Mildred Manning; Vice president, Edith Tattersall; Secretary, Florence Wright; Treasurer, Margaret Anderson.

By unwritten law, no girl can hold the same office two years in succession, the object of the organization of the Branch being to teach them all the proper conduct of business, and responsibility. To this end, the monthly socials of the Branch are planned and managed by committees of the girls, the associates giving help and advice when asked, but having no responsibility. The associates plan the monthly talks, with advice from the members when asked. This mutual cooperation is working well and making the branch wide awake and interested in all the meetings.

Last year, it was voted to weed out the members who had left their names on the books, but who had ceased to come to meetings or pay dues; and notices were sent to all asking them to return to active membership; but if they did not care to do so, calling attention to the rule that membership would be forfeited if dues were unpaid for a year.

Four new girls came in as probationers at this meeting, making present numbers—Associates, 5; Honorary Associate, 1; Members, 20; Probationers, 6; Total, 32.

DALTON. GRACE CHURCH. *Rev. Charles P. Otis, Missionary.* An illustrated lecture upon "The Balkan War" was given in the Guild Hall on September 23 by Mr. A. J. Petropulos, the President of the Greek Club of Pittsfield. A considerable sum was realized for the fund for painting the Church and the Guild Hall.

The chancel windows have been much improved by being stippled on their outside surface with a very light gray paint. This work was the result of a suggestion by a member of the Diocesan Board of Missions who recently remarked on the glare from the windows.

LEE. ST. GEORGE'S. In June Bishop Davies visited St. George's, and confirmed a large class. Noticeable in the class were twelve boys, and several men. In July a very successful Fair was held. During the latter part of the summer the Rector was at Barnstable, on Cape Cod, and the work at St. George's was in the charge of the Rev. Arthur P. Kelley, who has just begun his work as Rector at Westboro. While at Barnstable the Rev. Mr. Moore was in charge of the services at St. Mary's Church in that village.

MILFORD. TRINITY CHURCH. *Rev. A. J. Watson, Rector.* With a brief but impressive service of dedication in charge of Rev. A. J. Watson, rector, a parish flag was raised Sunday noon, September 14, to the top of a new flagstaff, 50 feet high, both flag and staff bought by Trinity parishioners led by Frank Townsend. Bugler William Larson gave "Star Spangled Banner" as Senior Warden Dr. F. W. Mann raised the flag.

Diocesan Notes Continued

The Men's Club of the church held on Tuesday, September 23, a social meeting with collation and address by Rev. Dr. F. A. Warfield, pastor of the Congregational Church, on "Land of the Midnight Sun." The club holds business meetings the second Tuesday of each month and socials addressed by prominent speakers on each Fourth Tuesday.

The two days' annual fair, "A Bazaar of Nations," will be held October 22-23 in Y. M. C. A. building, by the parish and each of the parish organizations will have booths and on each night there will be elaborate entertainment programs as well as suppers. There are eight booths, and the attendants are to be gowned or costumed appropriately as citizens of other lands.

Rev. A. J. Watson, rector, by invitation, addressed the members of Mt. Lebanon R. A. Chapter, Montgomery Lodge A. F. & A. M. and other Masonic bodies, September 18 on India, where he spent most of his youth. He was a personal acquaintance of Rudyard Kipling in Lahore.

Rt. Rev. Thomas F. Davies will officially visit Trinity Sunday, November 2, when he will administer the rite of confirmation to a large class now under instruction by the rector, Rev. Arthur J. Watson. In view of the unusual number confirmed last Fall by Bishop Davies, the present class which has an unusual proportion of adults, the present number is very gratifyingly large.

This fall the custom is resumed of posting in the church a monthly resume of the financial condition of the church. The purpose of this is to fully acquaint the parishioners with the financial affairs that they may be in touch with the vital matters of the parish and be ready to cooperate with the Wardens and Rector if there be need.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Blaisdell gave an oak settle for use in the church vestibule this summer. It is to be permanently kept there and is a memorial to their deceased parents.

NORTH BROOKFIELD. CHRIST MEMORIAL CHURCH. *Rev. Ramond M. Dow Adams, Missionary.* On July 6, Mrs. Theodore C. Bates gave the parish a pair of brass vases for the Altar, a needed and appreciated gift.

