

guineas from the Earl for the purchase of books and afterwards procured his Lordship's subscription of £90 for this Church. The ordination of the three candidates was delayed by the illness of Mr. Cutler, who suffered from a severe attack of small-pox, the disease so fatal to Americans visiting England. When he recovered, the Bishop of London, Dr. Robinson, was lying at the point of death, and Cutler, Johnson and Brown, were ordained at St. Martin's Church, by the Bishop of Norwich, Dr. Green, in March 1723. Mr. Brown took the small-pox and died on Easter Eve. Mr. Cutler received the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology from both the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge and Mr. Johnson that of Master of Arts. On the 26th of June Dr. Cutler, after making the usual declaration of conformity to the Liturgy of the Church of England, was licensed by the Bishop of London to officiate in Massachusetts. He left England in July, and reached Boston, on the 24th of September.

Dr. Cutler was one of the missionaries of the Society for propagating the Gospel in foreign parts. That venerable Society, to which this parish is indebted for assistance in the support and maintenance of its clergymen from the opening of the Church until our separation from England, was founded in 1701, "for the conversion of our own people, Indians and negroes." Dr. Cutler's reports to the Secretary of the Society, published in the third volume of "Perry's Historical Collections of the American Colonial Church," furnish a complete history of Christ Church during his incumbency of forty-two years. In his first letter to the Secretary, dated Jan. 4, 1724, he writes, "on the last Sunday I preached in our new Church, that being the first time of our assembling in it. It is not yet finished, but workmen are daily employed upon it, and we put it into as good a posture as we could to receive an audience. Our Church was very much crowded with hearers, and the prayers of the Church were performed in a very regular manner, and yet there was scarcely any apparent diminution of the