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OLD MARYLAND CHURCHES.

Kent's Ancient Structures — The Church in Wicomico and All Hallow's Snow Hill.

Sketch of St. James, in Worton.

The following short sketch of one of the local churches of this county will interest many of our readers. "St. James" has done much for the upbuilding of the beautiful section in which it is located:

August 5, 1832, about an acre of land, known as Beckworth, was bought of Wm. Taylor and wife for $50 to build a Protestant Episcopal Church. Geo. D. S. Handy, Wm. Hosier and Samuel Covington, elders of the church, being the purchasers. They called it the St. James Evangelical Church. It was built by Rev. George Handy, and was always known as "Old Parson Handy's Church." He was a man of peculiar characteristics. The Episcopal congregation soon went down, and the Methodist Protestants used to hold services in the church. They spent quite a good deal of money in repairs and in other incidental ways. There was no definite record of the church prepared until the pastorate of Rev. A. W. Mather, when a committee was appointed by the quarterly conference to insert in the registry of the church a concise history of the most interesting events of the society. In 1831 Rev. W. C. Poole was appointed missionary of the Maryland Annual Conference, who preached in Kent wherever he could establish appointments. June 21st, 1832, the Methodist Protestants, by paying the sum of $500, the church was deeded over to them, the trustees being Francis Lamb, Emory Edwards, Joseph Kennard, Wm. Copper and David Arthur. Since March, 1832, the church has had 67 ministers and assistants.

In 1847 the Sunday-school was under the superintendence of Miss Flint, who, the latter part of the year removed to Baltimore. Among those who took a prominent part in the school were the Misses Kennard, one of whom married Rev. Wm. S. Hammond, another married Mr. J. W. Skirven, and another, Mr. Jno. S. Kennard. At that time and for many years afterward the most prominent members were Messrs. John Gale, J. W. Skirven, Daniel Haines, Wm. T. Skirven, James W. Skirven, Rob't Nicholson, Isaac Parsons, Wm. Vannort, Philip Drugan, Mrs. Joseph Usilton, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Edwards, Mrs. Haines, Mrs. Robert Usilton, Mrs. Sarah Skirven. In 1853, during J. J. Murray's pastorate, the church was rebuilt. Mr. George Reed and Hyland P. Smith were the contractors and builders. During the fall and winter of '60 and '61, under the pastorate of Revs. J. R. Nichols and J. E. Maloy, a wonderful revival was held, at which there was about one hundred conversions. In 1875–'78, while Rev. J. B. Jones was pastor, he repaired and newly painted the church. The trustees then were Isaac Parsons, Robert Nicholson, James Shuster, Robert G. Nicholson, John Gale, Samuel Vannort, Walter Morris.

In 1879 the circuit was divided, St. James being made a station. During that year Lynch's Chapel sprang up and asked to be attached, which was done, and St. James was then set apart as a station with two appointments and Rev. Frank T. Little was sent to fill the pulpit. During this year four acres of ground were bought and a pretty parsonage erected, R. K. Pippin contractor. The whole cost of this edifice was about $2,000. Rev. Mr. Little remained four years, and was followed by Rev. A. W. Mather, who remained four years. Next came Rev. S. B. Treadway for five years. The present pastor is Rev. Dr. J. L. Mills, now serving his third year.

In the fall of 1892 the church was reopened after extensive repairs, Rev. S. B. Tredway preaching the sermon. The repairs cost $900, and greatly added to the beauty of old St. James. The present board of trustees are Messrs. James Shuster, Samuel Vannort, Robert G. Nicholson, John Gale, John P. Nicholson, Harrison I. Parsons, Walter Morris.

Mr. Samuel Vannort, although living in Chestertown, has never severed his connection with his old "home," and now attends it regularly, and is ever attentive to its welfare. There is not a member now in the church who was there when he entered. Mrs. Robert Usilton is the oldest member.

