

In the House of God . . .

THE SPECIAL SERVICES that have been going on for five weeks in the Park street Methodist Church are now about to be closed. The Evangelists, Revs. Crossley and Hunter, have earnestly and faithfully presented Christ, a crucified and risen Saviour. They have impressed the congregation from night to night, the need of seeking this Saviour, and seeking Him NOW, which has been evidenced by the large numbers—hundreds—that have expressed a desire and, we believe have a determination to live for Christ.

One is often led to wonder how some people criticize such meetings as these, because they do not like certain methods. The questions come, "can they afford to do so, when God is so abundantly blessing the instruments used by pouring out of His Holy Spirit and saving so many precious souls? And yet followers of the meek and lowly Christ would dare to stand aloft and say, 'I do not like that way of saving dying souls!'"

How will you feel when you enter the Pearly Gate? We believe much lasting good has been done during the past five weeks. The results will never be known till we have crossed the bar.

The Pastor works the soil, and sows the precious seed. Evangelists come to help the Pastor reap the harvest. Truly the harvest is great, but the laborers are few!

CHRIST CHURCH.

Church of England services were held in Chatham as early as 1820. The first resident missionary of Chatham was the Rev. Thomas Morley, who was succeeded by the Rev. T. B. Fuller who in 1870 was chosen the first Bishop of the new Diocese of Niagara. Mr. Fuller was succeeded by Rev. O. L. Wiggins in 1841. He was followed by Rev. Thomas Hobson, who was found dead on the plains, near Windsor, on the 12th, of October 1848.

The next appointment to the incumbency was that of Dr. Sandys, who died on the 5th of March 1894. For a good many years before his death Dr. Sandys had withdrawn from active duty and the work of the church was carried on by Rev. G. C. McKenzie, Rev. J. P. Lewis and Rev. N. H. Martin who succeeded one another. The latter resigned in 1892 and was succeeded by Rev. R. McCosh the present rector.

The present church was opened August 25th 1881. There are at present 200 families connected with the church. It has a number of vigorous organizations. The church Warden is John Waddell and J. C. Pritchard. Lay Representatives to the Synod, Judge Woods and M. Wilson. Sunday School Superintendent, Dr. R. V. Bray. Choir leader and organist E. J. Forsythe.

PARK STREET METHODIST.

This church was organized in 1841 and worshipped in the building now occupied by the Salvation Army, which at that time occupied the site on which the C. P. R. station stands.

The present edifice, corner of Park street and Dufferin Avenue, was built in 1888 during the term of Rev. Alexander Langford. Some of the brightest and most honored members of the Methodist church have ministered to the spiritual wants of the Chatham church, namely: Revs. E. B. Ryckman, D. D., W. L. Griffin, D. D., John Wakefield, A. Langford (second term), W. R. Parker, J. G. Scott, R. J. Treleven, W. J. Annis, C. E. McIntyre, E. N. Baker, James Hannon, D. D., the present pastor. The ordinary seating capacity is about 500, although as many as 1000 have been crowded in during the present evangelistic services.

The choir consists of about thirty voices and is led by Miss Idle, with Miss Lillian Pratt as organist. The membership at the present time numbers 570. The various societies in the church, which are all in a flourishing state, are presided over as follows:—

Ladies' Aid, President Mrs. E. W. Scame, Secretary, Mrs. Charters. Women's Missionary Society, President, Mrs. S. F. Gardiner, Secretary, Mrs. D. D. D. Griffin. Epworth League, President H. W. Westman, Secretary W. Shillington. Sunday School, Superintendent A. D. Westman, Secretary W. Piggett. Secretary, Official Quarter y B. R. S. Barfoot.

ST. ANDREWS.

This congregation was organized nearly sixty years ago. The Rev. Mr. McLaren (father of Mrs. Robt. Gray) and Rev. McFadyin supplied for a time.

The first regular pastor was Rev. John Robb, then Rev. John Rennie and lastly Rev. John R. Battisby, who was ordained and inducted in September, 1877. The present church building is the third, occupying the same site, and was built in 1881. When Dr. Battisby was inducted the membership was 95, now it is 250. The first church was erected in 1848.

WILLIAM ST. BAPTIST.

