

The History of St. Paul's
Episcopal Church
of
Kern County
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The next service in California was conducted in 1847 by the Rev. W. R. Seaverworth Chaplain of Col. J. D. Stevenson's Regiment, on Sunday March 17, in a room in the "Farber House" in San Francisco.

"a good congregation were gathered by the efforts of Chaplain Seaverworth and a few friends from the streets, the dance halls, and saloons of the town". ^{and} (note) 2

The discovery of gold changed this little Spanish port of "Yerba Buena" in a year to "the American City" of San Francisco with about 30,000 inhabitants (note) although there was great influx of the adventurous types of men seeking the yellow metal, there were also a few professional men, government officials, and respectable merchants who were accompanied by their families. Among these newcomers were those newcomers who were religiously inclined and desired services.

Some of these in the fall of 1848 sent to the Mission Board requesting a Rector. Due to lack of organization of San Francisco church people, two missionaries were sent; one by the Mission Board and the other by friends in New York, Rev. F. S. Minns was first clergymen to arrive, reaching San Francisco in July 1849. Dr. W. L. Ver Meir did not arrive until a month later due to small pox and a voyage around Cape Horn. The arrival of two clergymen instead of one might have been very serious except for the nature of the two men, who became the warmest friends, and the fact

² op. cit pp. 2 that the city grew so rapidly the ³ op. cit pp. 5 two men were needed. Rev. Flavel Minns

organized Trinity Church on his arrival, and
Grace Church was organized
on April 28, 1850. Both churches grew and prospered due to the
rapid increase of population. Hardly had
the first year elapsed when word was received
that the Board of Missions in New York had
passed a resolution to discontinue missions
in California. This action of the Board resulted
in the calling of an Episcopal Convention of the
few clergymen then in California. At the Convention
the Diocese of the Pacific Coast was formed
and arrangements were made for the Administra-
tion of the work. At the second convention
three years later 1853, revisions were made
in the working plan and delegates were
chosen for the General Conference of Conference
which convened in
the Episcopal Church which convened in
New York City. At the General Conference the
delegates were not given seats because the
diocese was not recognized. The Conference
created a Missionary Diocese and elected
Dr. William Ingraham Kip Bishop. He was hastily
sent for and arrangements for his consecration
were made. His brother-in-law, Bishop of Maine
preached the sermon and Bishop Kip was elected
as Presiding Bishop and Chief Consecrator.
He set sail with his wife and son by way of
Panama. The steamer, the Golden Gate, was only able to
reach the little port of San Diego before it went to
pieces. This necessitated a delay of a week before
the passengers were able to continue their voyage.
On Sunday, Bishop Kip held morning service and this
was the first service that he held on the Pacific
Coast.

On his arrival at San Francisco Sunday January
2, 1854, Dr. Kip was warmly greeted by a committee of
4 op. cit pp. 5, opp. cit 21-26

Chas. Deman. He began his labors at once
and preached at Trinity and Grace Churches
that same day.

Although distinctly an Eastern man, and without personal experience in any sort of pioneer missionary affairs, he was much interested in what was being done at that time in the new and rapidly settling Northwest,.... and no one could have entered upon the duties to which he had now dedicated the remainder of his life with a finer spirit of a higher ideals than Bishop Kip brought to the Pacific Coast. There were elements in his character and equipment of the very highest order; a gentleman in every fibre of his being, by culture and by inheritance; a churchman, by intelligent, strong conviction of the school of Hobart, a scholar in literature and art especially in life habits a man of singular purity and modesty of honor in ~~life~~ thought and conduct and without physically a striking figure - tall well built and handsome. To the State he found other Bishop Kip came to the State and the

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work progressed very slowly. He visited the
various towns, ^{and} posts throughout the State in-
vestigating the field and establishing missions
wherever and whenever possible. Of his trip
through the San Joaquin he writes.
"I have been attempting

through the San Joaquin valley.
For more than a year I have been attempting to visit the southern part of the State, but I was never able to do so. The unsettled state of the country infested by the worst class of whites and Mexicans, often robbing in large parties and rendered it impossible) or unsafe to travel except with a party thoroughly armed. Such a party

note⁶ off - cit pp. 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31
" 7. California, 1921-22, 1925, 1926, 1927
if off - cit pp. 25, 30
by S. C. Sanford

I could not find until the present time, when
Major Townsend, U.S.A., being ordered to inspect
Forts Tejon and Sutter, had to pass through the
country, and I availed myself of the opportunity
Some other friends having offered to join us, for
the purpose of seeing the country, we had a
sufficient number for security. Besides
Major S. my youngest son and myself, the
party consisted of Hon. Edward Stanley (late of S.C.)
Mr. Jas. E. Calhoun (late of S.C.) and Mr. J. F. Smith
of San Francisco.

The journey from San Francisco to Los Angeles
was made by ~~sea~~ ^{land} and took four days from
October 1st to the fourth, 1855. During the time there
was a storm and dense fog, the captain ~~of~~ ^{of} the ship, Golden
being the same as the one on the ship, Golden
Gate, thought that Bishop Kip was a bad omen
Los Angeles has all the characteristics of an old
Spanish town. It contains about 5,000 inhab-
itants, 2,000 of whom may be Americans or
English. Until within the last six months,
there has been no English service of any
kind in L.A. except those of the old Rossish
Church. As the preaching was in Spanish, the
Americans never went to it. We found
our solemn liturgy was ever heard in this
section of the country. At the morning service
there were about 80 present, and a much larger
in the evening. --- Fort Tejon (about 100 miles distant)
We left Los Angeles for Fort Tejon, about 100 miles distant
at 11 o'clock. Our vehicle was a large heavy wagon,
for no other is adapted to the mountain passes
through which our road ~~leads~~ ^{leads}. It was drawn
by four mules, and we had a driver as well
acquainted with the country.

