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Golden Jubilee
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AND SCHOOL
It has been a rather difficult task to compile this History. It was only after many hours of weary research into dusky archives that I have been able to get together the necessary data, and even then a great deal of the early history of the Parish will never be satisfactorily known. Records of the first period, covering the time that elapsed between the year 1868, when the Parish was in its formative state, to the year 1885, are few and many sadly missing. In the Diocesan archive I discovered a deed to the property upon which the Church Building now stands, and a Master Commissioner Mortgage Deed dated 1877. From 1885 to 1889 inclusive there are the annual Parish Reports made to the Right Reverend Bishop.

In the Parish Archives I found an old Pew Book covering the years 1873 to 1877. The Baptismal and Marriage Records begin in 1872, and the Death Records in 1885. The Financial Records begin in 1891. I discovered a Sunday Announcement book for the years 1874 and 1875 and one for the year 1897. Beginning in the year 1904 there is a complete set of Sunday Announcement Books up to the present time. From 1913 on we have the Parish Annuals.

The Records enumerated above are the only written documents which we have of the Parish, a state of affairs to be very much regretted, because facts in writing are the very best witnesses and bear the most reliable testimony to past events.

The only other source of information is from what has been handed down by word of mouth and from living witnesses. When seeking information from sources of this character, the searcher after truth is treading rather uncertain ground. A word passed on through a period of years, unless carefully guarded by a responsible agent, is very liable, in its travels, to completely change. In
dealing with living witnesses of the past the Historian can never forget how tricky the memory is, and how events covering a period of years are easily forgotten or but hazily recalled. Where, however, I have found two or more reliable witnesses establishing certain facts, I have considered them sufficiently authenticated to be inserted in this History.

These pages cover events occurring between the years 1868 to 1922, and are divided as follows:

The First Period, which is under the administration of Reverend James W. Smith, begins in 1868 and ends in 1908.

The Second Period, which is under the administration of Reverend James Cusack, begins in 1908 and ends in 1913.

The Third Period, which is under the administration of the present Pastor, Reverend Thomas J. McCaffrey, begins in 1913 and ends in 1922.

It affords me genuine pleasure to dedicate this work to the members of my flock.

THOMAS J. McCAFFREY, Pastor.
The First Period

ADMINISTRATION OF REV. JAMES W. SMITH
1868 TO 1908

The story of forty years, told in this first period, will recall to the minds of its readers the history of a life sacrificed in the interest of a devoted people. This will be more forcibly impressed upon us when we recall the general financial condition of those far-off days. People, as a rule, were not wealthy, and they had a hard struggle to support their large families. They were, however, rich in those sterling virtues which made them courageous, generous and loyal. The early pioneers worked with an undaunted will, under the leadership of Father Smith, and succeeded in establishing a center of Catholicity in this end of the fast-growing Commonwealth. Back in the late Sixties, St. Mary’s Cathedral was the only Parish for the English-speaking people of Covington. The Rt. Rev. A. M. Toebe, then Bishop of the Diocese, realized the necessity of another Church to care for the spiritual wants of the English-speaking people of the West End. He chose for this work Rev. James W. Smith, who, at that time, was Assistant at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

The young Priest began his work in the West End in the year 1868. In the mean time, he still remained at the Cathedral, but was appointed Pastor of St. Patrick between 1868 and 1872.

The initial step of the infant Organization was to procure a suitable site upon which to build the Church. Two lots were selected from the Johnston Subdivision. In Deed Book No. 19, Page 190, Covington Office, Lots 46 and 47 of the Johnston Subdivision were sold on the 10th day of August, 1866, by David Bowles and his Wife, Margaret, to John Shields for the sum of Three Thousand ($3,000.00) Dollars. The property is described as follows:
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Beginning on the N. W. corner of Elm and Philadelphia Streets, running North Fifty (50) feet, thence West One Hundred (100) feet, thence South to Elm Fifty (50) feet, then One Hundred (100) feet to the original point. The Deed names John Ayers, County Clerk. According to Deed Book No. 19, Page 112, the same property was sold, on the 7th day of November, 1868, to Very Rev. James M. Lancaster, Vicar General of the Diocese, for the use of St. Patrick Congregation, for the sum mentioned, $3,000, payable as follows: One Thousand ($1,000) Dollars down and the remaining Two Thousand ($2,000) Dollars in notes of One Thousand ($1,000) Dollars each, maturing on the 1st of July 1869 and 1870, bearing 6% interest. A. C. Ellis is named as County Clerk.

We know little of what took place just after the purchase of the property and during the erection of the Church Building. It has been stated that the men of the congregation did the excavating, and this we can easily surmise to be true. An item found in the July number of the Kentucky Post, 1897, reads "The Corner-stone of St. Patrick Church was laid on the 23rd of August, 1870, with great pomp and ceremony by the Rt. Rev. A. M. Toebbe, Bishop of the Diocese." The Catholic Directory of 1871 makes no mention of St. Patrick Church, but names Father Smith as Assistant at the Cathedral. Webbs History, "A Centenary of Catholicity in Kentucky," gives a list of the Parishes in Covington established since 1868 and among them names St. Patrick. The Catholic Directory of 1872 has "St. Partick's new Church Building." A news item found in the Catholic Telegraph, dated August 25, 1872, reads "Last Sunday, August 22, a new Church, under the patronage of St. Patrick, was dedicated in Covington, Ky. The erection of this large and handsome Temple of Catholic Faith is the work of Rev. James Smith, formerly of the Cathedral of Covington, who stirred by his zeal and energy the Catholics of that City to begin and to continue unto completion this expensive undertaking. The Church will accommodate with seats 1400 persons and will probably cost $40,000. The Bishop, Dr. Toebbe, celebrated Pontifical Mass on the occasion
and Rev. P. Nusbaum, S.J., preached the dedication sermon. In the evening Father Gaueresche delivered a lecture for the new Church in the Cathedral." The Church, a beautiful gothic design, was planned by Architect Picket.

The Baptismal records begin in 1872. Under date of August 25 three names appear in the following order: William Michael McAvoy, Henry Alfred Collins and Margaret Bertha Burke. The Marriage Record begins in 1872, and on the 19th of September, Timothy Dunivan and Bridget Flannery were married, the first couple to be married in the church. The Catholic Directory of 1873 mentions St. Patrick Church and Father Smith as Pastor.

A Sunday announcement book dated January 1, 1874, which I was fortunate in discovering, guides us safely through the next two years. The story is best told in its own words: Under date of January 1, 1874, we read "All the Societies will go to Holy Communion on next Sunday morning in the following order:

1—The Young Ladies Sodality.
2—The Sodality of the Children of Mary.
3—The Boys Sodality.
4—The Ladies of the Altar Society.

The Young Ladies Sodality spoken of here surely refers to the Immaculate Conception Sodality. It is so named later on in the same book. There is also mention of a Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Evidently these Societies were formed from the very beginning of the Parish.

On February 15, 1874, a Lecture by Rev. Cyprian Devine is announced for St. Patrick's Day, and on February 22nd the following announcement appears: "The members of the C. D. S. Society will pay their dues today." The letters C. D. S. must mean "Church Debt Society." Under date of March 1, 1874, we read: "The children preparing for their First Communion who cannot come to instructions at 4:00 P. M. will receive instructions on Wednesday and Friday Evenings, immediately after Lenten Devotions." Whether this was the
first Communion Class formed in the Parish, I cannot say, but more than likely there was one before this date, as the Church had been in existence nearly two years. On March 8 we read: "The Forty Hours Devotion will begin today at 10 o'clock. The Rt. Rev. Bishop will assist in hearing Confessions and Father Mackey will preach the sermon." This is the first recorded notice of a Forty Hours Devotion, although, no doubt, one was held in 1873. On March 15 a Solemn High Mass is announced at 9:00 o'clock for St. Patrick's Day and a Lecture at 7:30 P. M. by Rev. Cyprian Devine, for the benefit of the Church.

