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FREDERICA, GEORGIA

St. James' Parish

St. Simon's Island, Georgia



A C O M M E M O R A T I O N

One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Anniversary

June 29, 1870

Program



First Session,

May 12.

"From the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"
I Came to the Dawn

CELEBRATED

THE BOUNTY OF CALIFORNIA

ADDRESS BY

Reverend Messrs F. A. Brown, G. B. Whiting, and E. E. Wright

May 13

"O May Breeze, Thy Mission High Fulfilling"

EXAMINE

AND

THE BOUNTY OF ATLANTA

A. OPERATIONS

RECESSIONAL,

May 14

"Useless Things of This are Spoken"

Recess

Luncheon

Open-Air Meeting Under the Oaks
Baker School, Pasadena

HISTORY OF THE FAIRIES
BY THE AUTHOR

SIXTY ADVENTURES

May 15

"Must Be the Ye Olden Days"

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All Society

These notes are put together in the effort to preserve, in some more permanent form, the records of this, the second oldest parish in the Diocese of Maine.

As to the farther part, little attempt has been made to enlarge on the material already in hand; that being deemed sufficient, in the main, to give a connected, if brief, view of the work done in this place. Some new material has, however, been secured, and woven into the narrative in places where its relevance indicated the need of a fuller statement.

The records referred to were found in the archives of the Diocese, and in the register of the parish, Vol. II.

The modesty of the late rector left the period covered by his incumbency (1879 to 1898), as meager in detail that it has been necessary to fill in very largely in order to get any idea of the things accomplished during that eventful epoch. This has been a grateful duty to the writer, especially that he was, from 1884 to 1898, closely associated with the late rector in his parochial and missionary work, more so during much of that time than any other priest.

This narrative contains little, for the most part, to interest the general public; but the Island was the seat of much of the culture and refinement, as well as of large agricultural activities, of the post-Revolution period, and the interest of these earlier inhabitants centered in the little church nestling here among the trees; and as the descendants of these people still figure in the Church work of the Diocese it was felt that this anniversary would do some good in recounting the things done of old, and in giving an opportunity for reunion between those whose homes were out here, and us who remain.

But there was a better motive back of these, which was deemed a sufficient apology for it all; and that was to seek to recall to the new workers in this old Diocese of Georgia the benefits of which they have been, and will continue to be, the recipients, through the consecration and generosity of the late rector of this parish, the Reverend Anson Green Phelps Dodge, Jr., S. T. D.

THE RECTOR

History

of

Christ Church, Frederica, Ga.

The history of the Church on St. Simon's Island is, in its earliest period, closely interwoven with that of the colony itself; for from the very beginning of the settlement of Georgia the services of the Church were maintained among the colonists by public authority as one of the chief agencies for the common welfare. As to the status of these services at that time, Oglethorpe says: "The change in the people since the arrival of the mission is very visible, with respect to the increased industry, love, and charity."

It should be kept in mind that this Church was, at the first, a part of the missionary work of Christ Church, Savannah, and was served, when there was no clergyman-in-charge, by rectors from that parish. Parish boards were, indeed, established as early as 1738, but it was a full fifty years later before the parish was really incorporated. Hence it is, and contrary to the general opinion, that the first five ministers of this Church were missionaries, appointed by either the Bishop of London, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, or the Colonial Trustees in whom the appointment vested. There were five such missionaries, afterwards were rectors, making a total of fourteen officially placed clergymen to date.

The narrative therefore easily resolves itself into three periods: The Mission; The Parish Organized; The Parish Reorganized.

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First Period

The Mission

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Jan. Charles Bolog. 1738

The first foundation of the town of Frederica, the very name of which is now little more than a memory, was laid by General Oglethorpe on the fifteenth day of February,

1738, and our Church life dates from the same day, when all of the colonists joined in Evening Prayer.

The first clergyman was the Rev. Charles Wesley, a devoted Priest of the Church of England, who came with Oglethorpe as his private chaplain and secretary, but when at chapel, took full charge of the mission work of the place and garrison. He at once began the daily services, and a morning prayer-meeting, which all alike, whether military or civilian, were compelled to attend, being summoned thereto by the drums of the soldiers.

Almost the first building within the walls was not intended in part as a chapel--its use is now covered by the waters of the Frederica River. This building was of "tabby," or tabby as it is now called, a combination of lime, sand, and oyster shells, mixed with water, and laid while thus plastic, in courses about a foot deep, between boards, the boards being removed as soon as the tabby was hard enough to begin another course.