Our driver was well armed, and the gentlemen
with us had their rifles and revolvers.

notes from 7 to 9 Sanford's Book
taken from Bishop

I took the party from Monday until Thursday to reach Fort Tejon. The group had suffered from heat and lack of water. The fort at the Tejon is on a little plain, entirely surrounded by high mountains etc.

The journey northward was beset with many dangers and hardships. The party suffered from lack of water. It required two days to reach Kern River, 33 miles of which we travelled without water. It took until the next Sunday to reach Fort Miller, where Bishop Kip had made a station there. Here the service for ninety men station was left and the rest of the journey was made by a stage which they were able to employ to Sonelling Tavern. From there they continued their trip by regular stage route.

note 1. D. D. Kelley History of the Grocers of Calif
note 2. Parish Register Vol 1. p. 6.

Chapter II

more than twenty years had passed since the first Episcopal services had been held in the San Joaquin Valley. This vast valley with its new towns and county seats grown up as the railroad centers, was without an Episcopal Church, although occasionally meetings had been held in Fresno, forced meetings had been held in Bakersfield, Modesto, Visalia and ^{the} Bishop, in June 1879 at the request of

Rev. D. O. Kelly made his first missionary inspection trip through the San Joaquin Valley, and advised that at least one missionary be placed in the field with Fresno City the headquarters although it was smaller and newer than the other seats.

Previous to this time occasional services had been held in Bakersfield by such splendid men as Rev. W. H. Hill, Rev. A. Southister, Rev. W. C. Powell, at the homes of Mrs. Olive Smith, Mrs. Mary Brundage, Mrs. McGroarty, and Mrs. Clitterdon.

In November, 1879 services were held in the new Railroad Avenue School on Railroad Ave. (this being the road over to the railroad station in the summer) now Emerson School on Bryant Ave. There were four rooms in this building but it was many years before all were needed for school purposes so one of the up stairs rooms was occupied by the Episcopal Church people.

At this time a Church was organized and was known as St. Paul's Mission of Kern County. The Rev. D. O. Kelly of Fresno was appointed ^{as} _{superintendent} Dr. D. F. M. Dean was made warden, ³ along Coons treasurer and P. D. Jewett Clark,

Emerson School
This four room school building forms the
corner of the Emerson School on
3rd St. and 1st P. 6' 1" high
4' 1" wide from front. Keller's Book

Rev. Douglas Othinger Kelley, Diocesan Missionary of the San Joaquin Valley now lived at Fresno City and held monthly meetings at Bakersfield when weather permitted.

Mr. Kelley was born and educated in Ohio. Served three years in the Union Army and after wards studied and practised law in Ohio. Afterwards studied and practised law in California and practised law in 1867. He came to California and practised law. Later being encouraged by his friends, particularly Bishop Kip, he decided to enter the ministry. He was ordained a Priest in 1874 and spent most of his life in the missionary field in the Diocese of California.

The work of a missionary required the strongest of the clergymen in the Church to endure the physical strain and hardships of that period. Missionaries any had little time at home for study due to the busyness of his district.

Mr. Kelley traveled for the most part in a buckboard behind "Molly" the old gray mare. A buckboard behind "Molly" from Fresno to Bakersfield necessitated at least one week for each trip that he made.

The St Paul's Mission required the services of several pioneer families to keep it alive and prospering. Mr & Mrs Walter Chittenden were very active in securing music for the services. They lived in Summer, now called East Bakersfield, and had a small cabinet organ.

On Sunday they placed it in their light spring wagon and carried it to and from the service. Mrs Chittenden played the organ while Mr. Walter Chittenden, Mrs. James Chittenden, Cora F. Mc. Gram (now Mrs Bender) Miss Molly Colby, daughter of County

note⁵ " ⁶ Parish Register P. 8⁶
" ⁶ " ² Shid - P. 4²

Judge Colby composed the choir. Miss Dr. Gran
taught in an adobe house by Greenfield district
and soon Clittender went after her on Saturday and
took her home on Sunday in order that she
might assist in the choir. This seemed
a long trip due to deep sand or much deeper
dust.

At this time the town was not very religious.
There were no Sunday closing ordinances and
there were about fifty saloons. The Methodist
people had the only church building and the
Catholic people held occasional services
in a store building but were soon able to
build a church.

On April 18, 1881 marks the first official
visit of a Bishop to the Parish. The Rt. Rev.
William Buchanan Kip D.D. confirmed the
following Confirmation class: Olive Smith,
Mary Elizabeth Ash, Jennie
Sawyer Hartking, Mary Elizabeth ^{Mathews} Ash, Jennie
Annella Doegann, Susan McLean, Mrs
Mary Barker, Nellie Adella Barker, and
Mrs Mary B. Burnage. The Bishop ad-
ministered Holy Communion to the following:
the Confirmation class; Alonso D. Coons,
Dr D. G. McLean, Child D. Jewett, Mrs Phiblett
James E. Clittender, Mrs Cornelia Clittender,
Mrs John Doegann, Mrs Julia Burroughs, Mrs
Grace Price, and Mrs Bette Brain Taylor.

Prior to this Rev. D. D. Kelley had baptized
the following: Silla McLean, Kate McLean, daughter
Jewett, Helen Ketchin Jewett, Helen Grace Webster,
Anna Ward Webster, Anna Maria Craig, Anna
Hardin, Ella Coffman Doegann and Hattie May
Dodd.

