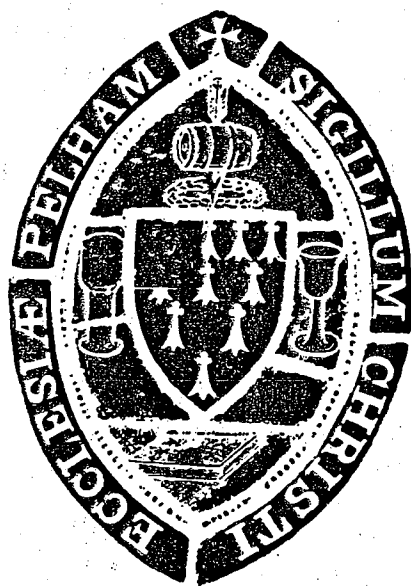


# Christ Church

At Pelham, Pelham Manor, New York



1843-1943

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The History of Christ Church During One Hundred Years Together with the Names and History of Those Organizations Associated with This Church. Also an Account of the Early History of the Episcopal Church in Westchester. And, an Account of the Bolton Family Who Planned, Financed and Built This Church and Worshipped God Therein for Many Years. Illustrated with Rare Pictures and Drawings as May Be Seen.

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# STAIN GLASS AT CHRIST CHURCH

ALL GLASS NOT IDENTIFIED "MADE BY" IS BOLTON GLASS

CHURCH REMODELED IN 1910.

BOLTON - PELKAN  
"CHRIST CHURCH"  
DEDICATORY WINDOW  
1850 IN BOTTOM

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HAWK  
CREST

"Resurrected Jesus"  
1825 - MARY ELIZABETH  
KEYWOOD  
"ANGEL"  
1896  
"ANGEL"

"IDENTICAL"  
WINDOWS  
GREEN ROSETTE OVER  
RED  
HAS FACES IN IT

BLUE ROSETTE OVER RED  
SHIELD OF  
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"JESUS" - CHILDREN  
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HEAVEN - ANGELS - PELICAN - CHILDREN

GREEN OVER  
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CHRIST CHURCH SHIELD  
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CHARLOTTE BODILL 1863  
MARY KEMBLE 1866 - 1936  
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(NOT BOLTON)

IN MEMORY - KATHARINE EMMET  
1895  
RICHARD EMMET

④ "IN MEMORY" - WINDOW  
(NOT BOLTON)  
ANNA MARIA RATHBORNE  
1828 - 1918

SARA RATHBORNE  
1816 - 1896  
OTAVIA (RATHBORNE) BROWN  
1829 - 1913  
ANNA MARIA (CAMBER)  
RATHBORNE  
1833 - 1889

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THERE IS OTHER GLASS IN THE "CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING" - NOW CHOIR ROOM -  
THAT IS ALL BOLTON GLASS. (NAVEITE BOLTON MEMORIAL)

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"FIRST FIGURED  
STAIN GLASS MADE  
IN AMERICA"

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DESIGN - RUN BY SAMUEL B.  
MORSE --- MAN WHO PUSH  
BOLTON WAS WASHINGTON  
WILLIAM TAY BOLTON  
REDISCOVERED METHODS OF  
STAINING, BURNING AND FADING  
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CENTURY.

CHRIST CHURCH, PELHAM

"ST JOHN"  
BY - BONAWIT - NYC  
1939  
(HAS MOUSE IN IT)  
William Mills 1846 - 1935

② "MARY"  
BY - BONAWIT - NYC - 1939  
ALBERT MILLS 1879 - 1902  
(HAS WINDMILL IN IT)

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ROBERT BOLTON (THE REV.) BOUGHT 28 ACRES FROM ISAAC ROOSEVELT AND BUILT THE  
PECKHAM PRIORY. <sup>(1838)</sup> HIS FATHER ROBERT BOLTON WAS ONE OF THE FIRST EXPORTERS OF  
SEA-ISLAND COTTON. HE WAS A DEVOUT CHURCHMAN - VESTRYMAN OF CHRIST CHURCH,  
SQUANNAM. (SEE P. 10 RUSTON PARISH)

GLASS BAKED IN A SMALL HOUSE NEAR THE CHURCH PULLED DOWN LONG AGO.

WILLIAM JAY AND JOHN DID WINDOWS FOR HOLY TRINITY BROOKLYN HEIGHTS.

JOHN - ST MARY'S SCARBOROUGH

BROTHERS CARVED ALTAR RAIL / CORBELS

## Dedication



This history of Christ Church is affectionately dedicated to

### Arabella Jay Bolton

who is one of the few surviving members of the Bolton family, and whose devotion to God and love for His children is an inspiration to all in this Parish.

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## Foreword

THIS BRIEF history of Christ Church has been prepared to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the laying of the corner stone of the church building on April 28, 1843, the consecration of the church on September 15, 1843, and the incorporation of Christ Parish on September 25, 1843.

The early history of Christ Church is so closely interwoven with that of the Bolton family that our Parish may be said to owe its birth and early existence to the Godliness, charity, energy and financial support they provided for so many years.

Christ Church is probably unique among the early churches in America in that the church building was not only designed and built by the Bolton family but the services were conducted by them for many years.

During the past one hundred years the Parish has changed from rural to suburban. And the swamps, the rocky outcrops and the lack of tillable land that caused early settlers to shun this area, leaving it largely uncultivated have been transformed into an area of beautiful dwellings and gardens. We are able to enjoy the shade of ancient oaks spared only because the wasteful gen-



erations did not want the land for truck gardens.

Christ Church has shown steady growth. The original small church has been greatly enlarged and to it has been added a structure for the church school and social events. We have recently built a Rectory on the rear of the property and have begun a Garden of Resurrection where the ashes of loved ones now rest in peace and beauty.

Today we are in the midst of world-wide war. When the war will end and what we shall do with the peace to follow, no man can see. Our sons and our daughters are in the far places of the world and we are not permitted to know where they are — nor when we shall see them again.

Yet, as crisis has been laid upon crisis

CHRIST CHURCH, AT PELHAM

Pelham Manor, Westchester County, New York  
April, 1943

and sorrow upon sorrow, the good people of the Parish of Christ Church have drawn closer together. We have lifted our prayers to Him who died upon the Cross and we have been given strength and courage.

We have accepted our inheritance of this Church from those who built upon a rock. We pass this inheritance on to those yet to come, firm in the belief that our beloved Church will survive and ever increase its influence in the community to the greater Glory of God and for the good of souls.

The Rector, Associate Rector, Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church have prepared this simple booklet with the hope that it will prove of interest to all those who love our Parish Church.

JAMES EDGAR MORRIS

EDWIN O. PERRIN

EDWARD FRANCIS HUDSON

*Editors*

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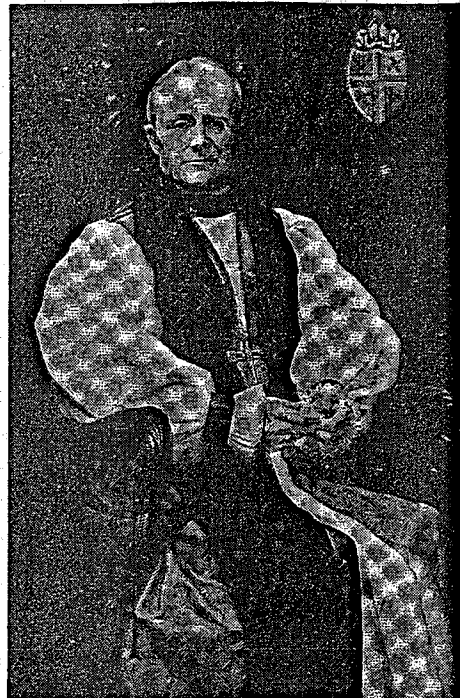
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## Episcopal Anniversary Greetings



**CHRIST CHURCH**, at Pelham, is indeed a symbol of what faith and good works, under the guidance of God, can accomplish.

When the Reverend Robert Bolton came to the community and found no church for the people, he and his sons proceeded to build one. And, from Christ Church two other parishes were to be established to the Glory of God and for the blessing of many souls.

The History of Christ Church from its earliest days has been one of service to its community — ever increasing in scope and effectiveness.

Therefore, on the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of Christ Church, I send my warmest congratulations and good wishes to the Clergy, Vestry and People of the Parish. May God's blessing be with you now and in all the years to come.

Faithfully and affectionately your Bishop,

WILLIAM T. MANNING

## Greetings from the Clergy



The Rev. Edward Thomas Taggard



The Rev. Joseph Barnes Williams

**ONE HUNDRED YEARS** in the life of the Christian religion is not a long time. But, in the life of a Parish Church, a century will see many generations of churchgoers. Whether or not these people have loved their church will most certainly be apparent in the appearance of the church and in its spiritual atmosphere.

The love that the people of Christ Parish have borne for their Church is evident to any one who visits it. And no one can worship in this country Church without feeling the spiritual strength within its walls.

That is why we are so grateful that it pleased God to call us to this Church. The years we have spent in this Parish have been busy ones, but our happiness has been great.

We feel deeply the responsibility of launching Christ Church into its second century. We believe that this Church will go forward with increasing vigor. And with God's help, we shall work to the best of our ability to bring this about.

With deepest affection, your Clergy,

EDWARD THOMAS TAGGARD, *Rector*

JOSEPH BARNES WILLIAMS, *Associate Rector*

## Westchester and the Church from Early Days to the Founding of Christ Church

*Because Most of the Inhabitants of This Parish Know the History of Foreign Countries Better Than Their Own Local History, They Should Find Interesting the Long and Often Tempestuous County History that Preceded the Founding of Christ Church in 1843.*

THE PRESENT members of Christ Church accept the structure at the foot of Pelhamdale Avenue as though it had always stood there.

Yet, many things happened in the more than a century and a half that preceded the building of this church. For a time the land which we call ours was a lawless frontier between two great colonial empires in their expanding period: English and Dutch.

The Church of England was established in this county only under great difficulties and in the face of much opposition from the ungodly who preferred that Sunday should be a time of carousal and debauchery, and from small groups of Dissenters and Puritans who feared the Established Church. The missionary priests sent us by the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, founded by the good Queen Anne, were often shabbily treated and deliberately unpaid. During the Revolution our territory was an afflicted no-man's land suffering violence, rapine, murders and burnings.

However, with the ending of the Revolution, better days came to the few churches of the county and the two original parishes: Westchester and Rye, were divided again and again.

We shall condense the early facts about Westchester County, the Manor of Pelham and the Episcopal Church from musty books which no one reads any more and only a few know to exist.

It is important for the reader to keep in mind that all early references to Westchester mean the Borough Town of Westchester and not the present County of Westchester.

### HOW MANY THINGS CAME TO BE

EVERYTHING in America, if you go back far enough, once belonged to the Indians — even Pelham.

The Indian name of these lands has not been preserved but its early inhabitants appear to have been a tribe of the Mohegans called Siwanoy.

In 1642, Anne Hutchinson fled here to gain freedom to worship God as she saw fit and located her plantation on Pelham Neck which for a century or more after her landing was called Ann's hoeck. She gave her name to the Hutchinson River. She and her party were massacred by the Indians as were other groups of Englishmen encroaching upon Dutch territory. The Indians may have been instigated in their deeds.

Upon the 14th of November, 1654, Thomas Pell of Fairfield, Conn., obtained a grant from the ancient Indian proprietors and in 1666 most of this Indian grant was confirmed to him by Governor Richard Nicholls, Esq. The area of the Pell grant was bounded on the south by Long Island Sound, on the east by what was called Cedar Tree or Gravelly Brook, northwards about eight English miles, and on the west by Hutchinson River. The payment for the

grant was one lamb on the first day of May, if requested.

The word, Pelham, is of Saxon origin and is compounded from the words Pel meaning remote and Ham meaning mansion.

Thomas Pell, upon his death in 1669, left his Pelham holdings to his nephew, John Pell. John Pell was one of the first vestrymen of Westchester Parish which included the Manor of Pelham.

This land was "By Royal Letters Patent" erected into the Lordship and Manor of Pelham on October 20, 1687.

In 1689, John Pell sold to one Jacob Leisler for the French Huguenots six thousand acres which subsequently became the City of New Rochelle. John Pell also conveyed one hundred acres to the Huguenots for a church, the consideration being one fat calf on the 24th day of June, yearly.

During the Revolution, the Pells were greatly distinguished for their military skill and bravery. Several members of the family served the early Republic in important capacities. A Chalice was presented to Christ Church shortly after its erection by Miss Georgiana C. Pell, "a devout female who, unfortunately, went to an early grave". The Pells, as a family, were long active in the affairs of Westchester Parish and their coat of arms was fixed in stained glass by the Boltons, and set in a window of the Church at the time of erection. Otherwise, the Pells play no part in this history of Christ Church.

#### THE CHURCH COMES TO WESTCHESTER

#### WHEN THE ENGLISH

took over what is now New York from the Dutch in 1664, one of Governor Nicholls' first acts was to call a general meeting at Hempstead on Long Island at which time and place an effort was made to provide for

the support of the Established Church.

We may imagine with what reluctance the disgruntled Dutch, the violent Puritan Dissenters and the godless frontiersmen agreed to this move and the calculated indifference with which they carried out the enabling legislation.

Almost nothing was done to propagate the Gospel in Westchester. Col. Caleb Heathcote, (whose name is forgotten except as a place name), wrote the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in 1704; "When I first arrived in the Province (A.D. 1692) I found Westchester the most rude and heathenish country I ever saw in my whole life, which called themselves Christians . . . Sundays being the only time set apart . . . for all manner of vain sports and lewd diversions . . ."

Caleb Heathcote being in charge of the militia of the area took direct action and ordered his captains to call their companies together on Sundays and employ a reader of the Holy Word. He was a most worthy man and we find him again and again laboring to bring the gentling effects of religion into a rude and uncultured community.

The early missionaries sent to this Province by the Venerable Society were zealous workers in their Lord's vineyard. As decade after decade rolled by, an outcry went up again and again from the faithful for a Bishop. But such was the political turmoil existing both in England and in the Colonies at that time between the Established Church and the Dissenters that the Revolution was to be fought before a Bishop was to be had. Then, the first American Bishop was to be a man who had labored as a missionary in the Borough Town of Westchester.

#### PARISH OF WESTCHESTER

The original Parish of Westchester consisted of four precincts: the Manor of Pelham, East Chester, Yonkers and West-

chester. The other early parish in what is now Westchester County was that of Rye.

### THE REV. JOHN BARTOW

Year after year was to roll by in Westchester while the devout prayed and waited for a priest. We received a most capable man in 1702 when the Rev. John Bartow arrived from England under the auspices of the Venerable Society.

At a town meeting on the 12th day of January, 1708, church officers were elected and in June, 1708, it was agreed to raise fifty-five pounds for the maintenance of the Clergy and to help the poor of Westchester Parish. The Manor of Pelham's share was calculated at £1-18.

### THE REV. THOMAS STANDARD

The Rev. John Bartow labored under difficulties we can not imagine today. He died in 1725 and was succeeded by the Rev. Thomas Standard in 1727 who fought long and capably for the Lord. Apparently, he also fought many a political feud. He was gathered to his fathers after 84 years of labor about January, 1760.

### THE REV. JOHN MILNER

In February, 1761, the Rev. John Milner was assigned the Parish of Westchester. He arranged for the charter of St. Peter's of Westchester, which was granted the 12th day of May, 1762.

It seems that he resigned his Benefice in Westchester feeling that he was well rid of the place. The circumstances of his leaving are not fully recorded. But his comments made in a letter from Virginia in 1768 would indicate that he was deeply hurt by his treatment in this Parish.

### THE REV. SAMUEL SEABURY

The Rev. Samuel Seabury (he who was to become the first American Bishop), was appointed to the Parish of Westchester late in 1766. As the political storms leading up



Thanks be to God  
for the Venerable Propagation Society

to the Revolution increased in intensity and the lot of the Clergy became most unpleasant, he continued to work strenuously with a fatiguing schedule of services at the Borough Church of St. Peter's, Westchester, a small Meeting House in East Chester and also in New Rochelle.

The Rev. Dr. Seabury was emphatically out of sympathy with the agitators against the acts of Great Britain and signed the protest drawn up by the Loyal Clergy at White Plains which declared an honest abhorrence of "all unlawful Congresses and Committees."

In May, 1775, the Rev. Dr. Seabury reported: "I have been obliged to retire for a few days from the threatened vengeance of New England forces who lately broke into the Province." In 1776 he was seized and carried to New Haven and held there under detention for upwards of a month before his release could be obtained.

As the struggle between the Mother Country and the Colonies advanced to armed conflict, the stress and strain and physical difficulties suffered by the Anglican Clergy in this country make unpleasant reading. By a most solemn declaration they were bound to use the Prayer Book of the

Church of England. Many able clergy ceased to officiate when prayers for the King and Royal Family no longer could be used. Many doors of churches closed for a period of years — including the Parish Church of St. Peter's, Westchester.

The church body was torn by dissension. Some of the Clergy sided with the Tories and were bitterly persecuted. Others were equally prominent on the side of the Revolutionists and bore the cruel label of treason.

We need not boast of the large number of churchmen who led this country's fight for Independence but included among them are: George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, Richard Henry Lee, Gouverneur Morris and Anthony Wayne as well as the majority of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Our own Doctor Seabury, Rector of the Parish of Westchester, was in peril of bodily injury throughout the period of the Revolution. With the coming of peace, however, he went to England at the request of the Clergy of Connecticut to obtain consecration as a Bishop.

Because of the close association of the church and the state and a doubt of their power to act, the English Bishops did not feel themselves at liberty to consecrate him although they devoutly wished the Church to continue in the new Republic. The Rev. Dr. Seabury, with his wonted spirit and

resolution, then went to Scotland where the Bishops were without restraint of political control. He was consecrated Bishop of Connecticut at Aberdeen on the 14th day of November, 1784. He died on February 25, 1796, and is buried at New London, Conn.

Few people today realize the far-reaching connections we have with the early days of the Church, including having as missionary priest the man who was to become the first American Bishop. His statue, holding his Mitre, was carved by the Boltons and placed on a corbel in the south Transept of Christ Church. The original Mitre is preserved at Trinity College, Hartford.

Nor, can we fully appreciate the Bolton family who came to Pelham when the memory of those earlier, violent days were still vivid and who had to meet and conquer irreligion that had its origin in the turbulent period of the Revolution unless we know a little about those early days.

These few words about our early days must suffice as we want to pass on to an account of the Bolton family and the story of the Parish of Christ Church.

The ravages of the Revolution and its aftermath left the people of the Manor of Pelham without the services of St. Peter's Church for fifteen long years. A church was rebuilt and services resumed in 1790 only because of the continuing good wishes and charity of the Venerable Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

## The Bolton Family Come to Pelham and Do Countless Good Works

*A Destiny of Great Riches and Hard Poverty and the Urge to Provide Opportunity for Five Sons Led Robert Bolton to Pelham. Once Here Both He and His Talented Family Left Their Impress upon Thousands of Lives.*

WHEN the Rev. Robert Bolton bought about 38 acres of land from Isaac Roosevelt overlooking Long Island Sound

in the Manor of Pelham and built thereon a mansion which he was pleased to call the Pelham Priory, the location of Christ

Church was pre-determined by that purchase.

And, during the one hundred years of Christ Church's history, you will find the contributions and work of the Bolton family constantly sustaining the Parish.

To understand the early history of Christ Church you must understand the Bolton family. And, as you read about the Boltons, reflect what faith and trust in the Lord can accomplish.

### EARLY BOLTON HISTORY

**THE HISTORY** of the Boltons is known back to the Norman Conquest. The family originally descended from the Boltons of Great and Little Bolton in Lancashire — today an industrial area.

The first member of the Bolton family about which anything personal is known was that Robert Bolton, Rector of Broughton in Northamptonshire, whose sermons on the Four Last Things, (Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell), converted John Bunyon.

A replica of a bust of this early Bolton rests on a pedestal on the northwest wall of the Transept of Christ Church and quietly admonishes all of us harried and hurried mortals arriving late for Service.

In this present condensed account, you will have a difficult time trying to separate the numerous Robert Boltons in your mind as one son in each generation was so named. And, each Robert had a great affinity for the name, Anne, in selecting his wife.

To continue, throughout the Bolton history you will find great piety and a determination to work for the good of society. Only for a brief period was any generation wealthy and, even then, riches were not deemed important. The loss of wealth did not produce despair.

The Robert Bolton to whom Christ Church is indebted came of colonial ancestry that had emigrated to America early in the 18th century. In 1720, one Robert Bolton is found residing in Philadelphia married to one Anne, a woman of great force and piety. She became a close friend of the celebrated evangelist, Mr. Whitfield, and is mentioned frequently in his Philadelphia Journal.

Her son, Robert, was the grandfather of our Robert of the Priory. Anne regarded her son as being most wild and thoughtless until the age of 19 he was converted by a sermon on the Prodigal Son delivered by Mr. Whitfield. And, through Mr. Whitfield's removal to Savannah, Georgia, Robert's attention was directed there and that is where he later made his home.

This Robert became a man of prominence in provincial affairs and was appointed Post-Master-General of the Province of Georgia by Benjamin Franklin. During the Revolution he joined the Continental forces and suffered greatly in both person and estate.

He constantly exhibited that strength of character that seems to have been the unvarying inheritance of each Bolton generation. One instance is typical of many: At a time when others in the Province were uncertain whether or not to permit the Gospel to be taught to the blacks, this man opened his house for such services and defied the opinions of his neighbors.

His son, the third Robert in America, also fought in the Revolution with great distinction. Among other actions, he crossed the Delaware with General Washington to surprise the Hessians at Trenton.

This Robert Bolton, father of our Rev. Robert Bolton, was one of the first exporters of that variety of cotton known as Sea-Island. He expanded his interests rapidly after the Revolution only to suffer





**Rev. Robert Bolton,  
Founder and First Rector,  
Christ Church**

heavy losses of cargo and ships from French depredations beginning in 1788-89. He managed to prosper again and became one of the largest land-owners in the State of Georgia in addition to many other highly profitable operations.

Although possessing great wealth he was not vain or greedy. He was a devout Christian and a vestryman of Christ Church, Savannah. He died at the early age of 45 years. From his death bed he dictated a letter to his family which brilliantly illuminates his sense of duty to his fellow man:

"Be kind to your servants; know that they are not your slaves by right, but by custom. God made all men free; but man, in his depraved state, enslaves his fellow man. Therefore, it is your duty to make their servitude more a pleasure than a burden. I trust we shall all meet in a happier world, through a gracious Redeemer; so at present I bid you farewell."

In his will, he left his gold watch to his son, Robert of the Priory, in order that, "He may know how time passes, and to teach him to improve it". To his son, James, the father left his silver mounted small sword presented to him by General Washington with the injunction that it was, "Never to be unsheathed but in a virtuous cause."

The father left his portrait with the following admonition: "To whichever of my sons may be inclined to much company and drinking, I give my portrait strictly enjoining the unfortunate youth to give it the most conspicuous place in his dining room that, when he views it, he may recollect that it represents a father who never was intoxicated, and whose detestation of that vice should restrain his sons from the practice of it."

#### ROBERT OF THE PRIORY

**THE REV. ROBERT BOLTON** was only a youth when his distinguished father died. Our Robert was born in Savannah on September 11, 1788 as is engraved upon a tablet on the wall of our church to the left of the Bolton Altar.

Robert of the Priory was a serious and studious youth. His saintly mother early urged him to enter the ministry which he later did. But, before this was to happen, Robert was to have removed from America and settled in England, to have married, to have lost the greater portion of his wealth, and to have left the Established Church.

We have referred to the early death of Robert's father. His mother died only a few years afterwards. The death of his parents left Robert a young man of considerable means and his own master. Undoubtedly, Robert being one of the wealthier men of the country could have indulged in any whim that he pleased. But, we find him

studying for a while under a special tutor at Newark, New Jersey. Then, in 1807, he determined to visit the land of his forefathers. He boarded one of his own ships and thirty days later set foot in England at Liverpool.

He visited a Mr. Spear who had had close relations with Robert's father in the cotton trade. And, such being the way of fate, Mr. Spear suggested that young Robert visit the Rev. William Jay at Bath. Mr. Jay was a dissenting minister with widespread influence. While Robert had been brought up in the Episcopal Church, he found himself powerfully moved by the preaching of Mr. Jay. Also, Mr. Jay's oldest daughter was called Anne and Robert was deeply attracted to her.

The threat of approaching war between England and the United States (which was to come several years later) caused him to sail hurriedly for Savannah. He considered the crossing very satisfactory as it took only sixty days.

Back in America, time passed slowly for Robert. He finally wrote to Mr. Jay asking for Anne's hand. Mr. Jay soberly replied that he was agreeable to Robert's suit providing Anne found herself so inclined and provided further that Robert settled in England.

Robert immediately decided to settle in England and so advised the other members of his family. In England, he entered a dissenting academy in order to prepare for the ministry. Then in May, 1810, he married his beloved Anne at Walcot Church, Bath.

Throughout their married life and the rearing of eight daughters and five sons, deep affection remained constant between them.

To return to Robert's first years in England, this serious student preached on numerous occasions in various places there,



Anne Bolton and Her Two Eldest Children,  
Nanette and Robert, Jr.

Painted about 1816 in Liverpool by  
Etty, R.A., during the Boltons' Resi-  
dence There while Robert Bolton  
Was Still in the Cotton Trade.

often suffering abuse, annoyance and even physical violence for his Faith. Because of Mr. Bolton's large commercial interests, however, his friends including Mr. Jay advised him against entering the ministry and urged him to continue as a layman. He took this advice and thereupon settled in Liverpool. He delegated much of the detail of his large business to a partner and devoted his time to good works.

Then came adversity. In 1820, the bottom fell out of the cotton market. Mr. Bolton's firm was caught with large commitments and most of his assets went to meet the claims of his creditors. About the only part of his fortune remaining was that secured by a marriage settlement. Since he was no longer chained to his fortune he serenely

determined to renew his plan to enter the ministry. He made a trip to America to see what could be retrieved of his interests there. When he found that he could not get even an accounting of his estate without lawsuit, his conscience would not permit him to enter upon involved litigation and he returned to England empty-handed.

Back in England, Mr. Bolton continued to preach upon occasion but shrank from accepting a church. However, the Chapel at Henley-on-Thames needed a preacher and he was first asked to fill-in and then later to take the Chapel as his charge. He assumed this position in December, 1824, and for twelve years was extremely happy at Henley. His congregation rapidly increased and his Chapel was enlarged and refurbished. His missionary activities round-about were most productive. As his fame spread, he was asked to fill other pulpits, particularly at the Tabernacle and Tottenham Court Road. Mr. Bolton was deeply impressed with the privilege of preaching from the same pulpit once held by the famous George Whitfield.