This combination storehouse and chapel was 12 x 20 feet; the cellar and lower floor being used as storehouse, and the upper for a chapel. As long as the soldiers were stationed at Frederica, the chaplain of the regiment or other minister officiated in this building, and the services of the Church were kept up with regularity.

For a time all things seemed to move smoothly for the young Priest, Mr. Wesley, but his vigorous shepherding led at length to a rebellion on the part of the flock. False charges were brought against the chaplain, and the General, who at first believed them, made his life a burden. The proof of Mr. Wesley's entire innocence led, at length, to a reconciliation between the General and himself; but we cannot wonder that, lying desperately ill on the bare ground, and almost uncared for, the glimmer of colonial life for him faded away. He concluded that his work was over, and in July of the same year he sailed for England, never to return.

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Rev. John Wesley

During the following sixteen months, the Island was given services occasionally by the still more devoted John Wesley, rector of Christ Church, Savannah, from which place he made his way on foot, trusting for the crossing of the larger rivers to the passing canoes of the friendly Indians. The fact of these visits to Frederica has been



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Second Period

The Period Beginning, 1828

In 1790, the various small settlements left the Island for new homes on the mainland, and were succeeded, after some years, by about a dozen well-to-do indigo planters. It was not long, however, before these planters abandoned the cultivation of indigo for the newly introduced cotton plant, which promised better returns for their labor; and in a short while there were twelve large plantations on the Island, the owners being mostly Church people.

After their plans for the cultivation of cotton had been perfected, and feeling the need of having religious services established among them, these planters, with the other people of the Island in sympathy with them, created themselves a parish by the election of wardens and vestrymen; and in commemoration of the aid received from the mother Church, in Savannah, called themselves the "Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Frederica."

Under this title, they petitioned the Legislature for a grant of land on which to build a church, and which was, by its rental, to assist in the Church's support. In response to this appeal, the Legislature, on December 22, 1808, duly incorporated the parish, and granted to the Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church, Frederica, and their successors in office, all that land around the town of Frederica, called the "Garden Lots," comprising 100 acres, with three lots within the town. This land was rented to planters, and the proceeds paid aside for the erection of a new church; services meanwhile being held in a tabby building back of what is now (1910) the Anson Dodge Home for Orphan Boys, and later in a building near the Cross Roads, one mile east of the church. In this Act, William Page and Robert Grant were named as wardens, and Joseph Turner, John Cooper, James Hamilton, Ramon Demere, Jr., and George Abbott as vestrymen.

That altar is still in practical use, the "seams" of the old "communion table" being let into that of the new altar, also its legs support the "credence table," or stand on which the elements are laid before being "placed" on the altar.

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During the year 1826, the parish received visiting ministrants from the Rev. T. C. Elliott, of South Carolina.

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Rev. E. B. D. Motte

1828 to 1829

In 1828, the Rev. Mr. Motte, of Maine, took charge of the parish, finding only two or three communicants; but he admitted a dozen more during the next two years, at the end of which time he resigned.

During his rectoryship, the "glide lands" were re-surveyed and found to be of quite large extent, being rented for \$250.00 a year.

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Rev. T. B. Bowen

1830 to 1840

In 1830, Bishop Bowen, of South Carolina, ordained Mr. Barton to the diaconate, and placed him at Frederica as rector.

In 1831, the convention of the Diocese met for the first time in this church; the delegates from the Island being W. W. Hazard, Esq., Thos. B. King, Esq., and Dr. Thos. F. Hazard.

In 1832, new books were presented to the parish, and among of these, in Mr. Barton's own hand, we have a list of the communicants then resident on the Island: 11 Church people, and 3 Presbyterians (Reg., Vol. II, p. 276).

In 1836, there was held in this parish a Centennial of its Church life. At this meeting, there were interesting ceremonies, and an address by Mr. Thomas Spalding.

In 1837, the convention of the Diocese met for the second time in this church; the delegates at this time being

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"The war made many changes in the population of the Island. Within two years after the close of the war, but just as free white families, formerly residents here, returned. The ghosts of those thus leaving have been still but dimly.

The Church building was occupied by the Federal troops during the war, and to a great extent destroyed. The altar was used, apparently, for a coal black, and was broken in pieces, the organ burned, and the windows broken out. This last act of wanton destruction was the seat of decay of the whole structure.