(B) April 29 1880)

Aug 4, 1883

8. Kern County California B. 6.
9. Fresno County California B. 3
10. Fresno County Register of Deeds
11. Fresno County Register of Deeds
12. Fresno County Register of Deeds
13. Fresno County Register of Deeds
14. Fresno County Register of Deeds
15. Bakersfield California Births

The activities of the little mission ^{for} the ladies of the church had organized into the Ladies of the Church had organized into St Paul's Guild and contributed materially in the active support of the church and home missions by giving Festivals, Bazaars, and home talent plays. The Rev. Thomas A. Griffiths came as the first resident pastor to Bakersfield, January 1882. He held regular services at St. Paul's missions at regular services at St. Paul's during his regular time here St. Paul's Guild began to work towards the construction of the church building. In the early spring of 1883 Mr. Griffiths became very ill and was forced to resign. He died at his mother's home in New Jersey in July and was buried in a couple of years intervened before a couple of missions and came to a regular resident at the interval by Rev. H. H. St Paul's missions ^{once or twice} a month by Rev. D. O. Kelley were held ~~under~~ under Rev. D. O. Kelley and was reader under Rev. Clapham moved from Clapham, July 1885 to Fresno. In July 1885 to Fresno. Mr. Clapham had been a Wesleyan

minister before his study in Fresno. He was a large heavy set Englishman of the missionary type, well loved, and very cordial in manner as well as being a very scholarly hardworking minister. His wife was a great help to him in his work in the church and guild. Although she was a Fresno girl, she was decidedly English in accent and mannerisms. She, like her husband, was very scholarly. She had lived with her cousin Mrs. Porter, the authoress of "Scottish Chief" and "12th of May" ¹³⁾

Shortly after the arrival of Mr. Clapham a Sunday School was organized. The people of the mission had secured a lot in a central location and had carried on a fund

note 16 Parish Register 1871

raising campaign for a church building. They did not allow a fire that destroyed their official documents, register etc., as a poor investment which lost thirty dollars of their fund to stop them. They labored earnestly under the leadership of Mr. Clapham for the completion of their church which was built on the present site, on November 21st 1836 the church was opened for service. The venerable Bishop of the Diocese service. The venerable Bishop of the Diocese the Rt. Rev. William J. Kipp D.D. writes concerning the service as follows:

the service as follows:
"November 21st (Sunday) we went into town to the
newly erected St. Paul's Church. It cost \$3,000
and has only 470 yet unpaid. Beside
churchlike edifices in the Diocese, ^{and} St. O'Kell
Mr. Clapham, there were also present
of Fresno, and Mr. Emery of Oakland, who took part
in the services. In the afternoon there was
and addressed them. In the evening
a baptismal service when Mr. Clapham
baptized nineteen children. In the evening
Mr. Emery preached.
Mr. Emery weighing about 900 pounds

Mr. Emery (a Bell we have on our -
In 1887 a Bell was given to the Church by one of the mem-
bers. (This bell was sold with the Church.)
On Sunday July 7, 1889, fire swept the
left the

On Sunday July 11, 1891, left the business section of the town but the fire new church practically unharmed. The fire started during the morning service. When Rev. H. H. Clapham was notified of the fire he

dismissed the congregation. About a year later a second big fire burned the hotel and Club House next to the Church. The church was damaged only by the heat and removal of the furniture.¹⁶

On the second ~~of January~~ ^{day after} Epiphany

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18- Paint Register P. 7
19- Paint Register P. 7
20 Paint Register P. 7

(January 18th) 1891 the Church was consecrated by the Right Rev. William Ford Nichols, Assistant Bishop. "The Church had been free from debt since January 1888." (It was the custom of the Episcopal Church never to consecrate church property until it is freed from all indebtedness.)

At this time a movement was started which resulted in the organization of a parish on March 4, 1891, with Rev. H. H. Clapham Rector. Captain Charles E. Jewett and Dr. John Smoots, Church Wardens; Mr. C. Bickerdike Treasurer, Mr. Joseph V. Morely Clerk, composed the Vestry.

The change from a mission to a Parish removed all financial obligation from the mission board and placed the responsibility of such support with the local church. The Vestry made up of seven members including the Wardens, Treasurer and Clerk composed the controlling body of the local church.

On Christmas Day 1891 a large brass cross was placed on the altar in memory of the late William Alexander Mills, Sr. At the same time a large embossed brass alms basin was given to the church by Miss Sussie Allen, given to the church by a brass collection. This was supplemented by a brass plate from the Guild. On Easter Day 1892 a pair of altar cases were given to the church by Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Mills in memory of Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Morely. A very handsome embroidered and jewelled white altar cloth was presented by the St. Mary's Altar Guild (Lady Superior)

2) note by Mr Alfred Hall
in the "Apparatus" 16

Mrs J. A. Smith¹⁹

During Rev. H. H. Clapham's ministry the
St. Paul's Church at Rosedale was opened
Easter Sunday, 1892, with a full choral service
very well rendered by the choir. Prior to this
Mr. Clapham had been holding monthly ser-
vices there. The need of a church had been
caused by the developing of an English
Colony in Rosedale by the sale of land
through the London office of the Land Company.
While these young men had been given an
opportunity to succeed by their fathers, on
forty to eighty acre tracts adjoining the church
they were regularly gathered at services
St. Paul's Parish especially worked
to assist them with the church, and particularly
with their altar linens.

However life of this community as an Epis-

copal mission was destined to be short as the
land soon passed into the hands of those
more dependent on agriculture as an occu-

pation.

These young Englishmen were not interested
in the ~~success~~ economy and thrift necessary to convert this
land into prosperous farms, but rather were inter-
ested, namely in the two annual events which
they instituted, namely "British Races" and
"British Ball"²¹

The little Red Mission church still stands
but as a private dwelling, having been sold

after a period of years; the mission having
been discontinued.

On May 11, 1892 the Rev. H. H. Clapham and
wife moved to Los Gatos to carry on work there, later
he became Rector of the Church in Lacombe, Washington.

