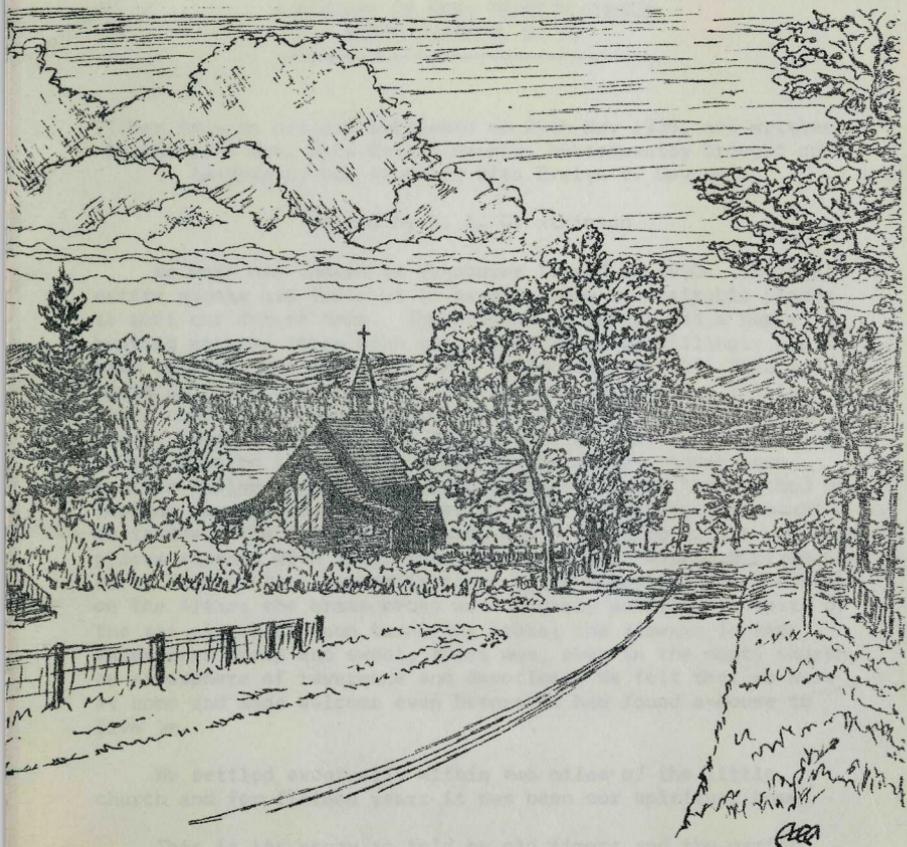


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(Taken from an article published on 29th May 1935, and written by the late Mrs. Mary Mayall Gwynne, subsequently brought up-to-date by her daughter Miss Evelyn V. Gwynne).

Edited by A. L. C. Atkinson

We were new comers to Vancouver Island in 1920. The real estate agents had taken us in hand to show us desirable places to make our future home. The Saanich Peninsula was a happy hunting ground; there were many spots where we willingly would have settled, the difficulty was to decide - which? Time and again in these house-hunting expeditions we passed a little white church. It was ideally situated at the junction of two roads, overlooking Patricia Bay, a part of lovely, almost land locked Saanich Inlet. The walls of the little church were weather-stained and rather shabby, nevertheless it attracted us and one day we asked our driver to stop the car that we might go inside. The interior was very plain and simple, the walls in places stained with damp, but there was clear evidence of loving care; it was clean and neat; there was a beautiful red frontal on the Altar; the brass cross was brightly polished in spite of the sea air which soon tarnishes brass; the flowers in the vases were fresh and sweet; there was, even in the empty church, an atmosphere of reverence and devotion. We felt that we were at home and made welcome even before we had found a house to live in.

We settled eventually within two miles of the little church and for fifteen years it has been our spiritual home.

This is its story as told by old timers and the parish registers.

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The Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity is a daughter church of Saint Stephen's, South Saanich*. On 24th February 1859 the Rev. George Hills was consecrated by the Archbishop of

* now Central Saanich

Canterbury becoming the first Bishop of British Columbia, thus linking the age-old Mother Church in England with the new born infant on the Pacific Coast. St. Stephen's, South Saanich, built in 1862, is the oldest church on Vancouver Island.