"The maintenance of the parish was lost by the failure of the Savannah Bank, and the people were too poor to collect their own church, or to support their own Priest; so that the work seemed ruined. Mr. Brown did, indeed, endeavor to revive it after the war, holding at the same time the parishes of Brunswick and St. David's; but in 1868 he abandoned the struggle, and left all these parishes vacant.

"As before, in 1793, so now, a century later, the Island depended for occasional services upon the kindness of others, and many of the clergy gave their help willingly. Among others, should be named Rev. Messrs. Coley, Fiskerton, Brown, and Lucas, of Brunswick, and Rev. Samuel Benedict, D. D., of Newmarket. But great as was the blessing of the services to those dead in the Faith, we cannot wonder that many of the colored people were led astray thereby, and fell away to the Baptist body, to which most of their fellow-Savannah belonged. So great was this defection, that but one of the communicants of that race remained. In 1873, there were on the Island some twenty white communicants, and the then Bishop of Georgia, Dr. May, I. W. Deane, D. D., appointed Messrs. Horace A. Gould and A. G. P. Dodge, Jr., lay readers. Services were kept up by them, and the legal life of the parish maintained by the election of new wardens and vestry on the call of the surviving members of the vestry of 1866."

This statement of Mr. Dodge, in the paragraph above, is a mislead one, and gives us but a very meagre and untrue account of the fact that is here about was due the restoration of this well-nigh dead and buried parish—but of this, later.

It is with pleasure that the writer can add a few lines to show that the spirit of devotion was still alive in a few earnest Christians. Immediately after the close of the war, and on his return to the Island, Church services were resumed by the last member of the old vestry still resident here, Mr. Horace Bush Gould. He read Evening Prayer

even leader in his own home, unless when persons
were also attending. This he kept up till 1871, when he
introduced this privilege to his son, Horace Adams Gould,
who continued to act as voluntary lay reader till he was duly
ordained to serve officially some four years later. Mr. H.
Gould changed the place of holding the service to the
old church, and in behalf of a better vehicle, making the
arrangement with such as would attend.

This service Mr. Gould continued till about 1880, when
he passed away. The church continued till about 1880, when
it moved from the Island, but he is again, and has been
in some part, the lay reader of the parish, visiting the
parish when necessary, on his occasional visits to the
Island.

The surviving members of the society of 1846, referred
to above, were Messrs. William A. Conger and Horace B.
Gould, the latter only being in residence, and it was on the
basis of their vote that the continuance of parochial life was
affirmed by the election of a new corporate body for the
parish, in 1879.



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Third Period

Period: August 1997 - 1998

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Mr. Dodge was a man of remarkably personality, open, unassuming, and many attainments. He seemed to absorb knowledge without arduous study. A man of an unusually wide range of reading, he could give as well as called for, accurate information on a variety of subjects, with which one would little expect to find a man of his years conversant.

As the time he consecrated himself to the Church, he had seen the world from the standpoint of a worthy man's son, and knew well the consecration he made when he gave his life to the Church in Canada. That life beautifully illustrated the motto of devotion that possessed him. Bishop Barlow once said of Mr. Dodge, while yet a very young Priest, that in him was the making of a great man, and this expectation was being realized year by year, when death overtook him, but to glorify God as the reward of his life-work became the ransom of Mr. Dodge's life. The writer has seen, somewhere, a cross that with its upon its western side of Mr. Dodge's ideals and work. Without being con-

Rev. J. R. P. Dodge, Jr., D. D. D.

1884 to 1888

On June 11, 1884, Mr. Dodge became pastor, having been duly elected to such, and ordained Deacon to that end by Bishop Doane, in May of the same year.

December 8, 1885, at an election held pursuant to a call of the vestry of 1878, and of the vote received at that of 1886, and in accordance with the Act of 1883, Malcom P. King and William A. Gould were elected wardens, and W. C. Taylor, W. H. Goswam, W. A. Foster, J. D. Gould, and H. Engel, vestrymen for the ensuing year.