Rev. L. G. Jessup officiated in St Paul's for
a couple of months before the Rev. Frank De Free
Miller L. G. entered upon his duties as Rector

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- 23. Parish Register Vol 1.
- 24. Notes by Alfred Howell
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- 26. Notes "by myself" $\frac{1}{2}$ " $\frac{1}{2}$ "
- 27. " "
- 28. " "

of the Parish, October 14, 1892²² Mr. Miller had the distinction of being the first California clergyman to serve St. Paul's Parish. While Mr. Miller came from an Eastern parish Bakersfield, yet he had been reared and splendidly educated in this State. His intellectual qualities were reflected in his beautiful and well delivered message in every sermon.²³

In January of the following year the ladies of St. Paul's Guild gave a very lovely reception in honor of Rev. F. D. Miller as his young wife. Mrs. Miller was interested and intelligent intellectual attainment and taught in the town school "nickols" made and taught in the town school "nickols" made

In February 1893 Bishop Nichols made an official visit and Mr. Miller was installed as Rector of the Parish. While here the Bishop consecrated the Lectern given in memory of Charles Clem Jewell by his brothers and sisters, the Bible, Altar Book, Prayer Book, Credence and Hypothetical Book case for the Litany Desk, Bishop's Chair, Book case for the Rector's Library, and Parish Library of twenty volumes having been given by others.²⁴

The following year in February St. John's Church in Rosedale was consecrated by Bishop Nichols; it having been freed from debt through the generosity of Mr. R. M. Johnson of New York.

In February 1895 the Bishop consecrated the white altar cloth, altar vases and cross,²⁵ which had not been consecrated before.

In May 1896 Rev. F. D. Miller resigned his rectorship of the Parish and was succeeded by Rev. David Holmes.

Mr. Holmes came to the Parish from Canada. He was a big rugged Englishman with sandy com-

29. minutes of St Paul's guild of
1892 - 8 13⁰ 3⁰ 1892-28

30. minutes of St Paul's Guild

31. Parish register Sanford
notes by Bishop Sanford

plexion. His love for Bakersfield and its people helped him through the period of re-action which often follows a building campaign and a series of strong rectors.

Mr Holmes resigned in June 1898 and it was not until the following January that the

soothing elderly Hobart Chetwood came.

Saveth elderly Chetwood, as he was affectionately called, presented indeed, a picturesquely figure with long white flowing beard and his quiet and gracious manner.

During his sojourn by the present Guild Hall was built which was of the same style

of architecture as the Church. The first meeting

March 22, 1898, held it was a happy occasion

for the need of the hall had been felt by the ladies

who often found it inconvenient and difficult

to carry on the work of Guild at the various

homes of the members or in a vacant room

in the band company building. The building

committee, who consisted of Mrs Chittenden,

Mrs Alchison, and Mrs Carson were commended

for their splendid work. It was agreed

at this same meeting that the Club

rent for evening occasions would

be \$3.00 while other organizations would

be charged \$5.00.

About this time the Guild reports show

subscriptions to the Red Cross Society. The ladies

devoted much time during the coming months

to furnishing and equipping their new hall.

31. notes by Bishop of Sarfond
32. Parish Register 1. p. 8
33. notes Alfred Marshall Appendix pp 4-6
34. notes Alfred Marshall

Father Chetwood found the work of the parish quite difficult for him and resigned May 22, 1898. Rev. Edward Morgan took charge of St. Paul's parish and St. John's Diocesan, Rosedale on September 1, 1898.³¹ Rev. Edward Morgan (Father Morgan as he was known by all) was a middle aged bachelor of the High English Church) had a magnetic personality, a social charm, and an aquietic background enlivened by a soft and cultural back ground which appealed to the social English accent but appealed to the social classes of Bakersfield.³² Father Morgan was a veritable man and had the ability to organize. Within the first month in Bakersfield he had organized a vested choir of men and boys. Later he organized a pride of the Church. In the first month he had introduced the processional boy choir with the processional cross, placed second month with the processional altar for the first march with the lights on the altar for the first Eucharistic lights the value of religious and time, and realizing the young he organized a Sunday School education for the boys in the Sunday School. taught a class for young people was very His work with the young people developed an enthusiasm in the young people which has been unparalleled.³³

Father Morgan had a large personal following. During his ministry the members rapidly grew and the Church was filled to overflowing a regulary. He entered into his work and zealous devotion gladly for his profession was one of choice and he was independent of his salary for he had inherited a large estate both in England and Ireland. Near the close of his time in Bakersfield

Mr. Morgan built the building on Chester Avenue which still bears his name. While Father Morgan spent his summers there on his estate in England and Ireland while Rector of St. Paul's Church in Bakersfield.

Notes from Mand Metcalfe Appendix p 6-8

35 Notes from Mand Metcalfe Appendix p 6-8
36 Parish Register Vol II pg 6 "

37 " op cit II p 6-

38 " op cit II p 6-

he purchased a white satin altar cloth in London heavily embroidered in silver and gold which had ~~been~~ ^{been} made in India and was of sufficient value to cost twenty-two dollars import duty. Mr Morgan presented the altar cloth to his parish on his return and it was used until the new altar was given to the church. He also presented the parish with a sterling silver ³⁵

presented the parish.
Common set ³⁵ During 1899 extensive improvements were made to the church. The ground planted, church painted, a polished floor laid in the chancel and the velvet carpet presented to the church. And the brass altar rail placed in the church. These were blessed offering from the people. At this time the Bishop, February 14, 1900, presented by four by the Bishop. A procession of brass, ³⁶ city funds of the church was blessed. Services had been held in Kerr County and Rev. Douglas O. Kelley.