Twenty members of the volunteer choir were the guests of Mr. White, the organist, at Lake Quabaug, August second.

NORTH GRAFTON. SAINT ANDREW'S. *Rev. C. E. O. Nichols, Rector.* Parish activities are being taken up with renewed enthusiasm after the summer rest. Bishop Vinton always visited St. Andrew's on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels; so that day has an additional significance to us, as we keep it in memory of the first Bishop of the Diocese.

ORANGE. TRINITY CHURCH. *Rev. Hervey C. Parke, Missionary.* With the organization of the "Church School" on the first Sunday in September the con-

gregations have considerably increased. The School assembles at four o'clock and the service has been changed from seven to five. Several new families have moved to Orange and a number of old ones found. After worshipping many years in the G. A. R. Hall, a movement has now been started to raise funds to purchase a building lot.

OTIS. ST. PAUL'S. *Rev. O. F. Moore, Priest-in-Charge.* As in the past few years the church has been open for four months, voluntary services being given by a number of clergy. The Rector of St. Georges, Lee, who assumes charge of the Otis parish, took the services in June and July, and the Rev. Arthur P. Kelley took most of them in August and September. Others who have visited the parish for single services are Archdeacon Sniffen and the Rev. Henry H. Morrill, of Springfield.

PITTSFIELD. ST. STEPHEN'S. *Rev. Thomas W. Nickerson, Rector.* On September 14, the Rev. Vasilios Abramopoulos of Peabody, Mass., celebrated the Mass of the Greek Church at St. Stephen's Chapel.

On September 21, the Russian service was held, by the Rev. Michael G. Fekula of Watervliet, N. Y. and he returns again in four weeks.

On September 17 a Missionary Tea was given at the residence of Mrs. Russell Allen, East St. Miss Bull, formerly of Pittsfield, now a missionary of Japan, gave an interesting talk to a large gathering.

PITTSFIELD. MORNINGSIDE. ST. MARTIN'S. *Rev. Charles P. Otis, Missionary.* A complete set of white linen Eucharistic vestments, also a priest's surplice and cassock have been given to St. Martin's by members of Trinity Church, Lenox.

Through the generosity of Mrs. William D. Sloane, a complete equipment of plumbing has been added to the church.

A special gift of \$200 for the seating equipment of the church has been received from Mrs. William H. Bradford.

ROCHDALE. CHRIST CHURCH. During the month of July, the church building underwent extensive renovation. A new shingle roof was laid, and the interior completely redecorated. The latter was a thank-offering for twenty-five years existence by the Friday Club, the girls' organization of the parish. The cost of the improvements was approximately \$1,000. In addition, the church has been given a new carpet by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Carleton, members of the parish.

SHEFFIELD. CHRIST CHURCH. The church has been particularly favored of late by several beautiful gifts, consisting of a large carved black walnut Reredos in memory of the late Walter Lawrence, given by his widow, also a splendid pulpit in memory of Mr. Lawrence, given by his daughter, Mrs. W. Stanley Hill, together with a checkerboard cork floor and some costly chancel rugs, given by Mrs. Booth as a memorial tribute to Mrs. Mary E. Rowan.

Diocesan Notes Continued

The church has also been the recipient of a new Litany Desk from the late Bishop Vinton. These are all in place and it is hoped that the Chancel window given in memory of the late Mrs. J. G. Barnard by some of her friends will be received and placed in the church ere long.

SHELburne FALLS. Rev. Dr. F. C. H. Wendel who has been stationed as priest-in-charge at Emmanuel Memorial Church at Shelburne Falls for the past five years, preached his farewell sermon on Sunday, September 14 and has left for his home in East Haddam, Conn.

Mr. H. H. Daniels, a lay reader from Mount Hermon School, is conducting service in the church for the present.

SPRINGFIELD. **CHRIST CHURCH.** The first meeting of the Christ Church Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was held in the Parish House, September 25. A very pleasant feature of the meeting was the presence of the former President, Mrs. Brooks. Twenty-four beautiful roses were presented to her in recognition of that many years of faithful service in the auxiliary.

WARE. **TRINITY CHURCH.** Rev. Arthur Chase, Rector. A bequest of \$3,000 made by the late Mrs. Minerva C. Hosmer, was paid to the Treasurer of the parish during the summer.