Mr. Bolton was a famous gardener and formed the Henley Horticultural Society which not only greatly improved the appearance of the cottages round-about but also served to increase the harmony of the whole neighborhood. Bitter enmities were overcome in the exchange of ideas about plants and trees.

#### RETURN TO UNITED STATES

The large size of his family, fourteen children with one dying as an infant, and the difficulty of providing for his sons' futures in England turned Mr. Bolton's thoughts to the United States. He determined to return to America and resigned his charge at Henley in April, 1836 in spite of the tears and entreaties of his congregation and the assurance of an old age to be spent in comfort.

He and his family sailed for America and landed in New York after having had a merciful escape from fire at sea. He was advised by friends to take his family into the interior to see whether anything suitable should present itself. So, this large family with its very English viewpoint sailed up the Hudson to Albany and there hired a special boat to traverse the Erie Canal. They were fascinated with the American scene and only limitation of space keeps us from including their many comments about the trip. Naturally the name of Bolton opened many doors, but before Mr. Bolton had crossed the state he had decided that the West was not what he wanted and so the family returned to New York. There he took a house for the winter. Southerners as well as people with Southern connections were most anxious to render every possible help.

#### BROOK FARM, BRONXVILLE

One of Mr. Bolton's first acts after getting settled in New York was to purchase a farm in Westchester with the idea of seeing whether or not his sons could make a go of it. This farm which he called Brook Farm consisted of 140-150 acres covering a portion of the present village of Bronxville. The Bronx River Parkway now crosses through a part of it. In Revolutionary days the farm was called Pondfield Farm. The land cost \$14,000. While it was not to be the Bolton home for long, its location in relation to New York City was the indirect means by which Mr. Bolton re-entered the Episcopal Church and was ordained. An account of the matter is as follows.

#### EAST CHESTER

Writing about one of his visits to his farm, Mr. Bolton said, "We had to pass the church of East Chester, an Episcopal Church on the direct road from New York, and four miles this side of our destination my dearest said, 'This is the place I should

like to see you in.' Nothing, however, could be more improbable at the time as there was a clergyman over it, and I had not been Episcopally ordained."

At this opportune moment the rector of St. Paul's seems to have resigned and Mr. Bolton was invited to officiate in the Sunday School, the church remaining closed.

Driving towards St. Paul's the following Sunday, he was greatly surprised to hear the church bell ringing as usual; and still more to find the Vestry and a large congregation waiting to invite him to speak from the desk as the church school room could not hold the numbers that were assembled.

Within a few weeks the Vestry urged him to apply to the Right Reverend, the Bishop of New York for ordination. His request was granted and he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Onderdonk in St. Paul's East Chester, Westchester County, on July 25, 1837 and Priest by the same Prelate on Sunday, November 12 following.

Bishop Onderdonk in his journal for 1837-38 writes: "Festival of St. James, the Apostle, Tuesday, July 25 in St. Paul's East Chester, Westchester County, admitted Robert Bolton to Deacon's Orders. Mr. Bolton has since become minister of that parish, vacated by the resignation of the Rev. John Grigg..." "Twenty-fifth Sunday after Trinity, November 12 in St. Paul's, etc. admitted the Rev. Robert Bolton, Deacon, the minister of the parish to the Priesthood; and in the afternoon, confirmed six."

Mrs. Bolton includes this personal item in her diary; "We proceeded to the church where nine or ten of the Clergy met us. The day was fine and the church full. I admired the humility of my dear husband; for I know the re-ordination was painful to him, but he submits to it because it seems the

will of God that he should take oversight of this people."

Is there any feminine reader of this account who will not smile slightly at Mrs. Bolton's willingness to give all the credit to the Lord?

St. Paul's Church, East Chester, into which the Rev. Robert Bolton was instituted as Rector, was erected in 1765 and originally was one of the charges of the missionary priests assigned to Westchester Parish. The history of St. Paul's is well known and will not be repeated here.

However, several homely incidents should prove of interest. St. Paul's has an old chair brought from England by the Rev. Robert Bolton in 1836 and given to this church about 1910 by the Bolton descendants. He came into possession of the chair in this manner. One day in England he was passing a cottage and saw a woman washing clothes with her tub resting upon a beautiful oak chair. It had only one arm, but its ancient construction and design was such that he was able to buy it on the condition that he give the woman another. The Bolton sons restored the chair and carved two more exactly like the original which stand near the Bolton altar in Christ Church.

During the Rev. Robert Bolton's ministry at St. Paul's, the Sunday School was under the supervision of his daughters. Nanette about whom we shall hear a great deal, played the organ. The Bolton family was so numerous that only half could ride to church, the others had to walk alongside the carriage.

The Rev. Robert Bolton held morning and afternoon services at St. Paul's and then held evening services in the vicinity of his farm in Bronxville. On this Bronxville site, a church belonging to the Dutch Reformed Faith was eventually erected for which he gave two acres of land. A grateful

people assembled in this building to hear a funeral sermon preached upon their learning of our Founder's death years later.

Another instance of the Rev. Robert Bolton's human touch is to be found when he visited his old Savannah home and while there substituted in the pulpit for the one-time family coachman. This colored man had become a Baptist minister. At the end of the service, an aged negro, once a Bolton family servant, remarked, "Only to think of my hearing Massa Robert preach, and that to my satisfaction too."

The Rev. Robert Bolton resigned from St. Paul's, East Chester, shortly after he built Christ Church at Pelham.

#### BOLTON PRIORY ERECTED

#### THE FIRST YEARS

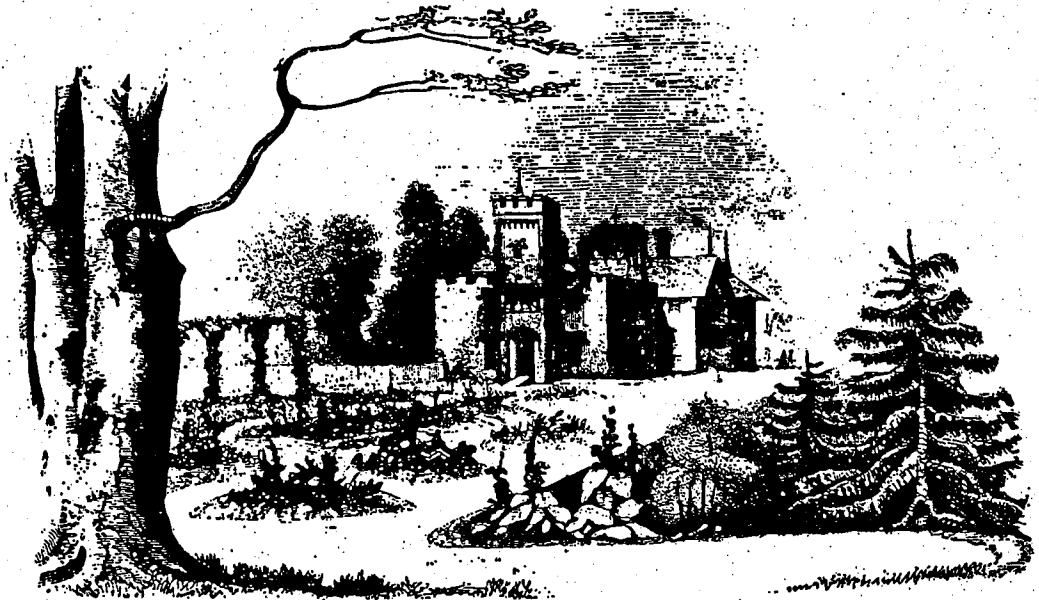
of the Bolton family on their Bronxville farm saw unusually severe winters. The bread, to say nothing of the water, would be found hard-frozen in the morning, and

on more than one occasion the bread had to be thawed at the fire before it could be cut. The severity of the weather was a stimulating reason for our Founder to look around for a location that would be somewhat milder.

We do not know the day, or under what circumstances, Robert Bolton discovered the site of the Priory in Pelham. But we may be sure that his trained gardener's eye saw the lovely possibilities of the hilltop overlooking Long Island Sound.

The land belonged to Isaac Roosevelt whose home was nearby on the Old Pelham Road. In the vicinity were several homes of some pretension: Bartow, Suydam, Hunter, King, Munroe, Gouverneur Morris, Burrill, LeRoy, Elbert and Isaac Roosevelt to name a few.

It is a sad commentary of our ignorance about local history that we know so little about the famous names who have loved the same ground and the same scenes which



Bolton Priory, 1838, An Elegant Mansion,  
From a Fanciful Drawing by Nanette Bolton.

we love, yet we are willing to spend days and weeks reading the historical tablets in Virginia or in New England.

To continue the account of the Bolton Priory, it would seem that Robert Bolton obtained funds for its erection by disposing of certain odd remnants of the once large Bolton holdings in the South.

Washington Irving had been a close friend of Robert Bolton from Liverpool days when Mr. Irving was staying with his brother, Peter. He was very much interested in the construction of the Priory and suggested the general plan of the building.

The yellow bricks over the doorway showing the date, 1838, were cemented in place by Mr. Irving who brought them over from Sleepy Hollow where they had been a part of the old church tower that had been damaged by fire two years before. He also planted the ivy on the tower of the Priory, which he had brought from Kenilworth Castle.

Some of the local inhabitants of Pelham had never seen anything Gothic before and these held fast to the opinion that the house would have been worth one thousand dollars more had the chimneys (which were Elizabethan) only been set straight.

The house is of unusual form being a long two-story structure (later enlarged) with a stone tower at the north end and a brick tower at the south end. It is in medieval style.

A large room in the middle of the building is called the Armory. Miss Arabella Bolton has told us of Christmas Day scenes when one of the Bolton sons, dressed as a troubador, sat on the mantle and played his guitar.

The sons of our Founder developed considerable artistic ability and contributed their efforts to the beautification of the

dwelling by mural paintings, wood carvings and home-made furniture, some of which are now classed as museum pieces.

One son, William Jay, studied art in Italy including fresco painting and stained glass and his artistry contributed to the Priory. His skill will again be in evidence in the decoration of Christ Church which in its original state was brilliantly alive with glowing color.

The Rev. Robert Bolton's taste for historical subjects was evidenced in a collection of armor, paintings and relics, medals, coins and autographs. His library contained a considerable number of rare volumes.

He was, as we have noted, an enthusiastic gardener and the grounds were laid out in charming order with rustic walks through the woods to such points of interest as the "Indian Mother's Cradle". This large balanced stone is now a few feet to the left of our new Rectory. Time has settled this stone, but in early days the pressure of a child's hand would make it rock back and forth.

#### THE BOLTONS RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR A CHURCH

Our Founder continued to serve in St. Paul's, East Chester. But upon taking residence in Pelham he began to look around him to see what might be done for the churchless people nearby.

Therefore, the Rev. Robert Bolton began to hold evening service for the people of the neighborhood, just as he had done in Bronxville for the churchless people there.

A few months later, Mrs. Bolton writes in her revealing diary, "We are anxious to erect a little church here, but how it is to be done, I know not, only I know that the silver and gold are the Lord's and he can do it, whenever he pleases to use us as instruments."

## A Church Is Needed in Pelham— and a Church is Built

*The Neighborhood Does Its Best and Raises a Third a Third of the Funds. The Reverend Founder Supplies the Rest, Including a Location on the Corner of His Property near the Cow Lane That Today is Pelhamdale Avenue.*

### SUNDAY SERVICES

at the Priory had proven so popular that the attendance had outgrown the large room in which they were held. The matter was discussed within the family and made the subject of prayer. Nanette, the eldest daughter and really the pivot on which the family revolved, felt that a church was needed and her father, ever a man of action, launched the project with simple faith that the Lord would see him through.

With his sons about him, he selected a wooded spot on the corner of his estate near the cow lane (now Pelhamdale Avenue) for the location and proceeded to solicit funds for the construction of a church. He estimated that \$3,000 would be required. The neighbors raised \$1,000 and the Rev. Robert Bolton contributed the rest.

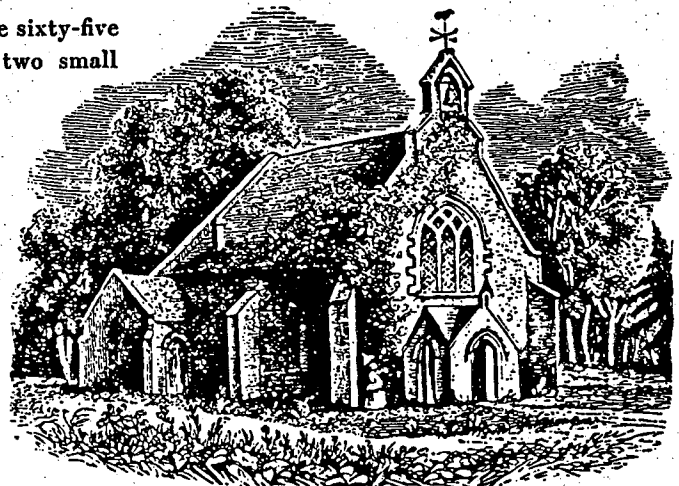
### ORIGINAL CHRIST CHURCH

The building comprised a nave sixty-five feet by twenty-two feet with two small transeptal buildings, north porch and a bell turret over the northern gable. The Church was constructed of native granite in a very solid manner.

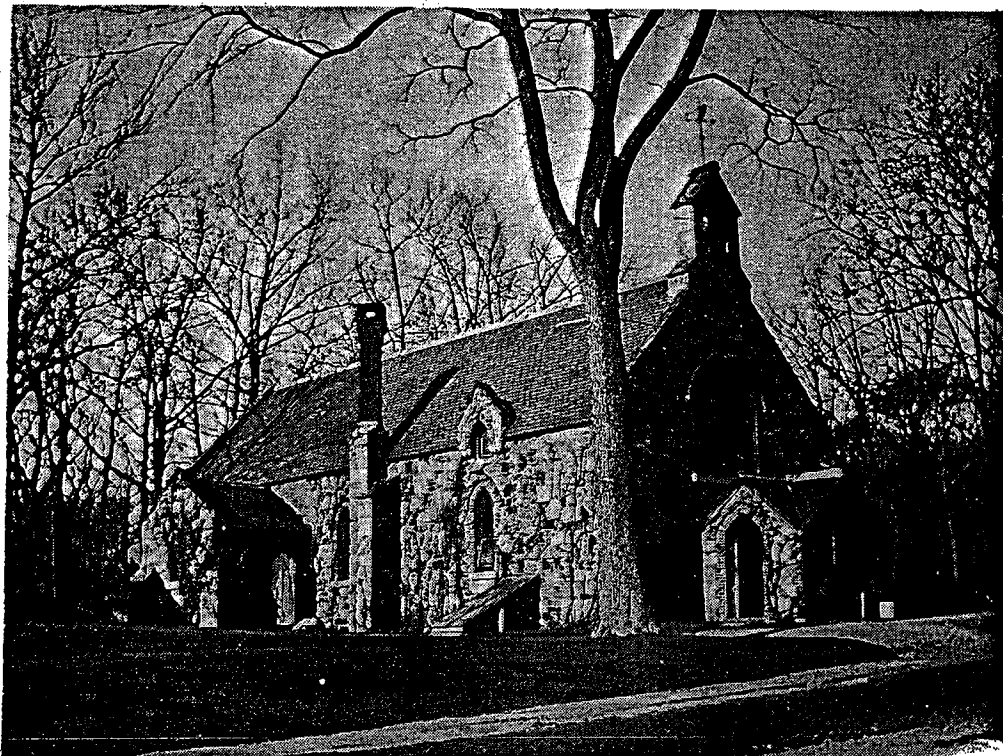
The style of the original building is Gothic in what may be called the transitional second pointed. Later generations were to ignore the simplicity of the style in making additions.

The construction of Christ Church came at a particularly fortunate time, architecturally. A widespread interest had arisen in church architecture. The present Trinity Church building in New York was begun in 1839; that of Grace Church in 1843.

Again, the Bolton family produced what the event needed. William Jay, second son, developed brilliant skill in the making of stained glass which was used not only to ornament Christ Church but also other churches and dwellings. With a touch of genius, he rediscovered methods of staining, burning and fixing colors in glass which had been lost to the world of art since the 14th century. He also taught himself the art of lead-framing for glass and fitted the glass into the tracery of the windows with his own hands.



From an Old Drawing about 1850.



**Christ Church, from an Old Photograph, Indicating How the Building Looked from 1843 to 1910. The only Structural Changes in all Those Years Were the Adding of Dormer Windows at the Front and a Circular Window over the Altar for Ventilation. These Changes Had Been Made by 1850 or Earlier.**

With the help of his brother, John, he designed and executed the colored window which may be seen over the original chancel of the church. This window, "The Adoration of the Magii," was the first stained figure glass made in America. The story as described by St. Matthew is:

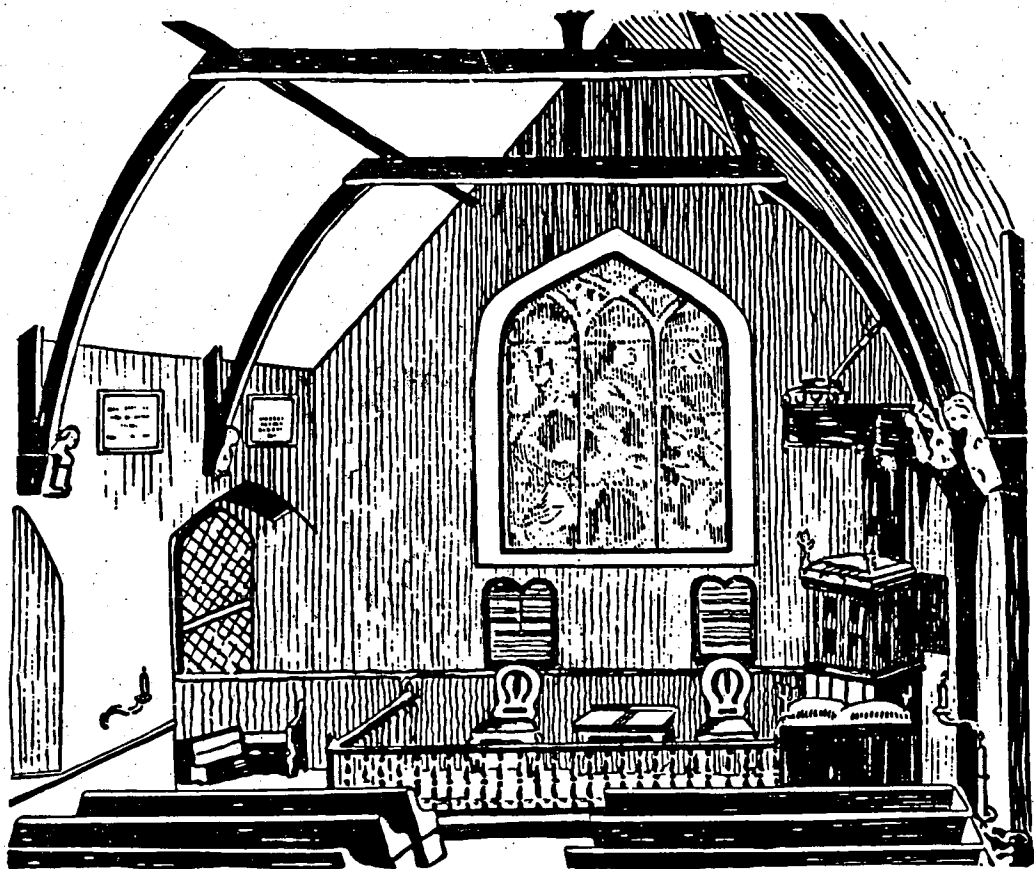
"When they were come into the house they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts, gold, and frankincense and myrrh."

Over this is a circular light bearing the Agnus Dei with the appropriate legend:

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world". We had assumed that this circular window was in the original structure, but we found an early drawing of the church interior which omits it. Upon close examination of the wall you will discover that it is a later addition made sometime before 1850. Another faint scrap of evidence indicates that it was put in for ventilation. It is bad, architecturally.

All of the windows in the original church were made by the Bolton brothers. They baked their glass in a small house near the church which was pulled down many years ago. Other examples of their work are to be found in the Old Parish House and in the Priory.





The Original Altar and Part of Interior. From an Unidentified Drawing.  
The Circular Window above the Window of the Magii is not Shown as This Was  
Built Later. The Corbels and Ceiling Were Brightly Colored.

William Jay and John went on to do the windows of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn Heights, New York. These windows have excited the admiration of artists and architects from all over the world. Later, John did the windows in St. Mary's, Scarborough. William Jay returned to Europe to study and then settled in Cambridge, England where he assisted in the restoration of the stained glass windows of Kings College Chapel — no small honor.

The Bolton brothers carved the railing around the Bolton Altar, and the corbels supporting the roof beams of the church. These figures were originally brightly

colored as was the ceiling. Present day worshippers in the Church, God willing, may live to see these colors restored.

The Bolton brothers carved two large chairs and the frame containing a 15th century Crucifix now used as an Altar Piece for the war shrine. The Crucifix, itself, was bought by the Rev. Robert Bolton, Jr. Close examination of the frame will disclose all the emblems of the Crucifixion, i.e. the nails, ladder, lantern, etc.

They also built the present pulpit with a tester over it. Years later, a rector's wife became afraid that the board might fall

upon her husband and had it removed. Some day, this might be restored.

The church bell is of Spanish manufacture and weighs 180 pounds. It was given by Lydig Suydam in 1848 and has rung ever since. Mrs. Lorillard Spencer gave a communion plate to the new church. A chalice was given by Miss Georgiana Pell, lineal descendent of John Pell, Esq., second Lord of the Manor of Pelham.

The original organ was built by Henry Erben of New York. It was located in a gallery over the north entrance. This gallery was removed at the time of the remodeling of the church in 1910.

The marble font was presented by Miss Clark, the chandeliers by Miss Emma Guerard, the service books by Gerardus Clark, a set of beautiful illuminated tablets by John Bolton. The tablets are now on the wall at the rear of the church.

#### ORGANIZATION OF CHURCH

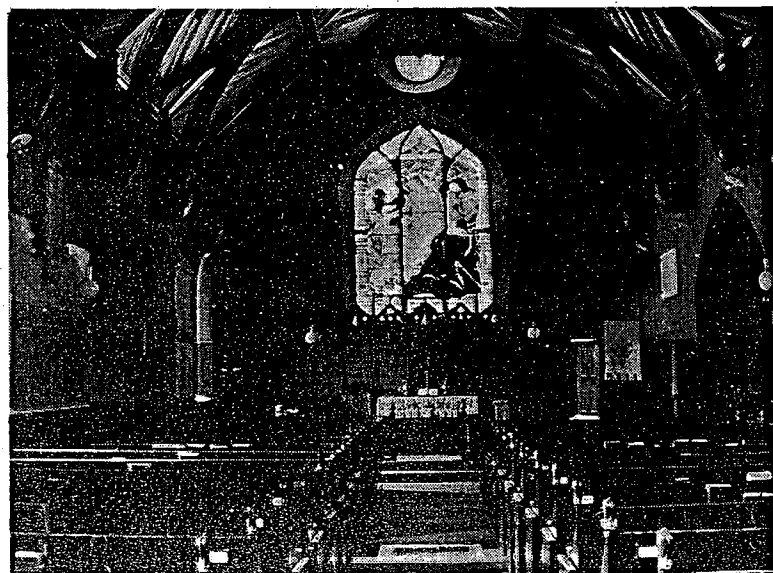
The corner stone of Christ Church was laid on Friday, April 28, 1843. The building was consecrated on Friday, September 15, 1843. The Act of Incorporation bears the date of September 25, 1848.

Because of the faith and devotion by which our Parish came into being, let us print here the various documents and other evidences of the event.



Choir Loft and Organ over North Door. Removed in 1910.

The church had great charm, and an atmosphere of peace, and happiness, and holiness; a serenity which some old churches seem to possess. It was beautifully proportioned but so small that it gave the appearance of a lovely Chapel.



An Old Photograph of the Old Interior As It Was from about 1870 until 1910.

### AT THE LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE

**HERE** is a portion of the address made by the Rev. Robert Bolton at the laying of the corner stone of Christ Church at Pelham. As he stood under a fine April sky and prepared to speak, we wonder whether any thoughts of his earlier life flashed through his mind.

He was fifty-two years of age, married to a devoted wife and surrounded by a fine family all showing great promise. Yet, as a boy in a wealthy Southern family living in a Southern town, he had often heard how his father and grandfather had fought for Independence; how the family had sent ships to sea, never to have them return. He had seen his native Savannah burn to the ground.

He had given up his American residence for many years and had resumed it in middle age. He had enjoyed great wealth and overnight found himself almost penniless. He had preached the Gospel in England and had been stoned and suffered abuse. He had done a great work in England and could look forward to an honored old age. Yet, he had returned to America in order that his sons might have the opportunity he could not give them in England.

He had left the Episcopal Church, had been a Non-Conformist minister, returned to the Episcopal Church, and ordained therein. He had been given a settled and established parish in East Chester. Yet, finding no church in Pelham and the people without the Word of God, he had brought them that Word and built them a Church.

'Do not read the words he said on that historic day lightly because in them is the wisdom of a man who had seen much of life. The Rev. Robert Bolton said:

"The practice of building a house for the worship of God is of great antiquity.

'Solomon built him an house'. But when the temple became desecrated by the introduction of idolatry, it could no longer be honored by the presence of the only living and true God.

"With the coming of the Saviour began the spiritual dispensation of the Gospel and a new order of services suited to it which, while their aim is to form the life of God within us and to teach us to walk by Faith and not by sight, yet we do not dispense with outward forms and acts of devotion since they can and do, if rightly used, aid us in worshipping God in the Spirit.

"Such an act we conceive to be the building of a house for his service; which is the object that has brought us together this day.

"When, in the providence of God, I was brought into this neighborhood, the duty of providing a place of worship seemed to devolve upon me, and every day has only tended to deepen that conviction.

"Indeed, so sensible was I of the destitution of this immediate vicinity, that as soon as I entered my own dwelling (as is known to many of you) I commenced a public service, which has continued for the space of two or three years.

"And, we have felt that it was indeed a high honour to which we were called, in having our house thus employed for the service of our Lord and Master; and, as in the case of Obadiah, so have we found it.

"God has greatly blessed me and mine; so that I should feel a sort of holy jealousy of this church about to be built, did I not believe that in this way more good is likely to be effected.

"We only hope that other denominations will not look upon it as an act of hostility to them. No; the fruits of the Spirit are peace and love. Preference is not exclusion.

"Our motto and our prayer is: 'Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.'

"With regard to the doctrines we hold

and, which by God's gracious help, will be preached in this church, we wish it to be distinctly understood by all, that they are those alone which are to be derived from God's Holy Word; which are taught and exemplified by our blessed Lord, Himself; and which have ever been held most precious by Patriarchs, Prophets and Apostles."