Later we read that the Feast of the Annunciation, March 25, is held as a Holy Day of Obligation. This Feast was later suppressed as a Holy Day. The Easter Collection is given as $40.00. On April 26 mention is made of the First Communion of the children, and on the same date the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered at 7:30 P. M. during Pontifical Vespers. On May 11, 1874, preparation for a Picnic, which was to take place on the 20th day of August, is mentioned. An item of interest to the children of today is that in 1874 Catechism was taught all during the Summer months. Under date of August 2nd we read: "Going to see the Missionary, Father Rooney," and on September 6, the order for the exercises of the Mission—the first held in the Parish—is given, opening on the 6th of September and closing on the 13th. The Mission was conducted by Father Rooney, a very eloquent Preacher, and Father Turner, Dominican Priests. The collection is mentioned as amounting to $230.00.

There is mention for the first time of St. Patrick's Benevolent Society for boys over sixteen years of age, and also of a Temperance Society, both, no doubt, the result of the Mission. How long these Societies survived, I cannot say, as I find no further mention of them. On November 8 mention is made of a pavement, and on November 15 the Congregation is asked to pay for it. This may refer to the paving of Philadelphia Street.
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An Early Picture in 1883
The last announcement of interest for 1874 is that Father Turner, who gave the Mission, will preach at the 10:00 o'clock Mass on Sunday.

January 17, 1875, we read: "The Rt. Rev. Bishop Fink will say the Mass and preach, the collection to go for the Diocese of Kansas." On the 24th of January 1875, we find the first recorded Annual Report:

Pew Rent ............... $1136.00
Sunday Collections ...... 837.10
First Picnic (1873) ...... 300.00
Second Picnic (1874) ...... 150.00

Total .................. $2423.10

Under date of May 23, the Feast of Corpus Christi is announced as a Holy Day of Obligation. This Feast, like the Annunciation, was later suppressed as a Holy Day. On June 6 we read: "I have started the Building. Those who can do stone work should see me this evening." Evidently the Building here spoken of is the Pastor's Residence. I have tried to find out just when the residence was started and its cost, but again, records are sadly missing. We may safely presume that the Building was under way on June 6, 1875. As Father Smith calls for stone masons, we feel safe in asserting that the excavating of the cellar was almost completed by that date. On June 27, 1875, the words "Subscription for a Loan" and the name "Father Stephany" appear. The only explanation I can give for the repeated reference to a "Loan" and "Father Stephany" is a Master Commissioner's Mortgage Deed issued at the Covington Court House in 1877. The Deed was canceled by Father Smith in 1886. Under date of July 7 an announcement is made, and is often repeated later on, about not renting Pews. I might remark that the abuse still prevails to some extent. Pew Rent is one of the chief sources of revenue for the Parish. So far as I can learn, it has never been customary to collect money at the Church door. Renting of Pews has always been, and is still, encouraged. Catholics refer, with pride, to the "old family pew." These thoughts should be borne
in mind, especially by newly married couples who, forming a new family, should not depend upon Father and Mother to keep up their Church obligations. Under the same date reference is made to people standing in the rear of the Church and leaving before Mass is over. This seems to be an age old abuse and, to say the least, is not in conformity with the dignity and propriety of the Holy Mass. It is a distraction to others and they who indulge in it can hardly assist at the Holy Sacrifice with becoming devotion. We of this age have made notable improvement over the past, but much still remains to be corrected.

On July 11 we read: "There will be no more Catechism during the Summer months," and, under the same date, "it is my intention to take up a census of the Parish." On August 15th a "Pontifical Vespers is announced, the Choir of St. Aloysius to take part." This, and an announcement later on to the effect that the Cathedral Choir would assist, leads me to conclude that there had been as yet no thoroughly organized Choir in the Parish. On this date, too, there is announced a collection to defray the expenses for putting gas in the Church, which formerly had been illuminated by oil lamps. Under date of August 30 appears the following: "The young men who gave their names to form a Young Men’s Sodality will meet after Vespers." As no other mention is made of this Society, I suppose it went the way of all such spasmodic efforts to get the young men together, even unto our own day. To form and maintain a Young Men’s Society is one of the most discouraging problems confronting Pastors. In running through the records of the Parish I find that scarcely any decade of years has gone by in which the various Pastors have not done more to encourage the young men than was done for any other class. And with what effect? I have spoken to pastors from different parts of the country and have learned that the same condition prevails elsewhere. In answer to the oft repeated question "what are we doing for our young men?" I would ask "what are our young men doing for themselves?" Under date of August 30 we read: "On next Sunday Catechism will begin. I request the parents
to come with the children, so I may name my teachers, as I want to form my classes. I stand badly in need of teachers and request as many as can conveniently do so to hand in their names." Evidently in those days the lay people assisted the Pastor in teaching Catechism to the children.

On September 19 we read "About table for Bishop's Fair, to meet at the Episcopal Residence at 4:30 P. M." This, I learn, refers to a Bazaar given by all the congregations of Covington for the benefit of the Cathedral School. On September 26 their appears an announcement to the effect that the "Pews will be auctioned off on next Sunday." This custom has long since happily ceased. Under date of October 10 we read: "The Jubilee for the Congregation will begin on next Sunday Evening at 7:30 o'clock," and again on October 17, "This evening at Vespers the Congregation will begin the Jubilee. The Churches to be visited each day during the Jubilee are: St. Patrick's, St. Aloysius, Seventh and Bakewell, Mother of God, Sixth Street, and the Cathedral. (St. Joseph's is omitted.) The different Churches are to be visited on each day, i.e., you have to visit each Church fifteen times—60. Working men, mothers of families and girls living in families who cannot make the visits to the different Churches, can say the beads four times a day, or the Litany of the Saints, the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus or the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To the sick, the old and the infirm the same privilege is granted. The school children can make the visits to the different Churches on their way home. There will be devotions in the Church each night. A Jesuit Father will preach every Sunday and Wednesday. Father McNerney will assist in hearing confessions. There should be no one who will not make the Jubilee. Only every twenty-five years." To what Jubilee reference is here made I have been unable to discover.

On October 31 we read: "The Jubilee will end tonight with Pontifical Vespers. I expect the Cathedral Choir to assist. Sermon by a Jesuit Father." Under date of November 28 we read: "Next Sunday will take
TOP AND CENTER—EARLY CLASSES
BOTTOM—EARLY CHOIR

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place the dedication of the Cathedral new School. The congregation is invited to be present." This refers to St. Mary's School, formerly situated on Seventh Street near Greenup. On December 5 we read: "The Fair for the Cathedral new School begins tomorrow. The congregation will meet me in my room to make arrangements." Under date of December 25 the following announcement is made: "Members of the A. O. H. will occupy the pews of the Center Aisle." Here end the written records. In continuing our history for the next ten years we must very carefully sift events as narrated by witnesses. After a very studious examination and comparison of statements, we may safely deduce the following conclusions.

The first Altar boys were John O'Connell, Michael Maloney and Charles O'Maley. The Bell was donated by James Holmes, a non-Catholic. In the beginning there were no Trustees, Collectors alone being appointed. The Pastor's residence was in course of construction on June 6, 1875, and may have been completed before 1877. It consisted of a two story brick attached to the rear of the Church. It had two rooms on the first floor and one large room on the second floor. The room upstairs was used for School purposes. Just when this School was opened and how long it lasted I have been unable to ascertain to my satisfaction, but we may safely state that it existed some time between the years 1876 and 1885. The teachers were Miss Catherine Moore, Miss Sarah Haley, Miss Nettie Haley, and now and then Professor Osborne. Just how many families composed the original congregation I have been unable to learn, although we may safely presume there were between One hundred and fifty and Two hundred and fifty. We may dismiss this period of our History by briefly stating that, in those early days, the Church was heated by coal and lighted by oil lamps, although under date of August 15, 1875, mention is made of a collection to defray the expenses of putting gas in the Church. A mission was conducted by Rev. J. J. Taaffe and Rev. John McGinley, Diocesan Priests during this period.
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We now enter that period of our Church History covering the years 1885 to 1889 inclusive. The records which we have for the events covering this time were found in the Diocesan Archives. They are the Annual Parish Reports sent to the Rt. Rev. Bishop and signed by Thomas M. Brady, Secretary, and James N. Ryan, Treasurer. The first event of general interest to the people of the Diocese was the Consecration of Rt. Rev. C. P. Maes, as third Bishop of Covington, which took place on January 25, 1885. Bishop Toebbe died, May 2, 1884. The Parish report for 1885 gives 150 families, the Immaculate Conception Sodality sixty members, The Altar Society one hundred members, The Children of Mary forty members. The Sacred Heart Society one hundred members, The Holy Rosary Society two hundred members and The Church Aid Society one hundred members. The Vestments and Altar Plate are enumerated in the following order: 2 Red, 2 White, 2 Black, 1 Gold, 1 Green, 1 Violet, 2 Copes, 2 Silver Chalices and 2 Pixes.