The Woman's Auxiliary started its year with a large meeting at the rectory last Thursday. Mrs. T. M. Granger of Springfield addressed the meeting.

WEBSTER. **CHURCH OF THE RECONCILIATION.** Rev. S. W. Linsley, Rector. The church and rectory have been repainted, many needed repairs have been made and improvements provided in the rectory as a surprise to the occupants upon their return September first.

Mr. Jesse Prescott erected a fence, the forty-one iron posts set in concrete bases, the whole a substantial gift adding to the appearance of the parish property.

At the moment of writing, a high-grade stereopticon and reflecting lantern with iron table is being installed in the parish house for general use. The entire expense is the gift of the Hon. Henry J. Clark.

St. Agnes' Guild opened with fifty pupils in sewing. The skillful instruction given by volunteer teachers has for years been a feature of value in this town.

In the death of Mr. George D. Bates, September 23, there passed from earth the last survivor residing here of the original incorporators of the parish.

WESTBOROUGH. **ST. STEPHEN'S.** Rev. Arthur Paul Kelley, Missionary. On May 30, Rev. J. C. H. Sauber celebrated the Holy Communion in this church in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, having kept the day in the same place for the previous three years. There was a good-sized congregation.

The church was without a settled clergyman for more than seven months, but the Rev. Medville McLaughlin, of Boston, acted as a regular supply for the entire time, also taking the services of the church at the Lyman School and the Hospital for the Insane. At the latter place he spent one day of each week in visiting the wards, held one Sunday service each month, and celebrated the Holy Communion on one Thursday of each month. It was important that the work at the institutions should be kept up during this time, and Mr. McLaughlin was most faithful in the performance of his duties.

On July 10, the Rev. Arthur P. Kelley accepted the Bishop's appointment to be the missionary at Westborough, and he took up his residence September 16 in the clergy rooms at the parish house, and officiated for the first time here on St. Matthew's Day. Mr. Kelley has taken up the work with enthusiasm and he will have the cordial cooperation of the people in helping to revive the interest at St. Stephen's and to make the church successful in this community.



INTERIOR OF CHURCH AT SOUTH BARRE
Special mention of which was made in the last issue of the
PASTORAL STAFF.

WHITINSVILLE. **TRINITY.** Rev. A. J. Ticknor, Missionary. The basket picnic July 19 at the Point was well attended and a pleasant day made the occasion one well enjoyed by all present. Boating, bathing, a base ball game and other sports occupied the time. Tea was served by the Woman's Guild. The boys in the Sunday School were in charge. Visitors from St. James Church in Woonsocket, R. I., were present.

The first two Sundays of Mr. Ticknor's vacation we were helped by Mr. Johnathan Childs, lay reader of St. James Church, Woonsocket, R. I. Mr. Ticknor returned from his vacation September 3.

WORCESTER. **ALL SAINTS.** Rev. Lewis G. Morris, Rector. The choir boys and boy scouts of the parish went into camp on June 30 for two weeks, at Lake Quebaug, Brookfield. The Rev. Mr. Johnston was in charge, ably assisted by Norman Firth and others.

Diocesan Notes Continued

Enough money has been subscribed to enable the rector to rent an apartment on Pleasant Street. The Rev. Mr. Johnston will live here and keep open house to the men of the parish in rooms pleasant and homelike, in which they may meet their fellow churchmen, where enjoyable evenings can be spent.

A confirmation class will be begun the first of November.

The Bishop of San Joaquin will preach in All Saints' on the morning of the 20th after Trinity and address the Woman's Missionary Society the Friday before.

WORCESTER. ST. JOHN'S CHURCH. Parishioners returning to St. John's after their summer outings have been pleased to see a new lighting system installed. The old burners have been replaced by Welsbach mantels, which will in the future prevent the flickering, formerly so trying to the eyes. In the vestibule hangs an attractive bulletin board, harmonizing with the woodwork of the church, fitted with a hinged glass door and surmounted by a sturdy wooden cross. The Woman's Guild is planning to recover the pew cushions and has already raised \$125 for that purpose by their suppers last year.

Folders have been given out by the Auxiliary, announcing their program of discussions on China for the meetings of the coming year. "Results of the Recent Revolution," "Industrial and Commercial Development," "Social Transformation," and "Present and Future of the Christian Church" are a few of the monthly topics.