In those early days farms and homesteads were widely scattered and roads through the forest very scarce, very rough, and in bad weather almost impassable. Families were growing up and the pioneers of North Saanich felt keenly the need of a church of their own, and of religious teaching for their children. Moreover God has revealed Himself in the glorious beauty and rich fertility of this Island and man's heart instinctively responds "Hallowed be Thy Name".

The names associated with the movement to build a church here are: Mills, Downey, Colins, Ker, Brethour, Brackman, Roberts, Horth and McIlmoyl, all of whom are still represented by sons, daughters and grandchildren in the district today.

Mr. Mills gave the land upon which the church and churchyard are situated, an ideal spot overlooking the Inlet towards snow capped mountains in the interior of the Island, Mt. Arrowsmith, Tzouhalem and others.

Mr. Downey and Mr. Walter Collins canvassed the district for subscriptions; Rev. G. W. Taylor collected some gifts from England; Bishop Hills gave a generous personal contribution of \$200.00. In all about \$1,000.00 was collected.

The lumber for the building was obtained from Genoa Bay. The difficulty of transporting it all the way to Patricia Bay was solved by using a raft made by an English sailor, Charles Wales, then living at Deep Cove. He rowed it across the Inlet, crossing from side to side in order to take advantage of tides and currents. It was a task of several days, for there were no tugs in those days. He propelled his raft with long oars or "sweeps". The people living on the coast cooked food and took it out to him by boat.

All the preliminary work - clearing the land, making foundations, hauling sand and stones, bringing the lumber up from the shore - was done by voluntary labour of men in the settlement. The contract for the actual building of the church, without the bell tower, was given to T. B. Shaw, builder of St. Stephen's and several other churches on Vancouver Island.

June 27th 1885 was the greatest day, probably the happiest day in the history of North Saanich.

The Bishop of British Columbia consecrated and dedicated the newly built church giving it the name of "The Holy and Undivided Trinity".

Everybody in the country assembled that lovely June day, to give thanks for the success that had crowned their efforts, to "Rejoice in that they offered willingly to the Lord".

The service of Consecration was followed immediately by a Celebration of the Holy Communion; there were twenty-seven communicants. Other priests present were the Rev. A. Beanlands, Rev. G. W. Taylor, Rev. W. W. Malachi and the Rev. W. H. Gregory.

Following the service they had a picnic. Cloths were laid on the grass, kettles boiled over camp fires, and hampers of good things unpacked. In the sparsely settled country, neighbours in those days could seldom meet and an occasion such as this was a real pleasure. Surely that was an ideal "holy-day".

North and South Saanich at this time constituted one parish. The Rev. W. H. Gregory, Vicar of St. Stephen's, served both churches. Holy Trinity seems to have been favoured, for it had an almost unbroken record of services held on Sunday mornings for the next four years. Mr. Gregory suffered from very bad eyesight, and before he left became quite blind. With his wife's help he learned his way about the Sanctuary - so many steps from the vestry door to the Altar, so many again from the Altar to the pulpit. His churchwardens, Mr. David Ker and Mr. Collins, and later Mr. John McIlmoyl, read the lessons.

On Easter Day 1889 the new bell was rung for the first time. A bell tower had been erected to hold it. At the Vestry Meeting of the same day, the Churchwardens announced that the sum of \$65.00 was still owing on the tower account, whereupon the deficiency was promptly made good. Mr. Brackman subscribed \$20.00 and several others present gave him \$5.00 to \$10.00 each. It was with such keen interest and warmhearted generosity that these pioneers loved their church.

At Easter 1890 the Rev. G. F. Christmas was appointed Vicar of North and South Saanich and he gave eleven years of faithful service. Mr. Christmas was a keen sportsman and naturalist, also a clever taxidermist. He had a fine bass voice and helped a great deal with the musical part of the services. It is remembered of him that he used to walk six miles each way to hold the services at the two churches, enjoyable no doubt in fine weather, but there must have been very many times in the winter when the weather was bad and the roads almost impassable. Yet there are few gaps in the records of services held until 1893, which seems to have been an exceptionally severe winter for Vancouver Island. There were no services held at Holy Trinity from January 15th to March 5th in that year - seven weeks - owing to roads being blocked with snow.

