

Dedicated
to
The Faithful Few
Whose Fidelity, Courage and Care
Successfully Conducted
This Mission
For More Than a Generation
to
This Year of Our Lord,
1907.

The Author

History

of the

Chapel of the Epiphany,

Allendale, N. J.

For Thirty Five Years,

1872 to 1907.

Preface

TO MY READERS.

In compiling this little volume to celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of the Mission of the Epiphany, I have endeavored to state briefly true historical facts.

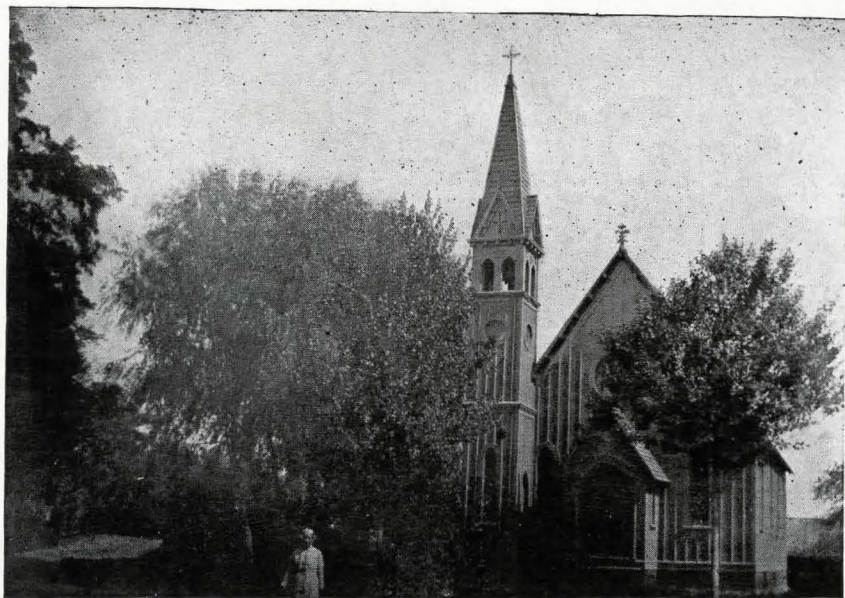
As every one who treads this earthly desert leaves his footprints in the sand, I have tried to leave a dim and imperfect footprint for those who will be seeking more knowledge along this line.

To those whose hearts and hands have planted us the root
To them belongs the blossom and the fruit.
If happily you find some smallest portion sweet,
Worthy to hold your hearts a little space,
Then will not my task be incomplete.

Allendale, New Jersey,
January 7, 1907.

GODFREY PITTIS.

Time and space, a noble philosopher has observed, are but hallucinations. Certainly the thirty-five years just past seem to those who are older to have gone like a dream. And it is gratifying to know that some of the faithful few who started this Mission are now living; and with those who have passed into eternity, we can imagine that their spirits are hovering over us.



CHAPEL IN THE WILLOWS. 1876-1894.

1872.

Epiphany season, January 7th, Mrs. Stephen Cable and her daughter organized a Sunday School in their parlors; during that year the School grew to seventy individuals.

1873.

During the summer of this year more suitable accommodations were required and an unoccupied barn belonging to John J. Zabris-
kie, opposite the residence of Mrs. Cable, was fitted up and occupied as a school room and Chapel with the name "Hope Chapel." This name was given by one of the teachers, Miss Hattie N. Southwick, and services were held by Reverend L. R. Dickinson, for the first time in Allendale, on Sunday afternoon, the 14th of September, 1873.

1874.

In this year there are recorded two dates, viz: August 30th, and September 6th, in which there were two large classes baptized. The first baptism recorded is Ida May Linkroum. During this year steps were taken to build a Chapel, Mrs. Cable giving \$50 and the ground, which is located on the east side of the brook, across the road opposite the Cable residence, facing and bordering on what are now known as Franklin Turnpike and Cottage Place. A small house now stands on the spot, the willows which partially hid the little Chapel having been cut down.

