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The Altar Guild was asked to take on an additional duty of cleaning the church and taking care of the lamps, — as economical steps had again become necessary, and the electric lights were to be cut off temporarily, and the kerosene lamps again put into use.

By the year 1900 many beautiful memorial and thanksgiving gifts were given to All Saints' Church. To mention a few, — the Altar and Cross were lovingly made by parishioner Mr. Augustus Frenz. This Altar, now 90 years old, is still in use in the Church School. The Altar Rail was given to us by Saint Peter's Church, Brooklyn. The first Baptismal Font was a gift from the Sunday School children in memory of the Rev. Sykes' son Richard.

The Eagle Lectern and red Altar hangings (Dossal) were a memorial gift from Mrs Ivan. The beautiful brass lectern was for many years considered by some of our parishioners to be a "graven image, — a breaking of the second commandment," instead of the symbolism of the Word of God carried to all corners of the earth on the "wings of an eagle". One group of Altar Guild ladies refused to have anything to do with it, — neither dusting nor polishing it!

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From 1907 to 1909 the Reverend William Mulford was Priest-in-charge of All Saints' Church.

On January 3, 1907 a wonderful gift was given to the church when Mrs. Mary Bell, widow of Dr. Christopher Bell, had her attorney-at-law hand over to the Trustees of the Mission the bond and mortgage, thus cancelling the \$2600.00 still owed to her. What a day of rejoicing, for the Mission was now free from debt, and could start saving toward the building of the rectory.

All Saints' Church is Consecrated

During the Octave of All Saints' Day, November 6, 1907, the Rt. Rev. John Scarborough came to consecrate All Saints' Episcopal Church, Scotch Plains. The church records inform us that it was a very stormy day, and about 70 persons were present. The Rev. Dean E.M. Rodman of Grace Church, Plainfield, preached the sermon. The Rev. William M. Mulford was the Priest-in-charge. After the Consecration Service, all present were invited to the Fanwood Fire House Hall for a luncheon served by the ladies of the church. Speeches were made by the Bishop, and visiting clergymen. These were: — the Rev. E. W. Stephenson, Dr. Cooper, Dean Rodman, — and the Rev. Messrs. A.S. Peck, H. H. Sleeper, W.H. Nielson, H.C. Rush, Henry Blockleck, F. W. Kiriven, A.S. Phelps, F. F. Swezey, F. B. Carter, and William Lewis.

From 1910 to 1911 a Seminarian, — Mr. Edward Gabler, Lay-Reader, conducted services here. In 1913, the Rev. Edward Gabler was our Priest-in-charge.

From 1911 to 1912, the Reverend Barton S. Levering came once a month to conduct worship services and to preach a sermon.

WORLD WAR I, 1914-1918

During World War I our parish suffered many more "ups and downs" but managed to keep going with assistance, when needed, from local priests and from clergymen coming in from the Dioceses of New York and even one from Pennsylvania on weekends to conduct our Sunday services. By this time some of our parishioners were baptised Christians brought up in other denominations, but all were welcomed and allowed to receive Holy Communion whether or not they were confirmed Episcopalians.

From 1914 to 1916, the Rev. Oscar Stuart Michael, canonically resident in the Diocese of Pennsylvania, came weekends to be our Priest-in-charge. From 1917 to 1919 a Rev. John Verdojia, a Presbyterian minister from Westfield, conducted the Sunday service and also assisted by paying parish visits one day a week. In Lent of 1917 the Rev. J. A. Smith of Westfield held mid-week services. On June 27, 1919, the Rev. Dr. W. F. Prince conducted our services.

In 1919 John Hudston Thompson became All Saints' first Lay-Reader when he received a license from the Bishop. Mr. Thompson, the son and grandson of Church of England priests, had long been of immense help to this parish as a devoted servant of his Lord. Think of any activity in the church and in