The report of 1886 shows an increase in the number of families from One hundred and fifty to Two hundred and fifty. It shows a slight increase in the membership of the Altar Society and the Holy Rosary Society, and a decrease in the Sodalities of The Immaculate Conception and Children of Mary. There is no further mention of the Church Aid Society. During this year a collection of $1217.50 was taken up for the purpose of frescoing the Church, together with a collection, amounting to $173.80 for Carpet and Matting. The Church was frescoed at a cost of $1453.15 and $233.15 covered the price of the Carpet and Matting. There is also an item on the expense side for firing the furnace. Evidently this system of heating the Church was installed prior to 1883—see cut of Church. The debt against the Church on January 1, 1885, was $17020.50 and on January 1, 1886, $15075.00. In this report is shown an item of $1500.00 for cancelling the Master Commissioner’s Mortgage Deed spoken of earlier in these pages. On January 24th of this year, Rev. Wm. B. Ryan, the first young man of the Parish to become a priest, was ordained in St. Patrick

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Church by Rt. Rev. C. P. Maes, and on Sunday, January 31st, Father Ryan read his first Holy Mass, the Bishop being present.

In 1887, three hundred families are reported, with no increase in the membership of the various Societies. There is also mentioned a Young Men’s Society with fifty members, and a Boy’s Sodality of St. Patrick with an enrollment of sixty. During this year the Church Aid Society turned in to the Parish Treasury $350.60 for completing the vestibules in the Church, and an item of $150.00 is paid on account of the furnace.

The report of 1889 gives ‘Three hundred and twenty-five families, with a falling off in membership in all the Sodalities. The debt January 1, 1889 is given as $13003.21, and on January 1, 1890, $11102.49.

The report for 1890 mentions a donation of One Thousand Dollars. This, I have been able to learn, refers to a general subscription of the Congregation for the main Altar. The six large Candle Sticks were also purchased with the Altar during 1890. I have further been able to establish the fact that the Blessed Virgin’s Altar was a gift from the Immaculate Conception Sodality, and that St. Joseph’s Altar was donated by the Sodality of The Children of Mary. The Statue of the Blessed Virgin was donated by Dan J. McNamara and Wife, the Statue of St. Joseph by James N. Ryan and Wife, the Statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus by John Whitney and the Statue of the Sacred Heart of Mary by Thomas Maloney and Wife.

The year 1891 was a memorable one for this Parish. The financial records began this year and continue up to the present time. These records up to January 1, 1913, were kept by Thomas M. Gleason, Church Secretary. The two notable events of 1891, were, the first appointment of an Assistant Priest, in the person of Rev. Charles P. Voellm, and the opening of the Parochial School by The Sisters of Nazareth. The School Building was a two story frame of four rooms facing Philadelphia Street, erected at a cost of $2602.80. In choosing teachers for the School, which opened in September, 1891, with an enrollment of
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Top—Auditors
J. J. McDonough, Rev. T. J. McCaffrey, George Reusch
J. J. Corcoran

Center—Sacrists
Lillie Bailey, Rev. T. J. McCaffrey, Mary Stoltz
Katie Maloney

Bottom—Trustees
John Malone, Vice Chairman, Joe Burke, George Ryan
M. J. McDermott, Chairman, Rev. T. J. McCaffrey, H. G.
Whittle, Secretary, Harry Koop

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234 pupils, Father Smith’s choice naturally, and fortunately, was directed toward the Sisters of Nazareth. This courageous and well trained body of teachers is distinctly a Kentucky Order. They are the pioneers of Catholic education in many parts of the State. The City of Covington especially, owes these good and holy Religious a debt of gratitude it will hardly ever be able to repay. The people of this Parish must ever regard them as one of the most efficient agencies in establishing Catholicity in the West End. It is needless for me to recall the many and great sacrifices which these noble women have made in behalf of Covington’s Catholicity. Sister Joseph, Sister Humbeling and Sister Bertrand opened St. Patrick’s Parochial School, and they were soon joined by Sister Devoto, whose brother, Very Rev. Joseph A. Flynn, is at present Vicar General of the Diocese.

In the year 1892, during the month of September, a Mission was conducted in the Parish by the Passionists, Father Robert and Father Bonaventure. There also appears an item for school tuition. Just when the school was made free I do not know.

In the year 1894 there is an item for the painting of the Church and the School and the repairing of the steeple, at a cost of $614.00.

In 1895 a full set of Gold Vestments is mentioned and an item of $102.00 paid for a Statue. These Vestments are still used in the Church on Solemn Occasions. It is a very fine set and said to have been imported from Ireland. The statue here spoken of may be that of St. Patrick, just above the main Altar and also an import from the Green Isle.

In 1897 mention is made, for the first time, of a Mary and Martha Society, with a membership of One hundred and thirty-three. The object of this Society was to care for the poor of the West End. There is also an item of Sixty Dollars for an Altar Safe. This must refer to the old steel Tabernacle, which has been replaced by a handsome steel case, the gift of the school children of 1922 to the Jubilee.
Beginning June 21, 1897, to December 25, 1897, we have a Sunday announcement book. Under date of June 21 we read "about Jubilee Collection." This has reference to the Silver Jubilee of the Parish celebrated in 1897. I here find the first official record of a Board of Trustees, whose names are given in the following order, viz: James N. Ryan, Treasurer; Thomas M. Gleason, Secretary; H. A. Thiessen, Jame McCourt, Thomas Gilmartin and John P. Whittle. On August 1, we read "about Sanctuary carpet and Stations of the Cross." The Stations here referred to are those now in the Church and which, I have learned from a reliable source, were a gift from Father Smith, and the carpet was bought by a general subscription of the congregation. The Stations were painted over for the Golden Jubilee and replaced in their original location. On August 15, appears the following: "Next Sunday there will be the solemn opening of the Silver Jubilee of the Church. The Rt. Rev. Bishop has kindly consented to say the Pontifical Mass. Rev. Father Gorey will preach. On next Sunday Solemn Vespers and sermons by Father Mackey." The announcement on the following Sunday is headed: "Silver Jubilee, August 22." August 29, we read: "Thanks to the congregation for the fine attendance during the Silver Jubilee. The collection amounted to five hundred and sixty-five dollars."

On September 19 we read: "Please pay your subscription for repairs on the Church." The repairs on the Church must refer to the work done in preparation for the Silver Jubilee. In the Church cash book for the year 1897 I find the following enumerated: Frescoing, gilding and altering side brackets, chandeliers and piping, altering altar rail and marble top, washing and staining wainscoting, oiling and varnishing pews, gilding letters on Church front. The total cost of this work was $1440.50. The Church had been frescoed in 1886. The frescoing here referred to is only partial and a cleaning. The side brackets refer to the old gas jets on the walls of the Church. The chandeliers, which, I understand, were donated by The Immaculate Conception Sodality, were the old gas fixtures suspended in the center of the Church.
All of these fixtures were done away with in the remodeling of the Church for the Golden Jubilee. The Communion Rail was originally straight across as may be seen by referring to the picture of the Church in 1883. I cannot find any record of the Stained Glass Windows or the present Pipe Organ, but we may be safe in saying that both were installed between the years 1887 and 1897. Under date of December 25, 1897, the name of Rev. L. DeWagenier is mentioned as Assistant. According to the Catholic Directory for 1899, Rev. Robert Richartz is named as Assistant.