The G. F. S. plans for the year have been outlined and include two interesting classes, one in dramatics, the other in stencilling.

The Rector, Rev. Walton S. Danker, served as chaplain for the Second Regiment while at their summer camp in Fairhaven. On Sunday, July 27, he held a service which was attended by nearly 2,000 people. The entire regiment of 800 men was present in a body, and the congregation was further increased by over a thousand visitors.

WORCESTER. ST. LUKE'S. Rev. Frederick H. Danker, *Missionary*. On the evening of June 25, a strawberry festival was held on the grounds of the church, which was followed by a Japanese play cleverly rendered in a most attractive setting of flowers, foliage and lanterns. A substantial sum was realized, which was deposited with the treasurer of the Women's Fund.

A boys' military and athletic club has been organized, and a boys' company formed, open to the boys of the neighborhood, which is receiving competent weekly instructions in tactics and training.

On the evening of October 17 at 8 o'clock an "Open Hearth" gathering will be held in St. Luke's Assembly Room, which will afford an opportunity to parishioners and friends to meet the new Rector, Rev. Frederick H. Danker and Mrs. Danker.

WORCESTER. ST. MARK'S. Mr. Reginald Lidstone has been appointed Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Miss Elizabeth Coe, a communicant at St. Mark's, who has completed the course at St. Faith's School for Deaconesses in New York, will assist in the work at St. George's, Stoneville, a parochial mission of St. Mark's.

During the rector's vacation in August the services at St. Mark's were ably conducted by laymen.

WILLIAMSTOWN. ST. JOHN'S. Rev. John Franklin Carter, *Rector*. Mr. Harry Garstang resigned his position as organist and choirmaster of St. John's Church, August 1 after eighteen years of most faithful service. He has moved to California to continue his work of teaching music in a larger field. Not only has the parish lost its choirmaster in his removal, but a member of the vestry, and his children were the staunchest members of the Sunday School and other parish organizations. He was one of the chief founders of the boy-choir when the present church building was erected, and has maintained it during its varied history. The smallness of the place and the changing population of the college community has made his task most difficult. Few choirs could show such a long list of sometime members, but through all these disadvantages he has never lacked in zeal to overcome them. As a token of their esteem the parish tendered him a reception before his departure, at which he was given a purse of gold by the parish and a loving cup by the choir.

WESTFIELD. CHURCH OF THE ATONEMENT. Rev. Robert Keating Smith, *Missionary*. The Woman's Auxiliary has planned a series of monthly meetings with addresses on special subjects. At the September meeting, Miss Riebe, who has been working for the Archdeacon in Huntington, Montgomery and Russell, gave a report of the results of the summer in these neighboring tributary towns of Westfield. The people in this rural district naturally turn to Westfield, and it is hoped that those who have been baptized here may find their spiritual home in this parish.

The death of Rev. B. F. Cooley takes away the second of the three young men of this town who were turned to the Ministry of the Church from prominent Congregational families, more than sixty years ago, through the attitude which was then stated in the words, "Episcopacy shall never be established in Westfield." There lie now in the Westfield Cemetery the graves of three priests who labored incessantly to establish the Church here, Rev. Edward Jessup, Rev. Henry J. Sheridan, and Rev. B. F. Cooley.

Rev. Robert Keating Smith has returned from a three months' vacation in England, spent mostly in the Isle of Wight. While there he was for one week in charge of the ancient parish of Bonchurch. He also visited Eton College Chapel, from the altar of which our two small angels on the rood screen came. This altar, it appears, was built about the year 1450, and was destroyed by the Puritans and the angel figures were broken off and thrown into a pile of stones. They were brought to Westfield about forty years ago, and were placed on the rood screen in 1890.



REMODELED ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD

SPRINGFIELD. ALL SAINTS' CHURCH. In the year 1636 William Pynchon, with a little band of settlers, made his way westward from Roxbury, a town that he had founded a few years before, to the banks of the Connecticut River. The sturdy pioneers reached a little Indian village called Agawam and here they decided to settle. Accordingly they bargained with the Indians for land and food, drew up articles by which they should be governed, and elected Pynchon head of the settlement. Out of compliment to William Pynchon, who had been Warden of the Parish Church of All Saints in Springfield in the old country, they named their settlement, not Agawam, but Springfield.

