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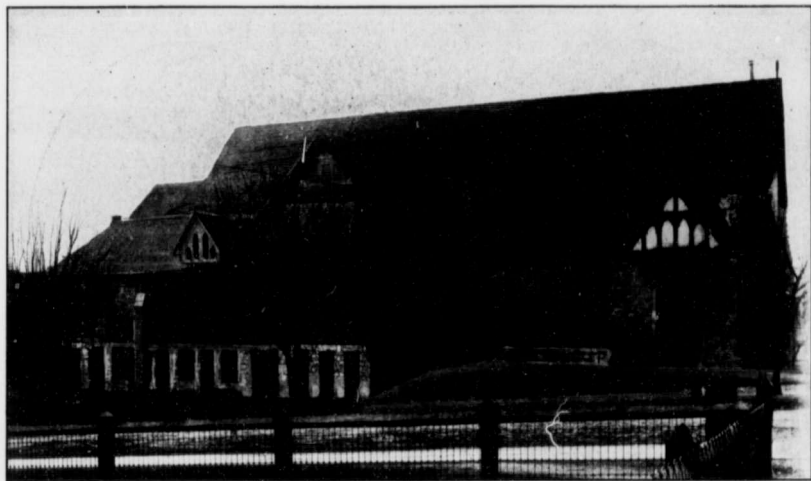
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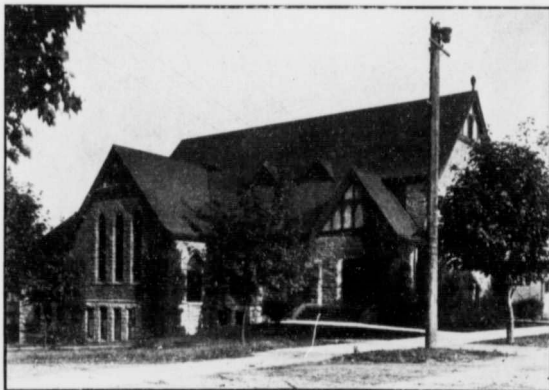
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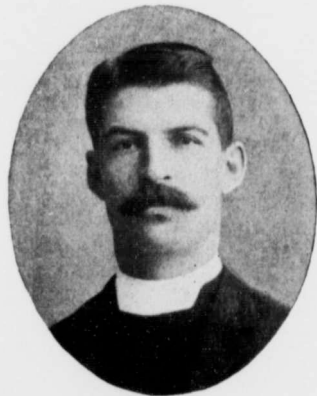


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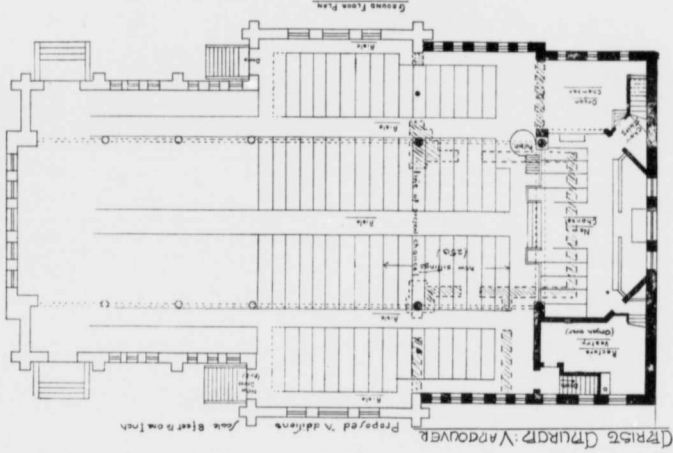
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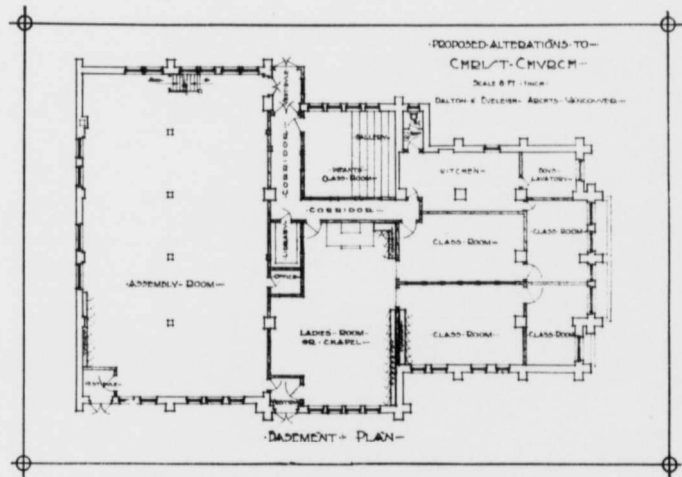
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May 2nd, 1888.—First Meeting convened.