On the 19th of April, 1898, Wm. McKinley, President of the United States, and Congress, recognized the independence of Cuba, which was being ruled by Spain. This involved our country in the Spanish-American War. The young men from this Parish who entered the service were: Charles McDonald, James Dooley, Clarence Hoffhaus, J. J. Moran, J. H. Kiger, Charles Bolan and Harry Bolan. Peace terms were signed at Paris, December 10, 1898.

From January 1, 1890, to November 4, 1904, we must be guided by the Annual Parish Reports found in the Diocesan Archive, and by the Financial Record beginning January 1, 1891, found here. Besides this, I have found what seems to be a Society Minute Book, dated March 25, 1900, which carries a series of meetings held by the men of the congregation. We read: "A meeting of the men of St. Patrick congregation was held Sunday, March 25, at 3:00 P. M., in the Church. Rev. Father Smith stated the object of the meeting was to form a Men’s Society for the purpose of raising funds to defray the running expenses of the Church. The men determined to form a Church Aid Society, Signed, W. B. Elliott, Secretary." The following officers were elected:

Stephen Dolan ..................President
T. J. Kiley ..................Vice President
W. D. Elliott .............Recording Secretary
Joe Coyne ..................Treasurer
T. M. Gleason .............Cor. Secretary

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Father Punch is mentioned as Assistant during this year. Under date of May 6, 1901, Mr. J. J. Collopy is chosen as Grand Marshall for the Jubilee procession of St. Patrick Church. This was one of the Jubilees proclaimed for the Universal Church. On August 1, a Committee was appointed to make arrangements for the Annual Communion of the Society. The last recorded meeting of the Church Aid Society was under date of March 9, 1902, and is signed, B. I. Moore, Secretary. On Page 79 of the Church Ledger an item appears showing that the Society had turned over to the Parish Treasury $212.75. Evidently the Church Aid Society which existed back in the early days was revived in 1900.

In 1900 St. Patrick School turned out its first graduates, viz: Anna Elizabeth McDonough and Susie Anna Younger.

In the Cash Book, Page 90, appears an item: “Donation from the Estate of Elizabeth Fitzer $668.72.”

In the Cash Book, Page 103, under date of September 1, 1902, there is an item of $715.00 for the painting of the Church. During this year too, a kitchen, a bed-room and a bath-room were added to the Pastor’s residence, at a cost of $1150.00, with Cash on hand to pay the bill.

The Catholic Directory for 1903 names Rev. Thomas Coleman as Assistant Priest. Cash Book, Page 112, October 11, 1903, has the item “Collection for Mission $400.00, and on Page 113, Expense for Mission $300.00.” I understand that this mission was conducted by the Passionist, Rev. Father Robert. It was during this Mission that the Holy Name Society was organized, with a membership of 125. The following gentlemen were selected its first officers: Pres., Thomas Keiley; Rec. Secy., George E. Donnelly; Treasurer, Thomas Conroy.

Beginning November 24, 1904, I have found a complete set of Sunday Announcement Books up to the present time. The year 1904 was a happy one for the Parish. Father Smith paid during this year $4415.34, which cleared the Church of debt. Under date of December 4, 1904, a Total Abstinence Society is mentioned, and on December 18, a Boys Holy Name Society. On January 22, 1905, mention is made, for the first time, of the L. C. B. A.
On February 12, we read: "A Dramatic Entertainment for the benefit of the new School will be given Wednesday Evening, March 1, at the New Library Hall, Robbins and Scott." On March 5, we read of a meeting, for the first time, of the Promoters of the League of the Sacred Heart. On March 14 prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Father Cooney, who gave a Mission here years ago. I have not been able to learn the date of this Mission. Father Cooney was of Civil War fame. On the 18th of July, 1905, Father Smith purchased a lot upon which the School Building now stands, for the sum of $5000.00, from Peter Bittlinger and others. The property is described as follows: beginning at the S. W. Corner of 4th and Philadelphia Streets, running South 75 feet, thence West 100 feet, thence north 75 feet, then East to the original point 100 feet, Deed Book 121, Page 240, Covington Office. Under date of November 12, a supper, to be given by The Mary and Martha Society on November 14, at the Main Street Hall, is announced. Cash Book, Page 128, on December 30, we find a donation of $2000.00 by Mr. N. J. Walsh.

In 1906, on the 6th of February, Cash Book Page 133, there is an item of $150.00 for washing Church windows. On February 17, we read: "Speak of new matting and coal." The custom of taking up a collection for coal dates back to the early days and ends in the year 1912. July 15, 1906, we read: "Mention fortieth Anniversary of Father Smith's Ordination to be celebrated Sunday, July 22, with a Solemn High Mass and a Sermon at 10:00 A. M."

In 1907, April 14, prayers are asked for Rev. Edward Haley, who died while Pastor of Georgetown, Kentucky. Rev. John Adelsperger was appointed Assistant during this year. On June 23, we read: "The amount realized from the Emmett Dramatic Club was $127.85." On August 25, the thirty-fifth Anniversary is announced and Rev. Wm. Ryan of Winchester is to preach. The collection amounted to $183.50. September 22, we read: "You are invited to the laying of the corner-stone of St. Boniface Church," and on December 5: "The Mary and Martha Society cleared $521.00 at their supper."
On March 1, 1908, we read: "Tomorrow morning I will say Mass for Father Smith. The Office of the Dead will begin promptly at 9:00 o'clock. The Pontifical Mass will begin at 9:30 o'clock." The earthly career of St. Patrick's first Pastor is ended. Father Smith was born October 18, 1838, in the County Wexford, Ireland. At the age of twelve he came to America with his parents and settled in Maysville, Kentucky. He finished his College course at the famous Institution at Bardstown, Kentucky, and pursued a course of Theology at Mt. St. Mary's Seminary, Emmetsburg, Maryland. He was ordained a Priest in the Covington Cathedral, July 22, 1866, by Rt. Rev. George A. Carrel, the first Bishop of Covington. He served as Assistant at the Cathedral and was appointed Pastor of St. Patrick's between the years 1868 and 1872, by Rev. A. M. Toebbe, the second Bishop of Covington. The Good Shepherd who had watched his flock faithfully for forty years delivered up his soul to his Eternal Maker on the evening of February 28, 1908, and his remains were interred on March 3, at 9:00 o'clock. His body lies beneath the Church he loved so well, in the midst of his loving and loyal children, who will daily remember in their prayers, the good and zealous Priest who labored for so many years in their behalf.

Before dismissing this period of our history, I wish to state that the various Societies show a gradual increase in membership from the year 1890 to 1903, after which a notable decrease is shown. The Altar Society had its largest membership in 1890—250; in 1908 it had fallen to 45. The Immaculate Conception Sodality had its largest membership in 1903—90; in 1908 it had fallen to 75. The Holy Name Society, Sr., and Jr., had its largest membership in 1906—185; in 1908 it had fallen to 150. The Mary and Martha Society had its largest membership in 1897—133; in 1902 it had fallen to 50. It was during this late period that the Statue of the Holy Family and the Holy Rosary were donated to the Church, the former, "In memory of Mother," by Misses Mary and Katie Hadcroft, and the latter, "In memory of John Donohue," by Misses Mollie and Rose Donahue.

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THE vacancy caused by the death of Father Smith was of short duration. In March, 1908, Father Cusack was appointed Pastor of St. Patrick Church. In the announcement book under date of March 25, we find the first mention of Parish limits. They follow: Madison to Fourth, to Russell, to Pike, to Western limits of the city. On March 28, announcement is made to the effect that the price of the Pews is raised, as follows: Center Four Sections, $32.00, $28.00, $24.00 and $20.00. North $28.00, $24.00, $20.00 and $16.00, with the South the same. Cash Book, Page 48, we find this item: "Donation, Bequest of Father Smith, $2000." Ledger, Page 398, item: "Real Estate." This refers to the property on Fourth Street now occupied by the Custodian of the Church, and sold by Rev. James L. Gorey, Administrator of Father Smith's Estate, to the congregation for the sum of $2000.00. In the announcement book under date of August 23, we read: "On September 13, a two weeks mission will open in this Church, to be conducted by the Passionists, Father Charles and Father Eugene. During this year, Rev. Wm. Yahner was appointed Assistant. Under date of October 12, we read: "The Holy Name Society will meet at 1:45 this afternoon, in the School House, in order to attend the Holy Name Rally in St. Patrick Church, Cincinnati." In the Cash Book on page 151 appears the item: "Electric Lights, Fischer, $328.75." This must refer to the installation of Electric Lights in the residence and in the Church, including the Cross, Crown and Anchor, which were done away with during the remodeling of the Church on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee. On Page 156 of the Cash Book we find this item: "Donation to Father Smith's Tomb, $196.50, Father Cusack, $160.50." This refers to the Pieta,
Tiling, etc., over the Tomb of Father Smith. It was during 1908 that Father Cusack installed a steam heating plant in the Residence for the sum of $983.27.

