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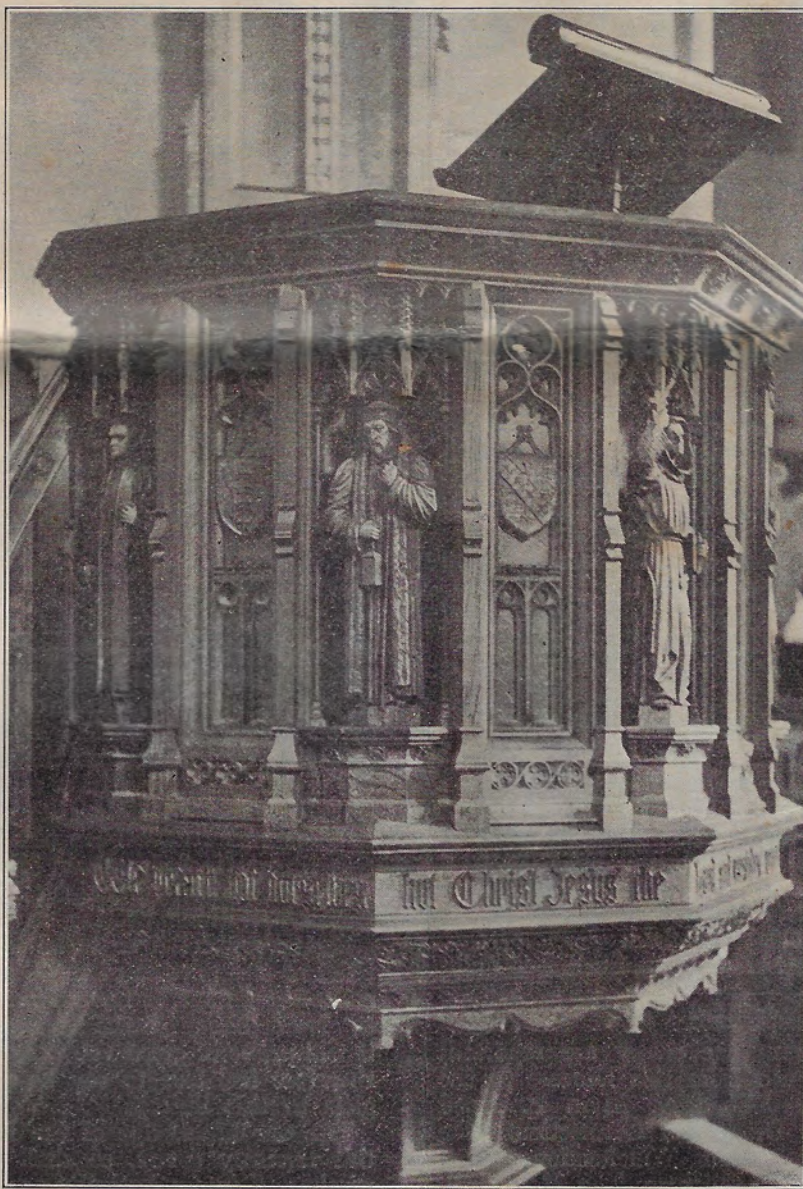
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With this issue, the PASTORAL STAFF will have completed its first year of publication, the Michaelmas, Christmas and Easter issues having preceded this number. These four issues have served to give the people of the Diocese some idea of the scope and possibilities of the paper, and many subscribers have been good enough to say complimentary things about it.

Having passed the experimental stage, the publishers desire to put the PASTORAL STAFF on a firm business basis and make it a self-supporting publication. With a present paid circulation of about 500, the editors feel that there should be easily a thousand families in the Diocese which would welcome the pastoral visitor. Our present subscribers are therefore urged to renew their subscriptions at once, and secure if possible additional subscribers. A number of subscribers have generously paid for two copies of the paper, leaving it to the editors to send the second copy to some one who would appreciate it.

Enclosed in this issue will be found a coin card for mailing your subscription, together with blanks with which to secure additional subscriptions. If you believe that the PASTORAL STAFF fulfills a real mission will you not lend it your aid and send the amount of one or more subscriptions now, that we may open our second season with a rapidly growing subscription list.

The editors have a limited supply of back numbers of the PASTORAL STAFF, and if any who have subscribed since the appearance of the first issue desire to have their subscription date from the first issue they should notify the publishers and the back numbers will be mailed to them.

BISHOP'S APPOINTMENTS FOR VISITATION

June 22 Fifth Sunday after Trinity—

a. m., St. George's, Lee.

p. m., St. Paul's, Otis.

June 29 Sixth Sunday after Trinity—

a. m., St. John's, Ashfield.

p. m., Emmanuel Church, Shelburne Falls.

TRANSFERS

The following transfers of the clergy are reported: The Rev. Williston M. Ford from this Diocese to the Diocese of Massachusetts. The Rev. Alvin P. Knell from this Diocese to the Diocese of Connecticut. The Rev. Frederick H. Danker from Winchendon to St. Lukes, Worcester within the Diocese. The Rev. Willard H. Roots has been received from the Missionary Diocese of Idaho and takes charge of St. Thomas' Cherry Valley and Grace Church Oxford.

DOCTRINE AND DUTY

The Christian Year in its holy round sets before us two main things—the two things by which we continue in a state of justification, namely Faith and Good Works. As Faith is the foundation of all Gospel Righteousness, Faith is set before us first. From Advent to Ascension Day, we rehearse year by year the chief events in the Life of our blessed Lord. On Whitsunday we keep the memorial of the Decent of the Holy Ghost upon the Church. On Trinity Sunday we gather up all the revelations upon the Nature of God and complete the declaration of the Faith. In this first half of the year we commemorate the great central acts of Redemption from the Incarnation to the Gift of the Holy Ghost, culminating in the special contemplation of that doctrine which makes us Christians, which is the foundation of our Confession, which is woven throughout all our worship, the doctrine of the holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, Three Persons and One God. So far we have instructed in the Truth. The main object of the Christian year has been to teach Doctrine.

Now comes the second part, from Trinity to Advent, devoted to practical instruction in holy living. Of course there is a constant interweaving of Faith and Practice in the teaching of every Sunday and Holy Day. But in the large, the key-note of this second half of the Christian year is Duty. Practical lessons, involved in the great Doctrines we have been taught, are now successively impressed upon us, such as Love, Humility, Purity, Stewardship, Prayerfulness. Any contemplation of the wise and comprehensive, and—I may almost add,—inspired arrangement of the Christian year, proposes two serious questions concerning our personal religion. Have I made an earnest effort to grasp the Christian Faith in its fulness? Am I living in accordance with the light I have received? The liturgical color of the Trinity season is green, suggestive of the verdure of the earth. Are the works which are the fruits of faith being duly produced in my life? The sight of a green stole or hanging, should always ask us this question, is my faith lively and fruitful before God?

These two principles of Doctrine and Duty must also be applied to our diocesan life. To do our duty by this territory and its people, we must have all the knowledge of their history, of their conditions, of their traditions, of their nature, possible. Therefore I have begun the collection of a library on the subject of Western Massachusetts. Already I have made some progress, having received some valuable gifts of books and made such purchases as I have been able to afford. The scope of this library includes State Histories, County Histories, Town Histories, Parochial Histories, Biographies, Year Books,—anything bearing on the religious, educational, philanthropic, civil or social life, or physical characteristics of this portion of the Commonwealth. For this collection I hope to have a special book-plate made and to give or bequeath the library to the Diocese, believing it will prove of great value, as indeed it already has. I therefore feel free to say how much I shall appreciate gifts to this library.