August 9th, 1888.—Resolution to build a church.

November 12th, 1888.—Rev. H. P. Hobson appointed as rector.

December 23rd, 1888.—First service, held at Durham Block, 720 Granville Street.

April 3rd, 1889.—Tenders let to M. E. Cook and Mr. Chas. Hillyer for building of a church (the "root-house").

February, 1893.—Rev. H. P. Hobson left. (Now in Bridgeport, Conn., U.S.A.) Vacancy. Services conducted by Rev. H. Irwin ("Father Pat"), Rev. Phillip Woods and Archdeacon McKay.

December 17th, 1893.—Rev. L. Norman Tucker entered on his duties.

February 12th, 1894.—"Christ Church Liability Company, Limited Liability," formed.

July 28th, 1894.—Corner-stone laid.

February 17th, 1895.—Dedication services in the completed church.

January 6th, 1901.—Rev. H. L. Roy preached his first sermon in Christ Church.

November 2nd, 1902.—Rev. L. N. Tucker's farewell sermon. Rev. H. L. Roy in charge.

June 21st, 1903.—Rev. C. C. Owen, Rector.

February 5th, 1905.—Rev. H. L. Roy's farewell sermon.

June to August, 1905.—Rev. Wm. McLean, assistant.

June 10th, 1906.—Rev. A. H. Sovereign entered on his duties.

August, 1908.—Christ Church Building Company dissolved, a new loan arranged with the Credit Foncier and the Church incorporated.

February 21st, 1909.—Opening of enlarged church.

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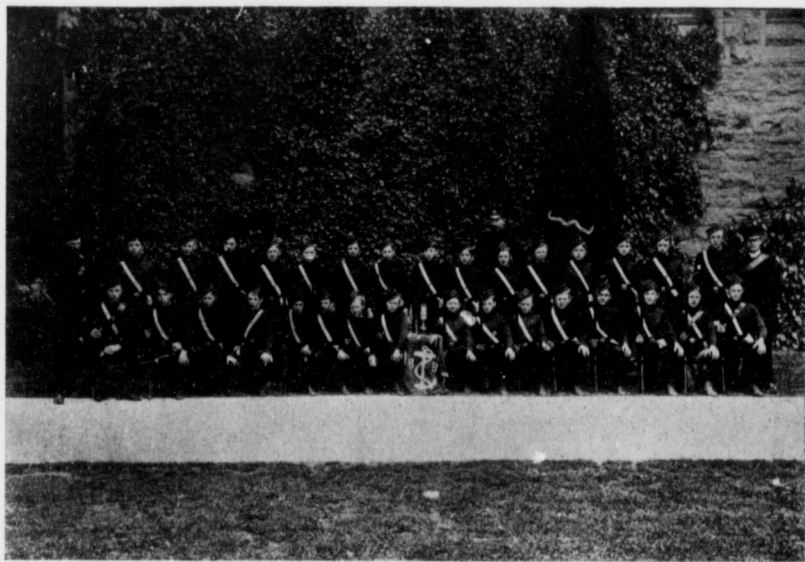
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The first meeting was convened, "To consider the question of the erecting of a church in the west end of the town," was held on May 2nd, 1888, in Miss Wales' schoolroom, Seymour Street, and at this and the three subsequent meetings the chair was occupied by the Rev. H. Fiennes Clinton, then, as now, Rector of St. James'.

At the first meeting, a committee was appointed to select a site in the neighborhood of Robson and Burrard Streets, and also to obtain the consent of the Lord Bishop of New Westminster to the proposition, the following, by the courtesy of Rev. Mr. Clinton, being a copy of the minutes of an interview granted by His Lordship, viz.:

A committee of those who wished to form a new parish in Vancouver, independent of St. James', to be worked on Evangelical principles, met the late Bishop Sillitoe in the vestry of St. James' on May 22nd, 1888, by appointment, in order to get his permission to do so, and he gave them the following memorandum:

1. The consent of the present incumbent and of the Executive Committee of the Diocese shall first be obtained.
2. A boundary line of the new Parish shall be assigned.
3. The incumbent shall be a low churchman.
4. No liability, legal or ecclesiastical, either as regards stipend or providing other work, shall rest upon the Bishop, in case of failure of the arrangement or resignation of the incumbent.
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On the evening of August 9th, a meeting of the joint committees was held in Mr. Devine's office, Cordova Street, at which it was reported that the Site Committee had obtained from the Canadian Pacific Railway Company an option on the present church site at the price of \$2,000.00 for 5 lots, when it was resolved: "That it is the opinion of this meeting that a stone church be erected on the lots mentioned to seat from 400 to 500 people and to cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000."