During the year 1909 the only events of historical interest were the changing of the time for the Forty Hours Devotion to the 21st of March, and the holding of the Holy Name Society Rally for the first time in the Covington Diocese, on Sunday, October 10, in St. Patrick Church. There was a heavy down pour of rain, despite which, the men marched through the principal streets of Covington. The officers of the Rally were, Rev. James Cusack, Spiritual Adviser, M. J. McDermott, Chairman and Grand Marshal, John L. King, Secretary, T. F. Mackey, John F. Higgins, John E. Glenn, W. J. Chamberlain, J. P. Powers and John Collins. During the year 1909 the Mysteries of the Rosary, done in Oil, were put in the Church, at a cost of $500.00. These were removed in the remodeling of the Church in 1922.

During 1910, a donation of $448.75 was made by Mr. James Fennessey for the erection of the shrine to St. Anthony.

In 1912 we find the first mention of the Holy Guardian Sodality and of the inauguration of a monthly Communion for the men of the Parish. During the Fall of 1912 the School was closed for one week by Order of the Board of Health. It was during this year too that Father Cusack very wisely installed an Electric Motor for the Organ and had other necessary repairs done, at a cost of $700.00.

On January 1, 1913, owing to continued ill health, Father Cusack resigned his charge as Pastor of St. Patrick Church. During his short administration, Father Cusack worked hard and faithfully for the temporal and spiritual welfare of his flock. In those few years of zealous and untiring work, besides the improvements made in the Church and Residence, Father Cusack increased the fund for the new School to $12213.59, donating $600.00 of this
himself. He succeeded in building up The Holy Name Society and doing a great deal for the people, which they must ever appreciate. Father Cusack is at present Chaplain of the Sister's Hospital in Ashland, his home town. Our prayers will ever accompany him, that God may grant him many years of useful service in his new field of labor.
AFTER DECORATING
REV. THOMAS J. McCAFFREY was born April 26, 1875, at Westfield, N. Y., and was baptized in St. James Church, May 5, 1875, by Rev. Father O'Brien; received First Holy Communion at St. Vincent Church, Elkhart, Ind., on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, 1888, and was confirmed in August of the same year by Rt. Rev. Bishop Richter of Grand Rapids, Mich., under the pastorele of Rev. Wm. Kroeger; received elementary education at St. Vincent Parochial School, the Sisters of Holy Cross being in charge; entered the University of Notre Dame in January, 1890, and began the study of Philosophy at Assumption College, Sandwitch, Ontario, Canada, in January, 1896, and was adopted for the Covington Diocese the same year. Began the study of Theology at St. Bernard Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., September 11, 1897, and entered St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore, Md., September 15, 1899; received the Tonsure and Minor Orders in the Chapel of St. Mary Seminary, from Bishop Curtis, at the 6:00 o'clock Mass on December 19, 1900; received Sub-Deaconship from Cardinal Gibbons, at the 6:00 o'clock Mass, in the Cathedral of Baltimore, the 22nd day of December, 1900; was ordained to the Deaconship, by Rt. Rev. C. P. Maes, at St. Mary's new Cathedral, Covington, Ky., March 1, 1901, and to the Holy Priesthood on the following day, being among the first Priests to be ordained in the new Cathedral; read my first Holy Mass at the Church of the Visitation, Chicago, Illinois; served St. Joseph Church, Dayton, Ohio, as temporary Assistant; St. Mary Cathedral from May, 1901, to May, 1906; pastor of St. Patrick Church, Mt. Sterling, Ky., from May 1906, to May, 1911; pastor of St. Paul Church, Florence, Kentucky, and Missions, from May, 1911, to January 29, 1913.
I will briefly and with very little comment narrate the events of historical interest which make up the history of this period. The hard and untiring work of the two former Pastors of this Parish rendered my task comparatively an easy one. I was appointed Pastor of this Parish on Tuesday, January 29, 1913, on which day I arrived at the Parsonage at 2:00 o’clock P. M. Two Priests were in the house at the time, Rev. Wm. Yahner, who was preparing to depart to his new charge, and Rev. Hubert Van Meer, who was to remain here as Assistant.

On February 2, a census of the Parish was taken and from Monday to Friday, 425 families had been visited. Beginning February 9, and ending March 2, a two weeks Retreat, conducted by myself, was held in the Church. Three days each were given respectively to the Young Ladies, the Married Ladies, the Young Men and the Married Men. During the Retreat all the Societies made a notable increase in their membership.

On March 2, a Board of Trustees, composed of the following gentlemen, and approved by the Rt. Rev. Bishop, was appointed, to-wit: Messrs. J. J. Collopy, Chairman, James McBreen, Secretary, John H. Collins, John E. Glenn, Charles Kuhling and Prof. J. P. Powers. A Building Committee to aid the Trustees in the work of erecting a new School, an idea then strongly interesting the congregation, was appointed and composed of the following gentlemen: Messrs. Peter J. Gill, Chairman, Bernard I. Moore, William Dooley, H. Grattan Whittle, Michael McDermott, George Donnelly and John L. King. The following gentlemen were appointed as a Board of Auditors to audit the Church Books every three months: Messrs. Albert Gerwe, William Bene and Joseph D. Quigley. Mr. Gerwe was succeeded later in the year by Mr. J. J. Geisen. A series of meetings was at once begun by the Pastor with the Board of Trustees and The Building Committee to devise plans for the building of the new School. The first problem that confronted us was the matter of financing the project. As before stated, there existed a School Fund of $12213.59. The Rt. Rev. Bishop
had given permission to spend $35000.00. After carefully studying the financial outlook for the year, the Board wisely proposed and voted a $20,000 debt. To meet this obligation in a manner not to overburden the congregation, it was proposed to issue Bonds running fifteen years, in denominations of $25.00, $50.00 and $100.00 and bearing 4½% interest, payable the first of January and July each year, and $1325 to be paid yearly on the Principal. The Peoples Savings Bank and Trust Company of Covington kindly agreed to handle the Bonds. Mr. David Davis of Cincinnati was selected as Architect and he drew up the plans at a cost of 5% of the entire amount. Mr. Peter J. Gill, a retired Contractor, who had recently become affiliated with the Parish, was unanimously chosen to superintend the entire work. Mr. Gill gave his time and valuable experience to the work gratuitously and wholeheartedly. He was one of the true type of Catholic gentlemen of whom any Parish might well feel proud.

Acting upon the advice of Mr. Gill, the excavating and stone work were given out separately from the upper structure, and this contract was awarded Mr. Henry Lubrecht. On March 17, the Patronal Feast of the Parish, after a High Mass of Thanksgiving, the entire congregation marched to the proposed School site, followed by the Altar Boys and Clergy in due order, where Mr. Michael Redmond, an old member of the Parish, turned over the first shovel of dirt. The next day an old house that had served as a class-room and meeting place for the Holy Name Society, was taken down, and the work of excavating went steadily on, with a slight interruption caused by a flood, the largest since 1884, the waters reaching as far as 4th and Philadelphia Streets.