On January 11, 1885, the vestry was made Priest in St. Mark's Church, New York, by Bishop Doane, and on the Feast of the Epiphany of the next year the church was consecrated. The following account is from the Church Press of that year:

"A specially interesting service was held on St. Peter's Island, Ga., on the Feast of the Epiphany. The Bishops of the Diocese, His Rev. J. W. Doane, D. D., Bishops Thomas Hume, H. E. Lucas, Henry Holly, W. A. D. Hapton, H. B. Smart-Martin, Dr. William Wren, and the pastor of the parish, Rev. A. G. P. Dodge, Jr., met in the vestry-room of Christ Church, Frederica, whence, after singing, they marched in procession to the main entrance, where they were received by the warden and vestry. Entering the church in due order, the service of consecration was begun by the antiphonal rendering of the appointed Psalms. At the proper place, Morning Prayer was read by Revs. H. E. Lucas and Henry Holly, Rev. Mr. Maybin reading the lessons. The Bishop was seated in the Communion Office by the Rev. D. W. Wren, who read the Epistle, the pastor reading the Gospel. Rev. Thomas Hume, Dean of the Convocation of Savannah, preached the service. The post-Communion was read by the Rev. H. B. Smart-Martin, the Bishop pronouncing the benediction. The church edifice consecrated on this occasion is a perfect little gem, situated in a grove of venerable and majestic live oaks, and surrounded by God's acre, in which rest the remains of generations of many of those present at the service. Under the wide-spreading branches of one of these monarchs of the woods, in the old Colonial Days, the famous barbers, John and Charles Walker, stood and created by the same officers,



MR. JOHN W. BROWN, D. D.
SECOND VICE-CHANCELLOR OF HARVARD

Recently sold as the flag was before the memorable
barrage of that year, the church was crowded with worship-
ers, among whom were several who were present at the
consecration, forty-three years before, of the former edifice,
which was removed that the present building might be
erected upon the former site, and upon the old foundations.

From Brunswick and Darus, in chartered steamers,
came numerous friends, and all felt that it was good to be
there. The solemn services and the happy occasion will
long be remembered by all, and never will it be forgotten
by the pastor of the parish, to whose devotion, zeal, and
unflagging efforts this island parish, and the Diocese are
indebted, under God, to the achievement of so happy a
consecration.—Late Rev.

The building referred to, charmingly placed among oaks,
pines, cedars, and firs, is cruciform, with vaulted roof,
and entire chancel, the latter backed by sacristy and ves-
try-room. In addition to the chancel windows is the Rev.
Dr. Matthews, and the very handsome west window in the
late pastor, donated by his mother, and his friend, Mr. James
L. Foster, there are many others: Hon. Thomas Fisher
King and his wife, Anna Matilda Page; Ellen Ada P.
Dodge; Thomas Fisher King, Jr.; Captain Henry Lord Page
King and Capt. Mallory Page King; Horner B. Gould and
Wilson Cammell; Deborah Adams Gould; Conner Wilby;
Rebecca Holmes Dungenbush; Walter William Page and
his wife Hannah Timmons; and William East Dodge.

There are three moral tablets. The first, in the south
sanctuary, is as follows:

To the glory of
GOD,

And in living memory of
Ellen Ada Phelps Dodge
Beloved Wife of

Rev. A. G. P. Dodge, Jr.
Born February 24, 1862
Died November 19, 1883
At Allahabad, India.

To her, under God, is
Due the rebuilding and
Endowment of this
Church.

And the rest is given!

The other tablets are to the memory of Mr. Dodge, and of his wife, Anna Deborah Gould Dodge, who, in 1880, a chapel for the convenience of a winter visit, was erected on the beach, and consecrated; but when

on the destruction of the larger hotel, and the shifting of the summer population, its utility was no longer apparent, it was in 1886 taken down and the furniture, with much of the fabric, used to complete a chapel near Brunswick—

In 1884, a chapel for the use of the Colored people was consecrated near St. Simons Mills, under the name of St.

In 1886, a terrible cyclonic storm struck the Island, demolish-

ing this chapel, but by the blessing of God, and the ever-
active action of the Colored people and friends without the
island, it was rebuilt, in much better style; and consecrated
by Bishop Nelson, assisted by the rectors and the
Rev. F. M. Mann and E. H. Butler, Colored clergymen.

This has, for a long time, been the center of Colored
work, and has been a great help to the community. The
Church has appealed to many of the best among the Colored
people, and they have taken hold of it with devotion. The
rendering of the services of the Church by this congrega-
tion is a constant source of delight to the rectors. The
work is under the immediate care of the Rev. G. E. Jack-
son, Deacon, while the rectors visit it regularly for the Cele-
bration of the Holy Communion and week-day services.

