

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

"a good congregation were gathered by the efforts of Chaplain Beavenworth and a few friends from the streets, the dance halls, and saloons of the town". (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) 3 Although there was great influx of the adventurous type 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. Mines was first clergyman to arrive, reaching San Francisco in July 1849. Dr. W. S. Ker Mehr 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

3. opp. cit pp. 2
3. opp. cit pp. 5

that the city grew so rapidly the two men were needed. Rev. Flavel S. Mines

organized Trinity Church on his arrival, and on April 28, 1850, Grace Church was organized with Dr. Ver Meulen, missionary in charge. Both churches grew and prospered due to the rapid increase of population. ^{4 note} 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~~ ^{arrangements} were made for the Administration 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 Convention of 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 Kemper acted 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 of cit ap 25 5. of cit 21-26

churchman. 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 North West, and no one could have entered upon the duties to which he had now dedicated the remainder of his life with a finer spirit or 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 possessed of honor in ~~life~~ thought and conduct and withal physically a striking figure -- tall well built and handsome.

When Bishop Kip came to the State he found only three clergymen regularly at work and the work progressed very slowly. He visited the various towns and posts throughout the State investigating the field and establishing missions where ever and whenever possible. Of his trip through the San Joaquin he writes.

"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 rendered it impossible or unsafe to travel except with a party thoroughly armed. Such a party

note 6 app. cit pp. 26
" 7. California 1921 pp 26 - 21
" 8 app - 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 Fort Tejon and Yolla, 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 T. my youngest son and my self, the party consisted of Hon. Edward Stanley (late of N.C.) Mr. Jas. E. Calhoun (late of S.C.) and Mr. J. S. Smith of San Francisco. ^{"(7 miles)"}

The journey from San Francisco to Los Angeles was made by ^{ocean} ~~ocean~~ ^{by} ~~by~~ and took four days from October 1st to the fourth, 1855. During the time there was a storm and dense fog, the captain ~~tell~~ being the same as the one on the ship Golden Gate, thought that Bishop Kip was a bad man. Los Angeles has all the characteristics of an old Spanish town. It contains about 5,000 inhabitants, 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 S.A. except those of the old Roman Catholic Church. As the preaching was in Spanish, the Americans never went to it. We found the service morning and evening - the first time 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. --- We left Los Angeles for Fort Tejon about 10 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 ~~winds~~ ^{leads} ~~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. ⁽⁸⁾

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

I took the party from Monday until Sunday
noon 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 -

This 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 traveled with-
out water. It took until the next Sunday to
reach Fort Miller, where Bishop Kip held
service for ninety four station there. Here the
wagon was left and the rest of the journey
was made by a stage which they were able
to employ to Smelling Tavern. From there
they continued their trip by regular stage
route.
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note 1. D.O. Kelley History of the Drivers of Calif
Part 8.8

note 2. Parish Register Vol 1. B. 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 occasional meetings had been held in Fresno, Merced, Modesto, Visalia and Bakersfield.¹

In June 1879 at the request of Bishop, Rev. D. O. Kelly made his first missionary inspection trip through the San Joaquin Valley, and advised that ~~the~~ 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. Todhunter, Rev. W. C. Powell, at the homes of Mrs. Olive Smith, Mrs. Mary Brundage,² Mrs. Mc Gowan, and Mrs. Chittenden.

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 Tuxton Ave. There were four rooms in this building but it was many years before all were needed for school purposes as 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~~ ^{missionary in} charge. Dr. J. M. Dean was made warden,³ Alonzo Coons treasurer and P. D. Jewett Clark.

Emerson School
This four room school building forms the
corner of the Emerson School on ~~Front~~ K St.
3. 1. P. 6.
4 notes from Mrs. Kelley Book

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

Mr. Kelly was born and educated in Ohio, served three years in the Union Army and afterwards studied and practised law in Ohio. 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. A missionary had little time at home for study due to the vastness of his district.

Mr. Kelly traveled for the most part on a buckboard behind "Molly" the old gray mare. Each trip that he made from Fresno to Bakersfield necessitated at least one week from home.