As our knowledge of the forces that have moulded this territory grows, so shall our duty to it be more wisely and sympathetically performed: so shall our faith in it grow by a study of God's good providence, and so shall that faith bear its fruit.

THOS. F. DAVIES.

THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION

The Diocesan Convention was held this year at St. James' Church, Greenfield, April 16. On the afternoon before, there was a well attended and most interesting meeting arranged by the committee on Social Service. The subject discussed was, "Social Service in Rural Communities." A very instructive exhibit had been arranged, and this with the addresses given, made a very profitable afternoon.

The Bishop followed the plan of last year, and delivered his annual address on the evening before the convention. Perhaps the most striking part of his address was the summary of what had been accomplished in the diocese during the eleven years since it was set off. It is a record which may well lead us to take courage and go forward. After noting the losses by death in the diocese and the church at large, he spoke of the importance of the coming general convention; referred to the proposed amendments to the constitution on proportionate representation, and the proposed canon on diocesan missions; warmly commended THE PASTORAL STAFF and the Church Club of the diocese; appealed for an increase in our Diocesan endowment Fund; strongly emphasized the need of a Diocesan House, and of a fund to pay a stenographer and care for the Bishop's house.

After roll call at 9 a. m. on the 16th and a celebration of the Holy Communion, the Convention proceeded to business. There were present forty-five clergy and sixty-seven lay delegates. The diocesan officers of last year were reelected. The greatest interest in elections centered in the deputies to the general convention. There was a long list of candidates and several ballots were necessary. Those elected were: The Rev. C. J. Sniffen, Revs. T. W. Nickerson, T. H. Yardly, G. H. Thomas and Messrs. E. P. Kendrick, George B. Inches, A. T. Treadway, H. H. Skinner. The fact that four of the eight come from southern Berkshire would indicate that there was no sectional feeling displayed. And it is worthy of note too that there was no discussion over the change of the name of the Church. No deputy declared himself, or was asked to do so.

The new Canon on Diocesan Missions was accepted with very little discussion. This reduces the board from fourteen to eight members and makes ineligible to the board any clergyman who is a beneficiary of the board, or any laymen who comes from a parish or mission receiving financial aid. It also makes clear the object of the convocations. They are to be missionary agencies, and must report annually to the board in writing on the conditions, prospects and needs of missionary work within their respective districts. The whole aim was to emphasize the importance of missionary efficiency. The new board is now on trial, and much expected of it.

The amendment to the constitution giving proportionate representation, which would settle the vexed question of the status of decadent parishes, and granting to each layman a vote, when the vote is by orders, failed of approval. It received a majority support of three votes from the laity, but was defeated by a majority of three clergymen. So warm an interest was manifested in this amendment that it promises to come up for consideration at the next convention.

The old Canon on Social Service was repealed and a new and much more elaborate Canon adopted with practically no discussion. The wisdom of the change has been questioned, on the ground that the old Canon

was so simple in its provisions that it gave all the real advantages of the new, without any of the restrictions.

A resolution was passed calling for a change of name, in the Canon from "Sunday School Commission" to the "Board of Religious Education." The Committee on Constitutions and Canons did not report on the charge, so it goes over to next Convention.

Another matter, which seems likely to be heard from next year is the adoption of a sliding scale for the apportionment for diocesan missions. The large parishes are beginning to feel that their burdens are very heavy, some assert they are beyond their ability. The diocesan assessment of four per cent. is the largest in the history of our diocese, and emphasizes strongly the need of an increased Endowment Fund. More money is needed for missionary work, but this cannot be expected unless there is relief from another quarter. Since the Convention adjourned the financial question has been much discussed. Altogether, our last Convention must go down as one filled with live questions, and a lively interest. The spirit of loyalty is manifest; the question is: How can diocesan and parochial life be made increasingly efficient? We need the help of every wise and earnest person.

M. E. M.

THE SPRINGFIELD CONVOCATION

The new missionary canon of the Diocese, when in substance it was proposed a year ago, pointed out a new form of activity and a greatly augmented vitality for our Convocations. Foreseeing this, the Springfield Convocation prepared to meet the occasion, and a special committee was appointed which, working during the winter, should report a program for fruitful discussion at the Spring meeting. Nor were the optimists disappointed in this, for in the meeting held in St. George's, Lee, May 6, the Convocation took a new lease of life and leaped into creative activity.

The new canon throws upon the three natural divisions of the diocese the burden of much responsibility for the practical working out of the policies of diocesan missions. A priest and a layman are to be elected to the Board of Missions from each division, and the Convocations are to report at the diocesan Conventions, so that the duties and methods which must hereafter prevail will give to all meetings a zest and sense of importance.

An investigation of the Convocation and Archdeaconry organizations in sixteen other dioceses was reported at this meeting in Lee, and clerical and lay delegates settled down to a serious discussion which resulted in what may now be called the Lee Idea.

The Lee Idea is this: that the Convocation shall stand back of its special clerical and lay representatives on the Board of Missions, ready to carry out detailed investigations of local problems at their request, and to bring to their attention certain recommendations for action on the part of the Board.

Four applications of the Lee Idea were made May 6. First, a committee was appointed to confer with the rectors of two adjacent parishes, Williamstown and North Adams, to consider the advisability of recommending to the Board of Missions the placing of a Missionary to look after the people in the well-populated section from the western part of North Adams to Blackington.

Second, a committee was appointed to inquire into the opportunities for additional Missionary work in

Berkshire County, to report at the next meeting of the Convocation. This will discover how the Berkshire clergy and laity may best follow up the pioneer work of the Diocesan Missionary, looking toward the permanent organization of Missions.

Third, a committee was appointed to carry on a similar inquiry in the central, or Springfield division of the diocese. Already there has opened out before this committee a field of untried opportunity and responsibility, and in co-operation with the Rector of Northampton, something may develop in behalf of the Church people in the State Hospital for the Insane which is a good sized village in itself.

Fourth, on motion by the Archdeacon, it was voted to bring before the Board of Missions, through the representatives from Berkshire, the matter of obtaining an appropriation of thirty five dollars for horse hire in the "Ward District", to aid the Rev. A. T. Parsons in his work.

Something concrete, definite, concentrative, a policy of decisive action in co-operation, a way of getting at the root of local needs and opportunities, and an immediate practical response on the part of the Convocation as a whole in diocesan Mission Work, these are the principles involved in the Lee Idea. It looks as though the Idea may already have become the Fact.

R. K. S.

THE WORCESTER CONVOCATION

The Convocation of Worcester met in Webster as the guests of Rev. S. W. Linsley, rector of the Church of the Reconciliation, Tuesday, June 10. Holy Communion was celebrated by Dean Henry Hague, assisted by Rev. Seth W. Linsley and Rev. Hervey C. Parke, Jr. The sermon was by Rev. Hervey C. Parke and gave an interesting account of church work in the missionary district of Ashville, S. C.

The business meeting was called to order by Secretary J. W. Young at 12.30 p. m., with twenty-five clerical and lay delegates present. Rev. Walton S. Danker reported for the Missionary Educational Committee about the field in Greendale, Worcester, the field for missionary activity in Milford and the necessity of a church building in Southbridge.

It was moved that the appeal of Rev. Mr. Champlin of Southbridge for diocesan help in erecting a church be referred to the Bishop and the Board of Missions. J. W. Young reported for Grace Church, Oxford. Rev. Raymond D. Adams reported for Christ Church, North Brookfield.

