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ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL CELEBRATES ITS 140TH ANNIVERSARY TO-MORROW.

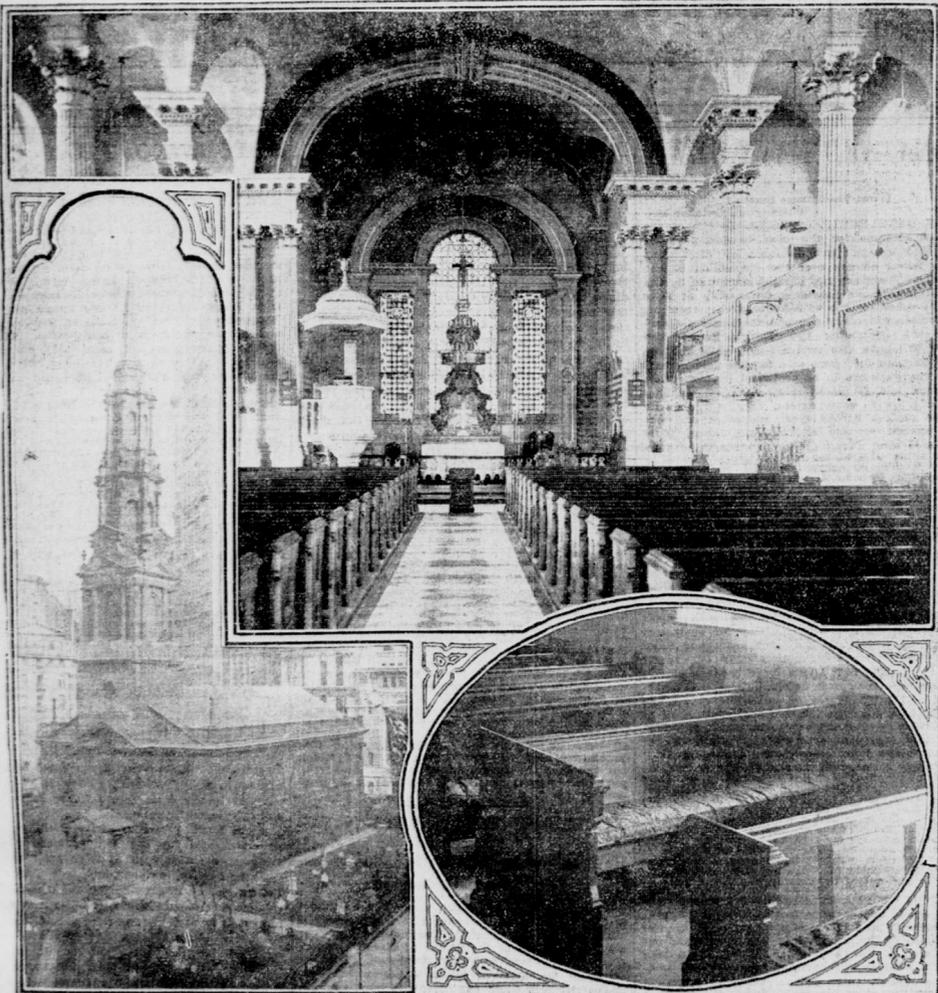
The 140th anniversary of St. Paul's Chapel, at Broadway and Vesey street, will be celebrated, beginning to-morrow and extending through the week. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7:30 and 10:30 o'clock to-morrow morning and at 10:30 o'clock the Rev. W. Montague Gear, the vicar of St. Paul's, will deliver an historical sermon. There will be the usual evening service and sermon at 8 o'clock. Tuesday will be anniversary day. At noon on that day there will be a special hymn service, with an address by the Rev. William T. Manning, assistant rector of Trinity Parish. At 8 p. m. there will be a reception to members of the congregation.

BAYSIDE CELEBRATION.

Methodists Observe "Crystal Wedding" There To-morrow.

The Bayside Methodist Episcopal Church will begin the celebration of its "crystal wedding" to-morrow, the exercises lasting for a week. An interesting moment surrounds the sounding board over St. Paul's pulpit, said to be the only ante-revolutionary relic still in its original place in this city. When the patriots destroyed the mother country the coat of arms of the Prince of Wales on the summit of this board escaped notice, and it is there to-day.

INTERIOR OF ST. PAUL'S.



ST. PAUL'S, FROM FULFON STREET.

WASHINGTON'S PEW IN ST. PAUL'S.

In this city, it is to be laid to-day. The church is to be 112 by 72 feet.

The same old building is standing to-day, speaking eloquently to bustling New York of a past age, when City Hall Park was a wheat field. It is the only church building in the city still standing on its original site.