1875.

The Chapel foundation walls were built in December, 1875, after a subscription had been started and a sufficient amount raised to begin the work. When the Chapel was completed it faced on what was then known as Chapel Street.

1876.

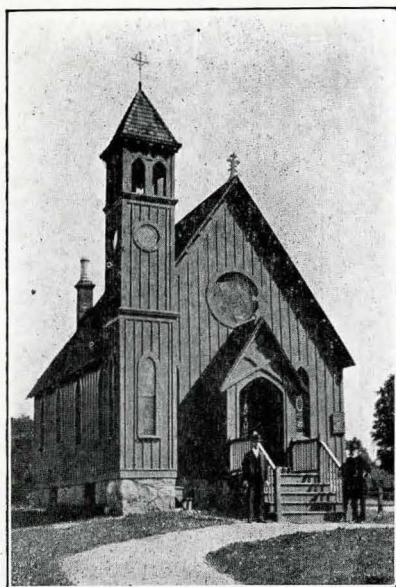
At the Epiphany Festival of this year, the fourth anniversary, it was agreed that the Mission should therefore be known as the Protestant Episcopal Mission of the Epiphany, Allendale, N. J. A contract was entered into with the Messrs. Halsted, builders at Ramsey, N. J., for the erection of the Chapel in accordance with plans furnished by F. C. Merry, architect of the City of New York. This Chapel is a building 20x30 feet, of Gothic architecture, with stained glass windows, the centre chancel window being a memorial to three children of Mrs. Reading.

The first service held in the new Chapel was on Trinity Sunday, 11th of June, 1876, in the afternoon. On the second Sunday after Trinity, June 25th, 1876, with the Right Reverend William H. Odenheimer, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of Northern New Jersey, the cornerstone was laid, making one of the most beautiful and impressive services ever known by those who worshipped in the Chapel. The Sunday School children, all in white, conducted by their teachers and officers, started from Mrs. Cable's home, where the school began, and marched from the crest of the hill down the winding driveway to the willows and the

1877.

In this year the organ was added, being given by the Chapel people at a cost of \$80. A chalice was presented by Miss Libbie S. Hawes. The inscription on the Chalice is "Chapel of the Epiphany, Allendale, N. J. Easter, 1877. A gift of love from Libbie S. Hawes."

Also is recorded the gift of the Altar by Allen M. Thomas, father of Bishop Elisha Smith Thomas of Kansas.



EPIPHANY CHURCH (Old Building).

1878.

A fund was begun for the purchase of a bell. In that year a silver paten was presented by the Infant class, with the following inscriptions:

Offering of the Infant Class,
"Buds of Promise."

Mrs. A. W. Harris, Teacher.
Chapel of the Epiphany,
Allendale, N. J.
Easter, 1878.

Theodore M. Smith,	Ethel Harris,
Robbie B. Reading,	Ida Southwick,
James Wilson,	Lizzie Ackerman,
George Wilson,	Mary Wilson,
John W. Dewar,	Maggie Shannon,
Charlie Ackerman,	Mary Goode,
Frank Linkroum,	Frank Goode,
Harry O'Blinus,	Willie Goode,
George Tours,	Willie Quackenbush,
Albert Tours,	Freddie Quackenbush
Willie Tours.	

On Tuesday, Dec. 3rd, the first marriage is recorded as having taken place in the Chapel—Miss Lizzie Arabella Bedell to Franklin Pierce Miller.

1879.

During this year the Sunday School presented to the Mission the Rector's chair, which is on the right of the Altar, bearing this inscription: "Gift of the Sunday School, A. D., 1879."

The Chapel bell which has sounded the call for worship for a quarter of a century was presented by the Infant Class with the following inscription:

Offering of the Infant Class

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Chapel of the Epiphany

Allendale, N. J.

