

The first Baptism was that of John William Francis Hodgins, son of Colonel and Mrs. W. E. Hodgins.

The first marriage was celebrated on April 29th, 1886, between Alfred F. L. Geddes and Sarah M. Stephen.

The first funeral from the Church was that of Krum MacDonald Dunlevie, who was laid to rest on July 18th, 1885.

A "Mission" was held in the Church by the Rev. F. H. Duvernet, from 11th to 22nd November, 1886, which was productive of much spiritual benefit to the congregation.

At the annual Vestry meeting, held on April 11th, 1887, provision was made for the salary of a Curate. The Rev. R. Laphorn Sloggett having been chosen by the Rector, preached for the first time on the evening of Whitsunday, May 29th. He remained about 13 months, when he resigned and was replaced by Rev. J. M. Snowden, who preached for the first time (as Curate), in the Church at the Sunday evening service, July 1st, 1888.

At the Easter Vestry meeting, 1889, a resolution was passed providing for a Committee of five (Lt. Col. Irwin, Major Walsh, and Messrs. King Arnoldi, Crain and Shore), to act with the Rector and Churchwardens to examine into the matter of church extension and improvement, and to advise the Vestry as to what steps should be taken to increase the accommodation in the church.

This Committee reported to a meeting of the congregation, held on the 6th June, recommending that no alteration be made in the present building, but that steps be taken to dispose of it, and to build a new church within 600 yards of the present locality, at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

The motion to accept the report of the Committee was lost. Some further discussion took place as to the advisability of building a Sunday School hall, but no action was taken.

The revenue of St. George's Church (apart from the collections for objects outside the Parish), was, in 1886, \$2,450 from pew rents; \$3,473 from other sources, making a total of \$5,903.00. In 1889, this had increased to \$7,670.00, of which \$3,286.00 were from pew rents.

The mortgage on the building, originally \$10,000, was reduced by \$500 in each of the years, 1887-88 and 1888-89.

In view of recent negotiations, which will be fresh in the minds of our readers, by the city Council, having for their object the acquiring by the city, for park purposes of the old Sandy Hill Cemetery, it may be of some interest to note that in the old church accounts there appear, as St. George's share of the Cemetery fence, payments of \$17.33 in 1885-86, \$9.50 in the following year, and \$8.75 in 1887-1888.

In the latter part of 1889, a serious division occurred in the congregation, which came about in the following way.