#### THE BISHOP'S REPORT

The Rt. Rev. Treadwell Onderdonk made this report to the Diocesan Convention: "Friday, April 28, 1848, laid on the Rev. Robert Bolton's estate, the corner-stone of Christ Church at Pelham — an edifice which he formed of pious design of erecting for the benefit of the above mentioned spiritually destitute neighborhood, and the first building devoted to religious worship ever commenced in the town of Pelham."

We find the following account of the consecration of the church in The Churchman, dated September 28, 1848 under the heading, "Episcopal Acts." Friday, September 15, consecrated Christ Church, Pelham, an edifice erected on his own premises by the Rev. Robert Bolton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, East Chester. The instrument of Donation and Request for Consecration by the Rev. Robert Bolton were presented by him to the Bishop, and read by the Rev. Thomas W. Coit, D.D., Rector of Trinity Church, New Rochelle. The sentence of consecration was read by the Rev. Thomas Harris; and the Morning Prayer by the Rev. James Milner, D.D., Rector of St. George's Church, New York, assisted by the Rev. William Powell, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Westchester, who read the Lessons. The sermon was preached by the Bishop who administered Holy Communion. Eight of the Clergy were present."

#### INSTRUMENT OF DONATION

The document relinquishing any property rights in Christ Church was executed by the Rev. Robert Bolton as follows:

"I, Robert Bolton of the Town of Pelham, County of Westchester and State of New York, having by the good providence of Almighty God erected in said town a house of public worship, do hereby appropriate and devote the same to the worship and service of Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, according to the provisions of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America, in its ministry, doctrines, liturgy, rites and usages, by a congregation in communion with the said church, and in union with the Convention thereof in the Diocese of New York.

"And I do also hereby request the Rt. Rev. Treadwell Onderdonk, D.D., the Bishop of said Diocese, to take the said building under his spiritual jurisdiction as Bishop aforesaid, and that of his successors in office and to consecrate the same by the name of **Christ Church** and thereby separate it from all unhal-  
lowed, worldly and common uses, and solemnly dedicate it to the purposes above mentioned.

"And I do, moreover, relinquish all claims to any rights reserved in a certain deed conveying the said Church to the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of the same, or allowing the use of it in any way inconsistent with terms and true meaning of this instrument of donation, and with the consecration hereby requested of the Bishop of this Diocese.

"In testimony whereof, I, the said Robert Bolton, have hereunto attached my seal and signature at Pelham, this fifteenth day of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand, eight hundred and forty-three."

(Signed) ROBERT BOLTON

#### ACT OF INCORPORATION

The act of incorporation bears the date of September 25, 1848. Richard Morris and Henry Grenzebach, Churchwardens; Isaac Roosevelt, George F. Mills, John J. Bolton, William J. Bolton, Peter V. King, Jacob LeRoy, Cornelius Winter Bolton, and Robert Bolton, Jun., Vestrymen.

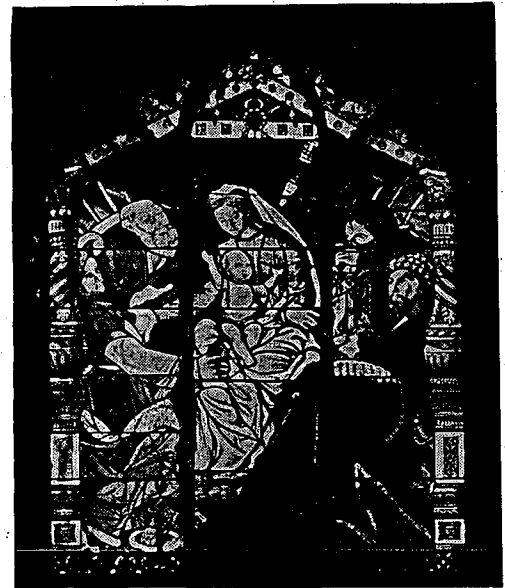
## The Foundation Stone

The following poem was composed by the Rev. Robert Bolton for Christ Church and is taken from the "Harp of Pelham," a book of verse published by the Bolton family and sold to raise money for the Parochial School.

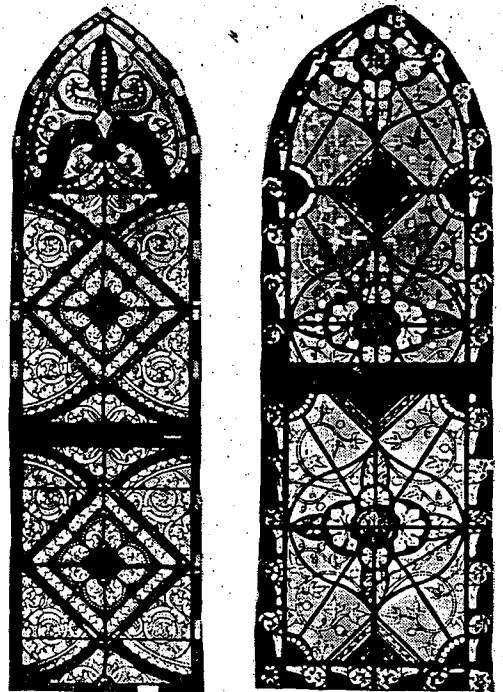


Head of the church with light divine,  
Deign on thy people's work to shine,  
And make the building now thine own,  
By blessing this, "the corner-stone."  
Hence let the Gospel's joyful sound,  
Enlighten every desert round,  
And let here sinners find the road,  
That leads them to the Lamb of God.  
Oh Thou, who wast thyself the stone,  
Which haughty builders did disown,  
Let this thy house uninjured stand,  
Established by thine own right hand.  
The "corner-stone" surmounted thus,  
Shall be a footstool to the Cross,  
The Church a fruitful garden prove,  
To train us for the Church above.

The corner stone of Christ Church is now affixed on the inside wall to the left of the west door.



The Window of the Magi, the Work of William Jay and John Bolton, Acclaimed for its Sweep of Color.



Two Original Bolton Windows. To the Left a Small Conceit You May Not Have Seen — The Smiling and Sad Cherubs.

## A Public School Is Needed— So the Boltons Build One

*No Sooner Had the Boltons Built Christ Church than They Started in to Build a Public School Which We Now Call the Old Parish House. This Structure Has Been Done Over Several Times.*

AT THE TIME of the construction of Christ Church free education for the public was a daring and debatable subject. Yet, the energetic Bolton family feeling the need of education for the children in the Parish, began a movement to build a school.

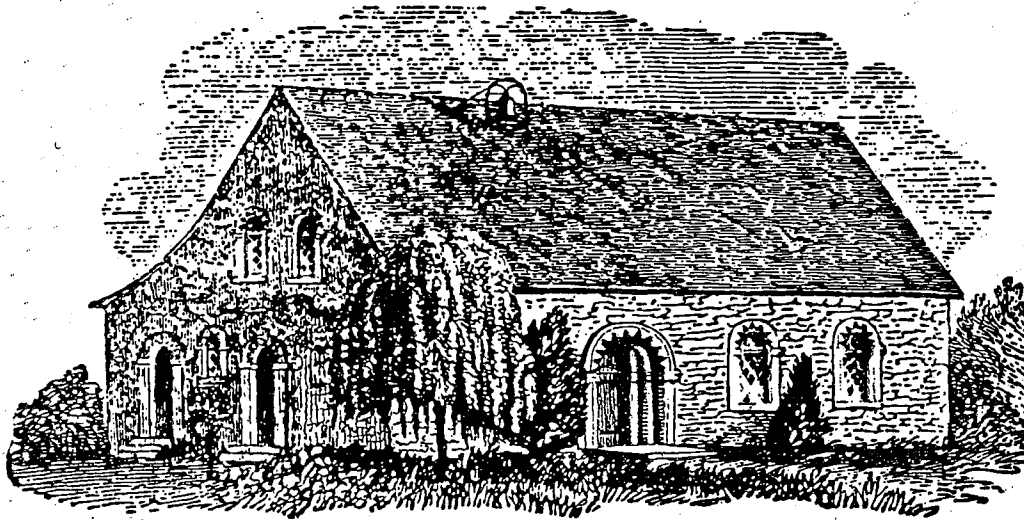
The building which was erected to house this school is now known as the Old Parish House. Funds for the building were obtained, in part, by the publication of the "Harp of Pelham" which was a collection of poems written by various members of the Bolton family, and first published in a family newspaper called the Pelham Chronicle.

According to the Rev. Robert Bolton, Jr.,

son of the Founder, the date of erection was 1848. Other evidence, notably that of the "Harp of Pelham" would suggest either 1844 or possibly 1845. Certain it is that the entire Bolton family, having built the Priory, then Christ Church, were only too ready to build still another structure.

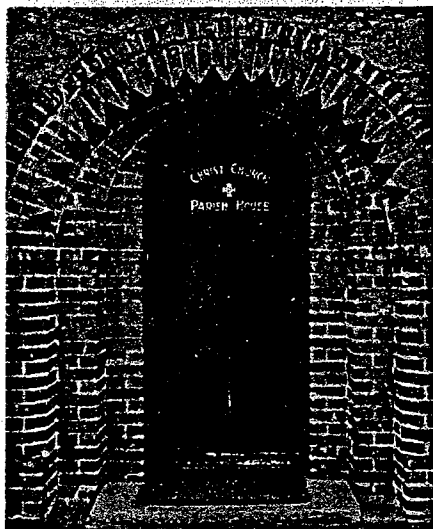
The Norman doorways of this structure are most interesting. The Reverend Founder is supposed to have watched the men lay every brick around the doors so the pattern would be perfect. We are inclined to believe that it was his son, John, who designed and supervised the building as he was already embarked upon an architectural career.

The original lovely lines of this building



An Old Drawing of School Building. Note Bell Hanging in Roof.

## CHRIST CHURCH



Old Norman Door  
Greatly Admired  
by Architects.

Old Parish House  
as of Today.



are today hidden by later additions totally lacking in architectural merit — or even sound construction.

A bell hung in the roof and the beams where it hung may still be seen.

In the beginning, the school had "15 male and 20 female scholars." The children played in what is now the sexton's garden. The school was discontinued in 1866 when the town built a free public school on what is now Jackson Avenue.

The building, together with the surrounding lots, was deeded to Christ Church short-

ly afterwards by Miss Nanette Bolton.

In 1876, the old Parish House was enlarged for use as a Rectory and put in thorough repair at a cost of about \$5,000. Again in March, 1919 the Vestry voted to spend \$5,500 for additional repairs and to fit up the second floor as an apartment for the sexton and his family.

Today, the first floor is used for the Primary Department of the Church School and for various meetings. The second floor remains for the use of the sexton and his family.

## "Civilization Is the Work of Good Women"

*Who Nanette Bolton Was. How The Priory School For Girls Came To Be. How Two Additional Parishes Were Established By The Efforts Of Christ Church. How The Nanette Bolton Memorial Was Built.*

**FOR ALMOST FORTY YEARS**, Christ Church was to be greatly influenced by one of those rare women who are destined to bear the burdens of every one around them. Such was Nanette Bolton, eldest daughter and second child of the Rev. Robert Bolton.

Other members of the Bolton family were famous for their books, their sermons and their artistic accomplishments; Nanette was beloved because she worked with human minds and souls.

She was born at Bath, England, at the home of her maternal grandfather, the Rev. William Jay, on June 20, 1815. She was to die in Switzerland on August 6, 1884, and to be buried in the La Sallay Cemetery at Lausanne.

She was baptized Anne but was given the diminutive to distinguish her from her mother. Her childhood was a delight to all who came in contact with her. She was a great favorite with Washington Irving who was constantly amused at the outpourings of her inventive imagination.

After only one year of schooling at Reading, she was withdrawn as her mother required her help with the numerous little brothers and sisters constantly arriving.

In these days of small families we have all but forgotten the important place occupied by the eldest sister in a family with many children. The Bolton children did not forget and throughout all her years Nanette was the center of the family.

With only one year of formal education, Nanette was to become accomplished in many arts, to run a successful girls' school, to help establish the first public school in Pelham, to carry forward two important missionary projects, to supervise the care of the sick and wounded dumped on David's Island during the Civil War, and constantly to play an important part in the affairs of Christ Church.

In the early 1860's, Miss Nanette and Miss Adele took the lead in establishing missionary services at City Island and Pelhamville, which later became the Parishes of Grace Church and the Church of the Redeemer, respectively.

During the Civil War, the government used David's Island for what we would now call a base hospital. Miss Nanette took the lead in raising funds and in obtaining women to work as nurses on the Island. The Priory was used as headquarters for this effort.

For over twenty years the school attached to Christ Church was the only source of public education in Pelham. This project, too, was of great interest to Miss Nanette.

In 1870, she requested permission of the Vestry to thoroughly repair and refit the interior of Christ Church, and from the minutes of the Vestry, and other sources, we find it was Nanette who deeded the Old Parish House and the adjacent lots to the Church in 1867.

One day, possibly in 1881, Nanette had



a bad fall in the Priory, which brought on such poor health that she was compelled to relinquish her duties and to close down the Priory School. She was persuaded in 1882 to take a long vacation in Europe. After visiting relatives in England she went to Switzerland, where members of the Jay family lived at Lausanne.

The inspiring Swiss scenery provided many subjects for her water-color drawings, an art in which she was exceptionally skilled.

In Switzerland, she wrote that she found "untold delight". "Here let me live and die", she said. Nanette so earnestly hoped to ascend one of the mountains that in July, 1884, arrangements were made for a fortnight at Sepey. When she was urged to return to Lausanne she begged "to go higher". Ormond Dessons being only nine miles beyond, she was carried there and spent two happy days at the little Inn. She exclaimed several times to those about her, "How glorious to go to Heaven from here". She painted steadily and with great concentration each day, so that no particular fear or anxiety was felt about her. On the third day, however, she laid aside her paint

brushes, and said, "I feel a little tired and will finish on the morrow".

Before the sun arose "she had fallen asleep to awake in Glory".

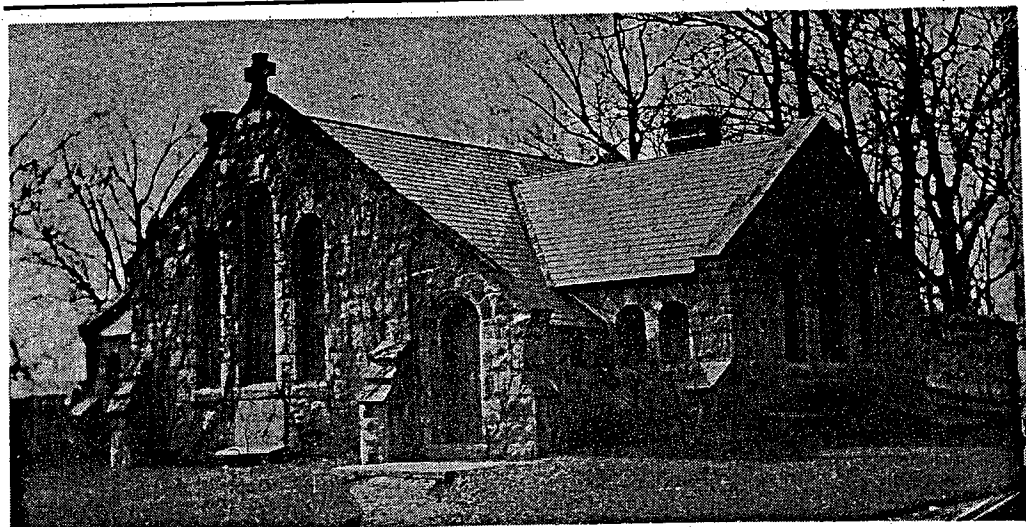
When the news of Miss Nanette's death reached this country, her friends determined that the church to which Nanette had given so much of her life, should always have a Memorial of her devotion, and as she had played such an important part in the management of the Sunday School, they decided to build a room in which the School could meet.

This building, the Nanette Bolton Memorial, was begun at the end of 1884 and finished in 1885. It was consecrated in 1887 by the Rt. Rev. Henry Potter.

"I will teach you by the hand of God".  
Job xxvii, 11

... She was a workman skilled  
To lay foundation stones of character  
Whereon yet many daughters after her,  
In Christ's dear name, a fabric fair  
should build.

— Mary K. Stone  
September 2, 1884.



Nanette Bolton Memorial as It Originally Looked.

## THE PRIORY SCHOOL

**WHEN THE REV. ROBERT BOLTON** built the Pelham Priory he had no idea it would ever become a school for young ladies.

Tradition has it that a friend of Mr. Bolton living in Savannah asked him to take a young daughter into the Bolton family in order that she might share in the home schooling given by the Rev. Robert Bolton to his eight daughters and five sons.

Robert Bolton had reached no decision about the matter when one day in the winter of one of the early years in the Priory a carriage drove up, and a gentleman deposited his daughter and her luggage before the door.

Thus was started the Priory School.

The school family, for so it seemed, educated as many as fifty to sixty girls at a time. Most of them came from the South where the Bolton name meant a great deal. During the Civil War the atmosphere was rather tense. The number of pupils during the war period was greatly reduced. The war caused deep concern to the members of the Bolton family with both relatives and friends divided by the great controversy.

The Rev. Robert Bolton was to return to England in 1850, and there to die. His departure from Pelham was largely made possible by the fact that Nanette had taken over the management of the school, ably assisted by her faithful shadow, young Adele, 15 years Nanette's junior.

## A STUDENT DESCRIBES THE PRIORY SCHOOL

An interesting sketch of the Priory School was written in 1933 by Emily Earle Lindsley, a pupil, and whose father, the Rev. Charles E. Lindsley, D.D., of New Rochelle, had classes at the Priory in Greek, Latin,

and Biblical History. She wrote —

The Armory, a large room in the center of the house, was where my father and one or two others, held their classes. They sat at the head of a long, dark table made by the brothers Bolton from oak wood which grew on the property.

The scholars occupied chairs arranged along the sides and across the lower end.

A log fire burned in the large stone fireplace and there were deep niches at the side where one could sit and watch the blaze. Stained glass windows made by the sons of the Rev. Robert Bolton filled the east end of the room. Mounted suits of armor, swords, daggers, spears and other war implements were on the walls. Carved high-backed chairs from the time of Charles I, and many other objects of artistic and historical interest made a most unusual setting for recitations.

Here, also, Miss Bolton had her class in history after a method of her own and it was one of the most interesting and inspiring sessions of the week.

A door from the Armory led into the Sanctum Sanctorum, Miss Bolton's study; and another into the study room of the scholars where lessons were prepared. Miss Adele, the "Aunt Dely" of the younger generation of the family, presided here.

Seated at a large table in the center of the room, she kept before her a large square bulletin on which the various classes were scheduled. She called these out as the time arrived. Meanwhile she kept an eye on her charges, though apparently engaged in sewing, writing or reading.

There were no desks, but heavy oak tables were placed along the sides of the room at which groups of girls sat studying from books which were tied to the backs of the tables by long strips of tape.

High glass cases filled with stuffed birds, shells and geological specimens lined the room.

The school was in session from nine to five. No books were allowed to be taken from the room except by special permission.

Living in New Rochelle, I walked to the Priory and back, two miles each way, every day including Saturday mornings, as did also my father and the other day pupils.

Each morning the boarders took a constitutional. The troupe, walking two by two and attended by one of the resident teachers, came along Pelham Road as far as Drake's Lane, (Now Drake Avenue).

The Priory building at that time had three stories, although not as first. The long hall on the second story was named "Broadway" and that on the third floor, "Fifth Avenue". Quaint, meticulous Miss Allen, the housekeeper, occupied a room, the short entrance to which was known as "Maiden Lane".

Eleanor, the youngest daughter of Edwin Stanton, President Lincoln's Secretary of War, was a Priory scholar. Others came from many of the prominent families in Boston, Providence, the South and the West. From New York the names of Bliss, Agnew, Burrill, Rich, Middleton, Morris, Hunter and deLand swelled the list.

Miss Lindsley closes her article on the Priory School with this tribute to Nanette:

The school was closed in 1881, owing to the failing health of its beloved head. Miss Bolton left for England the following year. After visiting members of her family living there, she went to Switzerland, where in 1884, she passed on into the school of higher learning — under the Master Teacher.

The influence of her life, and accomplishments in character building, and that of her less known but well loved sister, Adele, will

ever remain with us, who were the "Priory Girls".

#### YOUTHFUL RECOLLECTIONS

**ARABELLA BOLTON,** to whom this history is dedicated, has also been a source of facts and inspiration for it. At a meeting of the Woman's Guild last year (1942), Miss Arabella recalled many human little incidents about Christ Church that you will enjoy reading. She said in part:

The Rev. Robert Bolton reserved six pews with the words, "Free" painted on them so that those who could not pay pew rent would feel welcome.

He also reserved two vaults under the church giving one to his neighbors, the Roosevelts. . . .

The organ used to be in a gallery over the Pelhamdale entrance. The Bolton brothers and sisters were the choir. Nanette played the organ and the youngest twin sister, Adele, played the harp which I now possess.

One Sunday a visiting clergyman came to Christ Church. My father, (Robert, Jr.), remarked, "He will be too short for our pulpit", as the visiting clergyman happened to be of short stature. So, my father placed a box in the pulpit for the man to stand on.

The service went on smoothly until the visitor mounted the box and gave out his text, St. John 16: "A little while and ye shall not see me; and again, a little while and ye shall see me".

Suddenly the box tipped and the clergyman disappeared from the sight of the congregation. You may imagine the rest. . . .

The organ in those days had to be pumped by hand. I shall never forget the Lenten services when my sister played the organ and we children had to pump it while the others formed the choir. They would all get

so thirsty that one of us would take a pitcher and slip down the stairs to fill it at the spring back of the church and then "water the choir" . . .

I remember the Sunday School which was held in a wooden building attached to the west corner of the church and which was heated by a coal stove . . .

#### LAST DAYS AND DEATH OF THE FOUNDER

The year, 1849, marks a turning point in the life of the Bolton family. Abby, the fifth daughter, appeared strong and healthy up to the age of nineteen when a decline set in. She was sent to England in the hope that a change would benefit her. But such was not the case.

Abby returned to the Pellham Priory to die on June 16th, 1849. The Rev. Robert Bolton writing to his two sons who were in England at the time tells them: "Dr. Cutler of New York kindly came out and conducted the funeral service. It was a walking funeral as the church was so near. The coffin was placed in front of the communion rail; a white rose lay upon it. As soon as it was deposited in the vault, I left. How I shall feel when I come to conduct the service on Sunday, with her precious body beneath, I can not think".

Abby's was the first burial in the vaults beneath the floor of the church. The bodies of others who are buried there will be listed later in this book.

This first break in the Bolton family circle produced a shock from which the Rev. Robert Bolton never entirely recovered. His English friends wrote him constantly and were most desirous that he should return to his adopted country. He felt that he could safely commit the Priory to the hands of his oldest daughter and she, it was, who made his departure for England possible.

Accompanied by Mrs. Bolton and some of his family, he landed at Portsmouth in the autumn of 1850. After a visit to Bath he took up his residence in London hoping to find new duties. However, a law enacted in the reign of William III, relating to foreign orders, precluded him from holding a Cure of souls in the Church of England.

The Archbishop of Canterbury was interested in his case, but could only suggest a special Act of Parliament. The course was both difficult and expensive and could not be pursued. The Rev. Robert Bolton was offered a Parish in Scotland which he refused, as one important reason for returning to England was to be near Mrs. Bolton's father in his declining years.

At this moment, a most opportune and suitable opening appeared in an invitation to become Chaplain to the Earl of Ducie, Tortworth Court, in Gloucestershire.

The Rev. Robert Bolton settled in a modest house in the village of Stone and not only served the Earl, but went throughout the neighborhood working with the poor. In this he was ably assisted by his daughters.

He served the old Earl for two years until the latter's death and then stayed on for two years more as Chaplain to the new Earl. He resigned because of symptoms of failing health and removed with his family to Cheltenham where they found sincere, Christian friends.

As the infirmities of age gathered, the affection between man and wife deepened, if that were possible. Read what Mrs. Bolton wrote in her diary:

"May 8, 1857 — Forty and six years this day have we been united, and still spared to each other. Does it not reflect on the goodness and mercy which have followed us?"

Sad days were ahead for on the 21st day of May, that year, we learn from Mrs. Bolton's diary:

"My precious husband, on arising this morning, had a severe seizure. O gracious God be with us in this hour of trouble!"

At length, the dreaded event occurred. Mrs. Bolton write in her diary:

"November 21st (1857) — How little do we know what is before us! Since I wrote last, I am a widow. My precious husband has gone to his heavenly home. Precious, indeed, has he been to me in life; and death will not long divide us. I bless Thee for the husband he has been to me — for his bright example. What a married life we have passed — a happy one indeed. He loved me with the purest affection, which never ceased, and I have the same sweet feeling on my part as forty-six years ago..."

Mrs. Bolton stayed on in England. Not quite two years later appears the final entry in her Journal, that she had kept faithfully for forty-four years, and which is the source of many statements in this present history:

"September 20, (1859) — Lord, I feel so overwhelmed at Thy goodness to me."

This was written just a week before her death. Her body was carried to Cheltenham so that it could rest beside that of her beloved husband. The two sons living in England undertook the filial task.

#### WASHINGTON IRVING WROTE

This letter was written to Robert Bolton, Jr. (who was the famous historian) when news reached Washington Irving of the death of the Rev. Robert Bolton:

Sunnyside, Dec. 11th, 1857.

"My dear Sir:

It is with great concern that I receive the intelligence of the death of your Father, for I cherished the hope that we would meet again on this side of the Atlantic. He was one of the gentlest, purest, worthiest beings I have ever known, and he has gone to receive the reward of his goodness, for we are told, 'The pure in heart shall see God'.

Yours very faithfully,  
My dear Mr. Bolton  
Washington Irving"

**WE SHALL NOT** attempt to follow all of the Bolton children in their numerous paths. Each of them was distinguished in one or more ways and frequent reference to them will be found in works on history, art and the Church.

On the wall to the right of the Bolton Altar is affixed this tablet:

In Memory of  
the Sons of the Founder of This Parish:  
The Rev. Robert Bolton, A.M., 1814-1877

The Rev. William Jay Bolton, M.A.,  
1816-1884

The Rev. John Bolton, Dean of Chester,  
1819-1906

The Rev. Cornelius Winter Bolton,  
1819-1906

The Rev. James Bolton, B.A.,  
1824-1863

"To the Glory of God and in remembrance of their life work in His Church."

Robert, the eldest son, became famous as a historian.