The bell was rung for the first time on the morning of July 4, 1879 by George R. Rowland.

1880.

On Easter a beautiful brass cross was presented, bearing the following inscription: "In loving memory of Lizzie Ennita Dewar, aged 17 years. By the Sunday School of the Chapel of the Epiphany, Easter, 1880."

1881.

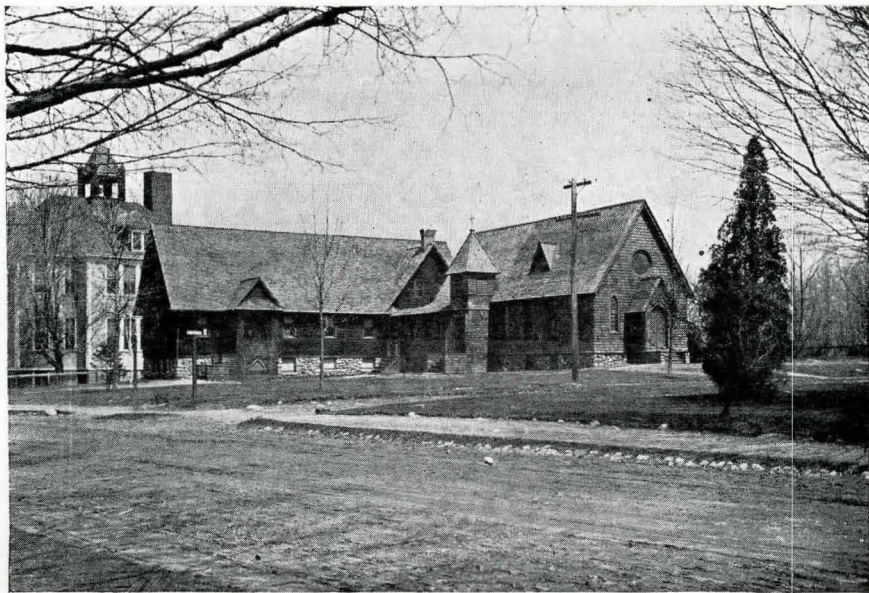
1882.

Bishop's chair donated by Sunday School, bearing inscription: "Gift of the Sunday School, Easter, 1882."

Memorial window to A. W. Harris was added this year, with following inscription: "Alfred W. Harris. In loving memorial by his class."

1884.

1885.



CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, 1907.

1886.

During this year an elegant brass chandelier, also brass lamp brackets for the chancel were added, donated by Mrs. D. A. Smith. A memorial window to James Henry Wilson was presented as a tribute of love, by his classmates, bearing inscription. The Sunday School was presented a beautiful banner by George R. Rowland, bearing the inscription: "Christ's Jewels;" on the obverse side "Easter, 1886."

1887.

In 1887, on August 11, the Mission petitioned Right Reverend Thomas Alfred Starkey, D. D., Bishop of Newark, to be received as an organized Mission, under the name of the Mission of the Epiphany, which was granted on December 2nd. On that date W. F. Calloway was appointed Warden.

On December 16, at the congregational meeting W. W. Merrill was elected secretary and A. L. Zabriskie treasurer of the Mission.

Another organ, much larger, was purchased at a cost of \$250, by Chapel people.

1888.

There was presented an altar desk in brass, by E. J. Hanks, in memory of Lottie F. Leffingwell, with the following inscription: "In loving memory of Lottie F. Leffingwell, A. D. 1888."

1889.

Another memorial window was added, "In loving memory of Hattie Needham-Southwick Beckley, died March 4th, 1889," the gift of George R. Rowland.