The St Paul's Mission required the sacrifices 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 Sumner, 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

Note 5 Parish Register p. 86
" 6 " " " "
" Ibid - p. 42

Judge Colby composed the choir. ⁽⁵⁾ Miss McGram taught in an adobe house in Greenfield district and soon Chittenden went after her on Saturdays 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 1888 marks the first official visit of a Bishop to the Parish. The Rt. Rev. William Ingraham, Kip D.D. confirmed the following Confirmation class: Olive Smith, Laura Harkins, Mary Elizabeth ^(Sophia Evelyn) Ash, Jennie Annellie McGram, Susan McLean, Mrs. Mary Barker, Nellie Adella Barker, and Mrs. Mary B. Brundage. The Bishop administered Holy Communion to the following besides the Confirmation class: Alanzo D. Coons, Dr. D. G. McLean, Philo D. Jewett, Mrs. Philo Jewett, James E. Chittenden, Mrs. Cornelia Chittenden, Mrs. John McGram, Mrs. Julia Burrage, Mrs. Grace Price, and Mrs. Butler Brain Taylor.

Prior to this Rev. D. D. Kelley had baptized the following: Lilla McLean, Kate McLean, Lathrop Jewett, Helen Ketchin Jewett, Helen Grace Webster, Anna Ward Webster, Anna Maria Craig, Laura Harding, Ella Coffman McGram and Hattie May Lott.

8. Kern County Californian (B) April 29, 1880)
9. Parish Register 11.8.6.
10. Kern County Californian 1. p. 3
11. Parish Register 1. p. 3
12. ———— 1. p. 3
13. ———— 1. p. 3
14. ———— 1. p. 3
15. Bishop's Californian 1. p. 3

Aug 4, 1883

The activities of the little mission and 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 minister to Bakersfield, January 1882. He held regular services at St. Paul's mission at Bakersfield, 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 1883.

A couple of years intervened before a regular resident mission services at the interval were held ~~once~~ twice a month by Mr. H. H. Clapham, lay reader under Rev. D. C. Kelley of Fresno. In July 1885 Mr. Clapham moved from Fresno to Bakersfield.

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 hard working 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 Chiefs" and "The Dens of Warsaw".

Shortly after the arrival of Mr. Clapham a Sunday School was organized.

The people of the mission had secured lots in a central location and had carried on a fund

note 16 Parish Register H.P. 7.

raising campaign for a church building. They did not allow a fire that destroyed their official documents, register etc., and a poor investment which cost thirty dollars of their fund to stop them. They labored earnestly under the leadership of Mr. Clapham for the completion of this church which was built on the present site. On November 21st 1836 the Church was opened for service. The Venerable Bishop of the Diocese the Rt. Rev. William J. Kipp D.D. writes concerning 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. It is ^{one of the} most churchlike edifices in the Diocese. ^{Beside} Mr. Clapham, there were also present ^{Rev. S. O. Kell} of Fresno, and Mr. Emery of Oakland, who took part in the services. I confirmed seven candidates and addressed them. In the afternoon there was a baptismal service when Mr. Clapham baptized nineteen children. In the evening Mr. Emery preached."

In 1887 a bell weighing about 900 pounds was presented to the Church by one of the members. (This bell was sold with the church.)

On Sunday July 7, 1889, fire swept the business section of the town but left the 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~~ ^{Sunday after} Epiphany

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(January 18th) 1891 the Church was conse-
crated 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
free from all indebtedness. 17

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
S. Mool, Church Wardens, Mr. C. Bickerdike
Treasurer, Mr. Joseph V. Mosely Clerk, com-
posed the Vestry. 18

The changing from a mission to a
Parish removed all financial obligation
from the mission board and placed the re-
sponsibility 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 altar basin was
given to the Church by Miss Sussie Allen.
This was supplemented by a brass collection
plate from the Guild. On Easter Day 1892 a
pair of altar vases were given to the Church by
Mr. A. J. Moulty and Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Mills in
memory of Mrs. A. J. Moulty. 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 appendix pp 4-6

Mrs J. A. Smith ¹⁹"

During Rev. H. H. Clapham's ministry the St John's Church at Rosedale was opened Easter Sunday, 1912, with a full choral service very well rendered by the choir. Prior to this Mr. Clapham had been holding monthly services there. The need of a Church had been occasioned 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, or forty to eighty acres tract adjoining the Church they were regularly attending at services, St. Paul's parish, and especially worked to assist them with the Church, and particularly with their altar linens.