About this time the window of tinted glass was placed in the east end of the church, the cost being defrayed by the generosity of Mr. Brackman. He was also the giver of a set of Communion plate, which is of interest on account of its unusual size and shape. It consists of a Flagon; a Paten the size of a dinner plate (now used as an alms dish); and a large shallow vessel presumably used as a Chalice (more recently it has been learned that this vessel was designed for a bread dish to hold the loaf from which was to be cut the amount required).

The Rev. F. H. Wimberley followed Mr. Christmas, coming in October 1901, ministering in the parish for five apparently very uneventful years.

The organ in use now was purchased from Mr. Le Poer Trench. It had been made specially to Mr. Trench's order with unusual arrangements of stops. By the time it was finished he had decided to have a pipe organ installed in his home. The wardens and committee gladly took the opportunity to buy it for the church. In 1903 the women of the congregation organized a bazaar to raise the money to pay for it. Mrs. Critchley was organist. She was transported every Sunday from Sidney by Mr. Imrie with his horse and buggy. She played for the services at Holy Trinity for the following nine or ten years and then carried on as organist at St. Andrew's, Sidney, for twenty years more, surely a record of faithful and loving devotion in the Master's Service.

The Rev. J. W. Flinton began his work in the parish in 1906. In the following year there is the first mention of a Sunday School; Mrs. White-Birch was the first to undertake this important work. During the later years of Mr. Flinton's incumbency, the name of Mr. W. A. Williams, lay reader, is associated with his. Mr. Williams read the services on alternate Sundays.

Since the building of Holy Trinity Church at Patricia Bay, the town of Sidney had come into being. The Sidney Lumber Mill and the Sidney Rubber Roofing Co. had been built there. Stores, Post Office, Bank and School followed and most of the people in North Saanich now lived in or near Sidney, consequently the need for a church on that side of the peninsula was felt. St. Andrew's was built in 1910.

With two churches in North Saanich it seemed that the time had come to divide the Parish of North and South Saanich. On July 2nd 1912, a joint meeting of the wardens and committees of Holy Trinity and St. Andrew's was convened by the Ven. Arch-deacon Scriven at which he announced that the Bishop of British Columbia, having received a petition from the parishioners, approved the constitution of a separate Parish of North Saanich.

Mr. Flinton was asked to stay as first vicar of the newly constituted parish, but he had also been asked to go to a church in Victoria, and decided that it was better for him to do so.

The Rev. T. C. DesBarres, Colney Rectory, Norwich, came in October 1912. A house was bought by him in Sidney, which was afterwards purchased for the parish. The site for a Rectory had been given by Mr. Mills when he gave the land in the first place for Holy Trinity Church but when Mr. Des Barres came, by far the greater number of church people lived in Sidney, and the village seemed to be the logical place for the rectory at that time.

On the third Sunday of each month Mr. Des Barres went across to James Island to give the people living there an Evening Service.

On October 16th 1912, the "Ladies' Guild of Holy Trinity Church" was formed. The first meeting was held in the vestry, ten ladies being present. Miss Des Barres, the vicar's sister, was elected President; Miss Houghton, Secretary; Mrs. George Clark, Treasurer. The work of this guild through the following years has been invaluable. They have kept the church clean and tidy, cared for the Altar linen and flowers, and have given from time to time most of the church furnishings at present in use. Besides all this, the Guild has raised considerable sums of money towards the purchase of the Rectory; for repairs and tuning of the organ; for painting the outside and calsomining the inside walls; for Sunday School expenses; in fact, when any financial help was needed it was always the Guild to whom the churchwardens turned.

The Sunday School was organized at this time with Mr. A. Calvert as Superintendent assisted by two other teachers. There were thirteen children at the commencement, the number varying considerably, both up and down, in succeeding years.

In 1916 the new Mission Hall - now known as St. Augustine's Hall - was built at Deep Cove. There, all church meetings, sales of work, and other social events have been held ever since.*

* Applicable in 1935 when this was written.