In the Eastertide of the year 1906, Sunday, April 22, in the city of some 75,000 inhabitants sprung from the little settlement William Pynchon founded, the Seabury Society of St. Peter's Parish started a Sunday School in the Forest Park section. A newly built stable, which had never been used, at the rear of No. 11 Parkwood St., was the only place that could be secured for its sessions. November 18, of the same year, XXIII Sunday after Trinity, services were begun, consisting of evening prayer and sermon on Sundays at 4 o'clock. In December, 1907, the Seabury Society severed its connection with the work and the Bishop (Rt. Rev. Dr. Alexander H. Vinton) promptly organized it into a definite Mission with the following officers: Warden, William T. Rayner; Treasurer, Arthur C. Dutton; Clerk, Stedman W. Craig; Executive Committee, R. H. Stacy (Chairman), Mrs. T. P. Dean, Mrs. J. B. Schniewind, Miss Alstrom.

The title "St. Mark's" was chosen for the Mission. Rev. Charles E. Hill, who had grown up in All Saints' Parish, Worcester, under the rectorship of Dr. Vinton, and had been ordained deacon and priest by him, was formally placed in charge of the Mission January 26, 1908, the third Sunday after Epiphany, celebrating at 8 o'clock that morning the first public service of Holy Communion ever held in Forest Park.

Immediately the matter of building a suitable chapel made itself felt, and the people were delighted to welcome a plan proposed by the Bishop. The plan was that the Mission should change its name to All Saints, in honor of the English Church of which Pynchon was warden and should build a church planned after the English All Saints'.

In the summer of 1908 Mr. Hill paid three visits to the English Springfield, calling on the Rector, preaching in the Parish Church, going carefully over the building and having plans drawn. The Church is the great ornament of the village and is a fine specimen of rural ecclesiastical architecture. There has been Christian worship on the site on which the Church is built for one thousand years—possibly some stones in the building are as old as that. Parts of the building are certainly Norman; the completed Church dates from the thirteenth century. It consists of tower, nave choir, south porch and vestry and is surrounded by a beautiful churchyard with a fine lych-gate at the entrance.

Archdeacon Stuck, who this spring in climbing Mt. McKinley succeeded in reaching "the top of the Continent", has arrived in New York City and will be a delegate to the coming General Convention. The training and experience which made his success possible were gained in missionary work.

Enough money was pledged and contributed to warrant beginning the building and the corner stone was laid by Bishop Vinton All Saints' Day, 1908. The nave only was built; this was opened for public worship the third Sunday after Epiphany, January 24, 1909.

The Mission grew steadily in numbers and enthusiasm, and it was soon evident that the church must be enlarged. The Bishop presented the property as a personal gift to the Mission. But his death, January 18, 1911, deprived All Saints' of her best friend. Thereupon the Mission planned to enlarge the existing church as a memorial to him.

In March, 1911, through the exceedingly generous offer of a firm friend of the Mission, steps were taken toward building a Rectory, and on the spur of this the people increased the income so that All Saints became self-supporting and thus a parish. A vestry was elected and a rector formally called (the writer of this article). The rectory was occupied in February, 1913.

Last February and March the necessary steps were taken toward raising funds for building the enlargements to the nave. No large gifts for this purpose were received and practically all of the money raised this year was contributed by the people of the parish unaided. It was decided: (1) To raise the nave, remove the awkward iron posts and place steel girders in position (thus greatly improving the parish hall underneath the nave; to build the south porch; to lengthen the nave; to build the chancel; and to build sacristies and small chapel and organ chamber.

The corner stone, originally laid at the south nave corner, had to be moved, and advantage of this was taken by placing it in the rear chancel wall, behind the altar, as the foundation stone. This was done by the senior warden, William T. Rayner at a beautiful and reverent service last St. Peter's Day.

Funds are being raised for a simple and dignified altar and reredos, on English lines, which is to be dedicated in especial memory of Bishop Vinton on All Saints' Eve by Bishop Davies. A fine organ is being made for the enlarged building.

