

(By E. R. L.)

With the proud record of nearly seventy-five years behind it, Trinity Episcopal church, which three quarters of a century ago started as a struggling handful, not even enough to form a parish, will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone of the present beautiful edifice on Trinity Sunday, May 30th.

In the celebration of their golden jubilee, the churchmen and parishoners are looking forward to the services with expectations of a higher and nobler dedication which will come with the realization of blessings received and of work accomplished in the name of the carpenter Nazareth.

When fifty years ago the cornerstone laying ceremonies were held, the church entered upon a new era of usefulness, which began when the faithful few gathered on the site of the new edifice and with prayers and supplications mingled with praise and thanksgiving performed the simple dedication rites above the half completed wall of their new church home. Prior to that time the church stood on the corner now occupied by the Balfes hotel, and was a plain bare structure ill-suited to the needs of the growing congregation.

The coming anniversary will be celebrated on the dedication festival which is Trinity Sunday and co-incides with Memorial day, another significant feature for the golden jubilee in addition to being a joyful occasion, will also turn the thoughts of its members backward to the early pioneers of the parish whose remembrance is as incense and garlands in the memorial roll of honor. Having finished the course and kept the faith they

sleep in the faith of their fathers while the church made possible through faith and service goes on with an ever deepening and solemn pledge to be true to their memory. Thus faith and works, worship and remembrance, thanksgiving and supplication will mark the great memorial day of the church, and at the same time the graves of its soldier members who placed love of country only second to the love of God, and gave up their lives during the civil war that the nation might live, will be garlanded with flowers by the comrades of the Grand Army whom they knew and loved.

A series of splendid services has been arranged for the golden jubilee, and the note of rejoicing will be heard during the two days which the dedication festival will occupy. Bishop John Hazen White will be present and preach at the morning service on Sunday, May 30, and a class of fifty persons, one for each year of the half century history of the church since the laying of the cornerstone will receive the rite of confirmation. In the evening the augmented boy choir under the direction of the organist, Fred G. Church will sing Gaul's famous oratorio, "The Holy City."

The celebration will come to a close with a splendid social feature planned for the evening of Monday, May 31, when a parish reunion and jubilee of all the members of the church will be held, at which time the oldest parishoners of Trinity will give reminiscences and historical papers will be presented covering the various activities and participation of the church in the growth of Fort Wayne.

History of Trinity Parish.
The first Protestant Episcopal church

organized in Fort Wayne was called Christ church and began worship in the courthouse in May, 1839, with Rev. Henry J. Hutchins in charge. He resigned in the following December and Christ church seems to have been a thing of the past.

Trinity church was organized May 25, 1844, with Rev. B. Halsted, a missionary, in charge; senior warden, Jacob Hull, junior warden, Peter P. Bailey, vestrymen, L. P. Ferry and R. M. Lyon. The first treasurer was the well-known Isaac DeGroff Nelson.

Rev. Mr. ^{Halsted} Hutchins resigned in April 1846, and was succeeded by Rev. J. S. Large, who began his pioneer labors in November, 1848. In the meantime a lot had been purchased for \$385 where the Balfes hotel now stands and a chapel erected. A letter to the Rev. Mr. Large in 1848, asking him to take charge of the parish, contains the following: "We have a small church finished and paid for. We have just placed in the church a fine-toned organ of four stops, which is also paid for. The population of our city is about 5,000 and constantly increasing."

The first adult death recorded in the parish is that of Lucian P. Ferry, a vestryman, whose funeral was conducted by Bishop Kemper, August 21, 1844. His widow reached almost the age of 100 and died only a short time ago at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. D. Boyles, in this city.

November 9, 1863, the vestry purchased two lots on the southwest corner of Berry and Fulton streets of S. C. Tabor for the sum of \$3,000 cash and the adjoining lot of a Mrs. Waters

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1888; Rev. Alexander W. Sease, 1888-1904; Rev. J. N. Rippey (supply), 1904. Rev. Edward W. Averill, who had previously served parishes at Pontiac, Ill., and Peru, Ind., became rector of Trinity in 1904 and is the present efficient priest to whom is largely due the credit for the splendid parish record of service and efficiency during the past eleven years.

In recognition of its faithful officers Trinity church last week re-elected the entire vestry.

Among the factors prominent in the work and life of the parish are the Parish guild, Women's auxiliary, Girls' Friendly society, Altar guild, Senior chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, which was recently organized; St. Andrew's mission chapel on South Wayne avenue, a branch of the parish work; Trinity Sunday school, and other organizations in the various departments of study and service.