In 1856 Rev. David Wilson was pastor; he was followed by D. S. May, J. H. Ellegood, Daniel W. Bates. W. W. Reese, J. R. Strayer, J. R. Nichols, J. E. Maloy, W. M. Poisal, J. T. Murray, S. A. Hoblitzell, W. H. Hopkins, L. W. Bates, R. S. Rowe, J. D. Kinzer, J. M. Holmes, J. T. Murray, M. E. Hysore, A. W. Mather, C. O. Melvin, H. C. Cushing, S. G. Valiant, J. J. Murray, T. O. Crouse, R. S. Norris, R. L. Lewis, W. R. Graham, J. B. Jones, P. T. Hall, J. W. Trout, T. A. King, C. B. Middleton.

Snow Hill Messenger.

Mr. George D. Waller, of Salisbury, Md., writes to the *Sun* in regard to a notice in the *Sun* of the 13th of Mrs. Helen West Ridgely's "The Old Brick Churches of Maryland." Mr. Waller says: "It is stated in the notice that the first brick church in Maryland was the brick church in Kent built in 1760.' Now, I think there must be some mistake about this, for Green Hill Church, Wicomico county, was built in 1733. This can be plainly seen from the figures cut in the masonry by any one passing up the Wicomico river on the steamer. Services are still held in this church regularly, and it is in an excellent state of preservation. Near by is an embankment thrown up by patriotic Americans in the war of 1812 against British intruders.

"The church at Tyaskin, Wicomico county, in the same parish, (Stepney) is probably older than the church referred to in Kent, but I have not sufficient data to fix the same at hand—as also Spring Hill Church. This last, however, is a frame building, but, judging from the architecture, inclosed pews, elevated pulpit, etc, it must have been built near the same date. The church at Green Hill has a brick floor."

The date "1760," given in the *Sun* as that of the erection of the Kent church, was an error of transcription. The correct date, as given in Mrs. Ridgeley's work, is 1650. She says: "As early as 1650 we find Kent Island in possession of a church, *whose successor*, built of English brick on a granite foundation, was standing as late as 1880 in a grove of venerable oaks near Broad creek, an inlet of the Chesapeake. Christ Church, at Stevensville, about a mile and a-half distant, is partly constructed from the bricks of this ruin, and rears its head in proud consciousness of the lineal descent from the first authenticated church edifice in the province * * * The oldest church remaining in Kent county is the parish church of St. Paul's." The first page of the parish records, of St. Paul's bears the date of Jan. 30, 1593. Thomas Smythe, one of the original vestrymen, "presented the Church of St. Paul's in 1699 a communion service consisting of one chalice of silver and one plate of silver, which are still in use."

In regard to Green Hill Church, in Wicomico Mrs. Ridgely says:

"Beautifully situated on the north bank of the Wicomico river is St. Bartholomew's, better known as the Green Hill Church. It belongs to Stepney Parish, and, as shown by the glazed figures of the east end, was built in 1773, after a style of architecture we may call barn like. It stands near the sight of the original wooden building, as proved by a draft of Green Hill Towne and Pourt," made by the county surveyor in 1707.

"Probably one of the most remarkable rectorships ever known in this country was that of the Rev. Alexander Adams, who came from England as a missionary to Stepney in 1704. He remained in charge of the parish till 1769, when he died at the age of ninety years. He had to contend with poverty and many other trials, but in 1752 he presented to the church a massive silver service, consisting of a flagon 20 inches high and 10 inches in diameter, two chalices and two patens, which are still in use. The old register, dated 1732, is also preserved.

"About eight miles from Salisbury stands the Spring Hill Church, built in 1761 as a chapel of ease to Stepney parish. It became a parish church in 1827.

"A more flourishing parish is that of All Hallows', Snow Hill, though it began its existence as a log house of worship. The present All Hallows', completed in 1756, was built of materials brought from England, and paid for with tobacco, a levy being made for the purpose. It is in an excellent state of preservation, and the chancel, with handsome woodwork and memorials in marble and brass, presents an attractive appearance. An artistic stained-glass window has recently been fitted into the semi-circle chancel as a memorial to the Right Rev. H. C. Lay, late bishop of the diocese of Easton."