The number of communicants connected with the parish is 225; the number of souls, 550; the number in the Sunday School, 150.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE NEW ENGLAND DEPARTMENT

The annual meeting of the Sunday School Convention of the New England Department will occur on November 12 and 13 in St. Paul's Church, Concord, N. H. According to Canon, the Bishops within the Department, and five delegates from each Diocese compose the Convention. It is hoped that the Bishops and the Delegates will make special efforts to attend this Convention.

The following delegates from the Western Massachusetts Branch will attend the Triennial in New York: Mrs. T. M. Granger and Mrs. K. N. Washburn of Springfield, Mrs. Caroline E. Heywood of Holyoke, Miss Olive C. Chase of Ware, Miss Catharine M. Bent of Worcester.

On Friday, September 26, the Executive Board of the Diocesan branch met in the parish house of Christ Church, Springfield. In the absence of the President, Mrs. Fisher presided. A luncheon was served at one o'clock by members of the Christ Church branch.

Trinity Church, Ware, held its first meeting on October 2. Mrs. T. M. Granger, vice-president of the district, addressed the meeting.

OF GENERAL DIOCESAN INTEREST

The Rev. Arthur P. Kelley, of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, has accepted the appointment to St. Stephen's Mission Westborough.

The Rev. Frederick M. DeForest, Ph. D., has been transferred to this diocese by Bishop Wells of the Missionary district of Spokane, and has been appointed to Grace Church, Chicopee.

The Rev. Ransom Parker has resigned the rectorship of St. Paul's Gardner, to become rector of St. John's Church Fall River, and has been transferred to the diocese of Massachusetts.

At the annual united service of the parishes of Worcester to be held in all Saints' Church on the evening of Sunday November 2, the preacher will be Bishop Rowe of Alaska.

On the morning of Sunday October 12, the Bishop will preach in Poughkeepsie at the Church of the Holy Comforter of which the Rev. C. A. L. Stromborn, formerly of St. Andrew's, North Grafton, is rector.

The Rev. Lyman P. Powell, former rector of St. John's Church, Northampton and lately a Professor of Commercial Ethics in the University of New York has accepted the presidency of Hobart College, Geneva, New York.

The Rev. Andrew F. Underhill, rector of St. John's Church, Northampton, has been appointed by the Bishop as Correspondent of "The Churchman" for this diocese.

The Bishop will preach at the Cathedral of the diocese of Long Island at Garden City on the morning of Sunday, October 19.

On the evening of Monday December 8, the Bishop is to pronounce the Invocation at the dedication of the new municipal buildings of the city of Springfield.

The Bishop was the preacher at the Consecration of the Venerable Samuel G. Babcock as Bishop Suffragan of Massachusetts at Trinity Church Boston, Tuesday, June 17.

The Rev. A. De F Sniveley has returned to the diocese from the Missionary district of Wyoming. He will be on the staff of Christ Church Springfield, having as his special work the charge of its parochial mission in North Springfield. In addition to this, he has been appointed by the Bishop to the diocesan mission in West Springfield. It is expected that the rooms heretofore used by the mission will be given up and more convenient and commodious quarters secured.

The Bishop returned from his vacation in Europe on the "Mauritania," landing in New York Friday September 26. His time was spent chiefly in Switzerland and England. He made a motor trip in South Wales and later paid a pleasant visit to the Bishop of Stafford in Lichfield.

On Sunday November 23, the Bishop will be the preacher at Mt. Holyoke College in the morning and at Smith College in the afternoon.

THE ITALIANS IN OUR DIOCESE

The Italian population of this Diocese numbers some 12,000, nearly one fourth that of the entire state. Except in the larger cities, our people are not apt to meet them, or know them; but when they are found, they generally prove themselves to be quiet, orderly, and industrious, rather clannish withal, and little given to mingling with our own people. Religiously, most of our Italians are more or less devout Romanists; and the Roman Church seems, on the whole, to be meeting their spiritual needs, which are quite diverse from our own. Italian men, as a rule, do not attend Church regularly, though we may all have known honorable exceptions. The women and children however are assiduous in attendance on Mass; and the family enjoys the ministrations of the Parish Priest at baptisms and weddings, which, as well as funerals, are celebrated with all possible pomp and ceremony. But the *Festa* or Saint's Day is the great day for the men, with its out door Altars, its processions of uniformed and beribboned societies behind brass bands, its waving of banners and its glitter and show, especially on a day of brilliant sunlight.

