

1885-1905

PARISH ANNIVERSARY

and

OPENING SERVICES IN NEW CHURCH

Last Services in the Old Church

Oct. 1
15th Sunday
after Trinity

- 10.30 A.M. Holy Communion and Sermon.
- 12 M. Sunday School.
- 4 P.M. Confirmation Talk.
- 5 P.M. Evening Prayer and Address.

First Services in the New Church.

Oct 8
16th Sunday
after Trinity

- 8 A.M. Holy Communion.
- 10.30 A.M. Holy Communion. Benediction of Memorials and Gifts. Address by the Rector. Sermon by Rev. Chas. Morris Addison, Rector of St. John's, Stamford, first Minister of this parish.
- 12.30 P.M. Service for the Sunday School and children of the parish. Infant Baptism. Address by Rev. Carlton P. Mills, Field Secretary of the Sunday School Union, first Assistant Minister of this parish.
- 4 P.M. Confirmation Talk.
- 5 P.M. Evening Prayer. Town Service. Addressed by Rev. D. Augustine Newton, Pastor of the Congregational Church, and Rev. Wm. I. Lawrance, Pastor of the Unitarian Church.

Oct. 10
Tuesday

- 2.30 P.M. Meeting of Woman's Guild (founded 1882) at the Rector's house. Historical address by the Assistant Secretary.

Notes.

The first weeks in October will constitute anniversary days for the parish, marked most importantly of all by the first services in the new church. It is the hope of Rector and Vestry that the people will universally observe these days, attending services and meetings, and making all else, as far as possible, secondary to this celebration. It is a time of remembrance and thanksgiving in which every man, woman and child in the parish ought to share to the full.

There will be an opportunity for Infant Baptism the first Sunday in the new church, Oct. 8, and it is expected that at the service that day at 12.30 o'clock, the new font will be used for the first time.

Confirmation talks will be given Sept. 24, Oct 1 and 8, Sunday afternoons at 4 P. M.—the first two in the old church, and the last one in the new church. It is felt that this will prove, on the whole, the most convenient hour. The Rector will arrange other hours, however, during the week, to meet the convenience of those requesting other times for conference. The Confirmation Service will be Sunday, Oct. 15, at 10.30 A.M.

Sanford Ames, having won the Choir Medal six times, has received the silver replica awarded in such cases. This is the first time the silver medal has been given.

The Rev. Mr. Beekman of Trinity, Woburn, who has been in charge of the services during the summer months, has responded to various special calls, and has won the esteem and gratitude of our people. The parish makes this acknowledgement of the helpful ministrations of the minister of our neighbor parish.

The Epiphany Circle and the Choir Guild will not resume their regular meetings until November.

The Committee on Men's Meetings is arranging for a meeting of the men of the parish early this fall. The chairman of this Committee is Mr. H. T. Dickson, who will welcome suggestions as to plans for the coming season.

The parish is most fortunate in that gifts and memorials have been so many, and have contributed so richly to making the new church ready for worship. These include the Altar, Font, Pulpit, Lectern, Choir Stalls, Rector's Stall, Litany Desk, Tiled floor of the Sanctuary, Communion Rail, Chancel Screen, Alms Basin, Bibles for Lectern, the tracery and glass of East Window. A memorial window is to be placed over the north door. For these we are grateful.

The parish is fortunate, too, in the opportunities that remain for gifts that shall make our church still more beautiful and better adapted for worship. Such opportunities are a pledge, as it were, of growth and devotion; they insure a vital fabric, so that the parish church shall become a living presence for years and generations. By these opportunities for addition is not meant a Rectory which may come some day, nor a Parish House which is so pressing and immediate a need. It is rather those things that concern the church itself, and not merely such large possibilities as a Tower or Side Chapel or Baptistery, but a Reredos, or Rood-Beam, additional windows of stained glass, certain carvings in the stone, books for the chancel, embroideries, etc.

The disposal of the movable furnishings of the old church has been carefully considered. In general, it may be said that all that can be of service are to be carefully preserved in the new church, and that other things, such as the Pulpit and the Font, have been offered to the diocese for the benefit of any mission which may care to accept them.

Applications for sittings in the new church may be made to the Wardens.

The new organ which is being built will be ready and in place, it is expected, at Christmas.

The Committee of the Vestry to which was referred the problem of Sunday School accommodations has made its report, and its recommendation has been adopted. In accordance with this, the Sunday School will hold its sessions at 12. 15 P.M. in Waterfield Hall, with the exception of the Kindergarten and primary classes which will meet in the new Choir room.

There will be a Children's service in the church once a month in place of the regular Sunday School.

At the opening Services October 8 and October 15 the seats of pew-holder will be reserved until 10.25 A. M.