Services are held there once a month. It has always been a most useful centre for Sunday School work for children who live several miles northwards from the church.

It was owing to the influence and personal interest of the Vicar and Mrs. Des Barres that a branch of the Women's Auxiliary to the M.S.C.C. was formed in April 1917. But the war years were strenuous and difficult for everybody and the little Church of the Holy Trinity was feeling the strain of bad times. Many of her people were away overseas, and only a faithful few remained to keep things going. The Guild had to put forth its best efforts to meet its obligations at home, and at Holy Trinity the W. A. work for a time lapsed. The St. Andrew's Sidney Branch held on bravely even through the lean war years, owing entirely to the courage and perseverance of its President, dear faithful Mrs. Critchley. But the seed planted at Holy Trinity by Mrs. Des Barres grew again. The post war years brought many newcomers to North Saanich; new parishioners, new life and interest in church activities. The Holy Trinity Branch of the W. A. was re-organized at a meeting at which there were five life members present, one a Dominion life member, one from Rupertsland, one from Ottawa and two from British Columbia Diocese. Some others of the old workers of the W. A. were also present and the Branch became flourishing again.

In 1919 Mr. and Mrs. Des Barres went back to England. The Rev. W. Barton, a padre recently returned from overseas, was appointed vicar of North Saanich and Sidney. But our war-padre's health was badly broken. The two years of his incumbency were sadly interfered with by weeks of suffering and illness. In 1921 he retired.

Bishop Schofield then appointed the Rev. J. W. Storey, an Irishman with a fluent tongue. Perhaps the congregations were bigger during Mr. Storey's time than at any other time - people enjoy an eloquent preacher. His stay with us was very short; after one year he went to take up some work in England.

In June 1922 we welcomed as our new Rector the Rev. T. M. Hughes: "Rector" advisedly, instead of "Vicar", for about this time the parish became self-supporting. The Rector's stipend was given entirely by the parishioners and no longer in part from the Diocesan Mission Fund. Mr. Hughes was well known in the parish already, for he had taken three months duty here previously in 1919. As he is still here we won't say all we think and feel about him. But it is a lot!

The newcomers after the war brought in fresh enthusiasm and interest in church affairs. The building of Holy Trinity had become weather-beaten and shabby during the bad times. Suggestions for re-painting and repairing were already afoot and now became possible of fulfilment. In the Spring of 1921 the chancel was entirely renovated; the vestry door was moved to make more room; the Altar raised by three steps leading up to it; the lower part of the walls was panelled and a year or so later the upper part was lined with gyproc and stencilled in blue and gold. The outside of the church was also repaired. The roof had originally been made without eaves, consequently the heavy winter rains poured down, washing away the paint and rotting the woodwork. Now the roof was mended, eaves added to it, thus protecting the walls and adding very much to the appearance of the edifice. Later the walls were overlaid with shingles and stained brown, the casings round the doors and windows painted black and white. The East Window had been given by Mr. Brackman in 1893. In 1927 all the other windows in the church were changed, the plain glass being replaced by tinted glass. Each window is a memorial presented by the family of someone who had loved Holy Trinity Church, and had worshipped there; an oak tablet bearing the name is placed on the sill of each window.

For a country church, Holy Trinity is remarkably well furnished and almost everything in it is an interesting witness of the personal love which it represents. The faldstool bears the inscription on a brass tablet "To the Glory of God in Commemoration of the Blessing of Peace 1919". This faldstool

was presented by the Ladies' Guild of Holy Trinity Church. The Paten in use at every celebration bears the initials "E. M. W. April 19th 1918 and W. T. W. July 5th 1918 in France." It was given as a memorial of two sons of parishioners who laid down their lives in the war. The Chalice, Cruets and Bread Box and the Altar candlesticks were all personal gifts. The oak lectern and prayer desk were made locally by the Layard brothers. The pulpit, made by them, was a gift from Miss Lattey. The beautiful red Altar frontal, given by Mr. and Mrs. Bradley-Dyne in early days, and the only one in use for many years, is still used at Passiontide, Whitsuntide and the Festivals of Martyrs. It is supplemented now by equally beautiful frontals for other seasons - a white and gold one for Festivals, a green one for Epiphany and Trinity seasons and a violet one for Advent and Lent. These were obtained through the kindness of friends in England. The Font in present use was formerly in use in St. James' Church, Victoria.