Reports of missionaries were then in order. Rev. Mr. Hawke reported for South Barre, and Mr. Wood gave an interesting financial report. Rev. Henry Parke reported good progress in Athol and Orange. Rev. Mr. Fisher reported for St. Mark's, Leominster a great gain in spiritual interest in the parish. Dr. Judd reported for St. Stephen's, Westborough. Rev. Henry Hague reported the consecration of the new St. Thomas' Church in Cherry Valley, June 16. Rev. Mr. Seilhamer reported on the good financial condition of Christ Church, Rochdale.

Rev. Mr. Parker of Gardner reported on the work at Winchendon which work the Rev. F. H. Danker has carried on successfully for the last two years. A coalition with St. Paul's parish, Gardner, has been suggested. The Dean told of the work in Rutland.

The women of the parish entertained the delegates most hospitably at lunch.

L. W. S. D.

DIOCESAN MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

The work in the country field has opened with good promise, fifteen helpers, some of whom are already at work, are pledged to us for all or part of the summer. This number is likely to rise to twenty before the season is over. Of these, nine have been trained or are in training at St. Faith's Deaconess' School, New York. For four of the fifteen we are indebted to the Summer School movement at Heath. It is encouraging to thus reap something of the fruits of this venture of hope.

It is purposed this year to thoroughly cover the field already traversed and carded and bring all cards up to date in their many details before any new territory is entered. An exception to this is a field adjacent to the Brookfields. In this place the kindness of a Churchwoman has placed for the summer a house at the disposal of two of our helpers who are trying the experiment of keeping house along with their missionary work.

The summer school at Heath—"St. Faith's-in-the-Hills"—is now open for the season. Will the young Churchwomen of the diocese note this and, as many as possible, enter for the short course there given, address-



ing Miss Flagg, St. Faith's, Heath, Mass.? A special effort will also there be made this summer, to bring in for a few weeks some of the small girls living in the Hills for a vacation that will do them good. For this purpose \$100 has been given by a band of little girls known as St. Faith's Guild, who belong to a well-known school in Concord, Mass.

When the summer is over, all that human care can do shall have been done to minimize the missending of Christmas remembrances, etc., but human care can never wholly eliminate it. There are those living in Massachusetts whose mail can reach them only by being sent to Connecticut. There are others whose mail must be sent to one town and are expressed to another, neither of which towns is the town in which such persons live. Moreover, a move frequently occurring of a mile within the borders of the same township will put a family in a totally different system of mail and express delivery.

As is generally known to the Diocese, our faithful young helpers may have to do their work in the country by driving. We now have several horses, but some of the carriages are badly in need of repairs. A dilapidated carriage neither inspires respect nor insures safety for its occupants, while the ever-increasing repair bill makes of it a costly economy. In the rapid displacement of horse-drawn by motor-driven vehicles, it is possible that there are those interested in this branch of the work, and to whom this paper may come, that would be glad to place in this service the carriages for which they no

longer have use. Such consideration would save a good deal of much needed money, for there is a great space between what one must take when he goes to sell and what he must give when he goes to buy. Some carriages must, in some way, be acquired in the early summer. Therefore a word to your rector or a line to the missionary will bring immediate and great response.

Another direction in which many could greatly help lies toward the matter of sponsors. It will be an unusual year if at least one hundred children are not baptized—children far removed in space and circumstances from the influence of the Church. No more potent force humanly exercised can be brought to bear upon the life of a child, than the activity of the sponsor who cares. There are many such now at work in this field, but there are not as many as there is already work for—to say nothing of the considerable number of children that it is likely this season will add. Will those who would do this great work which can be done at home, please send word to the diocesan missionary.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Annual Meeting of the Diocesan branch of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions was held in St. James Church, Greenfield, Friday May 16.

The meeting opened with the celebration of the Holy Communion, Rev. Frank C. Wheelock officiating, assisted by the rector of the parish.

Following the celebration, the business meeting was held in the parish house and a luncheon was served by the ladies of the parish.

At the service in the afternoon the speakers were the department secretary for New England, Rev. George W. Davenport and the Rev. Charles E. Snavely from Cuba. The Western Massachusetts portion of the triennial thank offering to be presented to the Board of Missions during the General Convention at New York in October amounted to \$916.59.

CONNECTICUT VALLEY AUXILIARY

A district meeting for the Woman's Auxiliary in the Connecticut Valley was held every winter for several years before the Commonwealth was divided, and they have continued since the organization of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts and are held previous to, or in the early season of Lent. Trinity Church, Ware, entertained last February.

Following the service of Holy Communion the business meeting was held, and the reports showed increased activities along all lines of work. Several members of the Junior branch were present, and it was suggested that hereafter the meeting be planned with reference to the Juniors. The Vice-President, Mrs. T. M. Granger, who presided, urged the branches to adopt the suggestion made by our former department secretary, Mrs. Gardiner; namely, to hold a Corporate Communion on Ascension Day and eight of the branches did so. She also suggested that a service of intercessory prayer for missions, which St. John's, Northampton, had introduced might well be held by other branches, three of which responded on Ascension Day. The speakers were Mrs. A. B. Hunter of Raleigh, N. C. and Mrs. Everett Kimball of Northampton, diocesan correspondent for the Church Periodical Club. As the result of this latter address the Diocesan branch has voted to co-operate with this valuable department of church work.

THE GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The Girls' Friendly Society of Western Massachusetts held its twelfth annual meeting in Christ Church parish house, Springfield, May 22. The conference opened with the celebration of Holy Communion by the rector, Rev. William Austin Smith, followed by the Annual Diocesan Council meeting which was well attended in spite of inclement weather.

The reports of the officers and of the departmental associates was encouraging. The president showed the growth in members by comparison with the figures of 1903 when the Diocesan Organization was started. Then we numbered 525; now we are 1,190 strong. The activities among the branches are varied. There has been nearly \$300 outside of the "missionary pennies," in boxes and money, given to missions. Ten branches have been doing work under the direction of the diocesan literature department. The social service department reports classes in the practical arts of sewing, cooking, embroidery and basketry, in gymnasium classes and folk dancing, and lectures on various subjects from manners to health.

The Council discussed at length some changes in the national constitution. It also decided to make the attempt, with the consent of the Bishop, to have placed in our railway stations the "G. F. S." travellers' aid cards.

The officers were largely reelected, with Miss Sarah B. Hopkins as President, except Miss Helen F. Stratton of Fitchburg was elected second Vice-President; Miss Josephine Brooks of Worcester, Commendation Associate; Miss Mary Medlicott of Longmeadow, Missions Associate; and Miss Ellen Egbert, Holiday House Associate.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon an inspiring member's conference was held, when representatives from the branches reported the year's work. The speaker was Mrs. Morton S. Lewis, Third Vice-President of the Girls' Friendly Society, whose charm and enthusiasm always win her a hearty welcome.

In the evening came the impressive annual service when each branch marched into the church following its banner. The preacher was the Rev. Donald Kent Johnston of All Saints', Worcester, who gave a fine sermon. The "missionary pennies" amounted to almost \$110, and that amount is to go toward the G. F. S. extension work in the South.