On Monday, May 15, the contracts for the upper structure were awarded as follows: General Contract, Mr. J. J. Craig of Covington; Brick Work, Mr. Thos Kiley of Covington; Cut Stone, Mr. David Hummel of Cincinnati; Plumbing, Mr. Edward C. Kelley of Covington; Hardware, The Yale-Townsend Company of Cincinnati; Electric Work, Mr. Henry Beerman of Covington; Tile, Mr. Faulwetter of Covington; Steel and Iron, Mr. Schneider of
Top—Children of Mary
Center—St. Aloysius Sodality
Bottom—St. Vincent de Paul Society
Cincinnati; Furniture, The Columbia Supply Company of Indianapolis; Heating System for Church and School, Love, Picket and Nuelson of Cincinnati. Besides the above, extra work was done as follows: Cement yard and sidewalk from Elm extending to the end of the property on Fourth Street—Mr. Fred Ruh of Covington. New room in Church basement and tunnel to carry heat from the Church to the School—Mr. Peter Gill hired men by the day. Fence surrounding property—The Stewart Iron Works of Covington. The cost of the entire work was $42,060.75, all of which has been paid except $7700.00. The old school building, which has served its purpose for twenty-two years, was sold to George Lubrecht, who took it down during the Summer of 1913. The new School was thrown open for inspection on Thanksgiving Day and a large concourse of people streamed through the Building during the entire day. A free entertainment was given in the Auditorium in the evening and a free lunch served in the basement to an immense throng of visitors. The School was blessed by Rt. Rev. C. P. Maes, Bishop of the Diocese, on the following Sunday morning after the 10 o'clock Mass. Pending the completion of the Building, half-day school sessions were held in the Church.

In the meantime the spiritual affairs of the Congregation were not overlooked. On Friday, April 5, Holy Hour Devotion was introduced, with the Novenas of the Nine Tuesdays and Nine Thursdays in honor of St. Anthony and the Feast of Corpus Christi. Ere the year 1913 closed its portals, a St. Vincent De Paul Society was organized, to replace the old Mary and Martha Society some time since disbanded, and various Associations, such as a Gym for the boys and girls, the young men and young women, and a social night for the whole Parish, were founded. Last, but not least, a Parish Annual was issued. These Annuals still continue.

In May, 1914, Rev. Thomas B. Ennis was appointed Assistant. Mr. Jno. Burke donated $800.00 to the new School. It was during this year that the initial step was taken to do away with the old method of raising Church
Funds. For this purpose a meeting of the Parish Council, just formed and which was made up of the Board of Trustees, the Building Committee and the Auditors, was called. At this meeting it was decided to do away with all entertainments, such as Euchres, etc.—except the Annual Picnic and the Bazaar—and to establish an Association known as St. Patrick Parish League, each member paying in a small weekly amount, truly a forward step in the right direction. For a full explanation of the League I will refer the reader to Page 23 of the Parish Annual, 1914. In this year, too, the Shamrock Club, with Mr. Charles McDonald as Chairman, was organized to raise funds for the extraordinary expenses incurred in connection with the School.

In the year 1915, on May 6, the following gentlemen were added to the Board of Trustees, viz: Messrs Edward C. Kelley, Michael J. O’Hara, and Charles McDonald. On May 15, our well beloved Bishop, Rt. Rev. C. P. Maes, under whose faithful guidance the Diocese had reached a high point of almost perfect organization, passed to his eternal reward. Very Rev. Ferdinand Brossart, Vicar General and Pastor of St. Mary Cathedral, was appointed Administrator of the Diocese.

According to Deed Book 8, Page 260, Covington Office, part of Lot No. 45 of Johnston’s Subdivision, described as follows, beginning at a point on the South side of Fourth Street, 100 feet West of Philadelphia, thence Westwardly along the South lines of Fourth Street 25 feet, and from that front extending back Southwardly between parallel lines 90 feet in depth, was sold on the 2nd of January, 1865, for the sum of $3750.00 by W. S. Johnston to Rt. Rev. George A. Carrell. According to Deed Book 47, Page 365, Covington Office, the same property was sold, on the 17th of May, 1883, to Kate Smith, for the sum of $1406.00, by Rt. Rev. A. M. Toebbe, Bishop. This Deed conveys 50x90 feet on the South side of Fourth Street, 100 feet West of Philadelphia Street, to Kate Smith. According to Will Book No. 8, Page 300, Covington Office, Kate Smith, by will probated April 12, 1901, left all her Real Estate to her brother, Rev. James
W. Smith. In Deed Book 127, Page 408, property described as follows, beginning at a point on the South side of Fourth Street, 100 feet West of Philadelphia Street, thence West 25 feet, thence North 90 feet, thence East 25 feet, thence North 90 feet to the original point, was sold on the 13th day of December, 1906, by Rev. James W. Smith to Michael J. McDermott for $1.00 and other good and valuable considerations. On May 22, 1915, this same property was purchased from Michael J. McDermott and Wife by St. Patrick's congregation, for the sum of $2500.00, the same being paid for by a loan of $1750.00 from the Commonwealth Building Association of Covington and the payments met by the Holy Name Society, Altar Society, the Immaculate Conception and Children of Mary Sodalities and cancelled on the 31st day of December, 1917.

In May, Rev. Wm. Curry was appointed Assistant to succeed Rev. Thomas P. Ennis. On July 7th, Mr. James Gilmartin was appointed to the Board of Auditors to fill the place left vacant by Mr. J. J. Geisen. In July of this same year, between 8 and 9 o'clock P. M., a terrific wind storm swept through Covington, seriously damaging our Church steeple. In August Rev. Thomas B. Ennis returned as Assistant. On December 5th, the following gentlemen were appointed as a Committee representing St. Patrick Parish, to extend to Bishop Elect Brossart the congratulations of the congregation, viz: Messrs John J. Collopy, Peter J. Gill, Michael J. O'Hara, Joseph D. Quigley, James McBreen, John H. Collins, Charles Kuhlting, Charles McDonald, Edward C. Kelley, Prof. J. P. Powers, John E. Glenn, and John J. McDonough, Mr. J. J. Collopy to act as spokesman.

On January 16, 1916, Messrs. Joseph D. Quigley and James Gilmartin were appointed to the Board of Trustees, and Messrs. Michael J. McDermott and H. Grattan Whittle to the Board of Auditors. On January 25th, Rt. Rev. Ferdinand Brossart was consecrated Bishop of Covington, Messrs John J. Collopy and Peter J. Gill acting on the Lay Reception Committee. On April 16, Palm Sunday, full Tenebrae Services, to be rendered by the Seminarians, is announced to take place for the first time in the Parish.
Top—Servers

Center—Faculty
Sister Maxima, Sister Mary Expideta, Sister Adelade, Directress, Rev. T. J. McCaffrey, Rev. M. E. Tierney, Sister Raymond, Sister Clarissa, Sister Mary Veronica

Bottom—Choir

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On May 21st, Bishop Brossart made his official visit to the Parish and administered the Sacrament of Confirmation. On May 31st, the Parish held its Annual Picnic at Diamond Star Grove, the last outing to be held at this place. An interesting event of the Picnic was a speech delivered by Lieutenant Governor McDermott. He was met at the Station on 8th Street by the City Officials and Police and proceeded to the grounds where a dinner, such as only the Ladies of St. Patrick know how to prepare, was served for him and his party.

On June 5, St. Patrick Total Abstinence Society for the young men of the Parish was organized, but it lasted only a short time. On July 2nd, the Floral Tabernacle Society was organized to furnish flowers for the Altars on the occasions of solemn services in the Church, thus doing away with the special collections for this purpose. The following ladies were appointed collectors, to-wit: Mrs. Wm. Whalen, Mrs. Thomas Gilmartin, Mrs. Charles Kuhling, Mrs. John Corcoran, Mrs. Charles Pence, and Mrs. John Redmond of the Altar Society, and Misses Lilly Bailey, Etta Whittle, Nell Mobberly, Agnes Yates, Mary Cleary and Josie Quigley of the Immaculate Conception Sodality. For full particulars of this very commendable Society, which still flourishes, I will refer the reader to our Parish Annual for 1916. On September 17th, in the announcement book we read—"It is my desire to begin the work of repair on the exterior of the Church in the early Spring." On October 1, we read: "Our Holy Father, Pope Pius X, has ordered the restoration of the Gregorian Chant in all the Catholic Churches throughout the world." At the same time our Holy Father laid down special regulations in reference to Church Choirs. In accordance with this order, a men and boys choir was formed in the Parish and rendered the music for the first time at the 5 o’clock Solemn High Mass on Christmas morning. Mr. Elder McDermott, a pupil of the Parochial School, after finishing a very successful four year course in Church music, under Prof. H. B. Gibbs, and graduating from the College of Music, Cincinnati, was well fitted to take charge of the new male choir, and has ably brought
it up to its present high standing. St. Patrick’s ever boasted of a good choir, which speaks well for its various Directors who, so far as I can discover, were Miss Elizabeth Moore, Miss Susie Richards, Professor Moore, Mr. Frank Sudbeck and Miss Rose Sudbeck.