By the same storm, the private chapel of Mr. S. G.
Dodge, at St. Simons Mills, was badly wrecked. This
gentleman restored and improved the chapel, and gave it to
the Diocese under the name of St. James', and in memory
of his late wife Emma Dodge. On January 18, 1887, it was
consecrated by Bishop Nelson, assisted by the rectors, and
Rev. Messrs. D. Toss Beatty and D. Watson Wynn.

On May 21, 1890, Mr. Dodge was married to Anna
Deborah Gould, of this Island; and they both, in 1895,
after the death of their only son, established in his memory
the Anna Dodge Home for Orphan Boys, at Frederick.

During the fifteen years past, this Home has been a
blessing to many boys, who would otherwise have had little
chance to make a start in the world. Some half-dozen of
these boys are at college doing excellent work, and showing
themselves a credit to their Home at Frederick; while sev-
eral have left school and are doing well in special vocations.

Besides his work as rector of this parish, Mr. Dodge

say, the sector would not give up all active work, but would keep doing what he could.

In August following, he was taken with fever, with complications, and notwithstanding that he realized every question possibly, he continued to the fever on the twentieth of the month, to the undimmed vision of his people and of the community at large, respected and loved by all, and loved by those who knew him best, and were able to appreciate the sterling qualities, the noble nature and the loving heart that went to make up the personality of the man.

It is characteristic of Mr. Dodge that death found him prepared. He had some time before, planned the cemetery, having, during, and maintaining every spare possible, and making a complete record of the same in a book kept for the purpose. He had his business affairs in order, his will of the will, and when his eyes were closed, the friends in attendance had only to take down a small ornamental basket hanging from the bookcase, to find every detail of the funeral written out. He desired to be buried by the Rev. Messrs. Linn, Mann, or Stuart-Morris, as the witnesses of any one of the three, in order, could be had. All of these were present at the funeral, on the twenty-seventh of August, as were also Rev. Messrs. Harry Canal, of Camden, E. A. Osborne, chaplain United States Army, and L. C. Clark, St. John's, Brunswick.

So closed the earthly career of one who leaves his indelible mark upon the State of his adoption, the Church to whose service he was dedicated at his birth, and the people for whom he labored so lovingly and so well.

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Rev. F. Wilson Hale

1858

Rev. D. W. Wilson became pastor, August 25, without further action of the society, as per the terms of his call, and the next day a new minute-book of the society was opened, Vol. III, the older one being about blank. The original minute-book of the society was lost when the residence of Rev. Mr. Brown, then pastor, was burned, over at St. David's. The book in the hands of the society

in 1880, and in January 18, 1890. On May 1, 1893, a large
ice storm was experienced, and the contents of the
ice house, then being very poorly housed, were spoiled, and
the contents of the parish might be always at hand,
as the ice house being placed in the ice.

In October 1, 1898, a violent violent storm of wind and
rain struck the island, coming from the northwest, and
blowing from that quarter. It lasted up the water of the
bay, and it came over the bluff, rising nearly eight feet above
the high water mark, while it reached nearly ten feet on
the west side. The center of the storm passing, the wind
blew an interval of some fifteen minutes, came from the
opposite quarter, and the waters receded nearly as rapidly
as they had arisen. There was only one death (on Long
Island) from this storm, but scores of cottages were
damaged. The chapel of the Transfiguration was thrown
down its pillars, and injured, but was afterwards repaired,
and later, as has been told, removed to another place. The
ages and losses were a total loss.

About 1898, the Hiltz-Dodge Lumber Company
purchased the use of the large saw mills at Hamilton, the
Superintendent's and one other Church family only remaining
all early in 1900, the Church, by this, being largely
a membership.

When the present pastor assumed charge of the parish,
the vestry announced that for various reasons it was best
to hold service at Christ Church only twice a month. It is
a pleasure to state that on these two Sundays the attendance
at church usually represents very nearly the whole popula-
tion of the island.

By this plan, the pastor, following established pre-
cedent, is enabled to do a considerable amount of mission
work for the Bishop, elsewhere in the Diocese, and without
material detriment to his work in the parish, saving for each
week the alternate Sundays.