The William Street Baptist church was first organized about the year 1854. The mother church, was the Louisville church, and in Chatham they erected a nice commodious building on the corner of King and William streets. Rev. Archibald Campbell was the first pastor. The old building was consumed by fire about the year 1870, during the pastorate of the Rev. J. L. Campbell, now of New York, who labored with the Chatham church faithfully and successfully for seven years and a half.

After the fire, the only money available was two thousand dollars with which the congregation purchased the site, where the present church now stands, which was erected at the cost of some sixteen thousand dollars.

What is being done in the churches of Chatham.

The church has now a pastor greatly beloved by every member of the congregation. He has just refused a call to a large church in Detroit, with a large increase in salary, which shows that his first object is service to his Master, and not salary and position. Every department of the church is now working harmoniously, and a quiet and good work for the master is being done.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

The first organization of Presbyterianism in Chatham was in 1825, when the United Presbyterian church of Scotland formed a congregation. For nine years the pulpit was filled by periodical visits from the ministers in London and Port Stanley, till in 1844 the Rev. Mr. Faddysen came from Scotland and was inducted as minister.

He remained for some years, his successor being Rev. John Fraser who settled in 1849 and who was in turn succeeded by Rev. William Walker in 1857 who remained in charge till 1879 at which time the United Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Walker was minister, and the Free Church of which Rev. Angus McCall was minister, having come in 1848, united as one congregation under the present name of First Presbyterian Church.

The two former ministers remained as joint pastors till 1890 when they retired on superannuation. Mr. Walker dying two years later and Rev. Dr. McCall passed away only last week. Both of these were much loved and their ministry is cherished in affectionate remembrance.

In 1890 Rev. F. H. Larkin was inducted remaining till June 1900 when, much to the sorrow of his people, he was translated to Seaford. The present minister, Rev. W. E. Knowles was inducted last February. The present place of worship is a beautiful edifice, having a seating capacity of 750 in the main auditorium, and also a modern and spacious lecture room. It was erected in 1882 at a cost of \$36,000. It has a fine organ and rejoices in a choir of exceptional strength and beauty. According to the last annual "Blue Book" the first church has a membership of 330; has 115 families and contributed for all purposes the sum of \$4,836.

VICTORIA AVENUE METHODIST.

The Victoria Avenue Methodist church is a brick structure, with a seating capacity of some six or seven hundred, situated on Victoria Avenue one of the most beautiful streets of our Maple City. This church was erected by the Methodist Episcopal denomination, in 1877. Since the union of 1884 the old Canada Methodist church has been placed at the rear of the brick, and serves as a lecture hall, or a school room. Recently a new pipe organ has been placed in the church, and a new furnace in the school room, and other necessary improvements made which constitute this church a more desirable place of worship than formerly. Through the energy and liberality of friends, living and dead, the financial encumbrance has been materially reduced so that with the liberal support of a loyal and devout people the continued prosperity of this place of worship, situated in the more residential part of the city would seem assured.

The members of the Trustee Board are J. C. Fleming, C. J. Edmunds, Thomas Kline, O. B. Hullin, D. W. Crowe, John Rice, J. F. McKeough, James Holmes, M. Jackson, E. E. Parrott, J. W. Humphrey and Edward Johnson. E. E. Parrott is Superintendent of the Sabbath School, Fred Thompson President of the Epworth League, Mrs. D. W. Crowe, President of the Ladies' Aid Society, to each of which departments of church work the thought and energy of the leaders are faithfully imparted.

The more recent pastors who have served this church are Revs. Butt, Crews and Locke, the present incumbent.

HOLY TRINITY.

The parish of Holy Trinity was set apart from that of Christ Church in 1874 and the Reverend Freeman Harding appointed as the first Incumbent in February, 1875. On the 23rd day of May, being Trinity Sunday, the temporary church was opened for the worship of God. Three services were held. Morning Prayer with Holy Communion at 11.00, Litany at 3.00 and Evening Prayer at 7.00 o'clock.

The first Vestry meeting was held on the 26th of May, at which Arthur Richardson was appointed Vestry Clerk, Thomas McCrae, delegate to the Synod, and J. C. Small and F. Skye, Church Wardens.