The Catholics and the Secret Societies.

In consequence of recent orders issued by the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Sons of Temperance antagonistic to the Catholic Church, the Pope has issued a decree ordering all that are faithful to the church to hold aloof from these societies. Bishop Curtis has sent the following letter to all the priests in the Wilmington diocese, of which Kent forms a part.

REV. FATHER—As soon as practicable you will read on Sunday, at least once, the following documents, and you will, I am sure, to the very utmost of your ability endeavor to procure from all whom the decree of the Holy See may concern, a prompt and loyal obedience to the same decree. When Christ speaks through his vicar and in such wise, there can be no question as to the purport of the utterance. A Catholic, excuse himself as he may, yet ceases to be a Catholic if he fail to conform himself thoroughly and at once to that utterance. Very faithfully, your servant in Christ,

A. A. CURTIS,
Bishop of Wilmington.

FROM CARDINAL RAMPOLLA.

MOST REVEREND AND ILLUSTRIOUS SIR: Your excellency cannot fail to know that the archbishops set over the various ecclesiastical provinces of the republic of the United States of America, have, in more than their assemblies, taken council with respect to three societies which have grown up in the aforesaid republic, namely, the Odd-Fellows, the Sons of Temperance and the Knights of Pythias. And you must be also aware that the aforesaid archbishops unanimously decided that the whole question as to these societies should be submitted to the judgment of the apostolic See. His Holiness, therefore, committed this question to eminent and most reverend cardinals of the Holy Catholic Church and to the inquisitors-general. These, then in general congregation had on Wednesday, June 20, 1894, confirming a decision previously made as to the aforementioned societies decreed that all the ordinaries throughout the United States must in every way strive to keep the faithful from becoming members of any of the said societies and must not fail to admonish their people to that effect and that any thus admonished must be debarred from the sacraments should they fail to abandon or keep aloof from the same societies. This decree his Holiness fully confirmed and gave it complete effect. It is therefore communicated to your excellency that through you it may be transmitted to the archbishops, bishops and other ordinaries of the United States, and for the due custody of the souls of the faithful, may be by these ordinaries carried into effect. In the meantime I beseech Almighty God to bestow upon you all benefits and blessings.

R. CARDINAL MONACO.

He Pants for Fame.

A boy in the Wichita school has been suspended for reading the following essay on "Pants:"

"Pants are made for men and not men for pants. Women are made for men and not for pants. When a man pants for a woman and a woman pants for a man they are a pair of pants. Such pants don't last. Pants are like molasses: they are thinner in warm weather and thicker in cold. The man in the moon changes his pants during the eclipse. Don't you go to the pantry for pants; you might be mistaken. Men are often mistaken in pants. Such mistakes make breeches of promise. There has been much discussion as to whether pants is singular or plural. Seems to me when men wear pants they are plural, and when they don't wear pants it is singular. Men go on a tear in their pants, and it is alright, but when the pants go on a tear it is all wrong."

FOR THE KENT NEWS.

SPRING AND WINTER.

Spring is youth and glory,
All is new and glad;
Winter is hoary and frosty,
All is old and sad.

In spring the flowers are budding,
And the trees commence to leaf;
The birds have begun their singing,
Which will all be much too brief.

O, the beautiful flowers!
Why will they not last?
They fade and wither quickly,
Before the winter's blast.

Spring with her childish graces,
Was converted with kisses,
Winter with her long slow paces,
Sheds over us many blisses.

LORETTA B., Aged 13 years.

A NUMBER of farmers and canners on the Peninsula are worried over the failure of the firm of D. H. Barrow & Co., of Philadelphia. The custom has been for a number of the canners to ship their goods to this firm who would settle with them January 1. Then in turn the canners would settle with the farmers for the tomatoes which were furnished them in the summer. Now that the firm has failed there will be no settlement with the canners, and consequently no settlement with the farmers for their vegetables can be made. The farmers in particular are worried over the failure. It is said that the canners and farmers about Harrington are particularly affected.

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