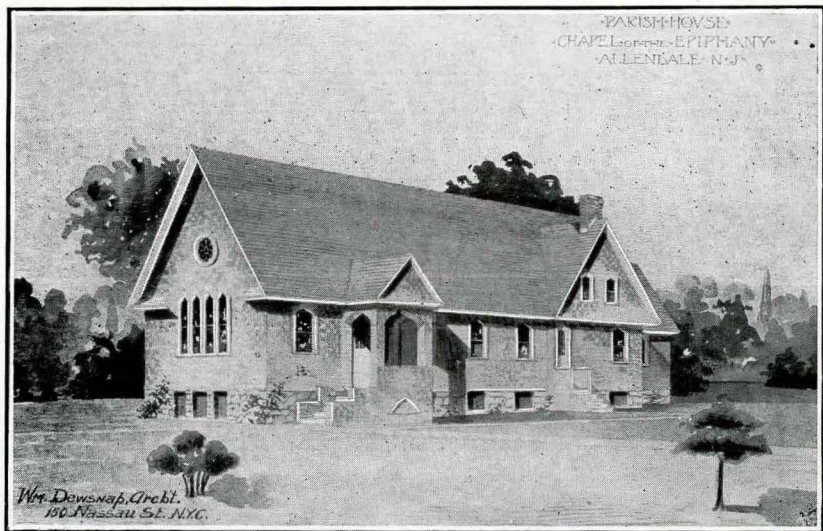
March 6th is the date on which the first funeral was held in the church—Hattie Needham Beckley.

1890.

1891.

1892.

On May 24th, Rev. C. H. S. Hartman was placed in charge of the Mission by Bishop Starkey.



PARISH HOUSE, CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY.

1894.

Chapel moved from its old location opposite residence of Mrs. Stephen Cable to present location, at the north-east corner, which is now known as Franklin Turnpike and Orchard Street. In April of this year Rev. Hartman's connection with the Mission ended, and Rev. William Huckel supplied the Mission by appointment of the Bishop.

1895.

On November 10, Rev. William Huckel
ended his services.

1896.

Rev. William Earnest Allen appointed in charge of Mission on fourteenth Sunday after Trinity, Sept. 6th.

1897.

1898.

On April 11, of this year E. G. Washburne
first officiated as Warden.

1899.

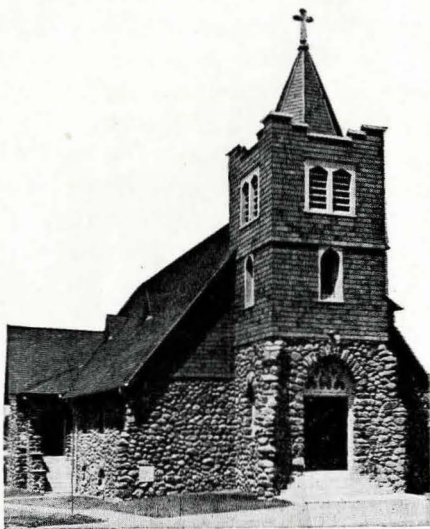
1900.

June 1st, Rev. William Earnest Allen resigned, accepting a call to St. James Church, Pittsburgh, Penn. Efforts were then made to fill his place. After some delay arrangements were concluded with J. W. Jackson, a student at the General Seminary to take charge. Meanwhile the Rev. J. Q. Archdeacon offered his services and negotiations with J. W. Jackson were broken off. Mr. Archdeacon served as Missionary for one year.

1901.

In June J. W. Jackson came as lay reader from the General Seminary at New York city, for the summer, and remained in charge throughout the following winter.

It was always the custom annually at the anniversary of the Mission, namely, "Epiphany," to treat the children of the Sunday School to a Christmas tree. During this year the date was changed to Holy Innocent's Day.



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, RAMSEY.

1902.

J. W. Jackson was ordained to the Diaconate, Trinity Sunday, May 25th, and was appointed Missionary in charge. During this period Rev. Edward H. Cleveland, of Ridgewood, assisted by celebrating the Holy Communion.