On January 28th, 1917, a meeting of the Parish Council was called to take up the proposition of repair work on the exterior of the Church. On February 11th, a meeting was held to take bids for the proposed work. On February 26th, the contracts were awarded to the best bidders as follows: Imitation Stone on the old brick of Church, to Hamlin Schute of Indianapolis. New Smoke Stack, to replace the old one, cement walks in yard and on Elm Street to Philadelphia Street, and the removing of cellar entrance from rear of house to its present location, to Henry Lubrecht. Drawing the Church Steeple into its proper position and repairing same, building the porch on the rear of residence and removing the old storm shed from the Sacristy entrance, to George Lubrecht. Painting to Pat Donaghue. Wire Screens for the Church windows, to W. B. Coleman. Graining all outside doors of the Church and residence and gilding the Crosses on the Church, to Alex Methven. Partial repairing of the stained glass windows, to Riordan. Tile work on the floor of the three front vestibules of the Church, to Foy & Star Company. Erecting scaffold and cornice work, to Joseph Wilbers. Hardware for the three front doors of the Church and partial electric work in the Church and Residence, to The Fisher Bros. Company. New stone steps leading up to the double doors of the Church, and placing old steps at the entrance to the Sacristy, to Joseph Rolf. Incasing the entire heating system in asbestos, to Love, Picket & Nuelson. This work was all completed in the early Spring of 1917, at a cost of $11,386.10, all of which, except $3975.00, has been paid.

On July 1st, two Scholarships, given by the Pastor to the boy and girl of the 8th Grade who carried the highest average in their school work for the year and would receive the highest mark at a competitive examination held
for the purpose, were awarded to Master John Kelley and Miss Lillian Brosmore.

The year 1917 will ever be memorable in the annals of American History. The Great World War which had been waging in Europe since 1914, gradually drew this Government into its meshes. On April 6th, 1917, Woodrow Wilson, the President of these United States, declared that a state of war existed between this country and Germany. The whole hearted spirit with which this Parish entered into the service of our beloved country during the struggle for Peace, will ever be a standing argument to the citizens of this Community that Catholics are always true and loyal to the Flag under which they live. On August 24th, the Holy Name Society held a special meeting in behalf of the boys who were to be called to the front. The men of the Parish entered into the measures proposed at the meeting with an enthusiasm worthy of loyal Americans. It was proposed to hold a Spiritual Retreat of three days for all the boys of the Parish who would be liable to the Draft Law. These exercises opened with the approval of the Rt. Rev. Bishop, at the 6 o'clock Mass, Thursday, August 28th, and closed with General Holy Communion on Sunday morning, August 31st, this being designated Peace Sunday. During the Retreat a Sermon and Benediction were given each evening by myself. On Tuesday evening, September 2nd, the Holy Name Society gave a farewell reception to the boys, at the same time enrolling them in the Society.

I will not attempt to crowd into these few pages a full account of the lively interest and intense enthusiasm manifested by the entire congregation, men, women and children, during these troubled times. Suffice it to briefly state that a Soldier Welfare Committee sent Daily Papers, Magazines, Tobacco, Chewing Gum and religious articles to the boys weekly, the expense being borne by the Holy Name Society, the Altar Society, the Immaculate Conception and the Children of Mary Sodalities; that a Food Conservation Committee weekly tabulated cards and sent the result to Washington; that a Red Cross Unit was formed by the married and single ladies of the Parish.
that a Thrift Stamp Committee existed in the Parish, I being Chairman for all the Catholic Churches of Kenton County; that the entire congregation entered with a zest that was remarkable into the various war drives, such as the Liberty Loan drives, the Red Cross drives, the Thrift Stamp drives; and the Speaker drives; and that 126 young men of this Parish entered the ranks of the soldiers, three of whom died while in service. For a complete list of these generous hearted and noble youths I will refer the reader to our Parish Annual for 1919, Page 46.

On September 1st, the Holy Name Society gave a farewell reception to Rev. Thomas B. Ennis, who had been appointed to St. Ann's Church, West Covington. This left the Parish without a permanent Assistant until the following May. On Tuesday, December 2nd, a Retreat opened for the members of the Immaculate Conception Sodality, conducted by Rev. John F. O'Dwyer, and closed on the Feast Day, Saturday, December 8th.

During 1917, Mr. Harry Koop was appointed on the Board of Auditors, to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Wm. Bene. On December 30th, a meeting of the Parish Council was called to discuss the proposition of raising money for Church purposes. I deemed the time now ripe to make one more forward step to do away with the old method of securing money for the Church. At this memorable meeting it was agreed that we would not hold any more entertainments in the way of Euchres, Picnics, Bazaars, etc., and that we would absolutely forbid all ticket selling, chances, raffles and the like in the future—for which, praise be to God. The last Picnic was given at Lake Wolking, Rosedale, Ky., in May of 1917 and $2875.00 was realized. The last Bazaar was given in the School Auditorium during Thanksgiving week of 1917, and the sum of $1996.40 was realized. At this meeting of December 30th, it was further decided that a monthly subscription would be taken up on the third Sunday, a special envelope being devised for this purpose. St. Patrick's Parish was the first to begin a move of this kind in the City of Covington and, despite adverse criticism, it has
been successful beyond expectation. For full particulars I will refer the reader to our Parish Annual for 1917, Pastor's letter, and for results to the financial reports in the Annuals for 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921 and 1922.

On March 28, 1918, the Time Saving Law became effective by which the clocks were put forward one hour at 2:00 o'clock A. M., Sunday. On June 2nd, Rev. Bernard Nurre was appointed Assistant. On June 16th, the first free Basket Picnic was held in Devou Park for the children of the Parish. June 29th, the Feasts of St. Peter and St. Paul, was made a day of prayer for Peace by our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XV, on which day all were asked to receive Holy Communion and a High Mass was offered at 8:00 o'clock A. M. On October 6th, the Churches and Schools of the country were closed on account of the Spanish Influenza, which had spread over the land, taking off many people. Our death rate that year was 60, the highest in the history of the Parish. On November 10th the Churches and Schools were reopened and the congregation was asked to double its ordinary Sunday offering. The result was that our ordinary Sunday collection increased from an average of $25.00 to $50.00, and has since steadily increased, now averaging about Seventy Dollars.

On the 14th of November an Armistice was signed by the belligerent Powers, and in all the Catholic Churches throughout the land Thanksgivings were offered up to the God of Peace and Love.

The Rt. Rev. Bishop sent out new orders regulating the number of Trustees and their time of service, four or six being allowed to remain in Office for a period of three years. In accordance with this law, on December 31st, the following gentlemen were appointed as a Board of Trustees, viz:— Messrs Edward C. Kelley, Chairman, Charles McDonald, James Gilmartin, Joseph D. Quigley, Secretary, Michael McDermott and Harry Koop, and for the Board of Auditors:— Messrs H. Grattan Whittle, John T. Malone and George Ryan. During 1918 a new Monstrance of Gothic design was purchased for the sum of $234.75, a gift of the Ladies Altar Society. During this
year, also, the custom of preaching funeral sermons was discontinued.