William Jay first trained as an engineer, studied art in Italy and under Samuel F. Morse in the United States. He won the



A Distinctive Feature  
of Christ Church  
Is the Corbels Supporting  
the Open Rafters.  
Artistically Carved by  
the Bolton Brothers,  
They Were Originally  
Brightly Colored.



silver medal in 1840 given by the National Academy of Design. He engaged in the production of stained glass starting with Christ Church and finally assisting in the restoration of the windows of King's College Chapel, Cambridge. On his grave are these beautiful lines by Matthew Arnold:

"If in the paths of this world, stones  
might have wounded thy feet, toil or  
dejection tried thy spirit, of that we saw  
nothing. To us thou wast still cheerful,  
and helpful, and firm. Therefore to thee  
it was given many to save with thyself,  
and at the end of the day, Oh Faithful  
Shepherd, to come bringing thy sheep  
in thy hand."

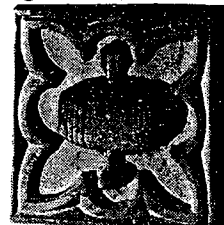
John also had great skill in glass, in wood carving and in architecture. Some critics feel he had a finer artistic touch

even than his talented brother, William Jay.

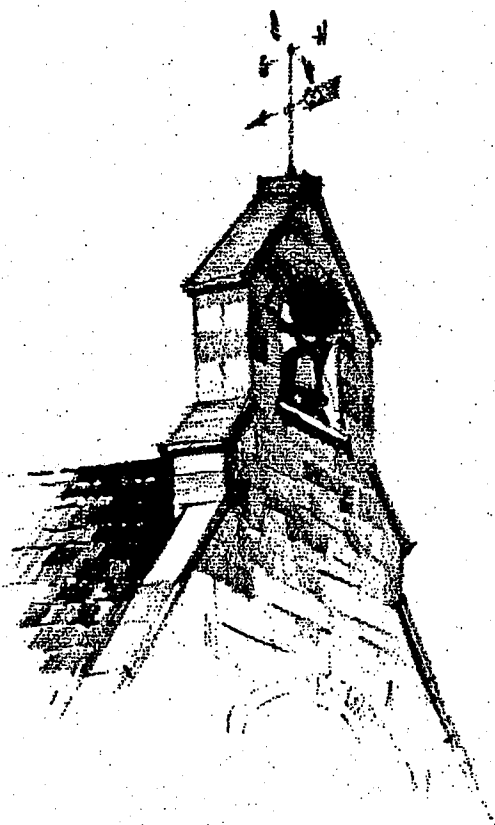
Cornelius Winter, as may be seen from our Chronology, was an Assistant Priest of Christ Church from 1847-1850 and Rector from 1856-1860. He was also Rector of the Church of the Redeemer. He was an able farmer and author of several literary works.

James was from childhood dedicated to the service of the church. He became Vicar of St. Paul's, Kilburn, London. He was the author of numerous religious works, a skilful draftsman and a born gardener. He died when only 39 years of age.

Every son eventually entered the priesthood.



The Bolton Rebus



## A Century Hurries by for Christ Church

*Christ Church Stands Serene. Its Oaks Growing Slowly Larger, while the United States is Being Built in Such a Hurry It Seems as Though We Were Trying to Overtake Time. Faith and Good Works Are Ever Present in the Parish.*

MANY THINGS can happen and be forgotten in the course of one hundred years. This is particularly true in the American scene where seldom is a man buried in the community of his birth, and there is little or no oral tradition to keep alive the events of the past.

Therefore, you will find unexplained gaps in this Chronology. Many of the events recorded here would also have disappeared from memory had it not been for the earnestness and devotion of the Rev.

J. McVickar Haight who located and preserved valuable source material.

The editors of this history assure the writers of the 200th anniversary history in 2043 that we have searched through all the available sources in order to eliminate as many errors as possible.

### 1843

Pelham, one hundred years ago, was a sparsely settled community of forest and marsh land, with the population divided

between the landed gentry, who had their estates, generally along the shore of Long Island Sound, the poor whites and the free blacks.

The gentry spent most of their time riding to hounds, and hunting and fishing. The marshes and creek were covered with thousands of wild duck, and the story is told of a striped bass weighing 50 pounds, being caught off the Old Pelham Bridge, by E. Des Brosses Hunter, Esq.

Some of the larger estates frequently entertained European Royalty and distinguished travelers, and were establishments of great beauty and luxury.

One royal guest, Jerome Bonaparte, is known to have been so impressed with the magnificence of the Hunter Mansion on Hunter Island, that he offered a large sum for its purchase.

This great house of brick and stone, with a commanding view of The Sound, contained rooms of grand size and proportions, with costly fireplaces and mantels of beautifully carved, rare woods; and within it was one of the first and finest art galleries of our land, together with a library famous for its completeness.

The grounds of this estate ran down to the Sound, and, until a few years ago, one could see the remains of the old brick stables, servant quarters, and elaborate gardens.

In great contrast to the life of the gentry was that of the remainder of the population — they had to work hard for a living — from sunrise to sunset. The poor man had to know how to work with his hands, to be able to do the job of a butcher, carpenter, mechanic, blacksmith, and farmer.

There was little travelling and a journey was undertaken only after long preparation. Railroads were just coming into existence, but the general method of travel was

by horseback, or stage-coach, or in the family omnibus, and occasionally by steamboat or sailing craft.

The working people went to bed early and the evenings, except in the case of a rare party, were spent in reading by candle light, or in conversation, or in toasting chestnuts, or roasting apples and popcorn, before a log fire. The kitchen was the general utility room of the house and the room in which most of the time, when indoors, was spent.

Sermons, one hundred years ago, were very, very long, and as a rule extremely theological. The pews in many of the early churches, perhaps with the above thought in mind, were so stiff-backed and uncomfortable it was impossible to doze, without rolling off on the floor.

The only things that have not changed very much since those old days, are men and women. They gossiped and wrangled, and fought, and loved—just as we do today.

In the year 1848 Christ Church was built and consecrated. The Rector, the Rev. Robert Bolton, said in his Diocesan report: "This being a newly organized church, I can only report that the appearance of its success and prosperity are encouraging. Baptized—8; Sunday School Scholars—45; Teachers—7."

(Note: In 1712, the population of Pelham was listed at 62, in 1840 it was 789.)

## 1844

The Rev. Robert Bolton: "The Rector is happy to report that the object of forming Pelham into a parish is so far accomplished that a congregation regularly attends and gives hope that permanent good will be done among them. Baptized—14; Communicants—15; Sunday Scholars—45; Teachers—7."

Contributions reported include: Mission at Athens, Ga. \$30.00; Mission at Illinois



\$30.00; Diocesan Fund \$3.95; Episcopal Fund \$3.95.

### 1845

The Rev. Cornelius Winter Bolton became Assistant Priest.

### 1851

The Rev. Robert Bolton resigned as Rector of Christ Church at Pelham. The Rev. Cornelius Winter Bolton granted Letters Dimissory to the Diocese of Maryland.

### 1852

After a short interval during which the services of the church were supplied by the Rev. R. H. Bourne as Locum Tenens, the Rev. Alexander Shiras became rector. His report to the Bishop in 1853 contains the following information: "Number of families 20; number of souls 130; baptisms, adults 1, infants 8; confirmed 9, married 1; buried 5. Present number of communicants 47; Sunday Scholars 40; total number of

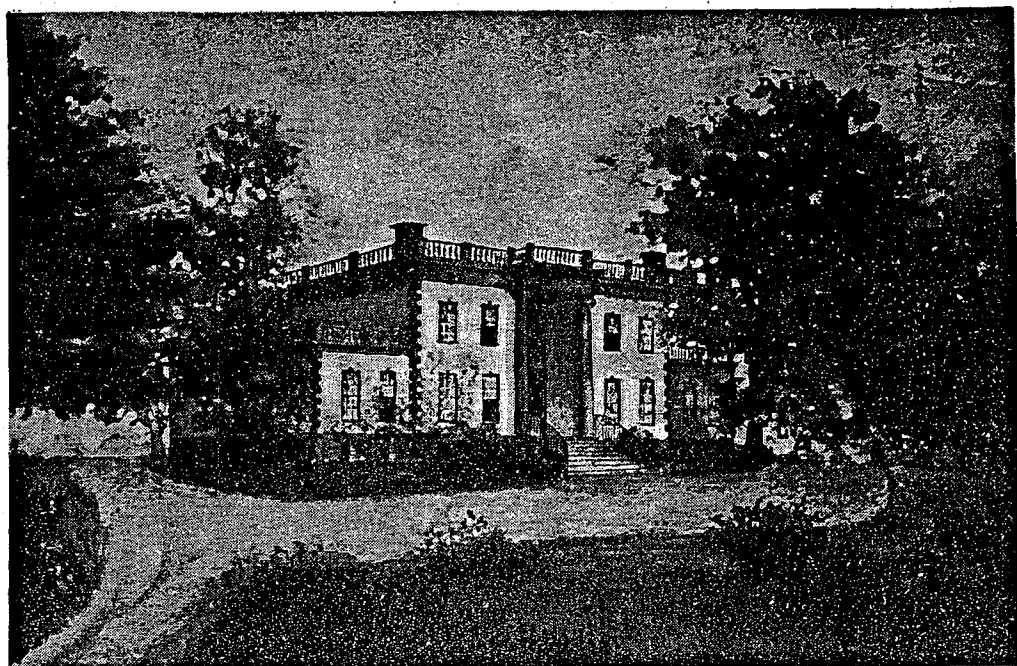
young people instructed 71."

### 1853

The Rev. Alexander Shiras: "The entire absence of children belonging to Episcopal families of a suitable age for this exercise, forbids the catechizing in the church; members of other classes for religious instruction 31; Sunday Scholars 40; Total number of young persons instructed 71. Daily Parish Schools: a free school for the male and female children of the neighborhood is connected with the parish; number of pupils 27. Number of families 20; number of souls 130. Baptisms, adults 1; infants 8; confirmed 7; marriages 1; burials 5; Communicants 46; added anew 9; removed into the parish 1; removed from the parish 7; died 2."

### 1854

The Rev. Alexander Shiras: "Love, harmony and peace prevail. The church has



The Hunter House, Hunter's Island, Scene of Many Notable Gatherings and Social Events. From a Watercolor Done in 1895 by Philip S. de Luze.

during the past year been considerably enlarged with special reference to fuller accommodation for the poor."

### 1855

The Rev. Cornelius Winter Bolton, fourth son of the Founder, became rector in 1855 and remained until 1857 when he went to St. George's Mission Chapel, New York City.

### 1857

The Rev. N. E. Cornwall became rector and writes: "I accepted the Rectorship of this Parish early in December last. It is proper to state here that eleven of the baptisms (17 in all) reported were performed and recorded by my predecessor, the Rev. Cornelius Winter Bolton; also, that the collection for Foreign Missions includes an offering of twenty dollars from the young ladies of Miss Nanette Bolton's school at Pelham Priory."

### 1860

The Rev. N. E. Cornwall reports: "I found 38 families connected with the Parish; 86 communicants and 220 individuals. Total contributions to the Parish in that year amounted to \$614.10." His report marks the opening of a mission Sunday School in Pelhamville: "The Parochial school is under the charge of two ladies who devote their time and talents to it as a missionary calling. The school is supported by voluntary contributions." Miss Fanny Schuyler with Miss Cornelia Jay of New York City and Rye organized the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions.

### 1861

After a period of illness, the Rev. N. E. Cornwall resigned his Cure.

The Rev. Marmaduke Martin Dillon, M.A., entered upon his duties as rector of Christ Church at Pelham on the ninth of November, 1861. The ladies of the Parish held a fair that year and raised \$700. for parochial purposes and about \$450. for the

wounded and ill soldiers in the Hospital at David's Island (now Fort Slocum).

### 1862

The Rector's report contains these evidences of the missionary and charitable zeal of the Parish:

"Pelhamville: This mission was established some two years since and has continued to flourish with the most blessed results during the past year." (This was to become the Church of the Redeemer.)

"City Island: This island situated in the Sound and with a population of 800 souls ... was left utterly destitute of the means of Grace. Here a mission was established commencing in February which promises, through God's blessing, to be abundantly increased. A church is in the process of erection; \$1,358.00 has most generously been contributed for this glorious purpose by the young ladies connected with the Pelham Priory, exclusive of \$600.00 promised by the islanders, one of whom, Mr. George Horton, gave the ground for the church and \$100.00 towards the funds. The building will cost \$5,000.00. Already there is a good and active congregation and a flourishing Sunday School." (It seems that Miss Nanette Bolton supervised the mission at Pelhamville while Miss Adele Bolton supervised that at City Island. She had to be rowed from the mainland every Sunday as there was no bridge, although later there was a bridge made of old ships.—Ed.)

"David's Island Hospital: A kitchen has been built upon the island with sleeping apartments and servants employed and the ladies, in turn, devote a week day and night in ministering to the sick and wounded soldiers. Garments furnished to the sick and wounded soldiers—3,224; boots and shoes, 286 pairs; sheets, 321; other articles to the value of \$318.00." (Pelham Priory was the headquarters for the supplies.—Ed.)

The pioneer work in organizing the breakfast part of the program was undertaken by Mrs. Harold Hoopes in January, 1938. She was assisted by Mrs. B. Frank Mountford with Mr. Hoopes as cashier and Mrs. Carleton D. Farrell as treasurer. They served an average of 60 children a week. The Guild provided a kitchen wagon and paid for the dishwashing. During the second season eight members were added to the committee.

It was necessary to secure a successor to Mrs. Hoopes in April, 1939 as she was leaving the community. Mrs. James Watson and Mrs. Lewis Smith became co-chairmen which arrangement continued for the season of 1939-1940. The Guild voted to pay \$50 for bill due.

During the third season the breakfasts became self-supporting except for dishwashing which the Guild provided. An average of 67 attended the breakfasts. At the end of the year Mrs. Watson resigned as co-chairman.

On the first Sunday in October of the fourth season, 1940-1941, the breakfast routine was shattered by the attendance of 88 evacuee children of the British Actors' Union from near London. They have become a part of our Church and Sunday School in this manner. Upon arrival the children asked about church services and Mr. William Griffin of the Edwin Gould Foundation which was housing the children remembered the children's service at Christ Church and asked whether the British children might be included.

They were welcomed heartily. Members of the Parish donated services and money to make this possible. At the end of the season, the Breakfast Committee found it had served an average of 127 children each week. Twenty-three volunteers joined the committee to take care of the extra work.

For the forty Sundays of the fifth sea-

son, 1941-1942, the attendance at the breakfasts averaged 126. During the current year, despite the local drop in Pelham population because of the war, attendance has averaged 112.

The organization of the Breakfast Committee for the 1942-1943 season is:

*Chairman* ..... Mrs. Lewis Smith  
*Treasurer* ..... Mrs. Carleton D. Farrell  
*Cashier* ..... Mrs. Lewis Smith

*Assisted by Messrs.*

Clarence G. Campbell      Logan M. Dayton  
    James Innes

*Committee—Mesdames*

Harry Babcock	J. A. Lodwick
A. A. Bieber	Gilbert McKay
Grover C. Burrows	H. Wilmarth Mott, Jr.
Alexander Calderwood	Raymond Farmer
Miss Eugenie Callahan	Lewis Perkinson
Logan M. Dayton	Hubert Playle
William Gehron	David Reid
Willis Gray	Henry H. Simmen
J. Lloyd Handy	Edward A. Scott
Edward F. Hudson	Harold V. Story
James Innes	K. H. Stevens
J. B. Jenkins	James Watson
Frank Leahy	Frank M. White
	James Wilcox

CHURCH SCHOOL AT  
 CHRIST CHURCH, 1942-1943

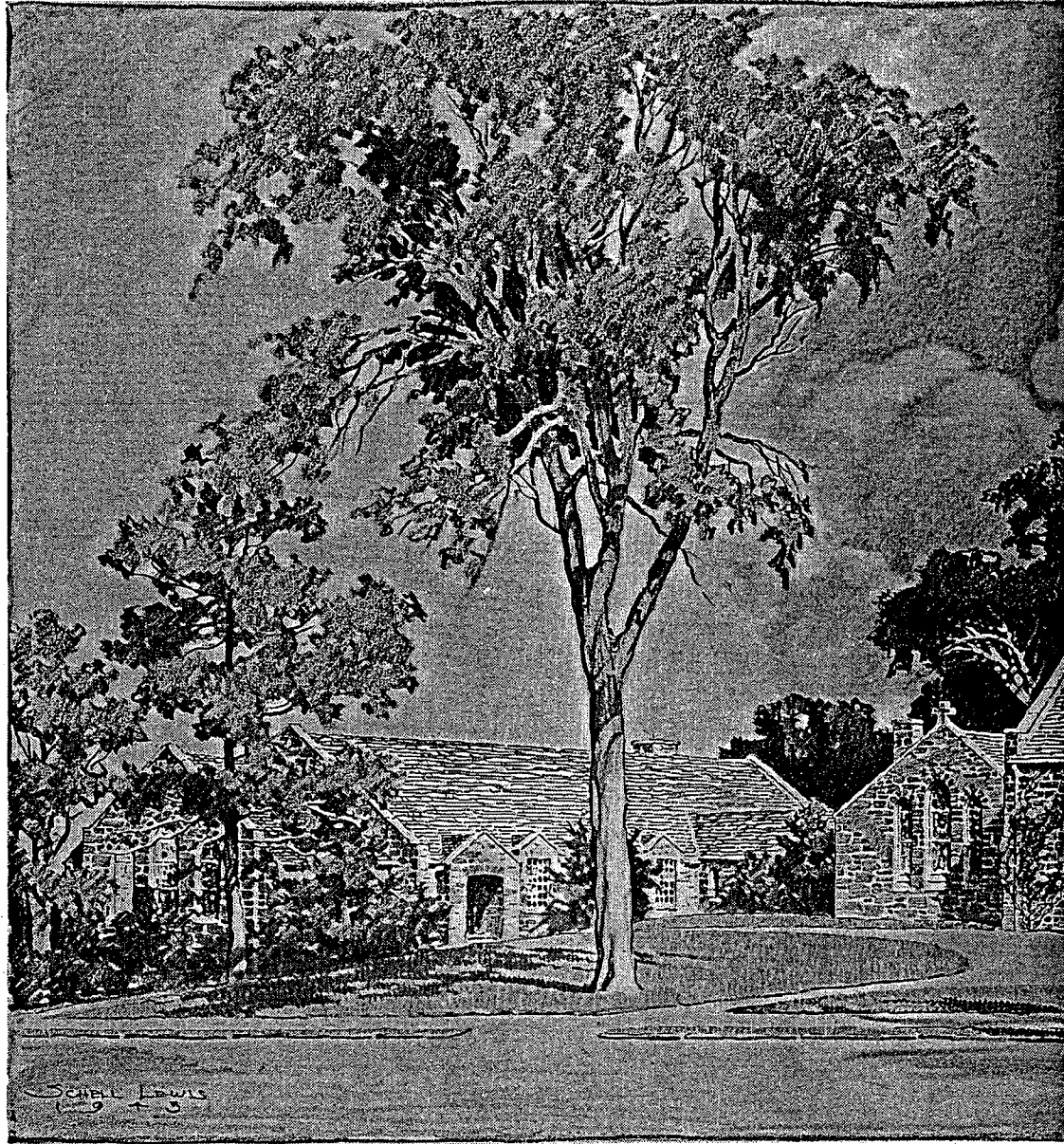
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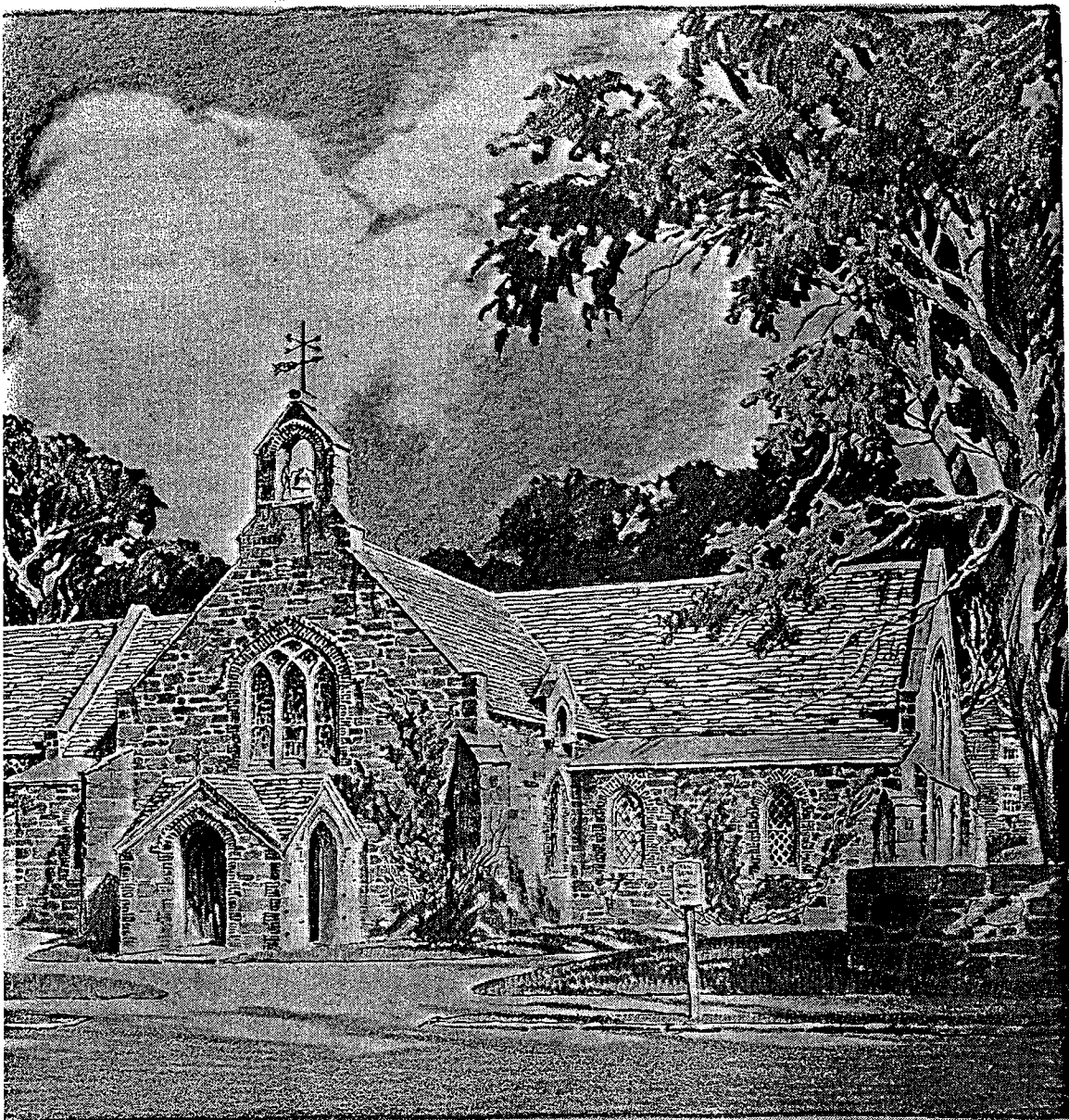
Mrs. Edward C. Sperry	Miss Virginia Fish
in charge	Miss Grace Gehron
Mrs. W. William Abeles	Mrs. Gilbert McKay
Miss Dagmar Abkarian	Miss Mary Ellen
Mrs. Charles R. Cowap	Padin
	Mrs. Carlo Zezza

*Upper School*

Miss Arabella Jay Bolton	Mr. W. Donald Roberts
Mr. Edward F. Hudson	Mrs. Frank W. Shober
Miss Marion Hurlbut	Mr. G. Hoyle Wright
Mrs. J. B. Jenkins	Mr. James C. Watson
Mr. William J. MacKay	Mrs. G. Hoyle Wright
Mr. Stanley Mortlock	Mr. Carlo Zezza
Miss Elsie M. Oerzen	Mrs. Jane Zammett
and, The Rev. Edward Thomas Taggard	
The Rev. Joseph Barnes Williams	



Christ Church at Pelham Today — Church, Nanette Bolton Memorial and New Parish Hall. The Rectory and the Garden of Resurrection Are at the Rear.



The Chief Architectural Changes Since 1910 Are the Enlargement of the Chancel and the Construction of the Parish Hall. The Property is in Excellent Repair.

### 1863

Miss Adele Bolton by her own efforts collected \$944.00 for Grace Church, City Island, and \$250.00 towards the stipend of the missionary for City Island and Pelhamville. (Grace Church erected a tablet to Miss Adele.—Ed.)

The sum of \$750.00 was also contributed for the relief of the sick and wounded soldiers on David's Island. (The women of Christ Church Parish have never been daunted or discouraged when a need has arisen.—Ed.)

The Rev. Samuel S. Chevers was called to the position of assistant priest of Christ Church with the view of acting as missionary to City Island and Pelhamville. He entered upon his duties in June, 1863.

### 1864

The Rev. Edward W. Syle became rector and the Rev. Samuel Chevers was assistant priest of Christ Church.

The Parish raised \$650.00 for the purchase and repairs of a chapel in Pelhamville.

Hart's Island, a military depot with an average of 2,000 men upon it, was as yet unprovided with a chaplain. The Rector, therefore, visited the post on Sunday afternoons. He and his assistant held services four times on Sundays in various parts of the Parish.

The hospital work on David's Island for the wounded soldiers brought from southern battle fronts, required the constant efforts of the women of the Parish.

### 1865

During the Rectorate of the Rev. Edward W. Syle a Sunday School house was built. The new Assistant Priest of the Parish, the Rev. William V. Feltwell, was placed in charge of Grace Church, City Island and of Pelhamville. He also held a military chaplaincy for a few months at Hart's Island.

The Rector reported to the Bishop that City Island had been organized into a separate parish and incorporation procured. The Rev. William V. Feltwell was elected rector of Grace Church, City Island.

### 1866

The Rev. Edward W. Syle: "A chapel at Pelhamville has been bought for \$500.00 and a student from the General Theological Seminary of New York has been engaged to help with the work. City Island which has been organized as a separate parish is under the rectorship of the Rev. William V. Feltwell. Christ Church has: 80 families; 400 individuals; Daily Parish school 1 (paid) scholar; total number 12 females."

The parochial school was abandoned about this time as a public school had been established about this time by the town on what is now Jackson Avenue.

### 1867

The Rev. Edward W. Syles reported: "A deed, conveying to the Vestry a former school house with the surrounding grounds, has been given by Miss Bolton of Pelham Priory. All contributed to the work of refitting the building and furnishing it throughout in a tasteful and suitable manner. Cost, \$5,000. . . Families 60; Individuals 300; Sunday School and Evening Services in Town Hall during summer. Class in district school-house at Prospect Hill."

The missionary heritage of the Parish has been shown not only through the Woman's Auxiliary but also through most of the Rectors. In December, 1867, the Rev. Edward W. Syle wrote to the Clerk of the Vestry: "This morning's mail brought me an invitation to proceed to China."