There is little worth reporting for the past year
past; except to say that the parish keeps up its interest in
missions. Knowing that the "necessity of love is the
mark of mission," it knows also that the test of vital
Christianity is the necessity of making mission work as it
handles of love, a vital element of its organic Church life.
Since 1879, the parish has not only never failed to send in
its full quota for Diocesan Missions, but has also, since
the introduction of the plan of "Annuityment for General
Missions," invariably paid in the full amount appropriated;

with from 1880 to 1900, when it had as many members as
now, it had never less than 25 per cent., and several
times 50 per cent. more than was asked. Not only so, but
the children of the parish seem to consider it a pleasure
to do so. For years past, they have sent in the
"children's offering" annually \$25.00, and this year, with
children more than doubled the number of children, they
sent out the same sum total.

The pastor is not ashamed to boast in this matter; he
is simply saying what these little ones of the Master would
well boast of saying for themselves; they consider such
an offering devotion just part of their Church membership.

The pastor must also be permitted to say here, that
as soon as the children of the parish has been enlisted,
taught and encouraged by their day and Sunday-school
teachers, who while of another Christian following give
an excellent service to the development in these children
of all that is Churchly and Christlike; while the boys from
the towns have learned this same lesson from their teachers.

The present statistics of the parish are of no account
as this narrative; they may be seen in the journals of the
Church; but some valuable data are to be found in the
Appendix.

The pastor, in conclusion, desires to thank the vestry
for their co-operation in the past, and an increased interest
in the present; the congregation, for a courtesy he
deems indicative of confidence and affection, and which
is his recompense and joy; his visiting friends and guests
for their presence and assistance in making this
sanctuary a real home; and some of our fellow workers.

Appendix

I

Chapman in Charge

Missionaries

- Rev. Charles Wesley, 1736.
- Rev. George Whitefield, 1737-38.
- Rev. William Austin, 1740-41.
- Rev. Samuel Rittenhouse, 1743-44.
- Rev. Bartholomew Ziegenhagen, 1746-48.

Pastors

- Rev. _____, 1747, 1749-50.
- Rev. Edmund Matthews, D. D., 1750-57.
- Rev. T. R. W. Mott, 1758-60.
- Rev. T. R. Mott, 1760-61.
- Rev. Edward T. Walker, 1762-64.
- Rev. Edmund P. Brown, 1764-68.
- Rev. Henry E. Lucas, 1768-69.
- Rev. A. G. P. Dodge, Jr., S. T. D., 1769-70.
- Rev. D. Watson Wynn, 1770-1771.

1771-1776

II

Lay Readers

- Mr. Horace H. Gould, 1876-77.
- Mr. Horace A. Gould, 1877-78.
- Mr. A. G. P. Dodge, Jr., 1878-80.
- Mr. J. C. Chapman, 1880.
- Mr. Frank A. Bock, 1880-81.
- Mr. W. C. Taylor, 1881-82.
- Mr. J. D. Gould, 1882-83.
- Mr. R. F. Mott, 1883-84.

Rectory

The Old Church

1838.

Wardens—Messrs. William Page, Robert Grant.

Vestry—Messrs. Joseph Turner, John Croxon, James Hamilton, John Dewart, George Adams.

1841.

Wardens—Messrs. John Cooper, James Gould.

Vestry—Messrs. James F. Gould, Fred Dewart, John Croxon, W. A. Cooper, H. B. Gould.

1851.

Wardens—Messrs. Thos. B. King, William W. Haines.

Vestry—Messrs. William A. Cooper, James F. Gould, H. B. Gould.

1856.

Vestry—Messrs. William A. Cooper, Howard B. Gould.

The New Church

Wardens

Mr. Harvey B. Gould, 1858.

Mr. Malvey P. King, 1874-86.

Mr. Horace A. Gould, 1886.

Mr. W. C. Taylor, 1888-1910.

Rev. D. W. Wren, 1888-91.

Mr. J. O. Gould, 1895-1911.

Youngmen

- Mr. A. W. Smith, 1874.
- Mr. H. A. Gould, 1874.
- Mr. R. C. Sutton, 1874.
- Mr. W. C. Taylor, 1874-87.
- Mr. W. H. Holmes, 1879 and 1880-82.
- Mr. W. A. Folger, 1882.
- Mr. H. Rogers, 1883-85.
- Mr. W. H. George, 1885-86.
- Mr. J. D. Gould, 1887-89.
- Mr. J. E. Young, 1888.
- Mr. H. B. Robinson, 1889-92.
- Mr. D. F. Harrison, 1890-98.
- Mr. J. L. Foster, 1890-1891.
- Mr. C. G. Bennett, 1891-1910.
- Mr. D. Phelps, 1892-1912.
- Mr. J. Foster, 1892-98.
- Mr. J. H. Whinnier, 1893-98.
- Mr. J. A. Foster, 1893-98.
- Mr. W. H. Shadwin, 1894-98.
- Mr. C. W. Taylor, 1895.
- Mr. C. E. Brown, 1895.