The statistics of the parish indicate a steady increase. The number of families is well over 250; with many individuals additional who are not so enumerated, so that the whole number is about 650. Twenty-four confirmations were recorded early this year and a class of fifty is now receiving instructions preparatory to the solemn rite of confirmation, which will be administered by Bishop White on the occasion of the golden jubilee of the church, Trinity Sunday, May 20.

The following historical paper, read by Peter P. Bailey at the semi-centennial of the parish on May 20, 1894, over twenty years ago, contains a splendid account of the early history of a struggling parish and comes with special

significance at this, the golden jubilee of the church, of which Mr. Bailey, now long since passed to his reward, labored to bring to its fruition.

Some Early History.

Mr. Bailey, from his home in Jackson, Miss., on May 1, 1894, wrote: "It gives me great pleasure to accept an invitation from the rector of Trinity Episcopal church, Fort Wayne, to contribute something on the occasion of the celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the organization of your parish.

"Having been identified with Trinity Episcopal church for more than twenty years, I feel a great interest in its welfare, and now gladly aid somewhat in the way of reminiscences in making the semi-centennial anniversary of its organization a pleasant one.

"I went to Fort Wayne in October, 1843. My family did not go with me then, but I brought them in April, 1844. The winter of 1843-44, which I spent in Fort Wayne alone, was a dreary one for me, for, besides being deprived of the society of my family, I was also deprived of the services of our beloved church, and had to attend other places of worship. But as soon as I got settled in 1844 I began an inquiry as to how many Episcopallians could be found in town, and whether or not a church could be organized. I soon found a small number of our church people there who, like myself, wanted the services of our church, so we got together to organize a parish, and under the canons of the diocese elected a vestry.

"We secured the use of the courtroom in the old one-story brick court-

house, situated then on the south side of the present courthouse square, and began our services by having lay reading. We also established a Sunday school, held in the same room. It was a tiresome undertaking, for the room was always unfit for use on Sunday morning, and we had to sweep and clean it regularly before we could hold our Sunday school in it.

"We then had our church services. But that work was always done by some three or four of us, viz. Ellis Worthington, who afterward left us for Milwaukee; Isaac Kirebed, now of Indianapolis; R. M. Lyon, and the writer of this narrative.

"In the Sunday school we had the help, from the beginning, of several ladies who made it a duty to teach, among whom I remember two young women, deserving of especial mention. I refer to Miss Hotchkiss, who was a sister of the late E. R. E. Fleming and who married a Mr. Campbell of Detroit, who became one of the supreme court judges of Michigan. The other was Miss Penton, a sister of Mrs. Bailey, and who became Mrs. Hibbard Porter, of Chicago, and who died in that city only a year ago. We had several gentlemen teachers and the school increased in number, as did the congregation in attendance on lay readings. So anxious were we to have all our people out to our services that on wet days I would send my horse and wagon around to bring certain families to church, and this so often that the wagon was called the parish wagon.

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... to the rectorship of our parish, who remained with us about two years, and then we fell back to lay reading again. Thus we kept up the services of the church; we also continued Sunday school, and before we secured another rector we bought a lot on Berry street for \$500, located opposite the present Methodist church on that street, and built thereon a small frame church, costing some \$1,000, or a little more. In this we worshiped for eighteen or twenty years and then bought the grounds and built the church in which the congregation now worships.

The cornerstone of this building was laid in April, 1865, by Bishop Kemper, of Wisconsin, in place of Bishop Upfold.

I had the honor and the great privilege of delivering the address, from one of the half-built walls of the church, on the occasion of laying the cornerstone. I remember there was a very large attendance of the citizens of Fort Wayne on that occasion.

The cornerstone contains a copy of the Holy Bible, a book of prayer, the newspaper of the day containing an account of the terrible assassination of President Abraham Lincoln, and also a copy of my address, which gave some historical account of the beginning and growth of the parish. Rev. Joseph F. Lurge was our rector when the church was built.

I now want to recite in this place an incident which took place during Rev. Mr. Halsted's rectorship, and which many of the older members of the congregation may remember. It is this, and it seems to some extent to illustrate the value of a liturgy oft repeated.

There was an election to come off in a few days and much excitement and feeling existed between the old parties, the whigs and the democrats. One Monday morning the Rev. Mr. Anderson, minister of the First Presbyterian church of Fort Wayne, called on me at my place of business and said that he had heard that the whigs had held a political meeting on the Sunday before and he had been trying to find out who had attended it. "I find," he said, "that several of the leading members of the Methodist church were there. I also learn that several of the prominent members of my church were there, but



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