### 1868

In March, 1868, the Rev. J. McAlpin Harding became Rector and remained in the Parish until 1872. He reported: "The



heavy rains which continued most of the spring with the intense heat of summer interfered materially with Parish work. Sickness in the Rector's family closed the church one Sunday; repairs on the church, four Sundays; hence the meagerness of this report. During the first half of the year there were services in the Church and at Pelhamville on almost every Sunday."

### 1870

Miss Nanette Bolton requested permission of the Vestry to thoroughly repair and refit the interior of the Parish Church.

### 1871

The Rev. Charles Higbee succeeded the Rev. J. McAlpin Harding as Rector of Christ Church. He reported: "The Chapel at Pelhamville has grown into an Incorporated Parish with the name of the 'Church of the Redeemer'. The deed of the chapel and grounds by which it is surrounded, formerly in the possession of this Church, have been given to the Vestry of the New Church. This is the second parish that has sprung from the missionary zeal of Christ Church . . . The contributions for the year are \$4,198.56."

### 1872

The Misses Bolton, the Diocesan Missionary Society, and St. Peter's Church, Westchester (remember that for about a century and a half St. Peter's was the Parish Church for the entire borough town of Westchester of which the Manor of Pelham was a part) contributed generously to the work on City Island, aiding the Rev. George Howell, who became Rector of Grace Church in 1871.

### 1874

The Rev. Charles Higbee reported: "Baptisms, 6 infants; funerals, 3; Confirmations, 7; Communicants — present number, 59; Services twice each Sunday; Sunday School — scholars, 50; Teachers, 4; the Rector being Superintendent; Public Catechism

first Sunday of the month. Collections for the poor of the Parish and other charitable objects about \$353.00. Pews all taken."

### 1876

Miss Nanette Bolton had previously deeded the old Parochial School to the Parish. This building was enlarged and put in thorough repair in 1876 at a cost of \$5,000.00. Mrs. Mitchell, mother-in-law of the Rev. Charles Higbee, was very generous in this undertaking.

### 1878

The Rev. Charles Higbee made this report: "The property of the Church of the Redeemer has been conveyed back to this Corporation and regular services are now being held there under the faithful and efficient ministry of the Rev. Robert W. Lewis."

### 1881

The Church of the Redeemer was re-organized Easter Tuesday and elected a regular Vestry, calling the Rev. Cornelius Winter Bolton as Rector. He reported: "It is in a very promising condition, the services well attended. They need help and encouragement, and there is very good prospect of building up a Church. There is no other denomination in the place, only a Union Chapel. That promises to be almost a complete failure as almost everybody has left it and joined the Church of the Redeemer. The Missionary Society has kindly made them a donation which it is hoped will be continued. All the collections at present go to the support of the Rector, and defray the expenses of the Church."

### 1884

Miss Nanette Bolton, eldest daughter of the Founder of Christ Church, died August 6th.

It was entirely fitting that friends and former pupils should want to remember her with a memorial. In 1885, the Nanette Bol-

ton Memorial Building was erected on a lot immediately adjoining Christ Church and was used for the Sunday School, recreation and occasional services. The plans were drawn and generously given by Charles Merry, Esq.

The ground upon which the building stood was donated by the Duchess di Dine. (Mother of Mrs. Frederick Allen. The Allen family nobly took over many of the obligations of the Bolton family upon their purchase of the Priory. From here on, the Allens will appear again and again as benefactors of the Parish.—Ed.)

The large stained glass window was the gift of Mr. Thomas Denton who, in early youth, had assisted in manufacturing the windows of Christ Church. The opposite windows were given by two nieces and a friend. The Sunday School children gave the inscription on the wall, "Lo, I am with you always." The Bible class presented a large table. One Oxford chair was the gift of a friend, the other a family servant gave.

The Lectern, Bible, Prayer Book and Hymnal were given by a friend. The grounds were put in order by Peter Berger.

The building was consecrated on April 28, 1887 by the Rt. Rev. Henry Codman Potter of New York.

### 1886

The Rev. Charles Higbee reported: "Families and Parts of Families, 71. Number of Souls, 263. Baptisms, infants 4; Confirmed, 8; Marriages, 2; Burials, 5; Communicants: number last reported, 61; received from other Parishes, 4; added by Confirmation 8—total gain, 12; loss by removal, 4; loss by death, 1—total loss, 5; present number 68. Public services: Sundays, Holy Days, High Festivals; other days, 20—total 100. Sunday School; Officers and Teachers, 6; Scholars, 70; Public Catechisings, number of times, 10. . . Resources—Pew rents, \$1,377.41; Offerings

at Church Services, \$388.17; Sunday School, \$18.86; Subscriptions and Donations and all other sources, \$1,531.56. Total \$3,316.00. Eight free pews; the others rented."

### 1891

"At a fully attended meeting of the Vestry of Christ Church at Pelham, N. Y.—the Rev. Charles Higbee, Rector—a most satisfactory Treasurer's report was read and the affairs of the Parish were found to be more prosperous than ever before. Every pew in the church is let and many applicants for pews can not be accommodated. During the past year over \$1,500. was spent in improving the Rectory. The Parish is free from debt and has a balance in the treasury . . .

"The Rector, who has served this people faithfully for nearly twenty years, has had \$600.00 added to his yearly stipend . . .

"Mr. Charles F. Roper, for many years Choirmaster of the Church of the Holy Communion, New York, has been engaged as organist . . . The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition . . . The Ladies' Guild is doing a good work. Among other things it has provided a Brussels carpet for the church. Perfect harmony and a hopeful spirit prevails."

### 1893

The Rev. Charles Higbee resigned and became the Rector Emeritus of Christ Church. The Rev. Alfred Francis Tenney was chosen by the Vestry as Rector.

### 1899

The Vestry voted that all pews should be free at the Evening Service.

### 1900

The Rector was authorized to raise money for the purpose of building a new Vestry Room at a cost of about \$400.00.

The Rev. Charles Higbee died while he was traveling in Mexico. A memorial serv-



ice was held in Christ Church on July 1, 1900 at 4 P.M. The service consisted of the regular burial office through the lesson, the Creed and special prayers. The Rev. Cornelius Winter Bolton read sentences and psalms. The Rev. Charles F. Canedy, D.D., read the lesson. The Rev. Alfred Francis Tenney, Rector of Christ Church, read the Creed and Prayers. A large number of relatives, friends, and the poor, whom he had befriended, were present. Further service was reserved until the body could be brought to the United States.

### 1901

The Vestry created a building fund towards the enlargement of the Church.

### 1903

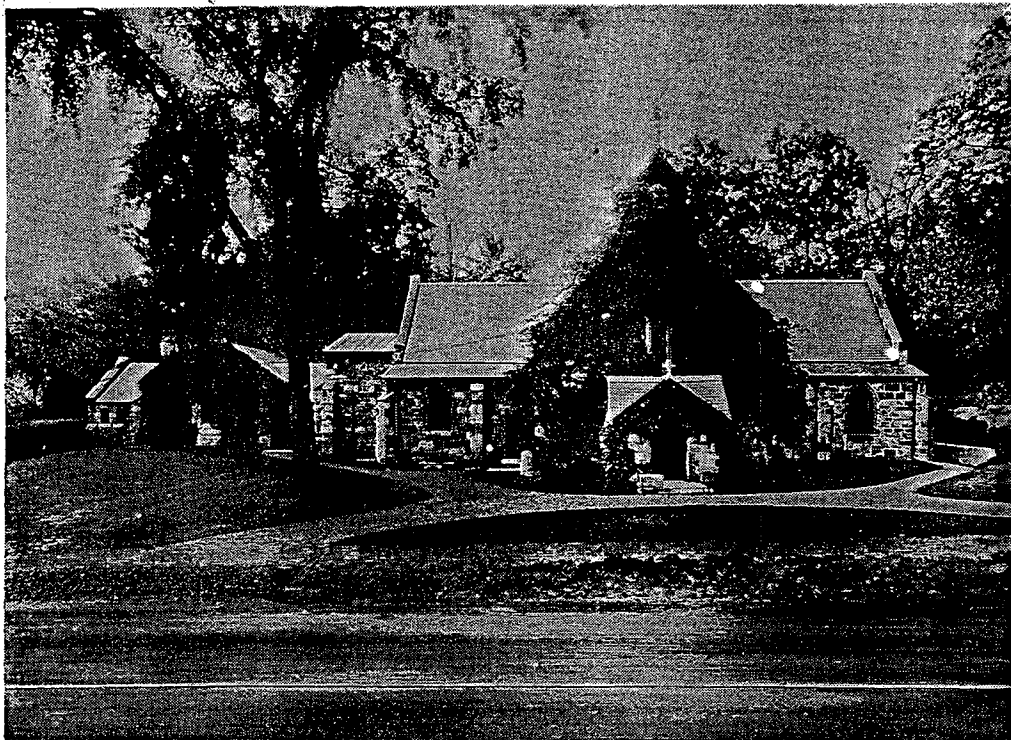
In this year was begun the envelope system of offerings.

### 1909

On Christmas Day, the Rector announced to the congregation that he had succeeded the evening before in completing a subscription of \$10,000. for the enlargement of the Church building. Messrs. Snelling and Potter of New York City were engaged as architects.

### 1910

The Building Committee consisted of the following: The Rector and Messrs. R. T. Emmet, L. P. de Luze, R. H. Scott, G. F. Pelham and William Mills. The remodeling contract called for an expenditure of \$9,585.



Exterior of Christ Church After Its Enlargement in 1910.

The last service in the original church building, before alterations were begun, was April 24, 1910. During construction, services were held in the Nanette Bolton Memorial. The enlarged church was opened on November 27, 1910. The Venerable F. B. Van Kleck, Archdeacon of Westchester, was present and preached.

The church was enlarged by tearing down part of the east and west walls. The remaining parts of the original Church became the Transepts, and the Nave was built running east and west. The new Chancel was extended to meet the Nanette Bolton Memorial. The organ was moved to the new Chancel and the gallery over the north door torn down.

The Church is today (1943) essentially as it was remodelled in 1910. The Chancel, Altar, floors and other parts have been either remodelled or renewed in recent years, as will be noted in the proper place.

The following resolution adopted by the Vestry in 1910 has since determined the placing of memorial tablets: Resolved; That permission for placing memorial tablets in the Church be given hereafter only in memory of persons who have been members of the Parish for at least ten years, or who have rendered distinguished service to the Church.

The Vestry adopted a resolution to mortgage the Rectory property at 1374 Pelhamdale Avenue for \$3,600. This was to provide money for the extra cost incurred in remodelling the Church. This Rectory had been bought at the time the Rev. Alfred Francis Tenney was called to Christ Church as the old Rectory was thought to have too damp a basement.

### 1916

The Rector reported 350 Parishioners, including 180 Communicants.

### 1917-1918

The Honor Roll of the Parish for World War I included these names:

Allen, Frederick H.	Hoff, A. B.
Allen, Frederick S.	Hunter, Arthur M.
Allen, Barbara F. G.	Hunter, F. Heywood
Allen, Julian B. L.	Jacob, Eleanor
Allen, Joan L. H.	Kazanjian, Andron
Brindley, William	Kingsley, Frederick
Cameron, James D.	Klots, Elizabeth
Caniff, Daniel	Loney, Frederick
Church, Charles T.	Loney, Henry
Cottrell, George H.	Langford, John
Emmet, Robert T.	Miller, Frederick
Emmet, Ana Helena	Mills, Schuyler
Goodnow, David F.	Morris, James Edgar
Gray, Julius	Morris, John
Gill, Lester	Phelps, Morris
Gill, Robert E.	Randall, Bradley
Harris, Emily P.	Scott, Alfred K.
Stapler, John J. F.	

On July 23, 1917, a legacy was received amounting to \$5,000 from the estate of Jane E. Edgar. A portion was used to pay off the mortgage placed on the Rectory.

The Rev. Alfred F. Tenney died in the Rectory on August 10, 1918. His funeral services were held in Christ Church on August 13, with Bishop Burch and a number of the Clergy present. His body was buried on Long Island.

On Wednesday, November 27, 1918, the Vestry called the Rev. J. McVickar Haight to be Rector of Christ Church.

He was acting as a Camp Pastor, at the time, under the direction of the Diocesan Committee of New York of the War Commission of the Episcopal Church at the U. S. Naval Training Station, Pelham Bay Park, New York. He accepted the call to Christ Church, but asked permission to continue part-time work at the Naval Station. This request was granted. The new Rector held his first service on Thanksgiving Day, November 28, 1918 and was instituted Rector by the Rt. Rev. David H. Greer, D.D., on January 26, 1919.

The U. S. Naval Hospital at Pelham Bay Park was closed on June 13, 1919 and thereafter the Rector was free to devote his entire time to his duties at Christ Church. During the summer of 1919, the Rev. J. McVickar Haight compiled a "Brief Historical Sketch of Christ Church at Pelham." In October, 1919, the Seventy-Sixth Anniversary of the founding of the Parish was observed.

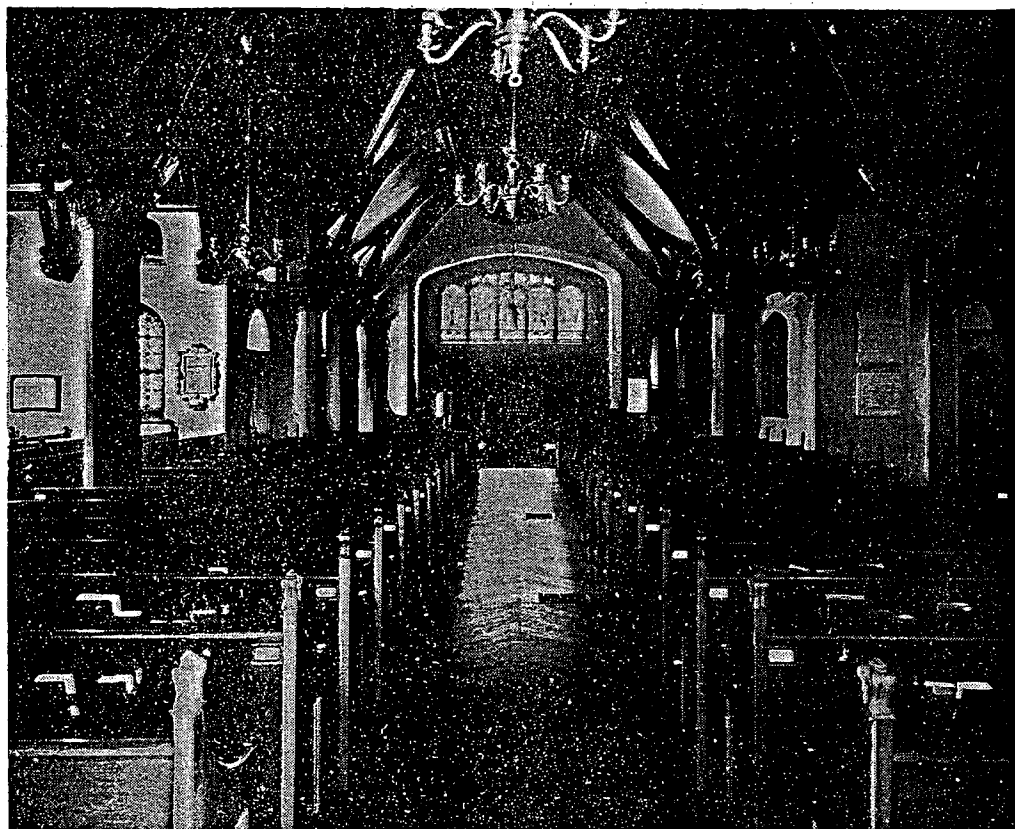
A fund exceeding \$6,000 was raised by the women of the Parish, the interest from which was to be paid to Mrs. Tenney, widow of the late Rector, during her life with the principal to revert to the contributors of the fund upon her death.

## 1919

The Vestry voted to place the Rectory on Pelhamdale Avenue on the market in view of the fact that it had not been regularly maintained by the Church and would require about \$1,500 to repair. The Old Parish House was remodelled at a cost of about \$8,000.

## 1920

The real estate and personal property of Grace Church, City Island, together with all the debts and liabilities were taken over by Christ Church. The Rector reported the appointment of the Rev. George R. Hiatt as Vicar of Grace Church, City Island.



Interior of Christ Church after Enlargement in 1910. In 1939 the Chancel Was Changed to Bring It into Harmony with the Rest of the Church.

The old system of renting pews in Christ Church was abolished and all pews were declared free and unassigned. This action met considerable opposition at the time and one member of the congregation, still active, insists that she is going to have a memorial tablet over her pew reading, "She held out for pew rent".

On the part of the older families in the Parish at the time, the argument was advanced that family pews seemed to be an essential part of old churches and the very fact of worshipping every Sunday in the same pew created an atmosphere of "coming back home", which sitting anywhere at random could not give. Today, most members of the Parish tend to sit always in the same section of the church and as nearly as possible in the same pew.

### 1921

The Vestry approved an exchange of the Vicarage on City Island for 150 feet of land and the dwelling thereon, for \$1,500 in addition. The Rev. George R. Hiatt reported on the condition of Grace Church, City Island and stated that there were 120 families in that Parish with 75 Communicants.

### 1922

Mr. Henry Buhre of City Island gave the sum of \$1,290.96 to be held in trust for the use of Grace Church. The Rev. George R. Hiatt resigned as Vicar of Grace Church and the Rev. Thomas A. Collett was elected Vicar.

The Rev. J. McVickar Haight reported the following attendance at the Easter services of Christ Church: at the 8:00 A.M. Service, 120; at the 11:15 A.M. Service, 276.

The Church School Service League of Christ Church was organized by the Rector on January 6, 1922, with dues of 25 cents a month. A Corporate Communion was held

on the first Sunday of each month followed by a breakfast in the Old Parish House. Quite often a supper was served on Sunday evening and dances were given during the Holidays. This group also met with the Rector on Wednesday evenings for Bible study.

### 1923

Mr. Reynolds of City Island reported that the consent of the court had been obtained to mortgage the property on City Island for the purpose of building a Parish House. The building committee consisted of the Rector, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Scott. The balance of the Henry Buhre fund was used for this purpose. The congregation of Grace Church asked for the return of their property.

### 1924

The Rev. George D. Ashley was engaged as Acting Vicar of Grace Church, City Island for one year at a salary of \$1,800. His services continued until October 31, 1926.

### 1928

A campaign was begun late in 1927 to provide a new Parish Hall for Christ Church as the congregation had grown amazingly, and there was an acute need for Sunday School space, social facilities, etc.

The start was provided by a generous gift of land in memory of her daughter, Dorothy, by Mrs. Frederick Allen and by a large cash donation from Mr. Robert H. Scott, who was Senior Warden and had been a member of the Vestry for 40 years. Mr. Scott, at the time of his death in 1935, was one of the two surviving members of that Bible Class of twenty young men that met under the direction of Miss Nanette Bolton in the old Armory Room of the Pelham Priory.

The campaign committee consisted of:

Chairman, Mr. Newton M. Argabrite; Treasurer, Mr. Edgar C. Beecroft; Chairman of Woman's Division, Mrs. James Edgar Morris; Secretary, Miss Virginia Dowdell.

The goal was set at \$40,000, but the earnest efforts of the committee and their workers coupled with the generosity of the parishioners yielded \$53,000 for the project. Mr. Guy Mariner was retained to prepare the necessary plans. Mr. L. H. Austin was Chairman of the Building Committee.

The cornerstone of the new building, located to the left of the Nanette Bolton Memorial, was laid on June 10, 1928. Mr. Albert Ritchie, then Junior Warden, made a brief address at the exercises held on the site. Mr. Mortlock read the poem, "The Foundation Stone". The combined choirs sang.

On Friday, November 16, 1928, a dinner was held in the new Parish Hall to commemorate the completion.

### 1929

Bishop Thomas conducted a mission from November fourth to November ninth.

### 1930

Christ Church completed all details in connection with the conveyance of Grace Church, City Island and the City Island property to the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of that church.

The sale of the Conover property for the sum of \$5,000 was announced.

### 1931

The Easter offering amounted to \$1,436.29. The Rev. Bertram J. Mortlock resigned his position as Curate to become an ordained Priest and to accept a new situation.

### 1933

Mr. H. Llewelyn Roberts was appointed Chairman of a Committee to arrange for a celebration of the 90th Anniversary of the Church. A beautiful service was held and many of the notes collected for that occasion have been used in the preparation of this book.

### 1935

Dr. Larkin W. Glazebrook headed the Layman's Mission at the Church, October sixth to October thirteenth.

### 1936

The Rev. J. McVickar Haight resigned as Rector on May 26, effective August 31, 1936. The Rev. William S. Banks was engaged as Locum Tenens until a permanent Rector could be obtained. The Vestry appointed Mr. James Edgar Morris and Mr. Edmund C. Gause as a special Advisory Committee to aid in the selection of a new Rector. Mr. Albert Ritchie and Mr. Harry V. Keep composed the committee of the Vestry which was named for this purpose.

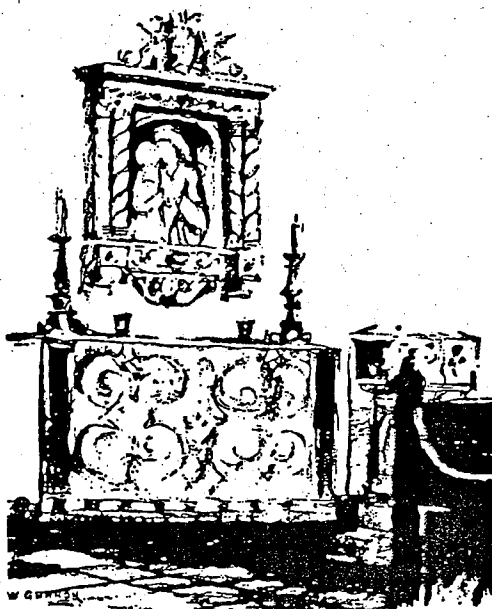
The Rev. Edward Thomas Taggard was called to be Rector of Christ Church at Pelham on July 30, 1936 as of the first day of October, 1936 and was instituted on Wednesday, November 18, 1936 by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of New York. The Reverend Edward Thomas Taggard was born in New York City in 1908 and was educated in the city schools, at Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. (Class of 1930), later for one year at the General Theological Seminary, New York, and then, entering the Society of St. John the Evangelist at Cambridge, Mass., he completed his studies at the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge. He was ordained Deacon and Priest by the late Rt. Rev. Samuel B. Booth of Vermont, acting for the Bishop of Milwaukee.

In 1934 he became Curate of the Chapel of the Intercession, Trinity Parish, New York, at the time when Bishop Gardner was the Vicar, from which position he was called to serve as Rector of Christ Church.

Mr. Goldsborough of the Building and Grounds Committee estimated that repairs to the Church would cost \$1,100 which was authorized as was the removal of the wooden extension known as the Rector's study.

The services of the Rev. Hooper R. Goodwin of Tilton, N. H., supplied during July and August. His services were greatly appreciated.

Major Elisha Sniffen authorized the use of the moneys of the Robert Earl Sniffen Flower Fund for the education of boys in religion and music to be henceforth known as the Robert Earl Sniffen Memorial Fund.



Baptismal Font  
Altar Piece is a 16th Century Plaque

The number of Vestrymen was increased from six to nine.

The Altar Guild of Christ Church was reorganized.

### 1937

The services of the Rev. Moorhouse Johnson as Assistant Priest of the Parish were secured beginning September 1, 1937. Mr. Frank C. Butcher was selected as Organist and Choirmaster beginning July 1, 1937.

The Rector recommended that the Parish adopt as its Patronal Festival the Feast of Christ the King to be held on the last Sunday in October. This was approved.

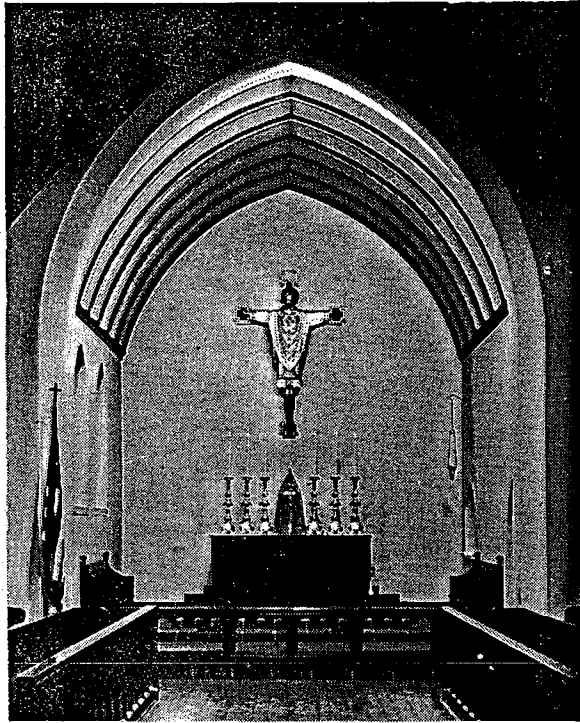
Father Whittemore, Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross, was invited to deliver a series of lectures during the Lenten season of 1938.

The Rector requested permission to restore the Bolton Altar to its original location in the south transept and also to place the Baptismal Font in its original and traditional position in the Church. He reported funds in hand for these restorations, and that many special gifts would be made.

Because of the practice of not heating the Church during the week, week-day services had always been held in the Old Parish House. It was decided to keep the Church open daily, and daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist has been maintained.

A special drive resulted in contributions to pay off notes amounting to \$5,000 which had been signed by members of the Vestry.

The interior of the new Parish Hall had never been painted. The main hall was done over in a warm buff color and at that time full length curtains were installed for the stage. Long, green curtains were hung in the hall affording improved class-room facilities.



**High Altar — Constructed in 1939. Regarded as an Outstanding Renovation by Architects as the Change Brings Chancel into Harmony with Rest of Church.**

Christ Church School celebrated its 100th Anniversary.

A chapter of the Guild of St. Vincent was organized in this Parish.

### 1938

The Rev. Moorhouse L. Johnson resigned as of September 30, 1938. The services of the Rev. Joseph Barnes Williams, Deacon, as Assistant Rector of the Parish were secured. After completing his studies at the University of Washington in 1935, Fr. Williams entered the General Theological Seminary in New York, from which Institution he graduated in the Spring of 1938. On Trinity Sunday of that year he was ordained to the Diaconate by the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of New York, and on

September 1, 1938 joined the Staff of this Parish. He was ordained to the Priesthood on December 17, 1938 by the Rt. Rev. Robert Campbell, O.H.C. in the St. Ansgarius Chapel at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. Fr. Taggard preached the sermon.

A new oil burner was installed at a cost of \$1,550 and the heating system renovated.