Among the building committee for the old church were Joseph Beach, Elias Desbrosses and Andrew Barclay, whose names to-day are preserved in familiar streets. A Scotchman named McBean was the architect. The building was praised by critics of those days as one of the most beautiful ecclesiastical structures in the country.

The church was opened on October 30, 1766. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Samuel Anshmutz, described as "rector of Trinity Church and chaplain to the Right Hon. William, Earl of Stirling." At the dedication were the Mayor, Whitehead Hicks, General Gage and the Governor, Sir Henry Moore.

The church was then beyond the city limits, and the churchyard sloped in unbroken green to the banks of the Hudson. The vestry was criticised at the time as a "visionary set of men who had put so large and ornate a building in a place so remote and sequestered, so difficult of access, and to which the population could never extend."

Among the original pewholders of St. Paul's were Thomas Barclay, the first British Consul here, a monument to whose memory may be seen to-day in the north wall of the chancel. Other names in the pew book recognized to-day are Haght, Laroque, Edward Bacon, Beckman, Mildeberger, Waterbury, Rhineland, Pell, Mosler, Stuyvesant, Suydam, McLeod, Jones, Oeden, McVicar, Journey, Schuyler, Kip, Blackwell, Lorillard, Dunscomb, Bell, Lawrence, Talman, Wolfe, Kinman, Huelet, Conliff, Goelt, Stewart, Purdy, Carberry, Elmendorf, Swords, Somersynde, Cotwell, Gehard and Kirby.

In April, 1776, when Washington came to command the American forces here, Lord Sterling forbade his old chaplain, Dr. Auchmutz, to read the prayers for the King, and the loyalist rector closed the church. When Lord Howe captured the city in September, part of it including Trinity Church, was burned, and St. Paul's narrowly escaped. Soon after the church was reopened General Washington attended church at St. Paul's regularly, from 1789 to 1791, and his pew is one of the sights of the city to-day.

In 1830, though the city had a population of nearly 200,000, the best families still lived away downtown and attended the old church. The seats were sold, leased or transferred by owners or estates once in six years, or were released by former holders.

In 1864 Trinity Church had bought in or had released to it by owners every seat. On October 28, 29 and 30, 1866, St. Paul's celebrated its centennial anniversary. The Rev. Dr. Dix, rector of Trinity Parish, delivered an interesting address. One interesting thing recalled by him was the gigantic elm at Vesey and Church streets, immortalized by Morris in "Woodman, Spare That Tree." It was cut down to extend the vestry offices.

Another service of unusual interest was the

Church became the Bay-side Methodist Episcopal Church, the cornerstone of which was laid September 12, 1891. This was under the pastorate of the Rev. J. C. Gillette, the first pastor, with the following as trustees: Henry Clay Weeks, Frank W. Shapter, Alfred W. Clark, John Sinclair and Isaac M. Forbell; and the building committee consisted of Richard M. Bell, John H. Story, John Sinclair, Isaac M. Forbell and Henry C. Weeks. Frank W. Shapter was the first superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school. It was not until January, 1892, that the lower portion of the structure was ready for the holding of services. Here the congregation worshipped for over two years and a half, partly under the pastorate of the Rev. J. C. Gillette, the Rev. W. W. T. Duncan and the Rev. Arthur Crossley; and on September 17, 1893, the superstructure was opened for public worship, although the interior had not been completed.

UNION METHODISTS IN CONFERENCE.

The general conference of the Union American Methodist Episcopal Church, now in session in the Metropolitan Union Methodist Episcopal Church, in East 85th street, near Second avenue, has brought to this city the bishops, general officers and prominent churchmen of the denomination from all parts of the country. The first church of the Union American Methodist Episcopal denomination was established in Wilmington, Del., in 1803, by Peter Spencher, and was the first church to be established in America, organized and controlled entirely by Negroes.

The senior Bishop of the connection at the present time is the Right Rev. James C. Wilmore, of Canada, who has been a worker in the Church for more than fifty years, twenty-eight of them as Bishop.

TESTIMONIAL FOR FATHER DUCEY.

A testimonial performance of uncommon proportions was decided on Thursday at the meeting of theatrical managers in the Prince George Hotel with regard to a celebration by the profession of the silver jubilee of Father Thomas Ducey's pastorate at St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church in 28th street. The following managers were either present or represented at the meeting: Charles Frohman, Henry Savage, A. L. Erlanger, William Harris, Marc Klaw, George C. Tyler, Joseph Brooks, A. W. Dingwall, Charles B. Dillingham, Henry B. Harris, Lou Fields, Joseph Weber, Wagenhals & Kemper, B. F. Keith, Al Hayman, James K. Hackett, William A. Brady, F. P. Proctor, Alf Hayman, Tony Pastor, Frank McKee, Professor Williams, D. J. Hennessy, J. Wesley Rosenquest, Harry C. Miner, Jules Herzig, Walter Lawrence and William Hammarstein. E. G. Gilmore sent word that the Academy of Music was at the disposal of the committee of managers.