The pictures of Christ Blessing the Children, and of The Good Shepherd, were given by the Sunday School children. A former president of the W. A. saw that the fair linen that had been in use for many years was wearing out. At an Agricultural Fair held in the district, she noticed the beautiful embroidery exhibited in the Women's Section and wondered if this talent could be utilized for the church. The Evening Branch of the W. A. accepted the suggestion and two complete sets consisting of fair linen, cloth, corporal veil, pall and purificators, were made for Holy Trinity and St. Andrew's Churches. They are beautifully done - a labour of love "mete for the Master's Service". (A List of Gifts, as complete as it is possible to make it, is included in Appendix "A").

And this year, 1935, we celebrate our Fiftieth Anniversary - our Jubilee. "Other men have laboured and we have entered into their labours"; how may we best show forth our thankfulness and praise?

The population of North Saanich has greatly increased in these fifty years, but the congregation of Holy Trinity Church has not increased in proportion. The coming of motor cars, instead of making Church attendance easier, and therefore more general, seems rather to have made visiting and pleasure seeking the usual Sunday occupation, and tends to decrease rather than improve the number of churchgoers. Surely the best Jubilee Celebration we could make would be to DOUBLE the size of the congregation and lay the Foundation Stone of a new and much larger church.

(The foregoing was written in 1934-35 by Mrs. Mary Mayall Gwynne and published in the Sidney Review of May 29th 1935. Her daughter, Miss Evelyn V. Gwynne, gives a short account of the sources of her Mother's information and continues with notes on the history of Holy Trinity Church subsequent to that date).

During 1934 Mrs. Gwynne had been asked to try to compile a record of the early days and start of the church, before all the old pioneers had passed on. This she did by going to see them or writing when they were too far away. Among those contacted were old Mrs. Rufus Horth, wife of one of the builders of the church; Mrs. McIlmoyl, daughter of Mr. Mills who donated the land; Mr. Samuel Roberts; Mr. Elmer John's Mother; the Brethour family, who by this time were members of St. Andrew's, Sidney, but as a pioneer family, remembered the early days of the first church. (It is thought that Philip Brethour was probably the first baby baptised in Holy Trinity. Unfortunately all the records were lost in a fire in about 1940, so there are no definite records of the first births, marriages, etc.). There are a few official documents in the Synod Office, Victoria; otherwise there are no bona fide records prior to 1940.

The 1935 Anniversary. A glorious hot, still day.

Invitations to attend the 11 o'clock celebration, Trinity Sunday, and a picnic luncheon to follow, were sent to all the original members of the parish who could be located, and very many were able to attend.

In the absence of our Rector, Canon Hughes, who was away in England at the time, Rev. Robert Connell officiated at the Anniversary Celebration; Mrs. Deacon was the organist. The picnic which followed was held, appropriately, on the old Mills Farm, as was the original picnic. Miss Carlisle was living there in 1935. Unfortunately the snapshots taken by the writer were not very successful, and others do not seem to have materialized.

1945. The 60th Anniversary. The weather this time was not too good to us, as there was a very cold wind on a grey heavy day. Dr. Creal was the Rector. Archbishop Sexton came to celebrate with Canon Hughes and Canon St. John Payne assisting. Michael Creal, youngest son of the Rector, was the Cross Bearer. (A photograph of this event is framed and in the Sacristy). As the War was still in progress and some foods and gasoline were rationed, a big picnic or the like was not possible, but Archbishop and Mrs. Sexton, Canon and Mrs. Hughes, Canon Payne, Captain and Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Copithorne, Captain Gregory (who had been present at the dedication of Holy Trinity Church 60 years before), Mr. and Mrs. Witherby, Michael Creal, the Rector and Mrs. Creal, Mrs. and Miss Gwynne, all gathered after the 11 o'clock service for lunch at Ardmore Grange.