For the year 1919 we may note the following interesting events. On March 16th, United States Senator David I. Walsh of Massachusetts delivered a lecture in the school Auditorium, the Rt. Rev. Bishop being present. On June 22nd, Master Robert McBreen was awarded a four year Scholarship, in a competitive examination, by St. Xavier College, this being the first time this honor was won by the school, and Miss Sarah Fischer, also a pupil of the school, won a scholarship, under similar conditions, awarded by LaSalette Academy, and Miss Helen Doyle the Scholarship given by the Pastor for the highest average for the year. On June 29, a meeting of the Parish Council was held to prepare for a drive to be made by the Holy Name Society for the purpose of increasing the monthly subscription collection. The Parish was divided into districts, which were covered by various teams. The result of the drive, which began on Monday, July 6, was that the pledge cards were universally and heartily signed and kept up in an admirable manner. On Labor Day the first free basket picnic for the entire congregation, given by the Holy Name Society, was held at the farm of Colonel Thomas Cody. During this year Rev. Gerald Dooley, the second son of the Parish to become a Priest, was ordained and read a Solemn High Mass in St. Patrick Church in January of 1920.

On June 4, 1920, the following gentlemen were appointed as a Board of Trustees, viz: Michael J. McDermott, Chairman, H. Grattan Whittle, Secretary, Harry Koop, John T. Malone, George Ryan and Joseph Burke and for a Board of Auditors, Messrs. John Corcoran, Joseph Huck and Jno. J. McDonough. On February 1, a meeting of the Parish Council was called to consider the feasibility of remodeling the Parish Rectory and the property on Fourth Street. At this meeting it was decided to add to the Parsonage two new rooms facing Elm Street, the downstairs room to be used as an Office and the upstairs room as an addition to the Pastor’s Study; three new bath rooms; move the vestment case
from the North to the South Sacristy—the former up to this time had been a general Sacristy and the latter the Office; move the McDermott house to the adjoining lot West, install a bathroom, paint the exterior and interior of the house, lay a cement walk along the East line of the house, remove all fences and outhouses and grade the yard. This work was awarded to the best bidders as follows: Excavating, Cement and Stone to Henry Lubrecht. General Contract to Joseph Wilbers. Painting to James Dwyer and Nick Brake. Electric Work to Harry Luckey. Plastering to Mr. Keller. Plumbing to Edward C. Kelley. Furniture to Lee Birnbryer. Mr. Howard McClurey, Architect, drew the plans and superintended the work at a cost 6% of the entire amount on Pastor's residence alone. The Holy Name and Altar Societies and The Immaculate Conception and Children of Mary Sodalities, by a very generous subscription taken up among themselves, fitted out the residence in all its necessary articles. This work was done at a cost of $9531.61 all of which has been paid. The work was completed by the last of May and on June 6 was open for public inspection from 2:30 P. M., to 5:00 P. M.

During 1921 we may recall the following events: On January 1, Rev. Bernard Nurre was appointed Pastor of St. Anthony Church, DeCoursey. On February 20, Rev. Michael Tierney was appointed Assistant to help with the work on Saturdays and Sundays until the close of the Seminary, when he remained permanently. On March 6, Our Lady of Lourdes Sodality was organized for all the young ladies of the Parish over fifteen years of age. On April 16, Mr. George Reusch was appointed on the Board of Auditors, to fill the place left vacant by Mr. Joseph Huck. On September 7, The Holy Name Society gave its Annual Labor Day Picnic at the Louis Levassor Place, Holmesdale, for the first time. On Christmas a Solemn High Mass was celebrated at midnight, in the presence of a large and orderly throng of people.

On Wednesday Evening, January 18 a meeting of the Board of Trustees and Auditors was held in the Pastor's Study to discuss the advisability of remodeling the interior
of the Church, when it was decided to spend the sum of $15,000 for this work. This money was to be raised by issuing Bonds, running over fifteen years in denominations of $100.00 at 5%, payable on the first of April and October semi-annually, a Bond of $1000 to be paid yearly. The Peoples Savings Bank and Trust Company of Covington, kindly agreed to handle the Bonds. The following work was voted, viz: tile for the aisles, front and rear of the Church and tile wainscoting; tearing out wooden partition in the three front vestibules and replacing same with plaster; frescoing interior; strengthening entire floor of the Church; marble steps leading up to the Communion Railing; tile in Sanctuary and marble steps and platforms for the three Altars; changing the lighting system in the Church; raising the floor of the choir loft on a slanting grade; erecting stalls in the Choir for the singers and surrounding the loft with brass rods to support portieres. It was further decided that the very best material and work be installed.

On Wednesday Evening, January 26, the Board of Trustees and Auditors held a meeting and awarded the Tile and Marble Work to the Foy & Star Company and the Standard Marble Works, respectively. The Carpenter work was awarded to Leo Smith. On Tuesday, January 28, the Boosters' Club, an organization of the entire congregation, pledged to be ever ready to assist in any work that might be undertaken, Mr. James McBreen was elected Chairman of this Club and Miss Mary Gilmartin, Secretary.

On Wednesday Evening, February 2, a meeting of the Board of Trustees and Auditors was held to let the contract for the interior Art Work of the Church, which was awarded to Mr. Nino Passalaqua, the scaffolding to Leo Smith. This contract includes the painting of the entire interior of the Church, the Stations, the Altars and all the Statuary. The pictures were executed by Mr. Chas. C. Svendsen of Cincinnati.

At a series of meetings on successive Wednesday Evenings, contracts for the Pews and Confessional were awarded to The Tiffin Manufacturing Company, Tiffin,
Ohio, and the Electrical Work to Harry Beerman. During this time the old Confessionals were moved from near the Altar Railing on the North and South Aisles to their present location.

The above work was started on Monday, March 13, and is to be completed in sufficient time for the final Jubilee celebration, October 1, at a cost of approximately $16,000, which includes the purchase of an entire lot of new vestments.

On Sunday, February 26, a two weeks Mission, conducted by the Paulists, Rev. Father Miller and Rev. Father Harding, was opened, closing on Sunday, March 5. The first week was devoted to the women and the second week to the men, with a Mission for the children held during the week for the men. The crowds were large and constant, and marked spiritual fruits resulted. The collections were as follows: Week for the women, $791.79. Week for the men, $628.27. Mission goods, $591.40. Expenses, $1062.66.

On March 26 a meeting of the Boosters Club was held to devise means for making the Easter Collection for this year the largest in the history of the Parish. The Club succeeded admirably, as the collection amounted to $1394.20. The Parish threw its whole soul into the work of preparing for the final Jubilee celebration, and when, in years to come, your children’s children will peruse these pages and scan these pictures, they will be inspired with just pride at the noble spirit of Catholicity manifested by St. Patrick Parish in the Golden Jubilee Year, 1922. For a list of donations to the Sanctuary see Annual, 1922.

The noble youths and maidens of the Parish who gave their lives to the service of God are: The Priesthood, Rev. George McNamara and Rev. William Ryan of the Diocese. Rev. Jeremiah Dooley of the Passionists. Mr. Wm. Collins and Mr. Jos. Whittle, Ecclesiastical Students.

To the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth:
Margaret McNulty .... Sister Bernadetta
Lillian McNulty ......... Sister Placida
Nora King ............. Sister Cornelia (Deceased)
Mary King .............. Sister Eueugia

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TOP—OUR LADY OF LOURDES SODALITY
CENTER—GRADUATING CLASS
BOTTOM—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SODALITY
ST. PATRICK CHURCH

Anna Walsh ..........Sister Hubertrona
Mary Dreffer ....Sister Mary Ferdinand
Anna Schaffer ..........Sister Paulina
Catherine Moran ..Sister Mary Augusta
Mary Tempest ..........Sister Angelita
Josephine Curran ....Sister Mary Alice
Mary Quigley ......Sister Francis Borgia
Kate Higgins ..........Sister Prudentia
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Sisters of St. Dominick:

Carrie Baldwin ....Sister Mary Camilla

Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis:

Louisa Faust ..............Sister Caritos

Sisters of Notre Dame:

Margaret Brady ..Sister Mary Leonardo
Elizabeth Brady ..........Sister Paulina

Sisters of Charity (Black Caps):

Mary Lynch ..........Sister Bernadetta

The Sisters who have had charge of the School up to the present day are:

Sister Joseph ..........Sister Mary Joseph
Sister Florentia ..........Sister Ann Sebastian
Sister Francis Borgia ....Sister Mary Adelaide

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Golden Jubilee Committee

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Mr. Ed. Kelley Mr. Wm. Eagan

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Chairman ................................ Mr. Elder McDermott

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