However life of this Community as an Episcopal mission was destined to be short as the land soon passed into the hands of those more dependent on agriculture as an occupation.

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

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, and he became Rector of the Church in Sacramento, Washington.

Rev. L. Y. Jessup officiated in St Pauls for a couple of months before the Rev. Frank De Fries Miller S.D. entered upon his duties as Rector.

22. Parish Register Vol 1. p. 8
23. notes by Alfred Havell
24. Parish Register VI pages
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27. " " " " "
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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 at Bobersfield, yet he had been reared and splendidly educated in this State. His intellectual²³ qualities were reflected in his beautiful and well delivered message in every sermon.

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 and his very young bride. Mrs. Miller was intelligent and intellectual attainment and taught in the town school.

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 Section given in memory of Charles Clem Jewell by his Brothers and sisters, the Bible, Altar Book, Prayer Book, Credo and Hymnal, Sitar 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 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, which had not been consecrated before.²⁵

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
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30 minutes of St Paul's Guild
Parish register 11 p. 6.

31. Notes by Bishop Sanford

plexion. His love for Babersfield and its people helped him through the period of reaction which often follows a Building Campaign and a series of strong restors. 27

Mr Holmes resigned in June 1897 and it was not until the following January that the saintly elderly Hobart Chetwood came.

Father Chetwood, as he was affectionally called, known, presented, indeed, a picturesque figure with long white flowing beard and his quiet and gracious manner. 28

During his ministry 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 Land Company building. The building committee, which consisted of Mrs Chittenden, Chairman, Mrs Alfred Harrell, a very active member Mrs Alchison, and Mrs Carson were commended for their splendid work. 29

At this same meeting it was agreed that the Women's Club of Babersfield could rent the Guild at the rate of \$8.00 a month for their meetings and the Guild would be permitted to use the tables and piano, ^{owned} by the Club. The rent for evening occasions for the Club would be \$3.00 while other organizations would be charged \$5.00. 30

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 Sanford

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33.

notes Alfred Russell - appendix pp 4-6

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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 Mission, Rosedale on September 1st, 1898. Rev. Edward Morgan (Father Morgan as he was famous by all) was a middle aged bachelor of the High English Church, had a magnetic personality, a social charm, and an English accent that appealed to the social and cultural background enriched by a soft English accent that appealed to the social classes of Bakersfield. ³² Father Morgan was a very able man and had the ability to organize.

Within the first month in Bakersfield he had organized a vested choir of men and boys. In the boys' choir was the pride of the Church. In the second month he had introduced the processional march with the processional cross, placed Eucharistic light on the altar for the first time, ³³ and realizing the value of religious education for the young he organized and taught a class for boys in the Sunday school. His work with the young people was very beautiful and throughout there developed an enthusiasm in the young people which has been unparalleled. ³⁴

Father Morgan had a large personal following. During his ministry the membership rapidly grew and the Church was filled to overflowing regularly. 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 was abroad one summer (he regularly spent his summers there on his estate in England and Ireland while Rector of St. Paul's Church in Bakersfield).