The Girls' Friendly Society, the largest society organized by women for women, has been established in this country 36 years. It has been, and still is, a pioneer in work for improving the condition of self-supporting, self-respecting women and girls, for even in its infancy it was far ahead of its time. What are coming to be the most advanced methods among social betterment organizations have been the methods of the G. F. S. since the beginning. Its work has, however, been done quietly, but persistently. The G. F. S. is founded on the realization of the value of the personal relation in social work, a theme the newest graduate of a philanthropic school is dilating on at length; the G. F. S. has from the beginning been *educating* its members, thus being among the first to try that modern panacea for social evils. There are hundreds of classes making up gaps in school education, studying domestic arts, arts and crafts, and physical culture; there have been hundreds of lectures on subjects ranging from travel talks to first aid demonstrations and white slavery.

ELIZABETH W. CLARK, Diocesan Secretary.

DIOCESAN NOTES

AMHERST. GRACE CHURCH. *Rev. Ellis Bishop, Rector.* On Sunday, May 18, the Rt. Rev., the Bishop, made his visitation and for the first time administered the rite of Confirmation in Grace Church. At 8 a. m. there was a service for the renewal of the baptismal vows, with a celebration of the Holy Communion, the Bishop being the celebrant. The Bishop made a short address. At 11.45 he preached at Amherst College. At Evensong he confirmed a class of fourteen, two having been previously confirmed, making sixteen in all, and preached. A large congregation was present.

An "Every Woman Canvass" is being made by the Woman's Auxiliary for the united offering, and thus far the results have been most encouraging.

The plans for the parish house are now approaching completion.

ATHOL. ST. JOHN'S. *Rev. Hervey C. Parke, Jr. Missionary.* New life has come into the mission during the past few months; many confirmed persons have been found and the congregations have been steadily growing. Sixteen have been baptized and sixteen confirmed. The Woman's Auxiliary which was revived in February numbers over thirty and the Guild has increased to a like membership. The Girls' Friendly and the Davies Club for young men have been organized, as also the Altar Guild. Plans are being prepared for a Parish House, to be erected as soon as possible on the vacant lot between the church and the rectory. A beautiful set of communion vessels has been given in memory of Mrs. Lovell by her daughter, Mrs. Shrimpton.

CHICOPEE. GRACE CHURCH. *Rev. Alvin P. Knell, Missionary.* Rev. Alvin P. Knell, for three years rector of Grace Church, Chicopee, has resigned his charge, to take effect the last of June. He will become rector of Trinity Church, Brooklyn, Conn. While in Chicopee, Rev. Mr. Knell has enlarged the congregation and secured a fund of \$2,000.00 for a new organ.

DALTON. GRACE CHURCH. The Grand Army Veterans of Dalton and their friends attended our regular morning service on May 25, in connection with the Memorial Day celebration. The usual number in attendance at church was almost doubled on this special occasion.

The parish will receive \$100.00 by a bequest of the late Mrs. John Chamberlin, who was a faithful and devoted Communicant of the Church since its foundation. Such a thoughtful act seems to be one which few of our people think of.

EASTHAMPTON. ST. PHILIP'S. *Rev. Frank C. Wheelock, Rector.* A beautiful brass processional cross, the gift of Miss Anna E. Topliff, was used for the first time Whitsunday.

The local post of the Grand Army of the Republic together with the associate organizations, the Relief Corps, the Sons and Daughters of Veterans, also the Daughters of the American Revolution, attended the service at St. Philip's May 25. The church was filled to its capacity. A beautiful service was rendered.

FITCHBURG. CHRIST CHURCH. *Rev. George H. Thomas, Rector.* Rev. Williston M. Ford, who has been the curate for two years, has accepted the appointment as vicar of St. Andrew's Church, Ayer, and began his ministry in Ayer on April 15. The goodwill and best wishes of Christ Church follow him.

The Easter offering at the Holy Communion was \$1,000. This is for Parish Endowment.

The New England Chapter of the American Guild of Organists rendered the service and gave a recital in Christ Church on the night of Ascension Day. The Church was filled with people. This is the second time Christ Church has been favored. Ten members of the Guild were guests of the parish for dinner and attended the service.

Beginning Sunday, April 27, a Month of Missions was observed at Christ Church. The month opened with a sermon by Archdeacon Sniffen on "Western Massachusetts," with an address by the rector on David Livingstone, missionary and explorer, at evensong. On May 4, Holy Communion was celebrated with sermon by Rev. Franklin J. Clark, secretary of the Board of Missions, on "Foreign Missions." In the evening the sacred cantata "Hear My Prayer," by Mendelssohn, was given. Sunday, May 11, corporate communion for men and boys was celebrated, with sermon by the rector at morning prayer and address at evensong on John Kenneth Mackenzie, missionary and physician. At morning prayer, Sunday, May 18, the sermon was by Rev. Lewis G. Morris of All Saints' Church; subject, "Missions." At evensong the rector spoke of the work of Joseph Hardy Neesima, convert and missionary. The week-day meetings included the celebration of Corporate Communion for women workers on Ascension Day with an organ recital in the evening; special missionary exhibit Monday afternoon and evening, May 12; stereopticon lecture, on Japan, Wednesday, May 14; on China, May 21; and a missionary play Wednesday evening, May 28.

GARDNER. ST. PAUL'S. *Rev. Albert R. Parker, Rector.* New white altar hangings, the gift of Mrs. L. H. Greenwood, and two altar vases of brass and silver, the workmanship and donation of the well-known silversmith, Arthur J. Stone, were used Easter Sunday, and blessed by the rector. Both gifts will shortly receive embellishment of ecclesiastical art.

The mite boxes of the Sunday school totaled \$13.00 Easter.

Members of Worcester clergy and delegates to the diocesan convention at Greenfield were welcomed and entertained between trains, at St. Paul's parish house.

GREENFIELD. ST. JAMES. *Rev. John Bartlett Whiteman, Rector.* This year has been one of large meetings. The parish has taken its place in the life of the Diocese as it has rarely done before. It has been an excellent thing for us. We have had the honor not only of entertaining the Diocesan Convention, but also the Annual Meeting of the Western Massachusetts Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary. This partaking in the larger interests of the Church outside our own parish is good for us

Diocesan Notes Continued

and ought to give us a great impetus toward more and better work for Christ.

It was a great event in the life of the parish to have the Diocesan Convention come here for its annual meeting. Judging from the letters received since, the convention seemed to consider itself well taken care of. Many were the enthusiastic words spoken in praise of our buildings. No parish in the State is better equipped for just such meetings as this.

The Cheerful Workers have agreed to clothe an Indian girl connected with one of our Alaskan Missions. It is quite an undertaking in addition to the regular work. But already good progress has been made.

The rector expects to be away from the parish for three months during the summer, the vestry having granted him a leave of absence. He sails with his family on the steamship "Haverford" from Philadelphia for Liverpool on June 14. Returning he should be back in Boston on the "Canopic" about September 15.

HOLYOKE. ST. PAUL'S. *Rev. Franklin Knight, Rector.* The Easter offering this year at St. Paul's amounted to over \$1,300.00, which so nearly equalled the amount of the indebtedness on the protective strip of land bought seven years ago that the Vestry instructed the treasurer to cancel the debt and secure a deed to the property. This leaves as the only remaining debt upon the parish the \$4,000 mortgage upon the rectory, which will be taken up in due season after certain other church improvements have been made.