(The 82nd Anniversary is recorded in Appendix "B").

Some records of long service to Holy Trinity Church:

Rev. (now Canon) Hughes was Rector of the Parish for 14 years. Mr. Pownall and General Gwynne were his wardens, Mr. Pownall for over 15 years and General Gwynne for over ten. They were followed by Captain Gibson (until 1946), and Mr. Copithorne for 25 years when ill health made it difficult for him and he was made an honorary Warden for life.

Almost equalling the remarkable record of Mrs. Critchley, who was organist at Holy Trinity for 10 years and at St. Andrew's for a further 20 years, is Mrs. Copithorne's 25 years service as organist. Come rain or shine, heat or cold, she and her husband were always there, only illness ever keeping them away; surely a wonderful record of faithful service.

It will be seen from the following list of Clergy who have served Holy Trinity, either in the days of the Parish of North and South Saanich or the present northern parish, that three served eleven or more years.

W. H. Gregory	1885 - 1889
A. T. Beaton	1889
F. G. Christmas	1890 - 1901 (11 years)
F. H. Wimberly	1901 - 1906
J. W. Flinton	1906 - 1912
T. C. Des Barres	1912 - 1919
W. Barton	1919 - 1921
J. B. Storey	1921 - 1922
T. M. Hughes	1922 - 1936 (14 years)
T. R. Lancaster	1936 - 1941
C. Sutton	1941 - 1943
F. C. Tomlin	1943
H. H. Creal	1944 - 1946
Roy Melville	1946 - 1958 (12 years)
F. Vaughan-Birch	1959 -

Holy Trinity Church during two World Wars and two
Post-War Periods

In review it seems possible to discern a definite pattern: the war periods were times of great difficulty and struggle to keep things going, to maintain as much as possible of that which had been achieved in church life; the Post-War periods produced an up-surge of endeavour and activity due, doubtless

in part, to an increase in the number of new settlers in the district and to a change in the manner of settlement as, for instance, at Deep Cove and "Pat Bay", at Towner Park and Ardmore, from summer homes to permanent ones.

For example, in 1920 the vicar's stipend was \$1,200, of which \$600 was supposed to be raised by the parish and the remainder to be paid by the Diocesan Mission Fund. In 1922 the parish became self supporting and in another couple of years was able to increase the amount.

During Rev. Lancaster's incumbency, with Captain Gibson and Mr. Copithorne as wardens, further progress, growth and beauty were achieved in the church and in its services. Throughout this time great assistance was given to the Rector by Canon St. John Payne, who was retired in this district and a brother of Mrs. Bradley-Dyne, a great worker for the church in its earlier years.

The Wars also affected the rectorship. After the outbreak of War in 1939 our Rector left to be an Air Force Padre, and for a couple of years we had a difficult time. Mr. Sutton came to us for a short time and then went to the Army, Mr. Tomlin for a year and then to the Navy. After a few broken months Dr. Creal came to us from Regina. He was with us over two years, including our 60th Anniversary. He left to take over St. Paul's, Esquimalt, after the War and the Rev. Roy Melville, an ex-Army Padre, came to us and a fresh era began.

War Service for a priest can, and usually does, enhance his understanding of his fellow men, and his sympathy and love for them. Such undoubtedly was the case with Padre Melville (as he was affectionately known). He devoted his twelve years service in the parish firstly to gathering together the accomplishments of the past and then, by encouragement and personal example, to press forward towards a full Christian life in the church. He is remembered particularly and

gratefully at Holy Trinity for his work in the Sunday School and for his interest in young people.

His passing, while sitting at his desk with his completed parochial letter before him, on December 4th, 1958, was a great shock to all of us. And yet, while the shock has abated with the passage of time, there comes a greater realization of thankfulness for a splendid life of ministrations.

The font cover at Holy Trinity was given in 1962 by the Sunday School in memory of the Rev. Roy Melville and, commemorating the consecration of the churchyard extension in 1963, a large cross was placed there by his family in memory of the late Rector.