While this is true of the vast majority of the people of Italy yet, even in the homeland there are several currents that are drawing them away from Rome and the Pope. Only two of these are Protestant. Since the twelfth century there has existed in Piemonte a Protestant sect, called the Waldenses, which used to be glorified as the forerunner of the Continental Reformation, but has lately set up the preposterous claim of being the original Church of Italy and dating from Apostolic times. The other Protestant current is the work of the American Protestant, especially the Methodist Missions in Italy. But these currents do not seriously influence the Italians to whom the words "Protestant" and "Infidel" are synonymous. A far greater influence has been exerted by the two political currents. The first, which is now gradually losing its force, is the old time enthusiasm for Garibaldi and a free Italy. For some years this swayed many minds. But of late the Vatican and the Court of Italy have come closer together; and only a few old men and a few descendants of the old heroes still hold the old time hostility. But a new political force is attacking, not only Rome, but all Christianity,—Italian Socialism, which only too often means Anarchy. Many thousands of Sicilian Anarchists have come to this country and their presence is really one of the hardest problems both in Church and in State. A small but influential group opposed to the Pope is composed of thoughtful men and women, whose education has led them to realize the falsity of the Roman claims. Some of these are attracted to our Church, while still others—especially those who rejoice in the proud title of "*Illuminati*", repudiate all religion as beneath the notice of an educated man or woman. Very few of these latter ever come to America, as their position of social eminence is assured at home, they being aristocrats, and successful professional men and high government officials.

While few Italians, except devout Roman Catholics and Socialists—mainly Sicilians—come to this country, we must never leave out of view one other distinction. We must distinguish carefully between northern and southern Italians, whose aversion to each other amounts almost to hostility.

The work among Italians is apt to be costly, as they are generally poor and both unable and unwilling to support their own Churches, and apparently without great success. This latter fact is owing to the habit the younger generation has of drawing away from the Italian quarters, and giving up the old habit together with the mother tongue. Yet many of these can be found in our English speaking Churches. Thus, in New York City, the Italian Missions are feeders for the Parish Churches. In that City, the Italian population of which numbers 500,000, there are four centers of Italian work in Manhattan, one on Staten Island, and one in Brooklyn. Hartford and Philadelphia also have Italian Chapels. Eleven Italian Clergymen are now connected with our Church, most of them former Roman Priests. The bulk of our Italian population is found in Worcester County, where it runs up to 5,687. Worcester has 2,067, Milford 1,773, Springfield 1,689, Pittsfield 735 Italians. Other cities have still fewer and some have no Italian population at all.

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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. PAUL'S, HOLYOKE

In December 1849, a parish of the Church was organized in the section now known as the city of Holyoke, the name chosen being "Trinity Church". Services were held regularly for four months under the rectorship of the Rev. Henry W. Adams, but ceased with his resignation in April 1850, and, for the time, this ecclesiastical enterprise was abandoned.

The first baptism administered was on Whitsunday, May 15, 1864, and on May 25, when the Bishop made his first visitation to the church, one person was confirmed.

During the Rectorship of the Rev. W. A. Holbrook (1866-1867) the stone church which stood so long at the corner of Maple and Suffolk streets was begun, being completed under his successor "dear old Dr. Peet", whose tenure was of about four years duration. It was a fine building, and during its time served its purpose well. Many parishioners still speak lovingly of it today. A rectory was added in 1882, and in 1887 the seating capacity of the church was increased by the addition of a gallery across the north end. But as early as the following year, the need of a larger structure became apparent, and a building-fund was started. The people had to learn patience, however, for it was not until 1903, during the Rectorship of the Rev. H. H. Morrill, that the cornerstone of the present church was laid, and in a new location farther uptown, the building being consecrated in 1905. There with its Parish House and Rectory together on a large, open, grassy plot of ground, attractive alike in its color and architecture, the present church building of St. Paul's, Holyoke, stands, a thing of beauty and an instrument of untold spiritual possibilities. Sanctified by the prayers, the toil and the devotion of its people during the fifty years just completed, it lays a heavy responsibility upon us of the present, who, as rector and people, are accountable for the character of its history now in the making.