During the month of June the Sunday School was organized with five teachers and thirty-four scholars. Mr. Harding resigned in February, 1880, and was succeeded by the Reverend A. W. Harding, who in turn was succeeded by the Reverend R. O. Cooper, in May, 1882. Mr. Cooper resigned the parish in April, 1885, and the Reverend Jeffrey Hill was appointed, and read himself in May 3rd, of the same year. His first Vestry meeting was held on May 4th, when George Atkinson and W. Merritt were appointed Church Wardens. The Reverend Arthur Murphy was appointed Rector in May, 1890, the Church Wardens being William Hill and J. C. Butler. On October 29th, 1890, the church was consecrated by his Lordship, Bishop Baldwin, John E. Brooke, as Senior Warden, reading the Deed to the Synod. The present Rector has been in charge since that time.

At present, the officers are as follows:—Wardens, R. Baxter and W. J. Moore. Delegate, Wm. Ball. Vestry Clerk, Dr. Musson. S. S. Superintendent, John E. Johnston. President Mite Society, Mrs. Rose.

President W. A. Mrs. Stegmann. President Y. P. S. C. E. Miss Ball. Captain Church Boys' Brigade, W. Houston.

President Mission Band, Miss Edith Hall. Choir Leader, H. Horstead. Organist, Frank Phelps. Sexton, S. Horn.

COLORADO RACE CHURCHES.

Campbell African M. E. Church, cor. King and Prince streets. Rev. H. T. Henderson B. A. pastor. Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., S. S. 3 p. m. An excellent program consisting of duets, solos, anthems etc., will be rendered at the morning and evening services Easter Sunday. Floral decorations a specialty. Number of members 69.

Victoria B. M. E. Church, Rev. J. C. Richards pastor. Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. S. S. 3 p. m. Number of members 107.

First Baptist Church, Rev. R. L. Brady pastor. Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. S. S. 10.30 a. m. Number of members 87.

St. John's A. U. M. P. Church, Rev. A. B. Selvey pastor. Sunday services at 11 a. m. and 7.45 p. m. Number of members 47.

U. A. M. P. Church Bishop Willmore pastor.

SALVATION ARMY.

The Salvation Army Barracks situated on King street, opposite the C. P. R. station, has been renovated and made comfortable to seat 350 persons. Attached to the front is the quarters where the officers reside. There are eight public salvation meetings held weekly, and also five open air services, so that those who do not attend a place of worship may hear the Gospel and salvation singing and through it be brought to a saving knowledge of the truth. Then there are two Leagues of Mercy Sisters, who visit and distribute literature every week in the various institutions of the city, and hold meetings wherever possible. Much good has been achieved during the winter. A few cases of conversion have been reported from the prison, and many have requested prayer. These visits have been greatly appreciated by the inmates. Those in charge of the institutions have showed much kindness to the workers.

MRS. C. AUSTIN.

ST. JOSEPH'S.

More than half a century has passed by since the first impulse was given to the formation of St. Joseph's parish.

In the year 1836 the plot of ground in the City of Chatham, known as the Catholic church land, was received from the government by the Right Rev. Dr. McDonnell with the understanding that a Catholic church be built thereon.

In 1837 Fr. Morin said the first Mass in Chatham. The celebration took place in a small frame store-house owned by the late William Northwood, which stood on the corner of William and Colborne streets, on the site now occupied by the Collop House. The congregation present on that occasion consisted of five persons: namely Patrick O'Flynn, Mrs. O'Flynn, Thomas Kelly, Mrs. Peter Paul Lacroix and Mrs. Patrick Tobin.

In 1846 the Jesuits took charge of St. Joseph's Parish. Rev. Father Vincente Jeffrey S. J., being the first pastor. He said his first Mass in Chatham in a small wagon shop near the corner of King and William streets, and later on in the house of Patrick O'Flynn. Finally on the 30th of May 1847 Father Jeffrey had the pleasure of securing the corner-stone of his church laid by the Right Rev. Mgr. LeFevre. In the year 1859 the Ursulines at the request of Fr. Jeffrey came to Chatham and opened a school for young ladies, which has grown into a prosperous academy and today stands as a home of culture and refinement, second to none in the Dominion. In 1890 Rev. Father Jeffrey left Chatham for a new field of labor and was succeeded by various members of his order until 1874, when the Basilians took charge, continuing for two years and followed by the Fathers of the Franciscan Order, who are at present in charge. Then in 1887 Rev. Father William, O. F. M., began the erection of the present church, fashioned on the models of Imperial Rome, and which, when completed will have cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000. The little band of five persons who assisted at the first Mass has grown into 700 families.