Services had been held monthly and ever since the time of Rev. Douglas O. Kelley. Sometimes the services had been monthly and sometimes more often, but on January 1st 1900 the mission had been reorganized and named St Barnabas; services held every other Sunday afternoon, later a Sunday School and Guild were organised. In a year it was decided to move

Other Sunday afternoon ¹³⁷ a
and Guild was organized. It was decided at
the following year to move
a vestry meeting at St Pauls Church to Kern City
the St Pauls Church building over to Kern City
on a lot in Kern City given by the P. J. Improvement
Company and to build a new church on the
present site. The Church in Kern City would be
known as St Barnabas Church while the new
Church in Bakersfield would be St. Pauls

Church in Bakersfield began in
The moving of the old church. The old
June 1901. The new church is August.
Church no longer was large enough for the con-

39 Notes by Miss Mary Melcalf. Appendix 6-8
Parish register Vol II p. 7.
40. Parish register Vol II p. 7
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guration! The plans for the new Church
was submitted by Mr. Joe Dougall architect
The plans as first submitted by Mr. Dougall
would impose too great a financial burden on
the parish so they had to be changed. It was
found by lowering the roof several feet, changing
the bell tower, and making the whole floor
plan smaller sufficient ~~was~~ could be built
81 made and the present structure was
On New Years Day 1902 the new St Pauls was
opened and blessed by the Rt Rev W. William Ford
Morgan, Rector, the Rev. Hugh Ramsey and the
Rev. John W. Nichols sometime Lay reader for
a High Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. At this
service the Rosalio Pacheco Memorial
was consecrated, which consists of an altar
table six brass candle sticks, altar cross,
and altar rail.⁴⁰

The altar is an unusually beautiful
Roman altar of Italian and Vermont Marble. It
was made and displayed at the Pan-American
Exposition where Mrs. Lewis purchased it
and placed it in the new Church as a memorial
to her father, Rosalio Pacheco, former
governor of California.

In February of the same year a white
Marble baptismal font was presented to the
Church by the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis. The
Lewis family also gave the Rose window.⁴¹
Also the beautiful window "Behold I stand
at the door and knock" was placed in the church
as a memorial to Catherine Alice Packard by
Mr. H. L. Packard and son. Mrs. Packard had been one

43. opp. cat " p. 8
44 minutes of St Paul's Guild 1902-3
44 Parish Register " p. 8
45 " " " " p. 9
46 " " " " " " " " p. 6-8
47 notes by Miss Mandrell p. 6-8

of the ~~early~~⁴² founders of the church and was instrumental in the building of the first church. The window and the font were blessed the following year at the next visit of Bishop Nichols.

In May 1902 Rio Bravo and Greenfield missions were organized. Rio Bravo also organized a Sunday school.⁴³ In March 1903 organized a Sunday school. Steinway the St Paul's Guild purchased a piano for the Guild Hall. This came as a result of great effort of the ladies after buying many pianos.⁴⁴ Father Morgan resigned

The same Spring Father Morgan resigned the Rectory of St. Paul's Church to go to New York City. This was a real loss to Bakersfield as well as the Parish. Father B. Clark was

In the fall of 1905 Father B. Clark was called from San Francisco and served until

called from San Francisco and served until

June 1907.⁴⁵

Rev. Walter Clark was an extremely high churchman very devout and some what retiring. His interest only in the religious life was in the parish since he followed fortune for the social gifts were so predominant. The Greenfield a man whose social gifts were predominant while he was rector, the church was discontinued and the church mission was discontinued. The Rio Bravo mission building was sold. The latter part had been discontinued during the latter part of Father Morgan's Rectory.⁴⁶

Mr. Clark's many funds rejoiced to learn after he left Bakersfield that he had the good fortune to receive a thousand dollars from marrying a Klondike millionaire while rector of one of the large churches of San Francisco.⁴⁷

The Rev. David M. Crabtree came to the Parish as a bachelor from St Margaret's Church

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49 Parish Register Vol II p. 9.

50 notes by Bishop Sanford.

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Washington D.C. He had a splendid physique, handsome in appearance and manners and was of a brilliant Kentucky family. His sermons brought enthusiasm and inspiration to the church people and gradually some of the congregation began to return.⁴⁸

While here Mr. Crabtree married a charming society girl of San Francisco, and soon found it increasingly difficult to live on a minister's salary.

In October of 1907 a pipe organ which had been purchased by the parish was installed in the church. Prof. Carriers was organist for the first service.⁴⁹ Mr. Crabtree served the parish for

five years.

In the fall of 1912 the Rt Rev. Anson Rogers came to St. Paul's Church and applied for Rev. D.D. came to regain his health. As Rector while trying to regain his health. He was a retired Bishop of "Farmer Boys" Bishop of Nebraska. (He is author of "Farmer Boys" and several other books)⁵⁰

He was a most able man and splendid scholar. Both he and his charming wife were very well liked but his health would not permit him to stay.

In the same year Rev. Charles Hitchcock was called to the Parish. Prior to this Mr. Hitchcock had charge of San Rafael School for Boys which he had sold.⁵¹

Mr. Hitchcock was English and a very able and well liked rector. He was most efficient and performed his duties with real executive ability. While here the windows were ^{this was later - 1912} put in the clear

story of the church to improve the lighting of the

52 "Californian" Bakersfield May 18, 1913

Church which had been very unsatisfactory
due to the change in architectural plans,

Circumstances made possible the disposal
of the old Church at Kern City so it was sold
to the Calvary Baptist Church and the Altar
was removed and placed in the sanctuary
of the new Guild Hall at Lindsay.^{52]}

In 1914 Rev. Benjamin E. Dragg was called
to St Paul's Church, Mr Dragg was a very large
impractical quick tempered High Churchman

from the South. During his ministry the Convocation

of the San Joaquin Diocese was held in June
of the San Joaquin Diocese at which time St Paul's

17th to 21st inclusive at which time St Paul's

Church was consecrated.

Perhaps it ^{at} the first the Diocese
interested that the whole state

of California had included the Northern Counties had

been cut off to form the Diocese of Sacramento.