A committee was appointed to consult with the Vestry of the Church of the Redeemer to consider the advisability of merging the two Parishes.

The eight stained glass windows known as the Old Bolton windows are a priceless possession and are considered by experts as museum pieces. The Woman's Guild,

knowing this, had the outside of these windows covered with shatterproof automobile glass in order to preserve them for posterity.

The Program of Worship, Fellowship and Instruction was established for the church school.

### 1939

A new and adequate kitchen was built in the basement of the Parish Hall where the old coal bin was previously located.

Inspection of beams supporting the floor of the Church disclosed they were in a dangerous condition. Other structural needs were discovered. The firm of Robb & Little, Boston, Mass., was retained to make plans. The Building Committee: Messrs. Charles Chenery, Muessel and Morris.

The entire floor of the church was removed and a new concrete fireproof base was installed over which oak planking was laid. The sanctuary arch was changed at the time the roof condition was corrected as the existing arch was not in harmony with the design of the nave.

The Emergency Fund consisted of special contributions from individuals and the Woman's Guild, amounting to \$16,412.68 and the cash balance of the mortgage held by the Parish on the Old Rectory of \$4,730.35, making a total of \$21,143.03.

### 1940

The number of men on the Vestry was increased from 9 to 15.

The Rev. Father Whittemore, Superior of the Order of the Holy Cross, and Father Spencer, O.H.C., conducted an inspiring Preaching Mission in Advent.

The Rev. Joseph Barnes Williams was made Associate Rector of Christ Church.

A series of Lenten lectures on the Seven Sacraments was given by the Rev. Gordon B. Wadhams; the Rt. Rev. the Bishop of British Honduras, Dr. John Douglas Wilson; the Rev. Grieg Tabor; the Rev. Bernard Iddings Bell, D.D.; the Rev. A. Leslie Lang.

The Rt. Rev. the Bishop of New York, Dr. William Thomas Manning, made a visitation on Sunday, November 17th, consecrated the Sanctuary, Altar, and blessed the renovated Church.

### 1941

About three acres of land were given to Christ Church through Mr. Julian Allen acting for the Allen children in memory of their parents. Mrs. William L. Bradley and Mrs. William A. Vollmer started a move to provide a Rectory on this site.

The Rectory, built in 1941, cost about \$15,000. Friends and Parishioners contributed about \$4,000 in cash and a mortgage for \$11,000 was obtained from the American Church Building Fund. The Woman's Guild has made a yearly pledge to amortize the principal of the loan.

The Building Committee consisted of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Vollmer, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin O. Perrin, Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. G. Hoyle Wright, with Mr. Albert Ritchie and the Clergy, ex-officio.

### 1942

#### THROUGH JANUARY, 1943

During the past six years, 280 persons have been confirmed; 167 have been baptized; 95 marriages have been performed; and, 79 burials have been held. Church attendance has shown a remarkable increase in this same time attesting to the vitality of the Parish and the efforts of Father Taggard and Father Williams.



# Honor Roll of World War II

*As of February 1, 1948*

O GOD, the strength of all those who put their trust in Thee; Bless, we pray Thee, our soldiers, sailors and airmen; our chaplains, doctors, and nurses; and all enlisted in the service of our country, particularly those who have gone forth from this Parish:

Charles L. Adams, Jr.  
Julian Broome Allen  
Albert B. Baker, Jr.  
Edwin T. Baker  
Colin Tolmie Baxter  
Richard Seabury Baxter  
William B. Borsdorff  
Peter B. Bradley  
Charles Burrows  
John Burrows  
C. George Campbell, Jr.  
Lawrence A. Campbell  
Hollis Chenery  
Harold Conifort  
Robert Comfort  
John P. Conner  
Mary Louise Conner  
William H. Conner  
Charles Cooper  
Jean Doris Costello  
John G. Costello, Jr.  
John G. Davis  
H. William Davis  
Allan Shea Dayton  
George Day  
Donald Dietz  
Robert G. Donaldson  
John G. Douglas  
Raymond Egan  
Ernest Eilert  
John A. Farrell  
Philip Gray  
Louis Gates, III

Stephen Hart  
C. Barse Haff, Jr.  
Elmore Higgins  
Robert Hodges  
Trevor Hodges  
Clinton Howell  
Frank Howell  
George E. Howes  
William Daniels Hurlbut  
John Kingman  
John Keenig  
John Lambden, Jr.  
James Leahy  
Frank M. Leahy  
Richard Lee  
James Richards Leonard  
Robert J. Leonard, Jr.  
Goodhue Livingston, III  
Jason Ard Lodwick  
Lyle Lodwick  
John Millikin, Jr.  
Schuyler Mills  
John McLean Morris  
Robert R. Myer, Jr.  
Chester W. MacArthur  
Frank MacManus  
Robert McMaster  
Alan B. Nash  
John Neilson, Jr.  
Brice Pace  
Manual A. Padin, Jr.

Joseph F. Playle  
Bradley Randall, Jr.  
Jerry K. Rea  
Robert Naylor Rea  
William Freeland Rea, III  
Robert Foster Reynolds  
Ralph K. Ritchie  
H. Llewelyn Roberts  
Henry L. Rutzler  
John R. Sanford  
Roy Scott  
Cedric Sintzenich  
Robert C. Sintzenich  
Harold C. Sintzenich  
William Dudley Slocum  
Richard Sorlien  
Kenneth Sorlien  
Walther Stephenson  
Douglas John Walker  
John G. Walker  
Richard G. Walker  
David F. Watson  
James C. Watson  
James H. Watson  
Winsor H. Watson, Jr.  
Clifford Emmons Wejhman  
Franklyn Madison White, Jr.  
Lewis Apperson White  
Porter Wiggins  
Porter Wiggins, Jr.  
Charles M. Wilson  
Robert C. Wilson, Jr.  
William Lyon Wright

Give Thy Holy Angels charge over them to protect them from all harm; deliver them in all temptation, and if it be Thy gracious will, bring them safe home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## + GROVER MURRAY BURROWS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead; We give Thee thanks for all those Thy servants who have laid down their lives in the service of our country. Grant to them Thy mercy and the light of Thy presence, that the good work which Thou hast begun in them may be perfected; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

## Organizations of Christ Church 1942-43

### THE STAFF

<i>Rector</i> . . . . .	THE REV. EDWARD THOMAS TAGGARD
<i>Associate Rector</i> . . . . .	THE REV. JOSEPH BARNES WILLIAMS
<i>Organist and</i> . . . . .	MR. FRANK C. BUTCHER (Resigned Mar. 1, 1943)
<i>Choirmaster</i> . . . . .	MR. RAYMOND FENNING
<i>Parish Secretary</i> . . . . .	MRS. CARLETON D. FARRELL
<i>Sexton</i> . . . . .	MR. MATTHIAS MUTH

### THE VESTRY

<i>Senior Warden</i> .....	MR. ALBERT RITCHIE
<i>Junior Warden</i> .....	MR. CLARENCE G. CAMPBELL
And, Messrs.	

William F. Borsdorff	Charles A. Muessel
Charles M. Chenery	Arthur C. McMaster
Benjamin D. Dunham	Dr. John C. Neilson
Edmund C. Gause	Edwin O. Perrin
Chas. B. Goldsborough	H. Llewelyn Roberts
Edward F. Hudson	Henry H. Simmen
William J. Mackay	D. Merrill Van Cott
James Edgar Morris	G. Hoyle Wright

### THE ALTAR GUILD

<i>Directress</i> .....	Mrs. Edward C. Sperry
<i>Assistant</i> .....	Mrs. Raymond Parmer
<i>Secretary</i> .....	Mrs. John Templeton
<i>Treasurer</i> .....	Miss Dagmar Abkarian

#### And Mesdames

Miss Arabella Bolton	James S. Marvin
Miss Eugenie Callahan	James Edgar Morris
William Hurlbut	Elsie M. Oerzen
Harry V. Keep	Lewis Smith
Gilbert McKay	E. F. Swan

Frank M. White

### THE ALTAR GUILD

of Christ Church is an organization of women whose purpose is to provide and maintain the furnishings for the altars and the sanctuary and the vestments of the Clergy.

The Guild prepares the altars, vestments and sacred vessels for all Sunday and week-day services. They launder the small altar linens in daily use. These linens have been hand-made by the members and are constantly replenished.

The Guild also makes the albs, amices and surplices and provides for their laundering and care. It supplies the candles and vigil lights and orders the wine and wafers.

Flowers for the altars are supplied and arranged by the Guild. On many Sundays the flowers are given as memorials or thank-offerings. The Guild takes care of the decoration of the Church for Christmas, Easter and other festivals.

The members of the Altar Guild consist of active members who donate their services for the numerous duties listed and the associate members who give financial support. The Guild welcomes both classes of members.

### ST. VINCENT'S GUILD

#### A CHAPTER of the Guild

of St. Vincent has been organized in this Parish. This is an international guild for all acolytes in the Anglican Communion. Since it is dedicated to serving and guarding the Altar of God, membership within the Guild of St. Vincent is the highest

honor any young man in the Parish can attain.

Frank Blakeman	Roy Lund
Peter Buzzini	William Mackay
Charles Cooper	Jack MacManus
Robert Di Giacomia	John Parmer
Robert Easterbrook	Edwin Perrin
Ernest Eilert	Robert Rea
William Gehron	Donald Roberts
Harry Henriques	Henry Simmen
George Innes	Richard Sorlien
Thomas Johnson	Junius Stephenson
Daniel Lackey	Harold Story
John Lasley	Daniel Van Cott
Lyle Lodwick	James Watson
Gilbert Luce	Porter Wiggins

### BOY CHOIR

#### Choir Mothers

Mesdames Harry V. Keep, John Templeton,  
Alexander Calderwood

#### Members

Robert Accola	John Innes
William Andrews	James Marvin
Elward Bressett	Dean Monroe
Charles Cowap	Edgar Muth
Dwight Dunham	Wyman Proctor
Robert Handy	John Squadra
George Innes	John Whiting

### GIRL CHOIR

Choir Mother ..... Mrs. William N. Hurlbut  
Assistant ..... Mrs. Thomas W. Biggs

#### Members

Elizabeth Arnold	Mary Jean Newton
Barbara Biggs	Lois Jenkins
Jeanne Bonner	Joan Lawrence
Barbara Butler	Polly Proctor
Ann Caparis	Winnie Sexton
Helen Cook	Elizabeth Sheffield
Elizabeth Cowap	Joan Shober
Dorothy Gates	Teresa Squadra
Linda Farrell	Daisy Stieber
Gertrude Haff	Joan Stieber
Barbara Henriques	Mary Stieber
Roberta Heyl	Ruth Alice Templeton
Renee Holt	Beverly Tuthill
Patricia Horne	Jean Weber
Audrey McKay	Mavis Wood

### THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD

President ..... Mr. Gilbert B. Luce  
(resigned March 1, 1943)

Vice-President ..... Mr. Roy Lund  
Secretary ..... Miss Ann Smillie  
Treasurer ..... Mr. Peter Buzzini  
..... Mr. Frank Blakeman

The Young People's Guild is composed of members of the Church School who are in High School.

### EVERY MEMBER CANVASS — FALL, 1942

The financial affairs of Christ Church are in the best shape they have been for decades, thanks not only to careful budgeting and planning, but also to the efforts of the Committee for the Every Member Canvass.

#### Chairmen

Messrs. Edwin O. Perrin and G. Hoyle Wright

#### Members — Messrs.

Albert Abkarian	Robert J. Leonard
John H. Almy	William J. Mackay
Harry Babcock	James Edgar Morris
Osmond Baxter	Raymond Parmer
Thomas W. Biggs	L. C. Perkinson
William F. Borsdorff	Arthur W. Proctor
William L. Bradley	H. Llewelyn Roberts
Robert W. Burgess	W. Donald Roberts
Grover C. Burrows	De Ross Salisbury
Clarence G. Campbell	Henry H. Simmen
Hamilton Childs	Raymond Smith
Logan M. Dayton	Kenneth Todd
B. D. Dunham	H. G. Vaughn
Carroll B. Haff	William A. Vollmer
J. Lloyd Handy	D. Merrill Van Cott
Edward F. Hudson	Frank M. White

### THE PARISH BREAKFAST

#### IN THE WINTER

of 1937-1938, the Clergy inaugurated a program in the Church School consisting of Worship, Fellowship and Instruction. This program is carried out through a Family Eucharist at 9 a.m. which is followed by a family breakfast in the Parish Hall. At the end of breakfast, the children receive instruction in class groups.

### FAMILIAR NAMES HUNDREDS OF MEN

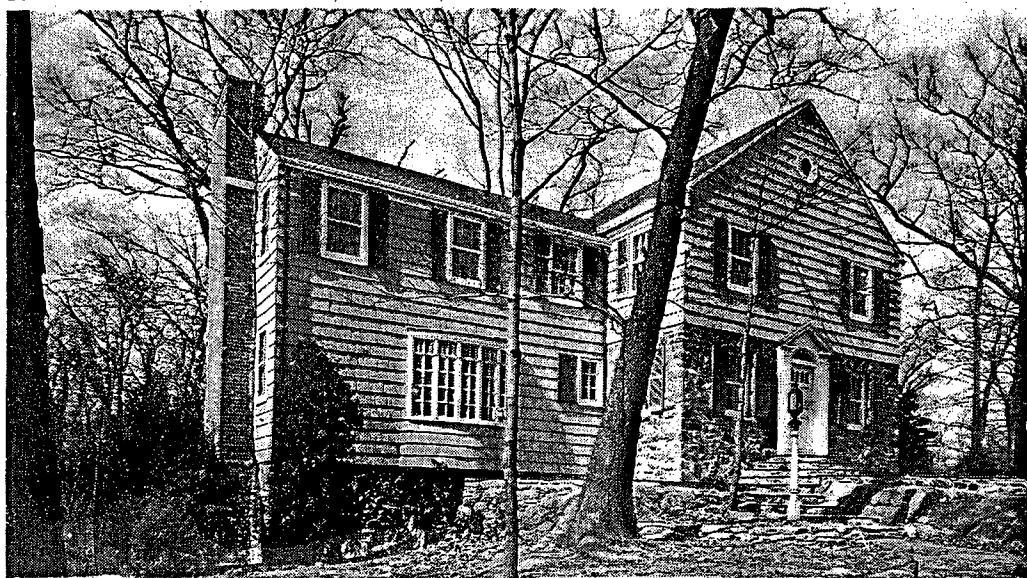
have given freely of their time and money in the past hundred years in order that Christ Church might go forward. However, minutes and records for many individual years have completely disappeared and with their disappearance went any hope of our being able to give many of those men proper mention. We have brought a few names to light because they have been preserved in the Diocesan Journal, as listed below.

We also wish to acknowledge the debt owed to worthy men in the last 50 years by listing the Wardens and Vestrymen from 1897 to date, which is as far back as the minutes of the Vestry are available.

We know these names will recall many a person to you and that you will feel it indeed proper and fitting that this belated acknowledgment of their services is given them.

### LAYMEN OF CHRIST CHURCH MENTIONED IN DIOCESAN JOURNAL

- 1843 — Cornelius Winter Bolton
- 1844 — Richard Morris
- 1845 — Phillip R. Underhill, John Jay Bolton,  
Isaac Roosevelt, William Jay Bolton
- 1851 — Gerardus Clark
- 1869 — Newbold Morris, William H. Delancey,  
David Cherbulies
- 1874 — H. W. Clark, Frederick Prime
- 1875 — Robert Edgar
- 1878 — Owen T. Coffin, Calvin Frost
- 1882 — George K. Radford, Montgomery Daven-  
port, William Barnett (or Burnett)
- 1884 — F. C. Merry, N. A. Riker
- 1885 — C. W. Starr, Dr. A. Buck
- 1886 — J. R. Beecroft, H. Q. French
- 1887 — C. H. de Luze, J. C. Hill
- 1888 — M. Storey, I. Sulger
- 1889 — J. B. D. Middleton, H. E. Jenkins
- 1890 — Augustus Van Cortlandt
- 1891 — J. C. Hazen, George A. Peters, M.D.
- 1893 — Robert T. Emmet, Clerk of the Vestry
- 1894 — E. C. Roosevelt, W. D. Baker



New Rectory Built in 1941 on Land Given by the Allens. Site is Heavily  
Wooded and Overlooks Long Island Sound.

### EARLY WARDENS OF CHRIST CHURCH

- 1844 — Richard Morris and H. Grunzebach  
 1850 — Richard Morris and Philip Schuyler  
 1860 — Philip Schuyler and M. Le Roy  
 1870 — R. W. Edgar and A. Newbold Morris.  
 1885 — R. W. Edgar and C. H. de Luze  
 1889 — J. R. Beecroft and G. K. Bedford  
 1894 — John R. Beecroft and F. Charles Merry

### WARDENS AND VESTRYMEN FROM 1897

In this list, the names are given as of the year the men first served and the dates that follow represent the period served.

#### *Wardens*

- John R. Beecroft (1889-1897)  
 F. Charles Merry (1894-1898)  
 William D. Baker (1898-1900)  
 Robert T. Emmet (1899-1910)  
 Louis P. de Luze (1902-1918)  
 Robert H. Scott (1911-1930)  
 Theo. M. Hill (1919-1920)  
 Harry S. Abbott (1921-1923)  
 Albert Ritchie (1924 to date)  
 Clarence G. Campbell (1931 to date)

#### *Vestrymen*

- Robert T. Emmet (1897-1898)  
 John C. Hazen (1897-1899)  
 F. H. Allen (1897-1911)  
 William D. Baker (1897)  
 H. B. B. Stapler  
   (1897, 1901, 1903-1906)  
 Louis P. de Luze (1897-1901)  
 William T. Emmet (1897-1898)  
 John Doty (1897)  
 W. Brenton Welling (1898-1900)  
 Charles H. Roosevelt  
   (1898-1900)  
 John Ogden, Jr. (1898-1899)  
 Robert H. Scott (1900-1910)  
 Grenville T. Emmet (1899-1906)  
 William Mills (1901-1910)  
 Gustavus A. Duryea  
   (1902-1905)  
 W. D. Sawyer (1906-1914)

- Theodore H. Bridgeman (1907)  
 George F. Pelham (1907-1910)  
 Lyman F. Gray  
   (1908-1915, and 1917-1920)  
 William B. Ogden, Jr.  
   (1911-1912)  
 Thomas H. Mills (1911-1913)  
 Edgar C. Beecroft (1911-1913)  
   and (1921-1924)  
 Harry S. Abbott (1912-1920)  
   and (1924-1925)  
 W. B. Leonard (1913-1916)  
 Morgan M. Mann (1913-1917)  
 Clark Mellen (1914-1921)  
 C. S. McClellan (1914-1916)  
 William Foulke (1916-1918)  
 Norman Litchfield (1916-1922)  
 A. B. Hoff (1917)  
 Theo. M. Hill (1917-1918)  
 Louis P. de Luze (1919-1921)  
 Paul Mottelay (1919-1921)  
 Maj. W. Van R. Whitall (1921-1923)  
 James Edgar Morris  
   (1921-1926, and 1937 to date)  
 Charles A. Worrall (1922)  
 Samuel F. Reynolds (1922-1926)  
 Albert Ritchie (1922-1924)  
 Robert J. Leonard (1922-1924)  
 Clarence G. Campbell (1924-1930)  
 K. C. Ogden (1924-1926, and 1928-1930)  
 Harry M. Specht (1926-1928)  
 William F. Borsdorff (1926 to date)  
 Norman Litchfield (1926-1927)  
 Harry V. Keep (1927-1938)  
 Walter Dyer (1927-1930)  
 Charles A. Muessel (1929 to date)  
 Ray W. Moore (1931-1932)  
 Charles B. Goldsborough (1931 to date)  
 Hamilton E. Childs (1931-1933)  
 D. Merrill Van Cott (1932 to date)  
 H. Llewelyn Roberts (1933 in service)  
 William J. Mackay (1936 to date)  
 Edmund C. Gause (1937 to date)  
 Charles M. Chenery (1938 to date)  
 G. Hoyle Wright (1941 to date)  
 Dr. John Neilson (1941 in service)  
 Edward F. Hudson (1941 to date)  
 Edwin O. Perrin (1941 to date)  
 A. C. MacMasters (1941 to date)  
 Ben D. Dunham (1941 to date)  
 Henry H. Simmen (1942 to date)

## The Woman's Auxiliary

*Since 1875, the Woman's Auxiliary Has Worked Faithfully and without Stint to Raise Money and Supplies for Missions Both at Home and Abroad and Has Taken a Praiseworthy Interest in Affairs of Diocese and National Church.*

**NO BRIEF HISTORY** can possibly do justice to the efforts of this organization. The most we can do is to give an account of the manner of its formation and to mention a few of its many accomplishments. The early names on the Society's roster have all disappeared. But as removal from the Parish or death strikes old names off, new names take their places and the good work continues.

The Auxiliary began in this manner. Miss Fanny Schuyler organized a committee of women interested in missions and with their help held the first meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary at her home on Pelham Road on February 12, 1875.

Miss Cornelia Jay presided at the meeting and explained the proposed objectives. The Constitution drawn up then is still in existence. It states that "All meetings shall be opened with prayer and reading of the Scripture," which custom still prevails. Twelve women were present.

Mrs. William LeRoy, then residing on what is now Travers' Island, was elected president. Other officers were: Miss Harriet Schuyler, first vice president; Mesdames Richard Morris, Robert Edgar, William DeLancey and Henry Clark, second vice presidents; Miss Fanny Schuyler, secretary and treasurer.

The group voted to hold quarterly meetings at the home of the Misses Schuyler. They always ended the meetings by serving tea and homemade cake. This custom continues.

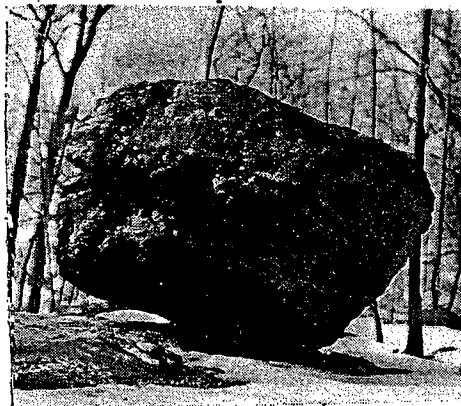
A number of women whose household duties prevented their attending the daytime meetings decided to schedule their

quarterly meetings in the evening at the Schuyler home, and these evening meetings continued for about fifteen years.

During the first five years the average attendance was over twenty. Usually there would be one or two missionaries present to address the group. At first, four fields were selected for support: Japan, China, American Indians and Mexico. However, at the initial meeting \$45 was collected as a gift for the widow of Bishop Paine, missionary to Cape Palmas, Liberia. The sum of \$1,466 was raised during the first five years.

The energetic Fanny Schuyler organized a Junior Society among the children who met at her home beginning about 1880. They sewed garments of red and blue flannel for Indian children and also collected money, clothes and toys for them. This Junior Society was afterwards continued by Miss Adele Bolton at the Priory.

A reference is found that this Junior Society was supporting a baby at St.



Indian Mother's Cradle  
A Balanced Stone near New Rectory

Mary's Orphanage, Shanghai, China, named "Pelhametta" at a cost of \$30 a year. This was about 1892. The name is suggested to any local family at a loss for a suitable female name.

A partial list of members from 1875 to 1885 as gleaned from the minutes follows:

Miss Nanette Bolton	Mrs. John Munro
Miss Adele Bolton	Mrs. Richard Morris
Mrs. William LeRoy	Mrs. Newbold Morris
Mrs. Robert Edgar	Mrs. Charles Burrill
Mrs. Daniel Webster	Mrs. Frederick Prime
Mrs. William Emmet	Mrs. Leavin Marshall
Mrs. Richard Emmet	Miss Mary Marshall
Mrs. Theodore Bartow	Mrs. Duncan Marshall
Miss Grace Schuyler	Mrs. Wm. DeLancey
Miss Harriet Schuyler	Mrs. Henry Clark
Miss Fanny Schuyler	Mrs. Charles Higbee
Mrs. Chas. H. De Luze	Miss Caroline May
Miss Julia Schmidt	

Miss Cornelia Jay, president of the Central Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, reported in 1880 that the Pelham Society was the first one to organize in Westchester County to which more than fifty parishes have since united.

The Pelham Society was re-organized in 1885 and it voted to hold twelve monthly meetings instead of the quarterly meetings as before.

About 1888 Miss Schuyler organized Westchester into three groups according to their location on the three railroads: the Hudson River, the Harlem, and the New Haven. There were annual meetings at the different parishes in rotation. Pelham belonged to the New Haven group.

It is no mystery that women active in the Auxiliary early became the best informed as to the affairs of the Diocese, as well as the National Church both at home and in foreign fields, because delegates from the local Society were zealous in attending and fully reporting important meetings.

A list of early scholarships will indicate

some of the localities in which the Auxiliary was interested:

1875 — Willy Edgar, School, Tokio, Japan. A young student afterwards ordained as priest under Bishop Williams. \$40. per year.

1885 — Pelham, School, Cape Mount, Liberia. Several little girls; one of whom was named Cornelia Jay. \$25.

1886 — Mary Keogh, School, Cape Mount, Liberia. A congo boy named "Richard" baptized, confirmed and educated. \$25.

1888 — Fanny Schuyler, School, Tokio, Japan. A student now an ordained missionary working under Bishop McKim. \$70.

1889 — Sarah Mordaunt, School, Shanghai, China. A Chinese girl in St. Mary's Hall under the care of Mrs. Francis Hawkes Potts. \$40.

1889 — Bible Woman or Reader, Tokio, Japan. Started by Miss Arabella Jay Bolton in her Woman's Bible Class; continued and supported by Mrs. Hazen's School, Pelham Manor.

Miss Schuyler resigned in 1904 after 30 years as Secretary, Treasurer and President. During this time the sum of \$7,699 was collected by the Society. Mrs. William Sawyer was elected president and held this position for six years. Early in the 1900's dues were instituted which were at first 50c. a year. These dues were raised in 1912 to \$1 and in 1919 to \$2 a year.

Mrs. Sawyer resigned in 1910 in order to assume the presidency of the Church Guild and was succeeded by Mrs. Lyman F. Gray. For a great many years Mrs. Gray was not only to serve as president of the Auxiliary, but she was also to take a major part in the affairs of the Society in Westchester County, in the Diocese and in the Nation.

By 1914, practically the complete pattern of the Auxiliary's work for the Church was set. The Auxiliary prepared an almost unbelievable amount of garments by sewing, collected large quantities of second hand clothing, sent boxes to worthy persons at Christmas and, in addition, was more than generous with money gifts to missions, schools and hospitals both at home and abroad.

The minutes of each year reflect the unflagging devotion of the members. It would be impossible to single out any one individual for credit.