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In the view of the Editor of these Historical Notes, histories should stop short of contemporaries. However it is not unfitting to give assurance that the present Rector, the Rev. Canon F. Vaughan-Birch, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Kenneth King, together with the Wardens and Vestry Committee, are ever mindful of the endeavours, aspirations and accomplishments of those devout Christians whose labours of love are recorded here. That they are conscious of the necessity for continuing the advance is exemplified, for instance, in the acquisition of the Church Hall in 1960. That they are anxious to preserve the dignity and appearance of the fabric of this old church is shown in the recent (1967) renovation of the foundations and exterior, and of the churchyard fence and lychgate; at this present time the interior is also being renovated. The church of the present must be maintained suitably to house the gifts sanctified in the past and as a repository for the White Ensign which was "Laid-up" on February 28th 1965.

Tradition, too, is not forgotten, particularly the traditions of service and the raising of funds by Holy Trinity Guilds, so evident in these records. The present members of the Guilds have certainly carried forward such traditions.

Without the aid provided by the work of the Church Guild most of the accomplishments of the last decade would not have been possible. Their endeavours have been splendid, worthy of the examples of devoted service set in earlier years.

"For their work continueth,
And their work continueth,
Broad and deep continueth,
Greater than their knowing."

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APPENDIX "A"

GIFTS TO HOLY TRINITY CHURCH 1885 - 1965

(Compiled by Miss E. V. Gwynne "to the best of her knowledge").

- May 11, 1886 Lectern Bible -- Society for the Promotion
of Christian Knowledge, London, England.
- 1887 Church Bell. Given and ordered in 1887. Cast by
Clinton H. Morley, Bell Foundry, Troy, N. Y. Rung for
the first time on Easter Day.
- ~~1889~~
- 1890 First Communion Set: a Plate, Flagon and Vessel given
by Mr. Brackman. (Replaced by Mrs. Des Barres between
1912 and 1914).
- 19-- Red Frontal. Given by Mrs. Bradley-Dyne.
- 1903 First organ purchased from Mr. Le Poer Trench. Paid
for by the efforts of women of the congregation.
- 1919 Faldstool. Given by the Guild in Thanks for the
Blessings of Peace. Paten in memory of "E. M. W.
April 19th 1918 and W. T. W. July 5th 1918."
- 1921 First Candlesticks, cruets and bread box given by
General and Mrs. Gwynne.

- 1923 Oak Lectern and Prayer Desk. Made by the Layard Brothers; material supplied by congregation.
- 1924 Pulpit given by Miss Lattey, made by H. C. and A. R. Layard.
- 1925 Altar Frontals. From friends of Canon Hughes in England.
- 1927 All windows, except the East, given by families in memory of relatives.
- 1935 White and Gold Burse and Veil; woven, made and given by Mrs. Gwynne.
- 1937 Vestments donated by Canon St. John Payne.
(circa)
- 193- Font of Caen Stone. Originally given to St. James Church, Victoria - a gift from England in memory of Mrs. Hills, wife of the first Bishop of British Columbia. Given to Holy Trinity Church when St. James Church was dismantled.
- 193- Coptic Processional Cross. Given by Miss Carlisle. This Cross was brought by General Napier, leader of the British Abyssinian Expedition and given by him to the Chaplain of the expedition, the Rev. W. Fennell, uncle of Miss Carlisle, to whom he left it.
- 193- Old Bible Box, Highbacked Chair and Wardrobes now in Sacristy. Given by Mrs. A. D. Macdonald.
- 1940 Purple Pall. Made and given by Mrs. Gwynne.
- 1943 Electric light installed; given by the family of General Gwynne, in his memory.