In 1895 the Southern section had been taken

the form of the Diocese of Los Angeles and in

1910 the Diocese of San Joaquin Valley had

been created from sections of California

and Los Angeles Dioceses. The Rev.

Louis Child Sanford was elected and consecrated

Bishop and is still living and serving in that

capacity.

The Convocation was ushered in Monday

evening June 17th with a banquet for the clergy
and their guests at the Southern Hotel. Mr Alfred
Harrell acted as toast master.

53, Bakersfield California
May 18-20th 1915

The next morning the consecration of St Paul's
Church was conducted by the Rt. Rev. Louis Child
Sanford DD, who received the instruments of
donation and endowment as read by Senior
Warden Metcalf. Rev. B. E. Driggs gave the
sentence of consecration. After morning
Prayer, the Holy Communion was
celebrated by the Bishop assisted by the
former Rectors of the Church including
Bishop Graves. The consecration sermon
was preached by Rev. Clifton Macon of Oakland.
The service closed with the processional
March, which included many Clergymen
of distinction. At the close of this service
Convocation organized at once for business
and administration. Sessions of the
Convocation were held throughout the afternoon
and evening, followed by a beautiful
reception at the home of Mr and Mrs J. S. Day.
Convocation sessions followed during the
next two days.⁵³

These services marked the greatest
epoch in the history of St Paul's Episcopal
Church, for not only was the church completely
furnished, but it had been hallowed by an
impressively impressive ceremony of
consecration at the time of convocation.

Appendix A

Bakersfield, Calif.
April 16, 1934

Notes by Bishop Sanford

Rev. H. Horace Clapham. Previously a Wesleyan. English
In charge from 1884-1892 Built the first Church in 18⁸96
Studied for Episcopal Ministry at Fresno.
Married Fresno girl.
Pleasant, agreeable, well loved, hard working minister.
Heavy set man.
Later went to Tacoma, Washington - very well liked there.
Died officiating.

Rev. F. D. Miller

^{June}
1892-1895

He and wife a very active couple.
Well liked. Thin man.
Died in Centerville.

Rev. David Holmes

Rev. Hobart Chetwood

1897-1898

Rev. Edward Morgan (Father Morgan) English. High Church.
Bachelor. Part of the time lived in the study.
Built present church building.
Strong personality, appealed to social class, had a
cultural background, English accent.
Had large personal following.
Still living.
Built up a large boy's choir.

Bakersfield, Calif.
April 16, 1934

Notes by Bishop Sanford.

Rev. David H. Crabtree. 1907-1912

Bachelor at first. Married Miss Hawes.

Organ was bought during rectorship.

Very sociable.

Resigned from ministry.

Bishop- The Rt. Rev. Anson Rogers Graves, D.D., Retired Bishop of the
Platte.

Supplied three months, fall of 1912

Able man, splendid scholar.

Author of "Farmer Boy to Bishop".

Wasn't able to carry on the work, due to asthma.

Later Rector of several parishes including Sonora 8 yrs.

Rev. Charles Hitchcock English

Teacher at San Rafael. Sold school for boys and came here
Disposed of the old church at Kern.

Put in window in the ~~clerestory~~ ^{This was later} of St. Paul's Church.

Able minister, well liked.

Rev. Benjamin E. Diggs. Southern High Church.

1914 - 1920

Large, quick tempered.

Church consecrated.

Rev. G. E. Renison Canadian

Seven months 1920

Bakersfield
April 16, 1934

Notes by Bishop Sanford

Rev. Wm. A. Cash. English

Aug. 1921-1924

Very stout-easy going-good natured.

Musical-organist.

(Signed) L.C. Sanford

NOTES FROM INTERVIEW WITH MR. ALFRED HARRELL

Mr. Clapham-first regular minister.

One of the most outstanding men was the Rev. Mr. Morgan. He had wealth in his own right. Built a business block on Chester Ave., about the time he left here. He was a very able man, and his work with the young people was very beautiful. He believed in educating the boys and had a class in Sunday School, and a boys' choir. There was more enthusiasm in church among the young people than at any time before.

The following story was related by Mr. Harrell: I had printed a pathetic story about a widow in the paper one evening. The next morning the town's biggest gambler came into my office and gave me twenty dollars, and asked me to see that the widow got it. I was quite a youngster then and started to ride to her home on my bicycle to take her the money. On the way I met Rev. Mr. Morgan and got off my bicycle to talk to him. He asked me where I was going so early in the morning. I told him. He said he had just been over to see the widow. I told him that there were two Christians in the town that morning then. He wanted to know who. I told him, "You and the gambler". We had a great laugh.

Another outstanding man was Rev. Frank D. Miller. He had been reared in California, but had accepted a charge in the East. When he learned that this parish had become

vacant he let the vestrymen know he would consider it. They called him, and he was here some three or four years. He was a very scholarly man. His sermons showed real thought and study and were above the average. His delivery was very good. It was unfortunate that he was not as popular as some of the other clergy.

The fire occurred on Sunday morning, July 7, 1889. The rector happened to look out of the window and saw the fire, and told the congregation. Not a business house was left standing. The fire burned down to and around the Episcopal Church, and then down to and around the Catholic Church. Both churches were left. The Methodist Church was on the present site, but was not in the path of the fire. This fire was not the one that destroyed the church records. The one that destroyed the church records might have been the one that burned the old brick school house.

Mr. Harrell stated that he taught at Emerson with two teachers. One room not used for school was used for services by the Episcopal people. There were about one hundred children in the school.

The population of Bakersfield was about three thousand, as a large portion of the population was single men. Sumner was the railroad town, and it was incorporated before Bakersfield.