About 1914 a Baby's Branch called the "Little Helpers" was begun with the children filling mite boxes. The practice was continued for several years under Mrs. W. B. Leonard, Mrs. E. H. Hart and Mrs. N. Litchfield.

A memorial was proposed in memory of Miss Fanny Schuyler at the annual Westchester meeting held in Ossining. A silver paten was purchased in her memory for Christ Church.

At the annual meeting in 1919 the Woman's Motor Corps was founded in our Parish for church work. Mrs. Haight acted as chairman.

The minutes report in 1920 that the value of boxes sent out amounted to \$756. Total collections, in cash only, from 1875 to 1921 amounted to \$10,268. And the value of the hundreds of boxes was not included in this figure.

During the 1920's the United Thank Offering became a major project of the Society and again and again we find loyal support together with the significant report, "All pledges paid in full."

The Auxiliary supported work in Liberia, Japan, Arizona, Alaska, Minnesota and West Virginia.

The Auxiliary during several different

years held cooked food and cake sales, joined with the Guild in Bazaars, sold calendars and did other things to raise money for their projects.

At a meeting in May, 1928, tribute was paid to Mrs. Gray for her work as president for 18 years.

In 1928 Mrs. Harry Keep reported that a new activity, the Church Periodical Club, was being loyally supported. The Auxiliary was delighted with the usefulness of the new Parish Hall.

During the 1930's we find the names of Mrs. Muessel, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Keep and Mrs. Borsdorff appearing repeatedly in connection with Supply, U.T.O., Periodicals and Diocesan Meetings. Frequently details of what the Auxiliary was doing have been lost because none of the editors could decipher the Minutes.

The death of Mrs. Borsdorff was sadly announced in 1934 and a memorial in her name was sent to St. Anne's Preventorium in Virginia.

In 1936 a resolution was presented in memory of Mrs. Richard L. Kemble. She had been married in Christ Church in 1899. Her two great interests in the church were the Auxiliary and the Altar Guild. As a child she lived in Bartow on the Sound and for a time attended Priory School. Her family were originally members of St. Peter's Church, Westchester, and then of Christ Church.

In 1937 a vote of thanks and appreciation was given to Mrs. Keep for her years of devoted service as president. Mrs. H. Llewelyn Roberts was elected to serve as president for two years.

In 1940 Mrs. Roberts was re-elected president for a term of two years. That year Mrs. Lyman Gray gave an interesting history of the Auxiliary from the beginning of her membership in 1905.



The year, 1941, was busy with interesting speakers. Christmas boxes were sent to Phoenix, Ariz., Virgin Islands, Brainerd, Minn., Jefferson, Kans., and Honolulu.

In 1942 the announcement was made that the Advent offering was the fourth largest in the Diocese. 24 boxes of second hand clothing were packed and shipped. Mrs. Keep reported contributions as follows: magazines, 7,125; books, 785; Christmas cards, 1,150; leaflets, 600; puzzles and games, 115; boxes of toys, 4; scrap books, 4; gift subscriptions, 5.

Mrs. Clarence G. Campbell was elected president to serve for two years. Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Fairlamb on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

The gifts and special contributions made to Christ Church during the past 68 years are beyond counting. However, some will be listed in the special section devoted to gifts to the Church.

The Presidents of the Woman's Auxiliary since 1875 are as follows:

1875-1879 — Mrs. William Le Roy  
1879-1885 — Mrs. Newbold Morris

1885-1904 — Miss Fanny Schuyler  
1904-1910 — Mrs. William D. Sawyer  
1910-1918 — Mrs. Lyman F. Gray  
1918-1919 — Mrs. Richard L. Kemble  
1919-1923 — Mrs. Lyman F. Gray  
1923-1925 — Mrs. James Miller  
1925-1926 — Mrs. McVickar Haight  
1926-1927 — Mrs. Clarence Campbell  
1927-1929 — Mrs. Horace W. Chittenden  
1929-1931 — Mrs. Alfred K. Scott  
1931-1933 — Mrs. William Borsdorff  
1933-1937 — Mrs. Harry Keep  
1937-1942 — Mrs. H. Llewelyn Roberts  
1942- — Mrs. Clarence G. Campbell

The United Thank Offering was begun in our Parish in 1894. Custodians include: Mrs. Richard Kemble, Mrs. George Klots, Mrs. Morgan M. Mann, Mrs. Edward H. Hart, Mrs. Walter Cook, Mrs. Clarence G. Campbell, Mrs. Ernest L. Symmes, and Mrs. James Edgar Morris.

The amount of the Triennial Offering follows:

1907	\$71	1925	\$638
1910	\$105	1928	\$719
1913	\$148	1931	\$1,260
1916	\$203	1934	\$1,150
1919	\$311	1937	\$2,044
1922	\$498	1940	\$2,536

## The Woman's Guild

*A Twenty Year Review of the Guild Discloses the Great Debt Owed by the Parish to the Faithful and Hard-Working Members of the Organization.*

**ANNUAL REPORTS** of the Woman's Guild during the past twenty years indicate how well the Guild has carried on the tradition of unlimited and unflinching service handed down from the early years of our Parish. The aim of the Guild has been to maintain and improve the equipment of the Parish, to support the Clergy in their religious programs and to support Parish activities in the life of the community.

The following lists of officers and projects were assembled for this history by Mrs. Lewis Smith from the only complete records available.

### 1923-1924

*President* — Mrs. George Sicard  
*1st V. Pres.* — Mrs. Schuyler Mills  
*2nd V. Pres.* — Mrs. George Chappell  
*Secretary* — Mrs. William L. Bradley  
*Treasurer* — Mrs. B. M. Crosthwaite

The members made 240 curtains for the New Rochelle Hospital during the summer at the home of Mrs. James Edgar Morris. Paid \$300 for church repairs, re-decorating old Parish House, improved church grounds, purchased piano, operated Motor Corps for Church School, renewed clerical linens. Gave two bridge parties to raise money.

### 1924-1925

*President* — Mrs. Schuyler Mills  
*1st V. Pres.* — Mrs. George Sicard  
*2nd V. Pres.* — Mrs. George Chappell  
*Secretary* — Mrs. W. Beach Day  
*Treasurer* — Mrs. B. M. Crosthwaite

Projects included: Spent \$150 for improvement of grounds, supplied new linens for altar and clergy, Motor Corps continued, furnished dinner for men's annual pledge drive. Two bridge parties given to raise funds.

### 1925-1926

*President* — Mrs. Harris B. Fisher  
*1st V. Pres.* — Mrs. Schuyler Mills  
*2nd V. Pres.* — Mrs. George Chappell  
*Secretary* — Mrs. Horace Chittenden  
*Treasurer* — Mrs. B. M. Crosthwaite

Activities for the year: made 12 choir cottas and 15 gowns and hoods for Church School Commencement, church cushions renewed, Prayer Books and Hymnals purchased, gave luncheon for Westchester Archdeaconry, gave theatre party benefit for the Choir fund. The Bazaar held at the Manor Club raised \$1,443 of which the Auxiliary received \$450.

### 1926-1927

*President* — Mrs. Gordon M. Buck  
*1st V. Pres.* — Mrs. Schuyler Mills  
*2nd V. Pres.* — Mrs. George Chappell  
*Secretary* — Mrs. Horace Chittenden  
*Treasurer* — Mrs. B. M. Crosthwaite

Guild activities and projects for this year were: Supplied Parish House with

china, glass, linen, silver, rugs and vacuum cleaner. The Guild voted \$100 to the newly organized Pelham District Nurse Association. Layette sent to Florida flood sufferers. Provided kindergarten supplies for Church Nursery during the 11 a.m. services. Purchased 50 Prayer Books and Hymnals, also a prie Dieu for Bolton Memorial Chapel. Secured Miss Cornelia Otis Skinner for entertainment at Manor Club and made a profit of \$436. Mrs. Jacob gave a sofa to the Parish House.

### 1927-1928

*President* — Mrs. Gordon M. Buck  
*1st V. Pres.* — Mrs. Schuyler Mills  
*2nd V. Pres.* — Mrs. George Chappell  
*Secretary* — Mrs. D. C. Borden  
*Treasurer* — Mrs. B. M. Crosthwaite

Projects for the year: Voted to send \$50 to flood sufferers. Pledged the sum of \$1,000 to be paid in 3 years for new Parish House. Had brasses lacquered. Supplied 24 chairs, 12 choir cottas and 4 surplices. The sexton was given \$50 toward expenses of illness. Gave silver tea and musical at Colburn Home. Organized calling committee of 15. Raised \$1,625 at Bazaar at Manor Club of which the Auxiliary received \$650 as their share.

A gap in the records exists here for five years.

### 1934-1935

*President* — Mrs. Rowland S. Hubbell  
*1st V. Pres.* — Mrs. Osmond Baxter  
*2nd V. Pres.* — Mrs. Harold V. Story  
*Secretary* — Mrs. Arthur Poynton  
*Treasurer* — Mrs. Robert Armstrong

Projects for the year: Nursery school, Priory dances, food sale, rummage sale, garden party at Mrs. William N. Hurlbut's residence, Choir Boys taken to circus. Gave \$350 towards Church debt, \$50 to the Rector's Fund, \$50 to the Church Periodical Fund, \$100 towards the Auxiliary budget.

**1935-1936**

*President* — Mrs. William S. Banks  
*1st V. Pres.* — Mrs. Harold V. Story  
*2nd V. Pres.* — Mrs. Osmond Baxter  
*Rec. Secty.* — Mrs. H. L. Roberts  
*Cor. Secty.* — Mrs. Frederick Alden

Projects for the year: Paid \$600 towards Church debt, \$200 to Rector's fund, \$150 to Auxiliary. Gave robes to Girls' Choir, Paid Boys' Choir. Gave linen for Altar Guild and dishes for Parish House. Bazaar and dinner profits \$700.

**1936-1937**

*President* — Mrs. William S. Banks  
*1st V. Pres.* — Mrs. J. B. Thorpe  
*2nd V. Pres.* — Mrs. Willis Gray  
*Rec. Secty.* — Mrs. H. L. Roberts  
*Cor. Secty.* — Mrs. John C. Sheridan  
*Treasurer* — Mrs. Ethel B. Howell

Projects and activities: Gave Parish reception for Father Taggard. Gave \$50 to Church Periodical Club. Parish Hall redecorated and curtained. Aided new Altar Guild. Enjoyed receipts of \$1,300 from beefsteak dinner, 2 bridges and garden party at Mrs. Hurlbut's residence.

**1937-1938**

*President* — Mrs. William L. Bradley  
*1st V. Pres.* — Mrs. J. B. Thorpe  
*2nd V. Pres.* — Mrs. Willis Gray  
*Rec. Secty.* — Mrs. George B. Swayne  
*Cor. Secty.* — Mrs. Brower Merriam

Projects and gifts: Gave Parish Hall kitchen \$200, Auxiliary \$200, Church budget \$600; Rector's fund \$300. Held Priory Garden Party. Bazaar raised \$1,550.

**1938-1939**

*President* — Mrs. William L. Bradley  
*1st V. Pres.* — Mrs. J. B. Thorpe  
*2nd V. Pres.* — Mrs. Willis Gray  
*Cor. Secty.* — Mrs. Edward F. Hudson  
*Rec. Secty.* — Mrs. James Nicholson  
*Treasurer* — Mrs. Brower Merriam

Projects and gifts: Gave \$200 to Aux-

iliary, \$350 toward Parish Hall roof, and \$2,000 for new kitchen. Held garden bridge parties. Fair raised \$1,907. Then raised \$825 through sale of bulbs. Sponsored bridge lessons which raised \$215.

**1939-1940**

*President* — Mrs. William L. Bradley  
*1st V. Pres.* — Mrs. Edward F. Hudson  
*2nd V. Pres.* — Mrs. Maurice Horn  
*Cor. Secty.* — Mrs. William S. Banks  
*Rec. Secty.* — Mrs. Grover C. Burrows  
*Treasurer* — Mrs. Blaine Smith  
*Asst. Treas.* — Mrs. Robert Armstrong

Projects and gifts: Gave \$150 to Auxiliary. Gave \$1,000 toward rebuilding Church floor and chancel. Six money-raising projects yielded \$1,114. These included a bridge at the International Garden Club, a beefsteak dinner, bridge lessons, chain luncheons, a Bingo party, and a bridge at the Priory.

**1940-1941**

*President* — Mrs. William L. Bradley  
*1st V. Pres.* — Mrs. Edward F. Hudson  
*2nd V. Pres.* — Mrs. Maurice Horn  
*Rec. Secty.* — Mrs. Grover C. Burrows  
*Cor. Secty.* — Mrs. William S. Banks  
*Treasurer* — Mrs. Blaine Smith  
*Asst. Treas.* — Mrs. Robert Armstrong

Projects and gifts: Gave \$1,625 to Church building fund, \$200 to Auxiliary, and assumed payment of \$800 annually for ten years on the mortgage for the new Rectory. Held garden bridges. Sold dogwood trees. Gave an evening bridge course. The fair raised \$1,890.

**1941-1942**

*President* — Mrs. Grover C. Burrows  
*1st V. Pres.* — Mrs. Edward F. Hudson  
*2nd V. Pres.* — Mrs. William A. Vollmer  
*Rec. Secty.* — Mrs. Logan M. Dayton  
*Treasurer* — Mrs. Arthur Proctor  
*Asst. Treas.* — Mrs. Robert Armstrong

Projects and Gifts: Gave \$100 to Auxiliary. Made curtains for breakfast room alcoves. Gave a luncheon honoring Miss Arabella Bolton. Members worked encr-

getically towards raising funds for new Rectory. Held evening fashion show and bridge, evening bridge tournament, Country Club bridge.

### 1942-1943

*President* — Mrs. Grover C. Burrows  
*1st V. Pres.* — Mrs. Edward F. Hudson  
*2nd V. Pres.* — Mrs. William A. Vollmer  
*Cor. Secty.* — Mrs. James Nicholson  
*Rec. Secty.* — Mrs. F. Willard Johnson  
*Treasurer* — Mrs. Arthur Proctor

Projects and gifts to February, 1943: Spent \$360 redecorating Old Parish House and breakfast hall in new Parish Hall. Gave a luncheon honoring Miss Arabella Bolton. Gave \$200 to Auxiliary. Bazaar raised \$1,576. (It is really remarkable that the women of Christ Church have carried on their parochial activities without letup in the face of pressing demands of the Red Cross, Defense, Rationing and the lack of help in the home.—Ed.)

## Gifts and Memorials

**GIFTS AND MEMORIALS** to Christ Church have been divided into two lists. The first list includes gifts from the founding to 1936. The second list covers the period from 1936 to date. It is much more complete, naturally, but some omissions are probable. Any such omission noticed should be called to the attention of the Parish office in order that corrections may be made in future editions of our History.

**1843** — The Parish Church, Gift of the Rev. Robert Bolton and Family plus small cash contributions from neighbors. The Church Bell, Gift of Lydig Suydam, Esq.

**1844** — Communion Plate, Chalice, Paten and Flagon, Gift of Mrs. C. T. Spencer. Inscribed—"Christ Church, Pelham, May 11, 1944."

**1851** — Chalice, Gift of Miss Georgianna C. Pell. Inscribed, "This do in remembrance of Me."

**1853** — Carved and Illuminated Reredos of 5 panels. Center panel, Sacred Monograms of Christ; 2 panels on left, The Lord's Prayer; 2 panels on right, Ten Commandments; Gift of John Bolton, third son of Founder, who carved and illuminated them.

Also, two silver-plated Collection Plates. Donor unknown. Inscribed—"Christ Church, Pelham, 1853."

**Date Unknown** — Original Pulpit, Gift of Bolton Family who made it. Small Marble Font, Gift of Miss Clark. Chandeliers, Gift of Miss Emma Guerard. Service Books, Gift of Gerardus Clark.

Also, Stone Font. Donors probably the parents. Inscribed — "In memory of Fred-

erick William Stevens, Born 1st March, 1867; Christened, 24th February, 1868; Died 21st July, 1868. 'Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God.'"

**1870** — Carved Chairs, Made and given by the Bolton Brothers.

**1884** — Hymn Board. Donor a Son or Daughter. Inscribed — "In memory of my mother and father, Elizabeth and Arthur Helsham, M.D., London, England, 1884."

**1887** — Two small Brass Vases for Altar, Gift of Hester Blunder Radford, October 31st, 1887 in memory of her mother.

**Before 1892** — Altar and Communion



Original Rev. Robert Bolton

Rail, Gift of Mr. Augustus Van Cortlandt. And, 1892 — Altar Cross, Gift by same Donor at Easter, 1892.

1900 — Pulpit Lamp, Gift of Mrs. John W. Munro.

1901 — Brass Lectern, Gift of Mr. Charles Lewis Johnson. Inscribed — "In Memorium Charles L. Johnson and Mary F. Moorhouse." Note—This lectern was removed and an earlier one put in place at the request of the heirs of the Donor.

1903 — Marble Tablet to the Memory of Mrs. Eliza Harness, Gift of Miss Eleanor Emmet. Marble Tablet in Memory of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Edgar, Gift of Mr. Robert T. Emmet, Esq.

1906 — Funds for Repair of Nanette Bolton Memorial raised at a Fete held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Allen, June 23, 1906.

Also, Miss Adele Bolton was given permission to install a tablet to the memory of her brothers. Mrs. Mary E. Roberts raised \$250 to re-carpet the Church.

1907 — Marble Tablet in Memory of Philip Schuyler, Gift of Miss Fanny Schuyler, daughter.

1910 — Improvements to Church costing \$1,826, Gift of Woman's Guild. Also, Stained Glass Tre-foil Window in chancel of Church, Gift of Mrs. R. L. Kemble.

Also, Large Vases for Altar, Gift of Mr. Augustus Van Cortlandt in memory of Charlotte Amelia Van Cortlandt.

Also, the Vestry accepted the following offer of Memorial Windows: The Chancel Window, Gift of Mr. William Mills and later rebuilt by Mrs. William Mills. The North Window, Gift of the Richard Emmet Family. The West Window, Gift of the Heywood Family. The small window over the door on the Gospel side of the chancel, Gift of the de Luze Family.

Also, permission given to Miss Adele Bolton to place a tablet with the names of persons in the Bolton vault in the floor of the Church.

1911 — The Rector read this notice on Sunday, January 15, 1911: "The lighting system in this Church is the gift of Mrs. Frances A. Munro as a memorial to her late husband, Mr. John White Munro." Mrs.

Munro also gave a Bible.

Chancel Rail, Gift of Mr. Augustus Van Cortlandt.

1912 — Tablet placed in memory of the late Miss Adele Bolton by Miss Arabella Jay Bolton.

Also, Wood Panelling in new Chancel, Gift of the following: Mr. William B. Leonard, Mr. E. H. Hart, Mrs. Charles Russell (daughter of Bishop H. C. Potter), Mrs. Francis A. Munro and the Family of Mr. and Mrs. William Emmet.

Also, Mrs. William Munro given permission to place a window in the Church with the design of the Seal of the Church.

Also, Tablet in memory of the Reverend Charles Higbee, late Rector. Donor not stated.

1913 — New Chancel completed, Gifts of Mrs. William B. Leonard, Mrs. E. H. Hart, Mrs. Charles Russell, the Sons and Daughters of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Emmet, Mrs. Munro, and Mr. Augustus Van Cortlandt.

Also, Bust of the Rev. Robert Bolton of Broughton, England. Gift of the Bolton Family. Inscription — "This bust represents Rev. Robert Bolton, D.D., rector of Broughton, North Hampshire, England, where he died in 1631, and is copied from one over family pew. He was the great-grandfather of Rev. Robert Bolton, the founder of this church, and was the author of Bolton's Four Last Things (Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell), the reading of which is said to have converted John Bunyon. This bust was presented to Christ Church, Pelham Manor in 1913 by the widow and children of Robert Bolton, son of the founder of this church and was carved by him."

1914 — Furnace in Parish House, Gift of the Parish Guild.

1916 — Altar Hanging for the Trinity Season, Hangings for the Pulpit and Book-markers for the Lectern, Gifts of several people in memory of the late Mrs. John White Munro.

1917 — Legacy from estate of Jane E. Edgar, \$5,040 on July 23, 1917.

1918 — Silver Communion Paten, Gift of Woman's Auxiliary. Inscribed — "In



Garden of Resurrection —  
Just Completed This Winter

memory of Fanny Schuyler, 1827-1917."

Also, Framed Picture of the Holy Family, Gift of Mrs. Tenney to the Sunday School in memory of the Rev. Alfred Francis Tenney.

Also, an Organ belonging to Mrs. Tenney was purchased by certain members of the Church and presented to the Church.

Also, Framed Picture, "The Sistine Madonna," Gift of Miss M. L. Purdon.

1919 — Private Communion Service belonging to the late Rector, Gift of Mrs. Tenney.

Also, Memorial Tablet to the late Rector, The Reverend Albert Francis Tenney, Donors not stated.

Also, Red Prayer Book and Hymnal for Altar, Gift of the Woman's Auxiliary in memory of Frances Augusta Munro, 1824-1914.

Also, Fair Linen Cloth for the Altar, Gift of Mrs. Richard L. Kemble in memory of her brother, Drayton Burrill.

Also, Brass Processional Cross, Gift of Mrs. Morgan M. Mann on Easter Sunday in memory of her mother, Georgianna Willis Van Sickle.

1920 — Two Chairs for Church, Gift of Ida Wanzer Sage Olcott. Inscribed — "In Loving Memory of William Lincoln Sage, September 20th, 1844-February 11, 1920; presented to Christ Church at Pelham by his daughter, Ida Wanzer Sage Olcott."

1921 — Priest's Stall through a gift of money. Donor not stated.

Also, a Carpet, Gift of Mr. Robert J. Leonard.

Also, Brass Tablet in memory of Miss Anne J. Bolton to be placed above the Adele Bolton Tablet. Donor not stated.

Also, the sum of \$700 to be applied to Parish indebtedness, Gift of the Woman's Guild.

Also, new Hymnals for Choir, Gift of Mrs. Kemble.

Also, Re-table for the Church Altar, Gift of Major Whitall.

Not Dated — Two Brass Candlesticks. Inscribed — Tula E. McClenahan. Donor not stated.

1922 — Flowers for the Altar, Money Gift from Major Elisha Sniffen in memory of Robert E. Sniffen. At Donor's request money was later transferred to apply to the education of young people in religion and music.

1923 — Two large Candlesticks for the Altar, Gift of Mr. William F. Borsdorff. Inscribed — "Christ Church, Whitsunday, 1923, in Memory of Emily Marie Borsdorff, 1908-1912."

Also, Brass Ewer, Gift of Mrs. Tracey in memory of Jacqueline Tracey.

Also, a Bequest of \$500 left to the Parish Fund of Christ Church under the will of Gertrude Abbott.

1924 — Memorial Tablet, Gift of Major Elisha Sniffen in memory of his son, Robert E. Sniffen.

1925 — Sidilla for the Chancel of Christ Church, Gift of Mrs. Victor C. Beuttell.

Also, Painting for the Parish House, Gift of Mrs. Frederick H. Allen.

Also, The sum of \$5,000 to be used for a new Parish House, Gift of Mr. Robert H. Scott.

1926 — Real Estate, a legacy, ultimately sold for \$5,000, under the will of Miss Conover.

1928 — A Carpet, Gift of Mrs. Victor G. Beuttell.

1929 — The Parish Hall, a special offering and gifts of many friends.

Also, Doors to Parish Hall, Gift of Mr.

and Mrs. Kehoe. Inscribed — "These Doors are given in Memory of Isabelle Shawan Kehoe, First President Young Peoples' Society of this Parish. Jesus said: 'I am the door.' 1907-1928."

Also, Windows in Parish Hall. Inscribed — "These windows given in loving memory of Charles Langford by his mother. 'Safe in the Arms of Jesus.'"

**1930** — Desk Set — Lamp, Blotter Pad, Inkwell, Tray and Paper Knife for Rector's Office. Inscribed — "In Memory of B. F. Underhill, entered Life Eternal March 9, 1928. And, in Memory of M. L. Underhill, entered Life Eternal April 7, 1929."

**1933** — The sum of \$503, Gift of the Woman's Guild.

Also, Brass Altar Cross. Inscribed "Presented to Christ Church, Pelham Manor, New York in Memory of Martha Gessner Scott, 1933."

**1934** — The sum of \$500 to reroof Parish House, Gift of Woman's Guild.

**1935** — Memorial Tablet to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Scott.

Also, the sum of \$350 to assist in reduction of loans, Gift of Woman's Guild.

**1936** — Memorial Tablet, Gift of Mr. William Kemble in memory of his mother, Mrs. Mary Middleton Kemble.

*From this time forward our records are much more complete and, accordingly, our omissions will be fewer. It will be apparent that Christ Church has been the recipient of numerous gifts in this latter period.*

#### **1936 to March, 1943.**

**Emergency Fund** — Gifts made possible the remodelling of the Sanctuary and repair of the Church. Donors included Friends of Christ Church and in memory of:

Isabel Abbott	Eleanore G.
Adele Livingston	Goldsborough
Allen	Grace Dexter Hoopes
Frederick H. Allen	Elise Sophie
Newton M.	Trampenau Hornig
Argabrite, Jr.	Harry Virtner Keep
Abraham B. Baylis	Adelaide O. Kellen
Agnes Howard Baylis	Bessie M. Masten
Lt. Edward C.	Katie Meehan
Bolton, U.S.A.	Arthur Veitch Mills

Patricia G. Bradley  
Eugene O. Campbell  
James Campbell  
Burwell M.  
Crosthwaite  
Col. Geo. Montgomery  
Franchinchy Schanck  
Morris  
Theodore W. Morris  
Josephine T. Neilson  
Eleanor E. Oerzen  
Roy T. Parker  
Elizabeth W. Penn  
Anna F. Pettigrew

Sallie Veitch Mills  
Charles Veitch Mills  
William Mills, Jr.  
Dorothy Elspeth  
Montgomery  
Edward C. Sperry  
Junius Winfield  
Stephenson, M.D.  
Eleanor Leary Sutton  
William E. Sutton  
George M. Taggard  
Eleanor S. Talboys  
Dwight E. Williams  
Laura Bolton Zell

The above fund consisted of special contributions from individual Donors and the Woman's Guild and amounted to \$16,412.68. To this sum was added the mortgage held by the Church on the old Rectory which amounted to \$4,730.35. Total \$21,143.03.

**Allen Land** — Two gifts of land totalling three acres were given in memory of Adele Livingston Allen and Frederick H. Allen by their children:

Mrs. Allen Livingston	Mr. Julian B. Allen
Mrs. Francis J. Hallowell	Mr. Frederick Stevens Allen
	Mrs. Andre Vagliano

#### **High Altar —**

**Altar** — "To the Glory of God this High Altar is given by William R. and Frances S. Montgomery in loving memory of their daughter, Dorothy S. Montgomery, December 7th, 1911 — September 1st, 1912 — and their brother, Colonel George Montgomery, 1867-1938, a graduate of the class of 1890, United States Military Academy, West Point."