J. A. Brown 1892-1910

delegates to the Division Conference, From the Old Church.

It was so largely the custom in the early days of the Church in this country, to send only wardens or vestrymen to represent the parish in conference, that in the following list of delegates of the Old Church, from 1831 to 1867, the last two named are almost sure to have been wardens, and the last one a vestryman.

1831

Wardens—Wm. W. Hazard, Esq., Thos. H. King, Esq.
Vestryman—Dr. Thos. F. Hazard

1835

Warden—Mr. James Hamilton Cooper.
Vestryman—Mr. Charles Peabody (not met).

1837

Warden—Mr. W. W. Hazard, Mr. James Gould.
Vestryman—Mr. John Frazer

1838

Wardens—Mr. James Gould, Mr. W. W. Hazard.
Vestryman—Mr. John Frazer

1840

Wardens—Mr. James H. Cooper, Mr. W. W. Hazard.
Vestryman—Mr. John Denison

1842

Wardens—Mr. Charles Grant, Mr. James F. Gould.

1844

Wardens—Mr. Charles Grant, Mr. John Denison.
Vestryman—Mr. Paul Denison

1845

Warden—Mr. Charles Grant.

1847

Wardens—Hon. Thos. Butler King, Mr. John Denison.
Vestryman—Mr. W. W. Hazard.

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The Journals of the Convention contain the names of the delegates from this parish since 1879; while the Minute Books of the parish have a complete list of Wardens and Vestrymen since 1880.

Parish Papers

The following are among the important papers, belonging to the parish, and are kept in a safe provided for that purpose, received from the late rectory:

1. Rector's account of all tithing that has passed through his hands.
2. Parish Registers, three.
3. Minute Books of the Vestry, three.
4. Trust Deed of Fredericka Fund, No. 1.
5. Trust Deed of Fredericka Fund, No. 2.
6. Trust Deed of Fredericka Fund, No. 3.
7. Trust Deed of Georgia Mission Fund.
8. Trust Deed of Arthur Dodge House.
9. Will of Rev. A. Q. P. Dodge, Jr.
10. List of real estate of the parish.
11. List of the property covered by insurance.
12. Schedule of contributions of individuals under the Georgia Mission Fund.
13. Copies of all reports made to Diocesan Conventions for twelve years past.
14. Sunday papers of historical interest to the parish.

Endowment Fund

This Fund is held by the Corporation under three separate Heads of Trust.

First: Dated February 1, 1880, is for _____ \$ 2,742.50

Income from this part is, first, for "Weyman's Salary," and "next" "to be used for Repairs, Maintenance and Improvement of Church, Parsonage, and Church-yard."

Second: Dated February 28, 1880, is for _____ \$50,111.00

Income from this part is for "Weyman's Salary." The whole first funds are, strictly parts of this general end.

Third: Dated September 2, 1887, is for _____ \$ 5,000.00

Income from this part is "1-12 for Weyman's Salary, 8-12 for Repairs and Improvements, and 10-12 for Colored work."

\$ 77,853.50

Thus, the amount now invested in this fund has, at these dates, been coming from donations, and upon \$24,000.00.

Thus, the original amount was \$74,000.00, but by the jumping in value of 1880 and the "General Fund" of \$1,250.00—these sums of the old income with some accumulation, it has grown under the Corporation to its present figure.

Thus, from 1880 to 1887 the amount invested in the First fund for "Weyman and Treasurer" and about \$10,000.00, and this sum was disbursed by the Church through the "General Fund," as entitled, but also that the money has been used for "repairs and maintenance" under this first, and for "repairs, maintenance and improvement of Church, parsonage, and church-yard," under the last fund, out of the sum income of this fund coming.

Thus, the latter amount took charge of the Colored work, and employed assistants to work under him: one of them as he paid for one "George Thomas Field," and this plan has been pursued to the present.

Thus, the money was paid, going to numerous ministers, members of large sects, mostly members of the total masses of Protestant Fund but some were without feeling; but which have a strong on the service of the people of several thousands of dollars, but the officers of the Corporation are doing all they can to correct this difficulty.

