

the Sunday School, and he would be there sharing in the work.

From 1919 to 1923 our rector was the Rev. Thomas Houghton Burke.

In 1923 the Rev. George Trowbridge Gruman accepted our call to be rector of All Saints', with our promise to provide a rectory as soon as possible. Father Gruman received permission from the Bishop and the Vestry to wear ecclesiastical vestments at the Holy Communion, and was the first rector to wear them at All Saints', Scotch Plains.

In 1923, Mr. Denniston Bell gave to All Saints' a parcel of land adjoining the church property, — on which to build its rectory.

In November of 1923, All Saints' Church was admitted into Union with the Convention of the Diocese of New Jersey.

The 50th Anniversary of All Saints' was observed on November 4, 1923 with Fr. Gruman celebrating the Holy Eucharist, and giving a historical sermon.

1923 was an "up" year for All Saints' Church, — a year of Thanksgiving, — for there was now enough money in the Rectory Fund to start building the rectory, and land on which to build it! The architect and builder was Mr. Walter E. Sands of Fanwood. The house was of frame construction, and colonial design, and stood about where the Guild Room is now located. The members of the Vestry at this time were: — Wardens Samuel B. Thompson, Jr., and F.E. Bremner, and Vestrymen George Chambers, Herbert Austin, George Draper, Clifford Hall, Robert McPherson, and Clarence Twaddell.

In 1924 All Saints' received its church bell, — a memorial gift from Mrs. Burton P. Hall and her son Clifford, in memory of Mr. Hall. The bell was made by the Chester Meneely Bell Foundry, Troy, N. Y., — its weight, 300 lbs., — its tone, E Natural. It was blessed and swung into place during the octave of All Saints', and still summons us to divine worship.

The Rev. George T. Gruman resigned in the year 1929, and in the same year the Rev. C. Montgomery Budlong became rector of All Saints'. There are still a number of parishioners in our parish who remember one or both of these devoted priests. One of them, Mrs. Robert (Mary) Havlicek, (and her twin sister Emily), were baptised by Father Gruman. Her father, Luke Pandick, who helped our parish in many ways, — had developed close spiritual ties with him. Mr. Pandick died in 1969, and Fr. Gruman attended his funeral. The Pandick family are still in touch with the Rev. George T. Gruman, who is now the Dean of Sacred Studies of the Cathedral School, Garden City, N. Y., in the diocese of Long Island.

The Rev. C. Montgomery Budlong resigned in the year 1931. From 1931 to 1932 we were again without a rector, and the Rev. Fr. Smith of St. Paul's Westfield, the Rev. August Ahrens, Rector Emeritus from All Saints', Millington, and Lay-Reader Mr. J.H. Thompson conducted the services that year.

Father Ahrens and his wife Amelia, moved into the parish in 1929. He died in 1935. Mrs. Ahrens, an expert in Liturgical sewing, built up a goodly supply of Altar linens for the parish, some of which are still in use. She was Secretary of Altar Guild and The Afternoon Guild for 36 years. She also served as a Sunday School teacher, and taught an adult Bible class. On June 1, 1965 Mrs. Ahrens became a resident of the House of the Good Shepherd which is now located in Hackettstown, N.J. Mrs. Ahrens passed on into eternal life June 17, 1972 in her 100th year. Fr. Nelson and Bishop Roth of the Newark Diocese officiated at her Requiem here.

The Rev. William F. Bassill came to us from St. Paul's Church, Owatonna, Michigan. His pastorate was the longest in the history of our church. He came in September, 1932 and left in 1952. Much was accomplished during the twenty years of his leadership.

In 1936, Mr. Torrens J.W. Kynes became our Organist and Choirmaster. On January 18, 1936 a Boys' Choir was organized by him. The charter members were: — Arthur M. Gray, James H. Gray, Floyd Garrison, Frank Kavanaugh, Robert Rau, William Seal, Kenneth Kessler, Robert Campbell, Kenneth Harris, Robert Orr, Charles Green, Edwin Stephens, Thomas Kearns, Richard Hoffmann, Andrew Loeffler, Jack Todd, Herbert Buckley, Arthur Fleishman, Robert Fleishman, William Winship,