During the present year there was felt the great need of more adequate accommodations for the Sunday School and the various organizations of the Mission, which were doing hard work under difficulties. With the Sunday School holding its sessions in the body of the church and church societies compelled to trespass upon the hospitality of householders whenever they came together there seemed a most imperative need for a Parish house.

Months were spent in planning this addition and the most careful thought was given to the varied needs of the parish. Such carefulness was amply justified when the building was erected and found to fulfil the requirements to a marked degree. Moreover, there was not lacking enthusiastic commendation of it from visitors fitted to judge of its merits.

Members of the Chapel and friends contributed a thousand dollars to the project and it

was completed at a total cost of thirty-seven hundred dollars. Two years later the value of this building to the parish was conservatively estimated at forty-five hundred dollars, owing to the original low cost and the subsequent advance in building prices. The building has furnished accomodation for the Sunday School, the original purpose, and has lent itself to manifold uses of parish organizations. The Franklin Club, a social and bowling organization, has been a tenant of the building since its erection and assisted materially in making it possible. The building was designed and built by a New York architect, Mr. William Dewsnap, a communicant.

1903.

J. W. Jackson was ordained Priest, Trinity Sunday, June 7th. Transferred to Diocese of Newark and continued as Missionary in charge. On April 17th Bishop Coleman, of Delaware, administered the Rite of Confirmation to a large class.

1904.

In June it was proposed to organize a mission in Ramsey, which constituted a part of the parish with double the population of Allendale. Owing to a conservative feeling on the part of the people the work was started cautiously. For a month tentative services were held every Sunday afternoon in Odd Fellows' hall. At the end of that time the hall, which for the previous month had been at the disposal of the people without charge, was rented for the remainder of the summer. The average attendance was thirty. With this encouraging outlook a Mission was organized to hold Sunday School and services on Sunday afternoon. For a year and a half the congregation continued to worship in the Odd Fellows' hall, with a good attendance and excellent work on the part of the people.

1905.

In March of this year, after the people of St. John's Mission had planned a parish house and secured funds and promises to the amount of nearly fifteen hundred dollars for the purpose, a donation was made by Mr. George Crocker for a church in memory of his wife, Emma Hanchett, who died in New York during the previous summer. A plot of ground was donated by Mr. Edwin Carpenter.

Other gifts were made also and a Norman Church, part stone, was designed and built by architect William Dewsnap, of Allendale, at a total cost of about thirteen thousand dollars. Thus far all of the property improvements of the parish had been designed by a communicant.

1906.

On February 25th the new Church of St. John's was opened formally for public worship. The Rev. J. W. Jackson was assisted by the combined and vested choirs of the two Missions, numbering thirty-three and under the charge of Mr. William Lee, Chorister at Allendale. The Church, with a seating capacity of three hundred, was crowded on this occasion.

On May 20th the new church was consecrated by Edwin Stevens Lines, Bishop of the diocese. Again the combined choirs assisted, under the leadership of Mr. Lee. Mr. E. G. Washburne read the application for consecration, and the Rev. J. W. Jackson, for the Bishop, read the sentence of consecration. The church was beautiful with flowers from the greenhouses of Mr. Crocker.

1907.

During this year the Church building of the Mission of the Epiphany was enlarged, remodeled and joined to the parish house by means of a cloister. The new building was opened for service on June 16. A tablet on the walls is in commemoration of Daniel Aborn Smith's thirty years of faithful service as lay reader and Warden.

Thus ends the first generation of the history of the Mission of the Epiphany. It began with 70 individuals representing a missionary field of thirty-six square miles. There are now 236 baptized persons enrolled within a missionary field of eighteen square miles, and a Sunday School numbering ninety.

And now we set our faces toward the semi-centennial. Let us step carefully, for others are following in our footsteps.

We gird us for the coming years
And, strong in Him whose cause is our's,
In conflict with all earthly powers
We grasp the weapon He has given—
The light, the spirit, truth, the love of Heaven.