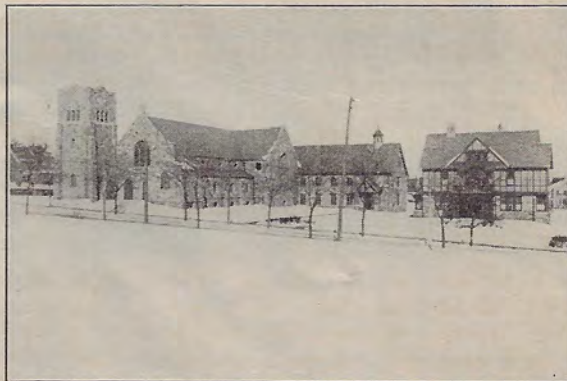
This parish during April completed its apportionment to the General Board of Missions, exceeding it by \$40.00, received from extra Sunday school contributions. This is an unusual experience for St. Paul's.



OLD ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, HOLYOKE

On October 12 of this year, St. Paul's Church will celebrate the semi-centennial of its continuous life as a parish. As yet the details of its celebration program have not been worked out, but it is hoped to make a feature of the occasion a great parish gathering, and to begin substantially a fund to remodel and enlarge the parish house, which is quite inadequate at present for our needs.

The "Juniors" of Holyoke St. Paul's own a playlet, "A Japanese Play," and the costumes for it (excepting one for man which can be had from New York, Chinese Missions House) and would like to rent it for such price as will enable them to make a small profit toward meeting their pledges for missions. Further information can be obtained from Mrs. Caroline E. Hayward, 1226 Northampton St., Holyoke, Mass.



NEW ST. PAUL'S CHURCH AND RECTORY, HOLYOKE

LEE. ST. GEORGE'S. *Rev. O. F. Moore, Rector.* The Bishop will visit St. George's, Lee, on June 22, at which time a class for Confirmation will be presented. The date for the annual "Fair" is July 9. During the summer the rector will be assisted in the work at Lee and at Otis by the Rev. Arthur P. Kelley, a master in the Hallock School at Great Barrington.

LENOX. TRINITY CHURCH. *Rev. Arthur G. Gammack, Rector.* The organ of Trinity Church, which was given by Mr. Charles Lainer has been modernized with electric action.

NORTH BROOKFIELD. *Rev. Raymond M. Dow Adams, Missionary.* On five Thursday evenings during Lent, the rector held service in the G. A. R. hall, at West Brookfield, preaching a series of sermons on the Church, Ministry, Sacraments, Customs, etc., and on the second Sunday in April celebrated the Holy Communion, at the same place, at 8.30 a. m., at which time the largest congregation of the series was present. It is planned to have the Celebration quarterly, for the help of those communicants who find it a long and inconvenient journey to the parish church, and to provide opportunity for worship for all who care to attend. On May 24, a social was held at the home of Miss Marguerita Fales, when the West Brookfield Church Guild, consisting of both men and women, was formed, as an organization of the parish at North Brookfield. This activity at West Brookfield is not in the nature of a new Mission, but as a help and stimulus to our Church people who live at this distance, with very roundabout trolley connections. The interest and response shown have been very gratifying.

The largest congregation for a very long time was present at Christ Memorial Church on the morning of Easter Day, over thirty people coming from outside the town of North Brookfield to the Choral Eucharist, at 10.45. West Brookfield and

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Spencer, as well as our Brookfield people, were well represented.

In the towns ministered to by this parish church eighteen children have been interested in Home Department Sunday School work, a few of whom meet together on Sundays, in West Brookfield, and Miss Beatrice Almy and Miss Marguerita Fales have been appointed school visitors.

Castle Quabaug, Knights of King Arthur, held its Whitsuntide banquet on Whitsun-Tuesday, closing its regular conclave work for the season at that time.

Miss Sprague, of St. Faith's Training School, New York, has been working in Oakham and New Braintree, with parts of the outlying districts of Spencer and North Brookfield, making headquarters at the summer home of Miss E. L. Lundy, of Bronxville, N. Y., one of our very helpful summer parishioners.

NORTH GRAFTON. ST. ANDREWS. *Rev. C. E. O. Nichols, Rector.* Easter was a happy day at St. Andrew's. There were three celebrations of the Holy Eucharist, 7, 8 and 10.30, and nearly all of the resident communicants made their Communion.

PALMER. ST. MARY'S. *Rev. Niles W. Heermans, Missionary.* St. Mary's had a splendid Easter this year. The service was Evensong at 3.15 p. m., when a large congregation completely filled the hall. The music was especially good, and the offering four times as large as last year. The choir was assisted by some members from the Ludlow choir, St. Mary's choir having gone to Ludlow for the morning service.

PITTSFIELD. ST. MARTIN'S. *Rev. Charles P. Otis, Missionary.* On Easter Day at the early celebration of the Holy Eucharist the choir appeared for the first time in vestments, most of which had been made by members of the Mission.

A sweet-toned pipe organ has recently been presented to the Mission by a friend. With these additions, the work of the choir has progressed greatly, and the services have gained in devotional spirit.

PITTSFIELD. ST. STEPHEN'S. *Rev. Thomas W. Nickerson, Rector.* Under the auspices of the local branch of the Auxiliary, an entertainment for the benefit of Missions was lately given in the Boy's Club auditorium. The Chinese missionary play, "The Slave Girl and the School Girl," was well received by both afternoon and evening audiences. It reflected much credit upon those who had it in charge.

The Girls' Friendly Society closed its meetings for the year on May 12, with a supper at the Young Women's Club Rooms. On May 5 the admission service was held in the Church, when the rector admitted ten new members, and advanced two to senior membership. The Society has held twenty-nine meetings during the winter with an average attendance of forty-three. The third Serve-Self Supper was held April 22. The net proceeds were forty (\$40). Twenty-five dollars (\$25) were given to the parish house fund, and with the remaining fifteen dollars (\$15) five girls were sent as delegates to

the Annual Diocesan Convention in Springfield on May 22.

The most recently organized society in the Parish is St. Stephen's Associates. The members are Miss Ethel Norman, Miss Alice Ernst, Miss Marion Rust, Mr. T. G. Enger, Mr. W. L. Maddison, Mr. Charles Markham, Mr. Louis Goddeau, Mr. F. V. Uhrig, Mr. W. F. Prouty. Mr. Harold Pierce has also very kindly acted as coach. The purpose of the organization is to increase the Parish House Fund by giving theatricals from time to time. Already there has been good financial results from the undertaking.

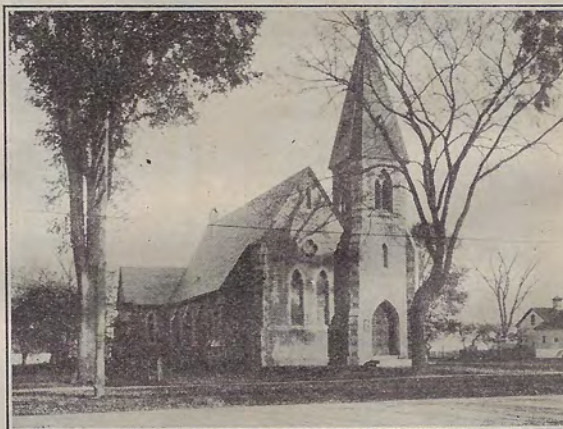
The marriage of Miss Mary Cozak to Michael Kosube, both residents of Seymour Street, took place at St. Stephen's Church recently, Rev. W. H. Gibbons officiating. The marriage was performed according to the rites of the Holy Eastern Orthodox Catholic Church and the service peculiar to the Russian people was carried out.