- 1944 The Oak Altar and Riddel Posts. From the earlier Christ Church Cathedral on the Hill, Victoria, B. C.
- 1949 Electric Organ. Purchased by subscriptions from Parishioners, and given in memory of those who fell in World War II.
- 1953 New choir surplices donated by Mrs. L. H. Taylor. New kneelers bought and covered by Altar Guild.
- 1955 Lychgate. Given by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Taylor in memory of their son who was killed in World War II.
- 1957 New Altar Cross given by Colonel Medlin in memory of Helen Medlin. Addressograph for use of the Committee given by Colonel Bull. Tray for receiving Alms Dishes; in memory of Charles C. Manifold, 18th May 1957.
- 1958 Carved Reredos; made and given by Hugh Pearson of Edmonton, Alberta, in memory of Dyson Phelps. Offertory Box. Made and given by Mr. Walker Taylor.
- 1959 Violet Lectern and Pulpit Hangings; given by her daughter in memory of Mary Mayall Gwynne.
- 1960 Two Silver Alms dishes, dated 1919-1959. Given by Leonard Witherby in memory of his wife and the years they worked and worshipped together in Holy Trinity Church.
- 1962 Font cover. Given in memory of the Rev. Roy Melville by the Sunday School.
Large Chalice and Paten. Given in memory of Barbara Bull by her Father and Mother.
Hymn Board. Given by Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Trerise. Made by Mr. A. C. Privett.
October. Use of New Prayer Book commenced. The books were given as memorials and are so inscribed.

1963 Altar Book, Given in memory of his wife by Hugo Wood.

Dates of the following gifts are not known precisely:

Sanctuary chairs given by Mr. Herchmer.
Rector's chair given by the family of the late Lewis Stringer and Margaret Elizabeth Stringer, 1862 - 1944.

Chalice, a gift of the Pownell family in memory of G. F. Pownell, for many years Churchwarden.

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A photograph of the first Rector of the Parish hangs in the Sacristy, also one of the 60th Anniversary Gathering taken in the churchyard immediately following the Service.

Pictures. "Christ Blessing The Children" and "The Good Shepherd" were given by the Sunday School children in 193-. The picture of Angel Sounding Trumpet was given by Miss Carlisle; it came from Italy. "Saviour of the World" was given by Olive Macdonald; it is dated 1796.

A small reproduction of a mural in the Song School of St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, Scotland, was painted and given to the Church by Mrs. Traquair between 1889-1892.

Land adjacent, to the east of Holy Trinity Churchyard, was leased in 1960 for 21 years from the Department of Transport at a cost of \$50.00 per year. A war surplus building was bought and moved from the Airport. Plans for re-conditioning and altering the building, to make it suitable for a Church Hall and Sunday School, were drawn up by Colonel Mitchell.

APPENDIX "B"

82nd Anniversary and Thanksgiving Service. Trinity
Sunday, May 21st 1967.

This Service was conducted by the Rector, the Reverend Canon F. C. Vaughan-Birch. The late Rector's son, Mr. Terry Melville, read one of the Lessons and Gerry Tutte was the Crucifer. The choir was augmented by that of St. Andrew's, Sidney, and the combined congregations of the two sister churches, together with visitors from Victoria, Vancouver and the U. S. A., filled the church to capacity: some had to be seated in the vestry.

A reception, convened by the Guild President, Mrs. K. R. H. Roberts, was held in the Church Hall immediately after the Service.

Among those present were Mr. Philip Brethour (see History re first baptism) and Capt. W. Gregory, son of the first Vicar. These two "old-timers" cut the Birthday Cake; others present, and whose names appear in this History, were:

Canon T. M. Hughes (a former Rector) and Mrs. Hughes,
Capt. C. Gibson and Mr. J. Copithorne (former Church-
wardens),
Mrs. J. Copithorne (former Organist) and Mrs. C. Gibson,
Mrs. H. C. Layard (representing former members of the
Guild),
Miss E. Gwynne, Mrs. W. Brethour, Mrs. T. R. Lancaster
and Miss Lancaster,

also representatives of original families of 1885 were:

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Roberts, Mrs. Russell Brackman,
Mrs. Mildred Roberts, Miss Sandra Lougheed,
Mr. A. I. Dallain, Mrs. Grace Boshier, Mrs. L.
McIlmoyl Hewitt, Mrs. A. McIlmoyl Naylor.

A new Guest's and Visitor's Book was given to the Church for the occasion by Miss Rosa Matthews of Sidney in memory of Mrs. Critchley (mentioned in this History).

Greetings were brought from many church organizations, both here and in Victoria; Col. D. S. Mitchell, on behalf of the Archbishop, conveyed the greetings of the Diocesan Executive.

Altogether a very enjoyable Anniversary in the Centennial spirit of 1967.