**Altar Cross with Figure of Christ the King** — "To the Greater Glory of God, For the Good of Souls, And in Memory of Theodore Wilson Morris, Franchinchy Schanck Morris, Abraham Burtis Baylis, Agnes Howard Baylis."

**Tabernacle** — "To the Greater Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Katie Meehan, Dear and Faithful Friend of the Late Mr and Mrs. Abraham B. Baylis and Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Morris, from 1876 to 1940."

**Six High Altar Candlesticks** — "To the Greater Glory of God and in Memory of William Mills, Jr. Jan. 7, 1876-July 7, 1917; Charles Veitch Mills Jan. 22, 1882-May 5, 1915; Arthur Veitch Mills May 5, 1885-Feb. 22, 1887; Sallie Veitch Mills Mar. 1, 1887-Mar. 15, 1887."

**Two Stained Glass Sanctuary Windows** — "To the Greater Glory of God and in Memory of William Mills 1848-1935." "To the Greater Glory of God and in Memory of Albert Edward Mills 1879-1902."

These windows were rebuilt in 1938 and set in the north wall of the Sanctuary from those formerly over the High Altar by permission of Mrs. William Mills.

**Silver Sanctuary Lamp** — In Memory of Gerard Taggard.

**Silver Bracket** — Gift of Mr. Russell Millhouse.

**Festival Frontal** — Gift of Woman's Guild.

**Tabernacle Veil** — Gift of Mrs. James Edgar Morris.

**Linens** — The Altar Guild, Mrs. Edmund E. Sinclair, Mrs. James Edgar Morris.

**Bolton Altar, the Original High Altar as Restored.**

**Cresting** — Gift of the Woman's Guild.

**Dossal** — In Memory of George Mills Taggard.

**Credence** — Gift of a Friend.

**Refinishing of Altar and Restoration** — Gift of a Friend.

**Crucifix** — In Memory of Edward Chambers Sperry.

**Candlesticks** — In Memory of Patricia Guild Bradley.

**Tabernacle and Veil** — Thank Offering by Mr. and Mrs. James Edgar Morris.

**Frontal** — In Memory of Frederick H. Allen.

**Fair Linen** — Gift of Miss Arabella Jay Bolton.

**Fair Linen** — Gift of Mrs. Walter B. Parsons.

**White Dossal** — Gift of Mrs. Edward C. Sperry.

**Oriental Rug** — Gift of Mrs. James Edgar Morris.

**Baptistry.**

**Altar Piece** — 16th Century Plaque of the Madonna and Child. **Candlesticks** — 17th Century. Thank Offering for the baptism of Hugh Charles and Joan Bertha Wooldridge by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Muessel and Mr. and Mrs. Wooldridge.

**Frontal** — Made by Mrs. William J. Mackay.

**Two Fair Linens** — Gift of the Altar Guild.

**Crystal Vase** — Gift of Mr. and Mrs. James Edgar Morris.

**War Shrine in Process of Erection.**

**Altar Piece** — The frame was carved by the Rev. Robert Bolton, Jr. for a 16th Century Crucifix. This was originally in his private Chapel at Lewisboro, New York and was presented to Christ Church in his memory by his children.

The other pieces represent gifts of members of the Parish in honor of those who are serving in the Armed Forces.

**Other Church Gifts.**

**Stained Glass Window** — The stained glass window formerly over the Sanctuary Arch was rebuilt by the Emergency Fund and set in the north wall of the Choir by permission of the heirs of the Donor. In memory of Charlotte Sophia Morris Burrill, 1833-1901 and Mary Middleton Burrill Kemble, 1866-1936.

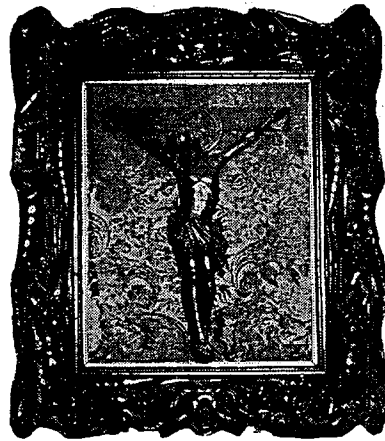
**Crucifix for Pulpit** — In Memory of Johanna Abkarian.

**Wrought Iron Lanterns for Sacristy** — Made by the Bolton Brothers and given to Christ Church by Miss Arabella Jay Bolton.

**Missal** — Gift of the Acolytes' Guild.

**Gift Undesignated** — Mr. and Mrs. Logan Dayton in memory of George Shea Dayton.





Crucifix for War Shrine

**Paschal Candlestick** — Thank Offering for the recovery of Patsy Hoopes.

**Table** — Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hoopes.

**Antique Silver and Gold Ciborium** — In memory of Grace Dexter Hoopes.

**Silver Chalice** — In memory of Frederick H. Allen.

**Paten** — Made from gifts of old silver given by Friends of the Church.

**Large Silver Bread Box** — Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ritchie.

**Small Silver Bread Box** — "In Memory of Mother."

**Hammered Copper Madonna and Child** — Made and given by Mr. Cedric Sintzenich.

**Processional Cross of Christ the King** — Gift of the Church School.

**Needle Point Piece** — Gift of Mrs. James Edgar Morris.

**Three Crystal Cruets** — Gift of Mrs. Edward C. Sperry and Miss Elsie Oerzen.

**Festival White Set and Three Silk Sets of Eucharistic Vestments** — In memory of Frederick H. Allen.

**Summer Set of Green Eucharistic Vestments** — Gift of a Friend.

**Brocade Sets of Eucharistic Vestments** — Thank Offering by Friends of Parish through Mrs. Walter B. Parsons.

**Six Mortuary Candlesticks** — Gift in memory of Anna Feisler.

**Funeral Pall** — Gift of Mr. G. Moulton Davis and the Rector.

**Funeral Cope** — Gift of the Altar Guild. Other gifts by the Altar Guild include:

**Nine Credence Cloths, Twelve Amices, Six Albs, Four Linen Palls, Four Dozen Purificators, Two Dozen Lavabo Towels, Six Surplices, Glass Lavabo Bowl, Ablutions Cup, Small Glass Cruets.**

**Lace Veils for Ciborium** — Gifts of Mrs. Albert Ritchie and Mrs. Frank M. White.

**Lace Veil for Cross** — Gift of Mrs. Albert Ritchie.

**Litany Book** — Gift of Mrs. James Edgar Morris.

**Two Sets of Clergy Prayer Books and Hymnals** — Gift of Mrs. Walter B. Parsons.

**Pulpit Fall** — Gift of Altar Guild.

**Vases and Candlesticks** — Gift of the Altar Guild.

**Creche and Annual Erection of Creche** — Gift of Mr. Alexander Calderwood.

**Figures for Creche** — A Thank Offering for the birth of Rosemary Johnson.

**Cabinet in Sacristy** — Gift of Miss Elsie M. Oerzen and Mrs. Edward C. Sperry.

**Confirmation Veils** — Gift of the Altar Guild.

**Blue Brocade** — Gift of Mrs. William B. Randall.

**White Kneeling Cushion** — Gift of Mrs. Edward C. Sperry.

**Candle Standards for Aisles and Windows** — Gift of a Friend.

**Acolytes' Vestments** — Gift of the Woman's Guild and Friends through Mrs. Charles M. Chenery.

**Six Acolyte Torches** — Gift of a Friend.

**Girl Choir Vestments** — Gift of the Woman's Guild and Friends through Mrs. William N. Hurlbut.

**Boy Choir Vestments** — Gift of the Woman's Guild.

**Rug for Choir Room** — Gift of Mrs. William N. Hurlbut.

**Lockers for Choir Room** — Gift of the Woman's Guild.

**Fifty Prayer Books** — Gift of the Woman's Guild.

**Protection Glass for Stained Glass Windows** — Gift of the Woman's Guild.

**Covering of the Kneeling Benches** — Gift of the Woman's Guild.

**Electric Clocks for Sacristy and Choir Room** — Gift of Mrs. William N. Hurlbut.

**Parish Garden** — Numerous Gifts of Time, Work, Gardeners and Money by Friends of the Parish through Mr. Edward F. Hudson, Chairman of the Garden Committee.

**Sun Dial** — Gift of Miss Arabella Jay Bolton.

**The Garden of Resurrection.**

**Altar, Walls and Planting** — Gift of Hildegard Whittaker Gause in memory of Mary Sargent Gause and Rowland Southworth Hubbell.

**Antique Garden Bell** — Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Smith.

**Not Designated** — Gifts by Loving Friends in memory of Jane McKee Scott.

**New Rectory** — A fund of \$4,122.50 was collected from Friends of the Parish through the efforts of Mrs. William L. Bradley and Mrs. William A. Vollmer to build a Rectory on land given in memory of Adele Livingston Allen and Frederick H. Allen by their children. The Woman's Guild has pledged the amortization of the mortgage.

**Piano for Rectory** — Gift of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Morris.

**Oriental Rug** — Gift of Mrs. David Reid.

**Furniture** — Gifts of Miss Arabella Jay Bolton, Mrs. William L. Bradley, Mrs. Blaine S. Smith and Mr. Henry Simmen.

**Parish Hall.**

**Donation** — Gift of \$500 by Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Muessel.

**Curtains** — Gift of Woman's Guild.

**China and Glassware for Kitchen** — Gift of Woman's Guild and the Breakfast Committee.

**Other Gifts for Parish Hall** — Gifts of the Woman's Guild: Temporary Kitchen, Table Cloths, One Dozen Bridge Tables, Kitchen Utensils, New Kitchen, Cupboards, Serving Wagon, Decorating the Lower Floor, Curtains for Booths, Repairs.

**Also, Sixty Folding Chairs** — Gift of Mrs. William A. Vollmer.

**Tables** — Gifts of Friends.

**Crucifix** — Gift of the Parish Clergy.

**Piano** — Gift of Mrs. William L. Bradley.

**Electric Clock** — Gift of Mrs. W. Freeland Rea.

**Old Parish House** — These Gifts by the Woman's Guild: Curtains, Repairs, Stove, Redecorating, Renovation of Furniture.

**Also, Dining Room Table** — Gift of Mrs. A. Percy Walker.

**Painting** — Gift of Mrs. Hoppin Jacob.

**Crucifix** — Gift of the Primary Department of the Church School.

**Pictures** — Gift of the Church School.

**Piano** — Gift of Mrs. Hugh Lloyd Roberts.

**General Gifts.**

**Donation to Choir** — The sum of \$240 in 1936-1937 by the Woman's Guild.

**Christmas Party** — For the Church School in 1936-1937 by the Woman's Guild.

**Christmas Parties** — 1938 through 1942, Gift of a Friend.

**Rector's Discretionary Fund** — The sum of \$600, 1936-1939 by the Woman's Guild.

**Donation** — The sum of \$825 towards retirement of Church debt in the Spring of 1937 by Mr. Charles B. Goldsborough.

**Benefit Concert for Choir Fund** — In 1937, the sum of \$680 through "Friends of Church Music." Mrs. William N. Hurlbut and Mrs. Carroll B. Haff, Chairman. Mr. Francis Moore, pianist.

**Church Army** — Gift of \$50 by the Woman's Guild.

**To Woman's Auxiliary** — The sum of \$1,400, 1936-1943 by the Woman's Guild.

**For Parish Missionary Quota** — The sum of \$2,500, 1936-1943 by the Woman's Auxiliary.

**Repairs to Mimeograph Machine** — Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Schauffler.

**Memorial Fund** — The Robert Earl Sniffen Memorial Fund, the sum of \$200 annually, 1937-1943 through Major Elisha Sniffen in memory of Robert Earl Sniffen.

**Automobile** — Donation of the sums of \$200 and \$100 by Friends of the Church.

**Donation** — The sum of \$200 per annum for five years. Gift of Mrs. Lyman F. Gray in memory of Lyman F. Gray.

**Missions** — The Francis Connover Fund for Missions, the sum of \$150 annually in memory of Francis Connover.

**Motion Pictures** — Sound projector and screen. Gift of the Church School.

**Donation** — The sum of \$500 for Theological Education by Friends of the Church.

**Benefit** — A Concert in 1942 for Theological Education. The sum of \$672 through Mrs. William N. Hurlbut, Chairman. Guest artists: Mrs. Edward T. Bunch, Miss Lela Flynn and Mr. Mario Berini.

**Baskets** — Christmas and Thanksgiving Baskets. Gift of the Woman's Guild.

**Concerts** — Choir Concerts in 1940 and 1941. The sum of \$200 through Friends of the Choir.

**Donation** — Breakfasts for the English Children. Gift of the Woman's Guild and Friends through Mrs. Lewis Smith.

**Mimeograph Machine** — Gift of Mr. Edmund C. Gause.

**Piano** — Rebuilding of Piano in Choir Room. Gift of Mrs. Edward T. Bunch.

## Memorial Tablets

*The following tablets are to be seen  
on the walls of Christ Church.*

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In Memory of

THE REV. ROBERT BOLTON

Eldest son of Robert Bolton, Esq., Merchant of Savannah, Ga. He was born in that City, Sept. 10th, 1788. Died in Cheltenham, Eng., Nov. 19th, 1857. He was founder and first rector of this Church.

Also Anne

his tenderly beloved wife

Who fell asleep in Jesus in Brighton, Eng., Sept. 27th, 1859. She was the eldest daughter of the Rev. William Jay, of Bath, Eng., Author of the "Morning and Evening Exercises." Their children here record in gratitude to God their tender affection, prevailing prayers and pure example.

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In Memory of

NANETTE BOLTON

of Pelham Priory, Daughter of the Rev. Robert Bolton; Born at Bath, England, June 20th, 1815;

Died at Lausanne, Suisse, August 6, 1884.

*"Taught by God's hand she was a workman skilled*

*To lay foundation stones of character,*

*Whereon yet many daughters after her*

*In Christ's dear name a fabric fair should build,*

*Bowed with her golden sheaves, earth's  
mission done,*

*She entered into rest so rightly won."*

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In Memory of  
the Sons of the founder of this Parish:

The REV. ROBERT BOLTON, A.M., 1814-1877

The REV. WILLIAM JAY BOLTON, M.A.,  
1816-1884

The REV. JOHN BOLTON,  
Dean of Chester, Pa., 1818-1898

The REV. CORNELIUS WINTER BOLTON,  
1819-1906

The REV. JAMES BOLTON, B.A., 1824-1868

*"To the Glory of God and in remembrance of  
their life work, in His Church."*

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Sacred to the Memory of  
ABBY BOLTON

Who slept in peace, June 16, 1849

She was fifth daughter of Rev. Robert Bolton,  
founder and first rector of this church.

*"Loving purity from principle, she courted the  
shade; her religion dwelt upon her spirit and was  
sweetly exhibited in the every-day duties of life.  
This is pure and undefiled religion. Her God  
sustained her in her final hour. Her final hour  
brought glory to her God."*

This tablet is erected by her friends.  
Aged 22 years.

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To the Glory of God  
and  
In Loving Memory of  
ADELE BOLTON

Henley-on-Thames, England, March 5, 1830  
New Rochelle, New York, January 24, 1911

*"Blessed are the Pure in Heart, for They Shall  
See God." Rejoicing in Hope.*

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In Memory of  
THE REV. CHARLES HIGBEE  
1837-1900

Rector of This Parish—1871-1893

Rector Emeritus—1893-1900

His First and Only Charge

and of His Wife

AUGUSTA MITCHELL  
1838-1912

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Sacred to the Memory of  
SARAH WILMINGTON NORTON  
of Savannah, Georgia

Who Died in Pelham on the 15th of July, 1845  
Aged 17 Years

*Remember Now Thy Creator in the Days of  
Thy Youth.—Eccles. xii Ch. 1 Verse.*

This Tablet is Erected by Her  
Affectionate Young Friends

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In Memory of  
ISAAC ROOSEVELT  
who died

In Pelham, Sept. 30th, A.D. 1856  
Aged 48 years

*"An Honest Man, A Sincere Friend of an  
Humble Christian. He was an Early Promoter &  
Constant Friend of this Church, Serving as Ves-  
tryman & Treasurer from the Time of its Forma-  
tion to His Death. Possessed of a Sound Mind,  
a Kind Heart, & a Generous Hand, He Labored  
to Promote the Welfare, & Happiness of the  
Neighborhood in which He Lived.*

HE DIED RESPECTED, BELOVED,  
UNIVERSALLY LAMENTED."

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In Loving Memory of  
ANNE JAY BOLTON

Daughter of the Rev. Robert Bolton  
and Josephine Woodhull Bolton  
1855-1919

For Many Years Organist and  
Devoted Worker in this Church

*"My Lips Shall Praise Thee."—Psalm 63:3.*

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In Memory of  
PHILIP SCHUYLER  
of Schuylerville, Saratoga County, N. Y.

Warden of this Church 1856-1865

Oct. 26, 1788—Feb. 12, 1865

and of his wife

GRACE HUNTER

April 10, 1790—Dec. 23, 1855

*"Death is Swallowed Up in Victory"*

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In Memory of

KATHERINE SCHUYLER

Wife of the Rev. John Bolton  
and Daughter of Philip Schuyler  
Born at Schuylerville, Dec. 7, 1820  
Died in Philadelphia, Nov. 27, 1887

ABBY, wife of William B. Jacobs,  
Born at Pelham, April 5, 1849  
Died in Philadelphia, June 24, 1885

KATHERINE SCHUYLER

wife of Francis T. Chambers  
Born at Pelham, June 17, 1850  
Died at Spring Lake, July 3, 1888

*"So He Giveth His Beloved Sleep"*

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In Memory of

ROBERT WHITE EDGAR

Born in New York City, Dec. 7, 1821  
Died in New Rochelle, N. Y., Feb. 1, 1889

and of his wife

JANE EMMET LE ROY

Born in New York City, May 14, 1821  
Died in New York City, March 4, 1895

*"Nearer My God To Thee"*

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In Memory of

WILLIAM JENKINS EMMET

Son of Judge Robert Emmet  
Born in New York City, August 3, 1826  
Died in New Rochelle, Dec. 23, 1905

and

JULIA COLT PIERSON

His Wife

Daughter of Josiah Gilbert Pierson  
Born at Ramapo, N. Y., July 10, 1829  
Died in New Rochelle, N. Y., Sept. 26, 1908

*"Blessed Are the Pure in Heart for They Shall  
See God." This Tablet is erected at the Enlarge-  
ment of This Church in 1910, by their Eight  
Surviving Children.*

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In Memory of

MARY DOROTHY ADELE

Beloved Daughter of Frederick and Adele Allen  
Born Bolton Priory, Pelham, August 30, 1895  
Died Silver City, New Mexico, May 17, 1920

*"He Giveth His Beloved Sleep"*

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To the Glory of God

in Memory of

ROBERT HENRY SCOTT

1844-1935

Senior Warden

Life Long Member of This Parish  
and His Wife  
1848-1933

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In Memory of

THE REV. ALBERT FRANCIS TENNEY,

M.A., 1847-1918

Rector of this Parish

June, 1893, to August, 1918

It was through his efforts in 1910 that this  
Church was enlarged to its present size.

*"Be Thou Faithful Unto Death and I Will Give  
Thee a Crown of Life."*

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In Memory of  
our beloved nurse

ANN GRIFFIN

Who after twenty-four years of devoted service  
Fell asleep in Jesus

In Pelham

August 29, 1853

Aged 52 years

*"Well Done Good and Faithful Servant,  
Enter Thou Into the Joy of Thy Lord."*

*Matt. xxv. 21*

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In Memory of

ELIZA JANE HARNES

For Forty Six Years

A Member of This Parish

1837-1903

*"Blessed Are the Dead Who Die in the Lord.  
Evenso Saith the Spirit for they Rest from  
Their Labours."*

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In Memory of

JOHN M. HARNES

1841-1917

Sexton of This Church

For Thirty-Five Years

*"For He Was A Faithful Man  
and Feared God Above Many."*

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Sacred  
to the Memory of  
MRS. MARY ANNE THOMAS  
Who Fell asleep in Jesus  
March 24, 1849  
Aged 36 Years  
Her Dying Words Were  
*"There Is a Reality in Religion"*

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In Memory of  
SARAH SMITH CHERBULIEZ  
Who Died in Pelham  
Feb. 6, 1858  
Age 3 Years and 3 Months  
*"Is It Well With The Child?  
And She Answered It Is Well."*

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ROBERT EARL SNIFFEN  
1899-1917  
Erected to the Memory of a Perfect Boy  
By His Loving Father  
*"He Being Dead Yet Liveth"*

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To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of  
MARY MIDDLETON KEMBLE  
November 7, 1866—Feb. 16, 1936  
A Devoted Member of This Parish  
for More Than Forty Years

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## IN THE BOLTON VAULT

- Reverend Robert Bolton, Jr., died Oct. 1877.
- Elizabeth Rebecca Brenton, his first wife, died March, 1852.
- Richard Woodhull, son of Robert Bolton, Jr. and his wife, Josephine Woodhull, died April, 1868.
- Abby Bolton, fifth daughter of the Reverend Robert Bolton, Sr. and his wife, Anne Jay.
- Infant son of the Reverend John Bolton.
- Ann Griffin, English nurse of the Bolton family.
- Six bodies in all according to Miss Arabella Jay Bolton.

## Endowment Fund for Christ Church

FOR MORE than a decade, interested members of the Parish have urged that historical Christ Church should initiate an Endowment Program. A few people as early as 1931 made small contributions in an endeavor to arouse interest in the idea. As of December 31, 1942, the nest-egg amounted to \$486.52.

The celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of our Parish Church would seem to be a most logical time to make a determined effort to provide for the perpetuation of this Church.

The Vestry have, therefore, appointed a Committee to carry forward the project.

The facts are that any building as old as ours is in constant need of repair as roofs, gutters, floors and furnaces wear out. The substantial sums of money required for such things are not always forthcoming as our yearly budget must, of necessity, be confined to the actual expenses of running the Parish.

In this and in other ways the income from an Endowment Fund would aid greatly in maintaining the beauty and comfort of our Church. The following is a list of improvements which might be carried out as a result of bequests, memorials, thank-offerings or gifts.

Old Parish House — This building which is one of the historic buildings in Westchester badly needs restoration and reconditioning. It also needs furniture.

Church — Restoration of the decorated ceiling in the north and south transepts (the original Bolton church), and remodeling of the ceiling in nave, choir and Sanctuary to bring them into proper harmony, proportion and unity with the Bolton design.

New lighting system for Church.

New Organ.

Repairs to temporary wooden building erected in 1911 to house the organ.

Clergy Sacristy.

Working Sacristy for Altar Guild.

Cabinets for vestments and frontals.

Remodelled choir room.

Extension of nave to provide a vestibule over which might be built a replica of the beautiful old choir gallery which was removed in 1911.

Ventilating system.

Glass case to hold historic documents.

Set of matched collection plates.

New Hymnals and Prayer Books.

Sets of Eucharistic vestments.

White Cope for weddings.

Linens for Altars.

Chalice and Paten.

Frontals for High Altar; White, Green, Black, Violet.

Frontals for the Original Bolton Altar; Green, Violet, Black, Red.

Permanent choir pews; six pews and two fronts.

Restoration of old Bolton pulpit.

Candle fund for High Altar, Sanctuary Lamp, Original Altar, St. Mary Altar, War Shrine.

Landscaping of building on the Pelhamdale Avenue side.

Garden of the Resurrection — Wrought Iron Gates, Statue of Christ — the Resurrection and the Life; Hurricane Lamps for Altar, Prie-Dieu, Plantings.

Parish Garden — Plantings and work, to make this one of the beautiful Parish Gardens; Shrine of St. Francis.

Rectory — Garage.

Parish Hall — Folding Chairs.

War Memorial — We intend, with the coming of victory, to erect a worthy memorial for the men and women of our Parish who have served in the armed forces and to express our thanksgiving to Almighty God for the restoration of peace.

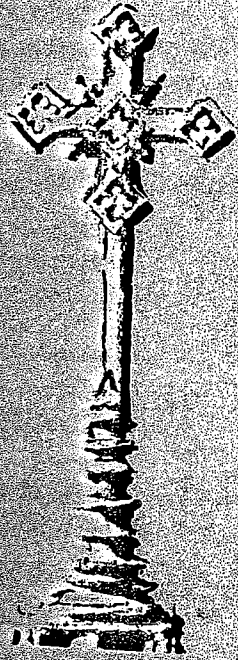
An Utopian Hope — To erect an addition to the Parish Hall in order to provide really good facilities for recreation and classrooms for the Church School to be known as (name of donor or memorial) House for Christian Recreation.

It seems to us that an Endowment Fund, in which both large and small gifts may accumulate, is the ideal way in which to accomplish many of these things, although direct gifts may take care of certain items.

And this Endowment Fund is an opportunity for all of us to make our contribution toward the Greater Glory of God, and toward bringing His Kingdom closer to this Earth.

We earnestly pray that you will give this idea your most careful consideration and your generous support, either by means of direct gifts, or else by remembering Christ Church in your will.

## Epilogue



**MOST OF US**, at one time or another, have looked at those dusty and dull-looking volumes: the Parish Registers. Not often does it occur to us that these Registers are full of a wonderful history recording, as they do, the baptisms, the marriages and the burials of the people of God who have loved and praised Him in this Parish Church!

Here the people came, known and unknown. Here they offered to God their penitence, their prayers, their joys and their griefs. Here have gone up to God strong prayers against temptation and the outpourings of hearts wounded by disappointment or bereavement. Here have been offered praise and thanksgiving. Here have been lives dedicated to God's service. Here they were united with Him in Holy Communion.

Here, in due time, their bodies have rested for a brief space before the Altar, thence to be carried to their graves.

As it has always been in all the unnumbered shrines of God so it is that within the walls of Christ Church one feels that sense of consecration—that atmosphere of ancient holiness.

In our sentiment for our own Parish Church we do not forget the wider Church. But here is our home.

Our Church, please God, will stand as the centuries go by. And, if we desire to pass on that which we have so cherished to those who will come after us, we must see to it that our prayers and penitence, our worship and our daily lives shall not be unworthy of this sacred place.

Yes, there will be mention of us in the Parish Registers although we know that, in time, it will most likely be as if we had never been. Yet, what we have given of ourselves will remain in the atmosphere of our beloved Parish Church to inspire and strengthen those future generations.

And, because we have worshipped God and done good to our fellow men in this place, others who will never hear our name will still understand that "This is none other than the House of God; and this is the Gate of Heaven."

"If the stars should appear one night in a thousand years, how men would believe and adore; and preserve for many generations the remembrance of the City of God which has been shown."