SHELBURNE FALLS. EMMANUEL MEMORIAL CHURCH. Mr. A. M. Heederick from St. James Church, Greenfield, who has been in attendance in Emmanuel parish since the beginning of the new year, making weekly calls, etc., has finished his work here and gone abroad to spend the summer in Holland.

Through Mr. Heederick's efforts the Sunday school has taken a new impetus and a vested choir has been organized who are doing good work.

SOUTH BARRE. Willis B. Hawk, Missionary. In 1903 South Barre was almost a deserted village consisting of some six or seven dilapidated houses and a ruined mill, with only seven inhabitants. In 1912, the population was 1,450, nearly one-half that of the whole town and the village paid a total tax of over \$15,000. In 1905, the Rev. C. J. Sniffin, at that time Diocesan Missionary, now Archdeacon of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts, was visiting at the place for services from time to time. In 1906, Mr. Sniffin met some four or five co-workers and commenced an organization which was recognized as a mission by the appointment of a committee by the late Bishop Vinton in 1908.

On November 20, 1912, the late Bishop laid the foundation stone of the church which now has a communicant list of forty, and is doing good work under the leadership of the new rector, the Rev. Willis B. Hawk.



GRACE CHURCH, OXFORD

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SPRINGFIELD. ALL SAINTS'. *Rev. Charles E. Hill, Rector.* Work upon the A. H. Vinton Memorial Chancel will be commenced probably in the early days of the month, the contract having been placed.

The estimated cost is \$10,000.00, towards which it is hoped many will feel impelled to contribute generously.

SPRINGFIELD. CHRIST CHURCH. *Rev. William Austin Smith, Rector.* An unusual basket luncheon was held in the Parish House in April. Every woman was welcome who would bring two baskets of luncheon and invite another to come and buy one of them. The baskets were so daintily prepared that the luncheon proved attractive and very sociable to the eighty-four present. This was the annual day for taking the United Offering in Christ Church and this year the amount was larger than ever before, being \$258.70. Deaconess Henrietta R. Goodwin was the guest of honor at the luncheon and addressed the meeting in the afternoon.

The offering for General Missions at the two services Easter morning amounted to \$1,554.27. This is the largest offering for Missions which Christ Church has ever made on Easter morning. Including the children's offering at the afternoon service, Christ Church gave \$1,864.74 for Missions on Easterday. The total amount of missionary offerings during Lent and Easter was \$5,409.00.

As the result of an appeal made by Bishop Thomas, three thousand dollars has been given by a parishioner for a rectory in Wyoming.

The rector has sufficient funds in hand to be added to the sum the Bishop had generously offered to give, to undertake the extension of our work at the North End and in West Springfield. Before we enter upon the work a house must be provided at the North End in which to carry on the mission work. This expense will, of course, have to be considered, for as yet we have in hand funds only for the salary of the second assistant. We have confidence, however, that this can be arranged. Our Christmas offering for Diocesan Missions always exceeds our apportionment so the surplus may, if we wish, be devoted to parochial extension work.



INTERIOR GRACE CHURCH, OXFORD

WEBSTER. CHURCH OF THE RECONCILIATION. *Rev. S. W. Linsley, Rector.* Without a personal canvass, a large number are giving gladly and systematically in the missions end of their weekly envelopes. With the aid of the children's Lent offering and that of the Woman's Auxiliary and that at Christmas, our General Missions apportionment is paid to September.

A very genuine surprise was given the rector on the recent anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood when many of the parish came to the homelike parish house and Mr. N. T. Hurlbut in felicitous words presented to him in behalf of the various donors a Smith Premier mounted in a handsome oak desk. A social evening was enjoyed.

The G. F. S. was well represented at the May meeting in Springfield. Miss Elizabeth W. Clark recently made an official visit here, to the delight of our Branch. Mothers' Night saw a good program presented and an exhibit of articles to be sent to a mission.

WESTBOROUGH. ST. STEPHEN'S. The Rev. Medville McLaughlin is still in charge of this mission and there has been no break in the services since the withdrawal of Mr. Sauber on February 5.

Extra services were held every Friday evening in Lent, when the preachers were Rev. W. S. Danker and Rev. Kinsley Blodgett of Worcester, Rev. William Osmond of Marlborough, Rev. Robert F. Cheney of Southborough, and Rev. M. McLaughlin of Boston.

The Girls' Friendly Society now numbers seventeen members, three associates, and six honorary associates. On March 5 the girls were given a talk on "The Needlework of Our Grandmothers," by Mrs. Grace W. Bates, who showed many exquisite specimens of oldtime needlecraft. At present the members are being taught aesthetic dancing by Miss Winchenbach, one of the young associates.

On June first the Rev. Albert C. Monk of New York, former minister in charge at St. Stephen's, celebrated the Holy Communion and preached. He is always cordially welcomed by his old parishioners, as, indeed, are all the clergy who have been connected with the mission, and all of whom, happily, keep up a cordial and kindly relationship with the place.

WEST FITCHBURG. CHAPEL OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD. *Rev. Samuel Hodgkiss, Vicar.* A special meeting of the congregation of the Chapel of the Good Shepherd was held last evening in the Chapel house for the purpose of considering whether or not Rev. Samuel Hodgkiss, vicar of the chapel, whose term expires June 1, should remain. It was the sense of the meeting that the vicar stay here for an indefinite period, and the executive committee was ordered to inform Rev. George H. Thomas of their decision. Rev. Mr. Hodgkiss came here over a year ago and through the help of the members of the chapel has accomplished a great deal. Mr. Hodgkiss consents to remain for the present.

WHITINSVILLE. TRINITY. *Rev. J. A. Ticknor, Missionary.* The five months just passed have verified the forecast made in January in regard to this Mission.

The Building Fund received a present at Easter and is now \$1,584.04.

The Sunday School, the future Church, is being ably taken care of and is showing a healthy growth.

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The duplex envelopes show a gain over the corresponding months of 1912.

The Men's Club has made two donations for apportionments and the Woman's Guild has helped in like manner the General Expense Fund.

WILLIAMSTOWN. ST. JOHN'S. *Rev. J. Franklin Carter, Rector.* Bishop Davies visited this parish on May 25, confirming a class in St. John's in the morning, and another in St. Andrew's, Blackinton, in the afternoon.

The parish has lost one of its old members in the death of Warsick Garstang. He was one of the first members of the vested choir in St. John's and was very active in the founding of St. Andrew's Mission in Blackinton, being one of its most faithful members all through its history. He was a member of St. John's vestry, being the representative from Blackinton at the time of his death.

WORCESTER. ALL SAINTS'. *Rev. Lewis G. Morris, Rector.* The parish has paid its entire apportionment for General Missions for the year ending September 1, 1913. The Sunday school Lenten offering for General Missions was \$322.13, the largest in its history.

On Easter Day the offering for the Parish House Fund was over sixteen thousand dollars. After the purchase of land adjoining the Church on Irving St. there remains at this date (including sums given in previous years) \$20,500, out of the \$50,000 needed.

Plans are being prepared and a Parish House Committee is to ask for pledges, payable within two years.

SCIENTIFIC MISSION STUDY

The Missionary Department of New England should be glad and proud of the work of its Commission appointed to consider the matter of co-operating with the Eastern Churches. Its report has just been published under the title of "The People of the Eastern Orthodox Churches, The Separated Churches of the East, and Other Slavs." Copies of it may be had at twenty-five cents each from the Rev. Thomas Burgess, Saco, Maine.