The colony at Rosedale: The Kern County Land Company decided to subdivide the land into forty and eighty acre tracts. They put on a real estate campaign in London, England

Many young men; sons of wealthy Englishmen, came over to settle on the land. Most of them were "remittance" men. They were fine lively young fellows, but were not interested in making the land produce. They were interested in two things: the British races, and the "British Ball". They were both an annual event here. These added much life to the church for all Englishmen go to Church. Their little church was called St. John's. Services were discontinued when the colony disappeared. The colony was soon gone as the young men were not interested in keeping up the land.

Notes by Miss Maud Metcalf

Rev. H. Horace Clapham was a likeable, but deep, scholarly man whose sermons were too deep for the congregation. Miss Metcalf was confirmed under him at the first visit of Bishop Nichols.

His wife was extremely English and a most interesting character. She had a florid complexion. and was not artistic in dress. She was a cousin of and lived in the same house with Mrs. Porter who wrote "Thaddeus of Warsaw" and "Scottish Chiefs".

Rev. David Holmes, a big, awkward, raw boned Englishman, came to Bakersfield from Canada. He was educated at Oxford. He was in Bakersfield from 1896 to 1897. His wife often said, "David would be a very good man if he had the rough edges worn off".

Rev. Hobart Chetwood (Father Chetwood), an elderly man, was saintly appearing with his white beard and hair.

Rev. E. D. Miller, a kindly, scholarly man, married a relative of Alfred Harrell, a school teacher who was somewhat younger than he. However, they were a devoted couple. She was a good mixer, although odd, but the Rev. Miller was not.

Rev. Edward Morgan, a wealthy man, went to Ireland every summer; he had relatives who lived around Cork. He had charge of the English colony at Rosedale and also of the mission at Greenfield. The first plans were made for the St. Paul's Church building by Mr. MacDougall at an estimate cost of "\$20,000. The cost was reduced to \$16,000, however.

Rev. Walter B. Clark, an eccentric high churchman, was extremely exacting about details. He was a fine man but not suited to follow Rev. Edward Morgan. After leaving Bakersfield and while assistant Rector of a Church in San Francisco, he received one thousand dollars for marrying a wealthy Alaska miner.

Rt. Rev. A. R. Graves, D. D. came from San Diego to Bakersfield. He was author of "From Farmer Boy to Bishop". He lived in the study and cooked in the Guild Hall. He had a charming wife. After leaving Bakersfield he went to Coalinga and had wonderful success in building up the church there.

Rev. David M. Crabtree preached splendid sermons and attracted large audiences that filled the church. A member of a distinguished Kentucky family, he was active in the town socially. His wife was a wealthy, extreme social character. Rev. Mr. Crabtree did much work in the community making the calls in a horse and buggy furnished by the Kern County Land Co.

Rev. Charles Hitchcock had had a school for boys. While he was here many beautiful pageants were put on. He was a very hard working, conscientious minister.

Rev. G. E. Renison was a missionary to Bakersfield and was here only a short time. He had a large family and could not find a house to live in. For this reason he was forced to leave. Mrs. Renison was a lovely woman; She was very cheerful and bright.

Rev. B. E. Diggs attempted to build a larger Guild Hall but was unsuccessful. He finished paying for the church, however.

A Description of Bakersfield

In 1890 the town of Bakersfield had no water system. The streets were sprinkled with wagons and the property owners on the streets had to pay the expense. Ice was hauled from Greenhorn and when ~~the~~ that gave out it was shipped from Truckee. There was only one butcher shop in town. They butchered sandeming and all meat not sold the next day was jerked. There were fifty saloons in the town. The Kern County Bank was located on the site now occupied by the United States Building and Loan Association. The sidewalks of the town were made of lumber. The houses were made of redwood lumber. They were boarded up and down and cleated, and lined on the inside with unbleached muslin. Severe sandstorms made it necessary to line the houses in the fashion.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Mrs. A.A. Packard and Mrs. Arick gave the window "Behold I Stand at the Door and Knock!" Mother Webster made the Battenthalt altar cloth and gave it to the Church. She is the mother of Miss Kate Webster. The tall altar vases were given by Mrs. Mills in memory of her sister, Bertha Maulty. Father Morgan gave

a very rare and expensive altar cloth. It was made in British India. He brought it in England, and when it was brought to the United States he paid \$20.00 duty on it. The solid silver paten was given by Tom Baker in memory of his daughter Ruth. The small cross was given by Mrs. John O. Miller, a member of the choir. The large processional cross was given by Dr. Cease. The Rose window was given by the Tevis Family. The lectern was donated by Miss Fidelia Jewett in memory of Charles Jewett.

Maud M. Metcalf

Notes by Miss Metcalf Continued

Lamb and Company of New York City, who were the most reliable firm of church furnishings, built a chapel at the Buffalo Exposition exhibiting the altar with the window above placed to the best advantage.

In the little chapel short services were held during the mornings of the exposition.

One of the representatives of the company who was a friend of President Mc Kinnley accompanied him to the chapel where the worshiped and received the Holy Communion. It was from this before this altar that the President went to the platform to make his address and was shot.

Mrs. Tevis later saw the altar and was so impressed by its beauty that she purchased it with the window, altar vases, cross and candle sticks, and altar rail for St. Paul's Church of Bakersfield. She made the gift in memory of her father, T. Romualdo Pacheco, former Governor of California.

