

sider the subject, the call so made by the church, was cordially and with practical unanimity endorsed by the Parish, there being only three dissenting votes.

After consultation with the trustees, and after receiving from each member of the Board his personal assurance that he would stand by, help, aid and assist, with Prayers and work, and with a full knowledge of the direful condition, spiritual and financial, which surrounded the task before him, the Reverend James H. Parks accepted the call which he had received, and entered upon the arduous work before him, on the second week of January, 1883.

Of a truth, the labor was great, but seemed to be to the new pastor a labor of love as well, and success seemed to crown his efforts at the very beginning.

His organizing talent and executive ability, reinforced by remarkable energy, inspired all around him with kindred vitality and strength of purpose. Where fear and despair had so lately held their paralyzing sway, faith re-asserted herself. Hope arose to newness of life, courage once more filled and fired all hearts; and very soon under their wise and careful leader, every one was a willing, cheerful co-worker for the redemption of the old church from her bondage of debt.

Methods were adopted to meet the accruing interest on the mortgage debt, provision was made for the current expenses of the Church, and a brave and successful attack was planned and carried into effect too for the reduction of the principal of the mortgage debt.