Wherever one goes in New England, one is pretty sure to come upon some immigrants from the east of Europe or from the Orient. Here they are, living among us in little communities of their own; and how little we understand them! Bishop Parker brings that home to us in his interesting preface: "The ignorance of the average American about these latest comers to our shores is profound! All Slavs are indifferently called Poles; some, by a strange perversion of facts, are called Huns, the name of no Slavic race, but of their oppressors in Hungary. Albanians, Greeks, Turks and Syrians, and any other unknown races, are often indifferently termed "Dagoes". Russian and Syrian Orthodox Christians are called "Greek Catholics", even in official government reports, this being the name properly applied to men of the Greek race who have submitted to the Papal obedience. Few American Christians know whether we are speaking of races or religious beliefs when they read the words "Uniat", "Maronite", "Slovak", "Monophysite", "Ruthenian", "Jacobite", or "Gregorian Armenian". A feeling of responsibility for the spiritual well-being of the masses of immigrants

settling in New England, presses vaguely upon us all. And so it is particularly good to have had such sympathetic, scientific and careful study given to the subject by our own clergy. Here one finds interesting reports on the Greeks and Albanians by the Rev. Thomas Burgess of Saco, Maine; on the Syrians by the Rev. Richard Daniel Hatch of Southport, Connecticut; on the Slavs by the Rev. Robert Keating Smith of Westfield, Massachusetts; on the Armenians by the Rev. John Higginson Cabot of Boston. Carefully prepared bibliographies greatly add to the value of the Report. The Pastoral Staff finds it a most admirable piece of work and rejoices that one definite forward step has been taken towards facing this great duty and problem. Bishop Parker and his colleagues are in truth Missionaries, and our teachers in really Foreign Missions! To Missionary Societies and Mission Study Classes, to any who are interested in forces determining the future of New England, to any interested in World-History, to any on the look-out for Romance at our very doors, the study of this little pamphlet is recommended.

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THE NEW BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The Diocesan Board of Missions has been reorganized by the Convention. It now consists of eight members and the Bishop. A clerical and a lay member represent each of the three geographical districts of the diocese, Berkshire County, the Connecticut Valley and Worcester County; and there are also a clerical and a lay member-at-large. Upon the two latter has been laid the duty of general administration, namely the Secretaryship and the Treasurership; the Rev. Arthur Chase being Secretary and Mr. Joseph C. Allen, Treasurer. Upon those whom we may call the *representative members*, there rests particularly the responsibility for their own district. It is to them the Board must look largely for information as to local needs, conditions and opportunities; and upon them it must often rely for the carrying out of its plans. Therefore each district should keep in touch with its representatives on the Board, and furnish them with all possible information. When any new requests are to be made of the Board, it would be well, if possible, to explain the matter beforehand in detail to the district representatives.

It is hoped that the Convocations will take an active part in Missionary matters, by the careful examination of their respective fields, and the making of suggestions and recommendations to the Board. Several new enterprises of considerable promise, and seeming necessity, have been undertaken; so that it is most important that each parish and Mission should meet its obligation for diocesan Missions in full.

With the decrease in its membership, the Board will miss some wise counsellors of many years experience in our diocesan work; but because of its greater compactness, it is hoped that it will be able to show an increased efficiency. Certainly a fine spirit was manifest in its first meeting on May twentieth. The work was entered upon with interest and zeal. It was announced that the Rev. Frederick H. Danker had resigned from Emmanuel Mission, Winchendon, and had been appointed by the Bishop to St. Luke's, Worcester.

The Rev. Willard H. Roots has been appointed to St. Thomas', Cherry Valley and Grace Church, Oxford. The Rev. A. de F. Snively has been appointed to a Diocesan Mission in West Springfield, in connection with a

Parochial Mission in North Springfield under Christ Church. Steps were also taken towards some new rural work in the Connecticut Valley.

Since the meeting, Bishop has regretfully accepted the resignation of the Rev. A. P. Knell from Grace Church, Chicopee, and transferred him to the Diocese of Connecticut. The Bishop has licensed the Rev. Edgar Eugene Brooks of the Diocese of Newark to officiate through the summer at St. Andrew's, Washington; and the Rev. Arthur P. Kelley of the Diocese of Pennsylvania to officiate at St. Paul's, Otis.

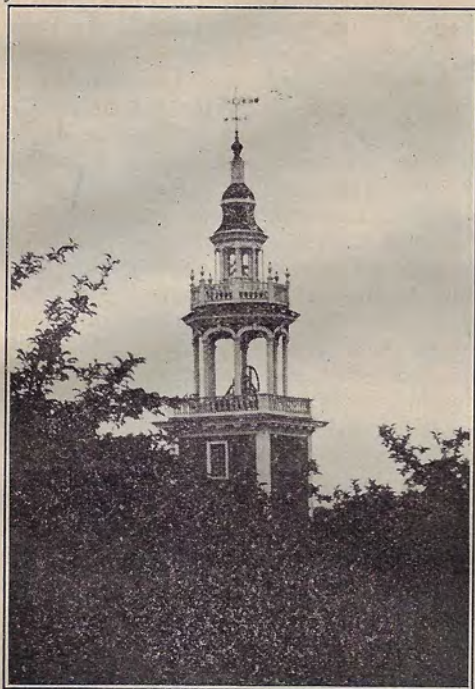
The new Board is as follows: The Rev. J. Franklin Carter and Mr. Newbold Morris for Berkshire County; The Rev. Wm. Austin Smith and Professor Everett Kimball for the Connecticut Valley; The Rev. George H. Thomas and Dr. Charles L. Nichols for Worcester County; The Rev. Arthur Chase, Secretary, and Mr. Joseph C. Allen, Treasurer, members-at-large.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGES—ASHFIELD

One of my most interesting visitations has been that to St. John's, Ashfield. Since making it, I have read the history of the town, and from pleasant memories of both has come this paper.

Up in the hills in the southwestern corner of Franklin County is the town of Ashfield. Hence, on a clear day, one may look from Peter Hill into New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut and New York, but one wants to look directly at Ashfield, that happy, old-world place, still undisturbed by railroad or trolley.

On its shady street there stands a comfortable Inn, whose good cheer, however, the hospitality of Church-people did not suffer me to test. Here, above the trees, peeps the tower and steeple of the Town Hall, with its suggestion of Sir Christopher Wren.



O serene Ashfield, how charmingly, Charles Lamb would have described thee; Literary famethou hast indeed achieved! Even in early days thy spelling had a touch of

genius. Witness thy petition of 1756 "To his excellency the governor and his Honorable Counsel and great and Jeneral Cort." On the roll of thy citizens what interesting names appear, Chileab and Preserved Smith, Bethuel Lilley, Selah Norton, Abiezer Perkins and Remember Ellis! What a refreshing charm links in the very names of thy localities, Bear River, Bellows Hills, Spruce Corner, Briar Hill Road and Apple Valley.

Eagerly didst thou reach for learning, for a tax of six pence was levied on each right to purchase a law book, which purchase Nathan Chapin was to effect. What a touch of dry humour thou hadst too, for that which is now called Buckland, thou calledst No Town!

Aristocratic associations, thou didst not lack, for thy self once known as Huntstown, wert renamed by Governor Bernard in honour of his friend, Lord Thurlow of Ashfield.