ST.PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GIFT LIST

- 1.Brass Altar Cross
In Memory of William A. Mills, Sr.
- 2.Alms Receiving Basin
by Miss Susan Allen
- 3.Brass Collection Plates
by St. Paul's Guifld
- 4.Altar Vases
In Memory of Mrs. Moulty, by Mrs. Mills and Mr. Moulty
- 5.A Chalice Spoon
In memory of Dorothy Snook, by Dr. and Mrs. Snook
- 6.Altar Desk
By the Altar Society
- 7.Altar Cloth
By St. Mary's Altar Society
- 8.Altar Cloth Jewels
By different friends
- 9.Lectern
In Memory of Charles ~~Eloam~~ Jewett, by the Brothers and Sisters
- 10.Bell
By donor, whose name was withheld, year 1887,
weight of bell 900 pounds
- 11.Bible
- 12.Litany Desk
- 13.Bishop's Chair
- 14.Credence
- 15.Altar Book, Prayer Book and Hymnal
- 16.Bookcase for the library

- 17 Altar Vases and Cross
18. Silver and towels for Guild Hall
19. Processional Cross
by four friends
20. Velvet carpet
21. Altar, Six Brass Candles Sticks, Vases, Altar Rail
And window above Altar
In memory of Romualdo Pachecho,
by Mr. and Mrs. William S. Tevis
22. Baptismal Font
by Mr. and Mrs. William S. Tevis
23. Window "Behold, I stand at the door and knock"
In memory of Catherine Alice Packard
24. Rose Window
By the Tevis family
25. East window
in memory of Frankie Brundage
26. East window
in memory of Rev. T. A. Griffiths
27. West window
In memory of Emma C. Jewett
28. West window
In memory of Evelyn Ashe
29. Battenburg Altar Cloth
By mother of Miss Kate Webster
30. White Altar Cloth, embroidered with gold and silver
Father Morgan
31. Solid Silver Paten
In memory of Ruth Baker by Thomas Baker
32. Communion set
By Captain Scofield
33. Pulpit
By St. Agnes Guild
34. Holy Communion, together with Collect, Epistles and
Gospels, Prayers and Thanksgivings (Altar Service Book)
In memory of Mrs. Agnes G. A. Gardett by
Margaret D. Gardett and Millie G. Munsey

35 .Big Bible n the Lectern
In memory of Mrs. Rachel M. Withington
by Harriet W. LeMay

APPENDIX B

Brief Summary from Consecration to Present time.

Following the resignation of Rev.B.E.Diggs, the Rev. G.E.Renison came as a missionary desiring the change of climate, He only remained seven months because his health improved so, and because there was no available house of sufficient size for his large family.

Rev.William A.Gash came in Augus) 1921 to 1924. He was a very large, good natured, easy going, Emglishtman of unusual musical ability, particularly a good organist.

Between the departure of Mr.Gash and the coming of Rev. William Edward Patrick almost a year elapsed. During this time the pulpit was filled by various men sent from the See City. Quite frequently the Rev.Graves, son of Bishop Graves, was sent for the Sunday services. The activities of the church still progressed even though there was no regular rector.

In March 1925 the present Rector, Rev.Wm.E.Patrick was called from Santa Paula. Mr.Patrick is "the able and popular rector of St.Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church of Bakersfield. A man of broad education, a keen and incisive thinker, and an eloquent and forceful preacher, he is recognised as an effective force for righteousness and has been a definite factor

in promoting the moral and civic welfare of this community. 1. Mr. Patrick was born in 1890 in Cambridge, Massachusetts of of parents who were natives of Nova Scotia, but of Scotch and Irish descent.

Mr. Patrick was reared and educated in Cambridge and received his degree of Bachelor of Arts from Harvard University and his degree of Bachelor of Divinity from the Episcopal Theological School at Cambridge. He was also ordained deacon at Cambridge. He was ordained priest in Boston. He served as curate at New Bedford, Massachusetts and from there went over seas as secretary of Y.M.C.A. and was later commissioned as Chaplain with the rank of first lieutenant. He received a Distinguished Service Cross "for extraordinary heroism under harrowing conditions through the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

After his return he served as rector at North Andover Massachusetts, then as vicar at Santa Paula, California, and since then he has been at Bakersfield. Since coming to Bakersfield he has been Rural Dean of the Southern Deanery of San Joaquin District, vice-president of the Executive Council, many times deputy to the Provincial Synod, and Deputy to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church at Denver, Colorado in 1931.

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No reference to Mr. Patrick would be complete without mention of his estimable wife and family of five lovely children. Mrs. Patrick has been a leader and played an important part in the social life of the church and community.

The part that Mr. Patrick has played in the social and fraternal life of the community has been outstanding. He is a member of the Lion's Club, a past president, and prominent member of the American Legion. His membership in fraternal organizations include the Elks, Sciots, Knights Templar, and the Masonic Lodge.

The activities of the Church have continued to grow under the leadership of the Rev. W. E. Patrick. St. Paul's Guild and St. Margaret's Guild, the Altar Guild, The Young People's Fellowship and Sunday School are all functioning, as strong healthy organizations.

The ministry of Mr. Patrick is marked by two outstanding events. The Convocation of the District of San Joaquin which occurred on the 49th. anniversary of St. Paul's Church, In January 1928 was one.

The second event was the annual Deanery meeting of the Southern San Joaquin District which occurred on the fiftieth anniversary of St. Paul's Church in December 1929. In the morning Holy Communion was celebrated. The Rt. Rev. Louis Childs Sanford, D.D. was celebrant. After this service the regular business meetings were held. In the evening a very lovely banquet was held in the Guild Hall, with Rev. W. E. Patrick in charge. Mr. Alfred Harrell acted as toastmaster, and the Rt. Rev. L. C. Sanford was the principal speaker of the evening. At this time much of the history of the church happenings was recalled. Greetings were extended from the other churches in Bakersfield and the District.

A short time before Rev. W. E. Patrick came as Rector to St. Paul's Church, Bakersfield, St. Andrew's Mission in Taft was organized by Archdeacon William Herbert Hawken, then general missionary of San Joaquin. The services were first held in the Masonic Hall, but later in their new church. In the early existence of the mission the rector of St. Paul's Church, Bakersfield, held services at Taft, but since then there have been resident missionaries in charge.

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