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One of the latest things in the fidelity and casualty line is to insure druggists against what is called the wrong prescription man. For \$15 or \$25 a year several companies down town guarantee druggists against damages arising from mistakes in compounding drugs. One of the most successful of these companies has 650 chemists of New York, Jersey City, Newark and New Haven on its list of subscribers.

The idea of insuring druggists against loss from their own mistakes originated in the belief of a number of leading pharmacists that they were the victims of a gang of rogues who made a practice of pretending that wrong medicines had been given to some member of their families, sometimes with serious results. The gang was partly broken up by the fidelity company which first assumed the responsibility of protecting druggists at \$5 a year each. An officer of this company says that there are fully 1,000 mistakes a year in the compounding of drugs.

"While there are so many genuine mistakes," he continued, "there are many alleged errors in mixing medicines, and some of the complaints are invented for the sole purpose of extorting money from the retail druggists. Our company guarantees to protect druggists against themselves, but our main desire is to prevent fraud on the part of those who want to blackmail one of our clients for something he has not done."

"It is a serious matter to make a mistake in mixing drugs, but it is frequently even more serious to the druggist to have it noised about that such a mistake was made. I have known chemists to be forced out of business by the publicity given to the fact that they made a blunder. Dishonest persons have recognized the fear that druggists have of an exposure of this kind and have taken advantage of the knowledge."

"Since we undertook to protect them a number of druggists have confessed to paying big sums to persons who said mistakes were made. I have the names of half a dozen so called doctors who have aided an east side gang that was engaged in the business of bleeding chemists."

"Still, there is nothing really remarkable in this protection of druggists. For instance, we have a special insurance for saloon keepers, guaranteeing them against financial loss through being locked up for violation of the excise law."—New York Sun.

Doing His Best.

Mr. M. B. Thrasher, a friend of Tuskegee institute and its pupils, says that he once made inquiries about a certain graduate, a shopkeeper in Alabama, who seemed to be doing a thriving business.

"What kind of a man is this Wood, the colored merchant down the street?" he asked in the store of a white man, judging that there if anywhere he might hear an unfavorable opinion. The merchant supposed Mr. Thrasher to be a traveling salesman and answered:

"You can sell him any amount of goods. He'll pay for them every time." Then Mr. Thrasher went on to the store, where he found everything in the most prosperous condition. In the course of his talk with the merchant they stepped to the open back door, and there Wood began calling: "Suke, suke, suke! Ho, there, suke!"

Then there came a grunting underneath the floor, which was raised a little from the ground, and presently there came crawling out an enormous hog.

"That's my hog," said the merchant. "I raise one every year, though there's no reason why I should, for I'm not married, and I don't keep house. I raise them as object lessons. It does not take much of anything to feed them, except the waste from the store, and see how fat they grow!"

When I get the negro farmers who come here to trade to look at my hog and see what can be done by keeping the animals shut up and fed instead of letting them run wild. Then I tell them they might as well have hogs like mine as their thin razorbacks. All they need do is to shut up the pig in a pen of rails and set the children to gathering acorns for him.

"I can't start a school here," he concluded. "I tried that and failed, but I can at least teach the farmers how to raise hogs."

Foreign Musicians.

The Musical union has raised its admission fee in the hope that this action may do something toward checking the increase in the number of orchestral musicians in the United States. Not only does the increase of the supply much greater than the demand, but there is never a visiting orchestra that does not leave behind it a certain part of its forces. The Banda Rossa, Strauss' orchestra and an orchestra that came here with an opera company all left some of their members behind them, and it is not in the least unlikely that the same thing will happen when the Leipzig orchestra, now on its way to this country, decides to go home.

Sometimes the players are under contract and must return to Europe, but they generally come back to the United States as soon as the opportunity offers. It is to prevent this too rapid increase that the union has raised the initiation fee, because without being one of its members no musician can readily find employment here. In spite of the excessive supply of which they complain, musicians are still so much better paid in this country than in Europe that it will be many years before their emigration to this country comes to an end.—New York Sun.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL.

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"Oh, I don't know," replied the barnacle. "I'm a good deal stuck on it myself."—Chicago Tribune.

Does This Explain It?

"Another theatrical company has been quarantined. There seems to be something contagious about these traveling aggregations."

"Say, perhaps it's the 'catchy' songs they sing."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

In and Ex.

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