How fine were thy early officers, the deerreeves and hogreeves, necessary too no doubt, for it is recorded that "hoggs shall run from the first of April", and it was perhaps no All-Fools joke to meet one. Then, there was thy Tithing Man, whose Sunday duties have been thus described: "The tithing man was the person who distracted the congregation by trying to prevent mischievous boys and girls from making a disturbance. He tapped the whispering urchin on the head, jogged the snoring deacon, tortured the ear of the somnolent female."

Wert thou ever avaricious? I trow not, for thy very Indians used what continental paper money they got as wadding, and fired many a joyous shot with the exclamation, "Away goes Continenty!" Truly thine early financial transactions varied somewhat in generosity, for in 1799 thou gavest the Rev. Nehemiah Porter a lease of a lot for 999 years for the yearly rent of one pepper corn; and the next year voted to hire a teacher of music for the ensuing winter and to raise sixty dollars for that excellent purpose.

How fragrant thou must have been when thy five distilleries were twining out peppermint, spearmint, hemlock, spruce, tansy and wintergreen essences! How fine to take thine own wool to the mill to be dyed "butternut", or "snuff-colour", or "London-brown"!

Thou hadst thy romances and tender passages, we may be sure. The marriage of Mr. Nahum Burnet and Miss Hannah Brown, both of Ashfield, in 1811, was thus chronicled:

"Tis nothing strange that Hannah should
Dislike her name and turn it,
But how could she in loving mood,
E'er condescend to Burn-et?"

How famous are the Ashfield Academy dinners, and what *Literati* have spoken at them—Charles Eliot Norton and George William Curtis, both summer residents of Ashfield, William Dean Howells, Charles Dudley Warner, James Russell Lowell, George W. Cable!

Our first recorded Prayer Book service in Ashfield was held in 1820 by the Rev. Dr. Titus Strong, Rector of St. James, Greenfield. In 1828 the present St. John's Church was built. In the list of its Officers and on the roll of its Communicants, today, are names distinguished in the History of Ashfield,—names of families which have stood for the Apostolic principles of the Church, and have loved and served it well.

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THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF WESTFIELD

When, in the eighteenth century, the Rev. Roger Viets was rector of old St. Peter's Church, Granby, Conn., he came up into Southwick occasionally to hold services for some Church families in that town. In this way Westfield Church people were kept in touch with the Sacraments and Liturgy the Parish of Southwick resulted and a Church was built in conjunction with the Methodists. Either in Southwick or in St. Mark's Church, Blandford, therefore, were recorded the names of the earliest Churchmen of Westfield.

The efforts of various zealous priests of the Church to bring her services to Westfield all failed to bear fruit, from the coming of the Rev. H. H. Bates from Blandford to preach about the year 1843 and thereafter for twenty years. The Rev. Mr. Huntington of Great Barrington, the Rev. William Childs of Springfield, and the Rev. Edward Jessup of Brooklyn, New York, all visited the town and held services in some parlor or hall.

There lived in Westfield, however, two young men of old families in the town, who had become converted to the Church. These were Emerson Jessup and Benjamin F. Cooley, and both later entered the ministry of the church. These two, independently of one another, labored at about the same time for the Church. Men of different views, of the most diverse types of churchmanship, must be said nevertheless that it was due to their efforts that the Church was at length planted in the town.

It is remarkable that the Westfield parish was not introduced from a neighboring parish as a Mission, but grew up of its own efforts, largely unaided, struggling against odds, combatting prejudice, and with no Church people of means in the town.

On May 27, 1863, a meeting was called of "all interested in the services of the Episcopal Church, and particularly those desiring the formation of a church". The first Sunday service was held June 24, 1863, and on July 1, the parish was organized as The Church of the Atone-ment.

A chapel belonging to the Universalists was rented, and a Bishop's chair was made by Mr. James E. Wetmore, a font was given by the Rev. Mr. Prescott, and a Bible presented, all of which are still in use.

Within two years, two priests having served as rectors, the parish apparently perished. Services were discontinued after April 17, 1865, although on October 2, 1864, Bishop Eastburn had visited the parish and confirmed a class of twelve persons.

Seven years went by, and in the summer of 1872, Miss Fanny H. Greenwood, twenty two years of age, "laboring and longing for the Church", made a visit to Adams and persuaded the Rev. John Frank Winkley that there was a more promising work for him in Westfield. Miss Greenwood died March 8, 1873, just before Mr. Winkley came. On March 30, services were begun once more, with financial aid from the Diocese, and from that time on the services of the Church have never lapsed. During forty years, fifteen priests have ministered to the parish with varying fortune.

In the year 1879 the Rev. Henry J. Sheridan, a young man in deacon's orders was sent to Westfield. The people were fired by his enthusiasm, and the present Church, a brick structure was built. The Rev. H. N. Cunningham, another strong man, followed him, and then the Rev. Allan C. Prescott, under whose guidance the parish strode quickly toward self support. Mr. Prescott

remained seven years, and after his resignation, Westfield lapsed to another discouraging struggle for existence.

The present priest in charge has been in residence now seven years. The tide seems to have turned, and there is every encouragement for a priest to remain.

RETREAT FOR THE CLERGY OF BERKSHIRE

From Monday afternoon till the afternoon of Wednesday, June 2-4, the Bishop conducted in Lenox the second Retreat for the Clergy of Berkshire County. This year as last, entertainment was provided with exquisite hospitality at Fairlawn, the beautiful home of Miss Kneeland.

Every morning the Communion was celebrated in the domestic chapel at Fairlawn. The forenoons were spent in the parish church with the Bishop and the time was occupied there in prayers and meditation and in listening to the spiritual counsel of the Bishop. On Tuesday afternoon the men divided themselves into groups and motored through the adjoining country, gathering again for tea at Blantyre, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Paterson. The evenings were spent in pleasant social intercourse and at 9 o'clock Compline was said.

The addresses of the Bishop were felt by all who heard them to be wonderful in their practical suggestiveness, in their searching effect and in their spiritual power. It seems inconceivable that the rest of the clergy of the Diocese will not claim the benefit of them.

THE BROOKS MEMORIAL PULPIT

The beautiful pulpit erected in Christ Church, Springfield, in memory of John Cotton Brooks is a superb example of fine carving. The pulpit, designed by Vaughn of Boston, is a beautiful Gothic, and the carving was done by Mr. Kirchmeyer, one of the Oberammergau players who came to this country expressly to execute this work. The figures are in high relief, and the tracery and the foliate bands are executed with great delicacy and beauty. In the niches of the pulpit are five figures: St. Paul, holding the sword, representing the Apostolic Church; St. Chrysostom, wearing the vestments of the Greek Church; Savonarola, in the garb of his order, holding aloft the cross, representing the Latin Church; Bishop Latimer, in rochet, chimere and fur tippet, representing the English Church; and Bishop Brooks representing the American Church. The inscription inside the pulpit reads: "In Gratitude to God this Pulpit is a Sacred Memorial to John Cotton Brooks, Rector of Christ Church from A. D. Mdcclxxviii to A. D. Mcmvii."

ORDINATION AT CHRIST CHURCH

Raymond Holmes Kendrick of Christ Church, Springfield, and Clarence O. Hicks of St. John's Church, North Adams, were ordained to the Diaconate at Christ Church, Springfield, on June 15, the Fourth Sunday after Trinity. Bishop Davies celebrated Holy Communion and ordained the candidates and the sermon was preached by Rev. William Austin Smith, rector of Christ Church. Both candidates pursued their studies at the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge. Mr. Kendrick is a son of Edmund P. Kendrick, senior warden of Christ Church, and he will begin his work as curate at St. Peter's Church, Albany.