It was further resolved: "That a committee of five be appointed, viz., Messrs. W. F. Salsbury, H. J. Cambie, John Devine, Thos. H. Condell and Lacy R. Johnson, to open negotiations with some clergyman to come to this diocese and to offer not less than \$1,000 per annum as salary and expenses out."

At a subsequent meeting, held on November 12th, 1888, in the office of Mr. D. E. Brown, Cordova Street, it was announced that the Bishop had appointed the Rev. H. P. Hobson to be Rector of the proposed new church, and resolved to rent a vacant store in the Durham Block, Granville Street, as a temporary place of worship.

A subscription list to guarantee the Rector's salary for two years having been opened, the following 29 gentlemen accepted the responsibility, and may therefore be considered the representatives of the original congregation:

H. J. Cambie
H. T. Ceperley
W. F. Salsbury
J. C. LeCappellain
C. Hillyer
*Wm. P. Ponsford
*A. E. McCartney
H. A. Mellon
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The place of service was for some time changed to the Elphinstone Block and again back to the Durham Block. Meantime, on February 14th, 1889, a Building Committee had been formed "to collect subscriptions and provide the necessary funds for the erection of a church, etc.", and it was resolved that a portion of the foundations of a permanent church be proceeded with forthwith and fitted up suitably for use in the meantime as a temporary church, to be available afterwards for a Sunday school. Plans were advertised for "to be in by March 1st, 1889," and at a meeting held on March 11th, those of Mr. C. O. Wickenden (the plans of the second church) were chosen, tenders having been let on April 3rd to Mr. E. Cook for masonry and Mr. Charles Hillyer for all other trades.

The first services were held in the basement, and for a time the attendance was fairly satisfactory. In 1891, however, differences arose between the incumbent and the congregation which dampened the interest and prevented progress with the church building, many temporarily leaving the church and declining to contribute to its funds, and it was not until the fortunate appointment of the Rev. L. Norman Tucker, M.A., to the charge in 1893 that the congregation became again united and new life was instilled among its members.

An arrangement was entered into with the Sun Life Insurance to borrow, redeemable by a sinking fund extending over a period of 20 years, the sum of \$18,000, and in order to enable this to be properly carried out and the building of the superstructure proceeded with, it was resolved at a special vestry meeting held on February 12th, 1894, Rev. L. Norman Tucker in the chair, "That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that Christ Church should become incorporated," the result being that "The Christ Church Building Company, Limited Liability," was incorporated under the Companies Act, 1890, with a capital of \$60,000.00, in 600 shares of \$100.00, of which \$10,000.00 was to be fully paid up and \$50,000.00 ordinary stock," the first trustees of the company being Messrs. E. P. Davis, D. B. Charleson, J. W. McFarland, A. E. Beck and F. Buscombe, and the trustees of the parish appointed at the Easter vestry meeting, March 25th, 1894, were Wm. Skene and W. F. Salsbury.

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From that time onwards the work of the Church has continued to increase until the seating capacity is taxed to the utmost, and the Sunday School can barely accommodate the large attendance of scholars.

In 1895, at the instigation of Mr. Wm. Downie, a committee was formed to collect subscriptions for the purchase of an organ, and so nobly did they carry out their work that the splendid organ was duly installed at a cost of \$3,151.50, entirely paid up.

In 1900 the work of the Church had so much increased, that at the Easter vestry meeting of April 16th it was resolved that the Rector be empowered to secure the services of a Curate, and a happy selection was made in Rev. Henry L. Roy, who entered upon his duties in January, 1901, and has done very much to help along the good work, particularly in his untiring exertions to guide and assist the boys and youths of the parish.

It was with very great regret that in the fall of 1902 the congregation learned, owing to the appointment of late Rector (now Doctor Tucker) to the important charge of General Secretary of the Canadian Church Missionary Society, that their connection as pastor and people must cease, but they follow him in his great work with much interest and look with pleasure to his recurring visits to Vancouver.

During the vacancy in the Rectorate, too much cannot be said of the able manner in which Rev. Mr. Roy conducted the whole work of the Church almost unaided. Throughout her progress the Church has been fortunate in having many staunch and loyal officers and adherents who have nobly done their part, and again as the Rectorate is held by a clergyman true and solid to those principles in support of which it was founded—the Rev. C. C. Owen—Christ Church will continue as in the past, under the Divine blessing, to do its portion of God's work in Vancouver.

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Before the hills in order stood,
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From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the Same.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
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