

Reverence for the house of God, and a determination to preserve order during divine service manifest themselves in the vote that "no naills nor pinns be put in the pillars nor the front of the gallerys with a design to hang hatts on," in the appointment of an officer with a salary of £3, to keep the boys in order in the galleries, and the direction to the sexton in 1730 "for the future, to keep the rails at the Altar clear from boys and negroes setting there."

While the Episcopalians of Boston were laying the foundations of Christ Church God's providence was preparing Timothy Cutler in Connecticut to be its first Rector. This eminent man was the son of Major John Cutler, and was born in Charlestown, Mass., in 1683. He graduated at Harvard College in 1701, and was admitted to the Congregational ministry at Stratford, Conn., Jan. 11, 1710, having been selected as one of the best preachers that could be found in Massachusetts or Connecticut, and sent to Stratford in order to prevent the growth of the Episcopal Church. In 1719 he was appointed Rector, or President, of Yale College. Here he became intimate with Samuel Johnson, a tutor in the college. Johnson had seen and visited the Rev. Mr. Pigot, at Stratford. He had also received a copy of the Book of Common Prayer from Mr. Smithson of Guildford, at a time when both he and Cutler had become convinced of the necessity of employing great care in preparing for a solemn address to the Lord of Heaven, and were already doubtful of the propriety of using extemporaneous prayers in public worship. Johnson availed himself of the language of the Liturgy in his ministrations at West Haven, and people came from a distance to hear one so "gifted in prayer." It is related that they were so moved by the fervent, penitential supplications of the Litany that they found themselves joining in the earnest petition, "Good Lord, deliver us." In the Library were the works of our great English Divines, a recent gift to the college, and Cutler and Johnson eagerly studied Archbishop King's "Treatise on