BIG SEABURY CONFERENCE.

Society to Gather Laymen Here from Many Cities.

A Seabury conference is to be held in this city on Saturday, November 17. Laymen are expected from Boston, Springfield, New Haven, Brooklyn, Newark, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Buffalo, and there have been invited eight or ten preachers.

The conference will consider, it is expected, the subject of volunteer lay work, and how its growth may be promoted; a form of organization or federation, by which co-operation of lay workers may be secured, and summer and other conferences for the inspiration of workers and the spreading of information concerning things that laymen may wisely undertake. The conference itself will last one day only, but other meetings have been planned in connection with it. The detailed programme is as follows: Friday evening, November 16, at the home of Dr. H. B. Schenck, No. 75 Halsey street, Brooklyn, there will be a joint meeting of New York and Brooklyn men to frame a report to be presented to the conference next day. The conference on Saturday, November 17, will begin with holy communion in Grace chantry. Archdeacon Nelson will be the preacher. On Sunday, November 18, there will be addresses by visiting laymen at St. Margaret's Church, The Bronx, which was the first parish to grow out of church extension work by New York laymen now in the Seabury Society, at the Edward Clark Club house, Elizabeth, N. J., and perhaps elsewhere. On Monday, November 19, at 12:20 noon, Jacob Gould Schurman, LL. D., president of Cornell University, will speak in Trinity Church on "Conscience and Business." This meeting is arranged by the Seabury Society and is especially for men. Trinity Parish is co-operating with the Seabury Society to the extent of offering facilities for some downtown meetings for men during November. These meetings are to be held in St. Paul's parish hall, and in Trinity Church.

The disadvantages of a union movement were soon apparent, and on April 19, 1891, the Union

HADLEY MEMORIAL TABLET.

Unveiled at Celebration of 140th Anniversary of John Street Church.

The 140th anniversary of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, "the Old John Street Church," will be celebrated to-morrow. At the services the Hadley memorial tablet will be unveiled, and presented by the McAuley Mission trustees to the John Street Church by John S. Huyler. There will be special music by the Hadley Quartet.

S. W. Bowne will preside at the services. John H. Wyburn, superintendent of the old Jerry McAuley Mission, in Water street, and John Callahan, superintendent of the Hadley Rescue Mission, in the Bowers, will speak regarding their work.

Following is the full programme: 9:30 a. m.—Love feast and members' reunion. F. Gilbert, leader. 10:45 a. m.—Sermon by the Rev. Dr. W. V. Kelley, Editor of "The Methodist Review."

2:30 p. m.—Rescue Mission service and unveiling of S. H. Hadley memorial tablet, S. W. Bowne presiding. 6:45 p. m.—Epworth League meeting, W. B. Patterson, leader. 7:45 p. m.—Sermon by the Rev. Dr. M. B. Chapman, of Boston University.

GENERAL ITEMS OF THE WEEK.

City Mission Day will be observed in the St. James Methodist Episcopal Church to-morrow morning. The Rev. Dr. F. Mason North, secretary of the New York Extension and Missions Society, will preach. In the evening there will be a musical service by the quartet and vested choir.

Beginning Monday an evening lecture course on the subject of "Investments," designed for bankers, brokers, bond dealers, investors, managers and clerks, will be given at the West Side Young Men's Christian Association, No. 318 West 57th street. The lectures will be given on each Monday evening, extending through until April. All the lectures of the regular course will be delivered by John Moody, Editor of "Moody's Manual."

Dr. R. S. MacArthur will preach at Calvary Baptist Church to-morrow morning on "Man's Capacity for God," and at 8 o'clock "The Golden Rule," the eighth discourse in his new series of "Quick Truths in Quaint Texts." The special music appropriate to these topics, to be rendered by the Calvary choir, vested solo quartet and a large chorus of one hundred voices under the direction of Professor Bowman, will include Gounod's "Sing, Praises Unto the Lord," "Hallelujahs," "Come, Let Us Worship," "Tours' 'The Pillars of the Earth' and Bennett's "In a Spirit of Praise." Bessie Bowman-Lacey will sing "O Rest in the Lord" ("Elijah"), and Theodore Martin, "If with All Your Hearts" ("Elijah"), Mendelssohn. At the

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