35. Notes Mand Metcalf appendix p 6-8
36 Parish Register vol II p 6.
37 " " "
38 op cit II p. 6.

he purchased a white satin altar cloth in London heavily embroidered in silver and gold which had ~~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 Communion set ³⁵

During 1899 extensive improvements were made to the church. The grounds planted, church painted, a polished floor laid in the chancel and the velvet carpet presented to the church. Brass altar rail placed in the church was an offering from the people. These were blessed by the Bishop, February 14, 1900. At this time the processional cross of brass, presented by four funds of the church was blessed. ³⁶

Services had been held in Kern City ever since the time of Rev. Douglas O. Kelly. 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 was organized. ³⁷

The following year it was decided at a Vestry meeting at St Pauls Church to move the St Pauls Church building over to Kern City on a lot in Kern City given by the P. D. 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 ³⁸

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

- 39 Notes by Miss Maud Melick. Appendix 6-8
40. Parish register vol II p. 7.
- 41 off 'cit II p. 7
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negation. The plans for the new Church
was submitted by Mr. Mc Dougall architect.
The plans as first submitted by Mr. Mc 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 savings could be
made and the present structure ^{could be built}
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On New Years Day 1902 the new St Pauls was
opened and blessed by the Rt Rev William Ford
Nichols, Bishop of California. The Rev. Edward
Morgan, Rector, the Rev. Hugh Ramsey and the
Rev. John W. Nichols, sometime lay reader for
the parish took part in the service, which was
a High Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. At this
service the Ronaldo Pacheco Memorial
was consecrated, which consists of an altar
needtable six brass candle sticks, altar cross,
vases, 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, Ramualdo Pacheco, former
governor of California.

In February of the same year a white
marble baptismal font was presented to the
Church by the Corp of Mrs 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 11. P. 8
44 minutes of St Paul's Guild 1902-51
45 Parish Register 11 P. 8
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46 " " "
47 notes by Miss Maud Metcalf p. 6-8

of the nearly (founders of the) church and was⁴²
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 '03
the St Paul's Guild purchased a Stearns
piano for the Guild Hall. This came as a
result of great effort of the ladies after
buying many pianos.⁴⁴

The same Spring Father Morgan resigned
the Rectorship 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
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 un-
fortunate for the Parish since he followed
a man whose social gifts were so predomi-
nant. While he was rector, the Greenfield
Mission was discontinued and the Church
building was sold. The Rio Bravo Mission
had been discontinued during the later part
of Father Morgan's Rectorship.⁴⁶

Mr. Clark's many friends rejoiced to
learn after he left Bakersfield that he had
the good fortune to receive a thousand dollars
for marrying a Klondike millionaire while assist-
ing as rector of one of the large churches of San Fran-
cisco.⁴⁷

The Rev. David M. Crabtree came to the
Parish as a batchelor 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 in 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 ministers 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 Graves D.D. came to St. Pauls Church and supplied as Rector while trying to regain his health. He was a retired Bishop of the Platt in Nebraska. (He is author of "Farmer Boys to Bishop" 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 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 ^{thus was taken care of} put in the clear story of the church to improve the lighting of the

52. Californian "Bakersfield May 4, 1915"

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.⁵²¹

In 1914 Rev. Benjamin D. Diggs was called
to St Pauls Church, Mr Diggs 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
17th to 21st inclusive at which time St Pauls
Church was consecrated.

Perhaps it might be well to explain
to those interested that at the first the Diocese
of California had included the whole state
of California but in 1874 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~~ 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.

33. Bakersfield California
May 18-20⁺ 1915

The next morning the consecration of St Paul Church was conducted by the Rt. Rev. Louis Child Sanford D.D. who received the instrument of donation and endowment as read by Senior Warden Metcalf. Rev. B. E. Diggs gave the sentence of consecration. After morning prayer, the Holy Communion service 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 ^{early} evening, followed by a beautiful reception at the home of Mr and Mrs J. S. Dury. 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 free from debt completely and beautifully furnished, but it had been hallowed by an unusually 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

1892-189^{June}6

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 ^{this was later} clerestory 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.F.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 Green horn and when ~~the~~ this gave out it was shipped from Truckee. There was only one butcher shop in town. They butchered and emening 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 Battenbuth 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 bought 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. Chase. 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 Buffulo 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 Pachecho, 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 Guild
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 Elam 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. Cash came in August 1921 to 1924. He was a very large, good natured, easy going, Englishman of unusual musical ability, particularly a good organist.

Between the departure of Mr. Cash 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.

1. Thelma B. Miller, History of Kern County, California
Chicago, 1929 Vol II pp. 582, 33

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 Hawkan, 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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