

attendants at the other Church in Boston." There were no parochial bounds, and about eighty families belonged to this parish. Divine Service was held on Sundays, and although somewhat interfered with by the workmen, on some particular festivals, besides the days of fast and thanksgiving enjoined by the authorities. The Church was ordinarily full with constant and transient hearers. The Lord's Supper was administered once a month to about forty communicants. On the 23rd of September, 1725, he reports twenty-two baptized since the December previous, and "seventy-five Communicants, seventeen whereof live out of town," and he adds, "it is with a great deal of pleasure and truth that I let the Hon. Society know that I live in peace and love with a numerous and very increasing congregation, who are very constant and very devout at our public worship." In these returns, made generally twice a year, we find the number of baptisms increasing to thirty-seven, while the number of Communicants reaches ninety-four, as many as seventy attending at one time. Many are drawn into the Church, especially the young; the people constantly and reverently attend public worship; the Congregation numbers full eight hundred persons; and with evident satisfaction the good Doctor says, "my parish is in peace." On Christmas Day, 1748, he had eighty-one at the Communion, besides a very large congregation of dissenters and others, although it was a Sunday, and on the next day he wrote to the Secretary "My congregation is rather on the increase, though my church is situated to the least advantage for it of any in this town, and I hope it will keep on the increasing hand since God has blest us with that peace and unity which is a very promising symptom of it." In 1750, he speaks of his own Church as the smallest of the three Episcopal Churches of Boston and the most inconveniently situated for growth. It was surrounded by elegant mansions, the residences of the rich gentlemen of that age, but several of the families who lived here in almost regal splendor, and with whom Dr. Cutler was a