

HISTORY
OF
The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania,
1871-1909.
AND
The Diocese of Harrisburg,
1904-1909.

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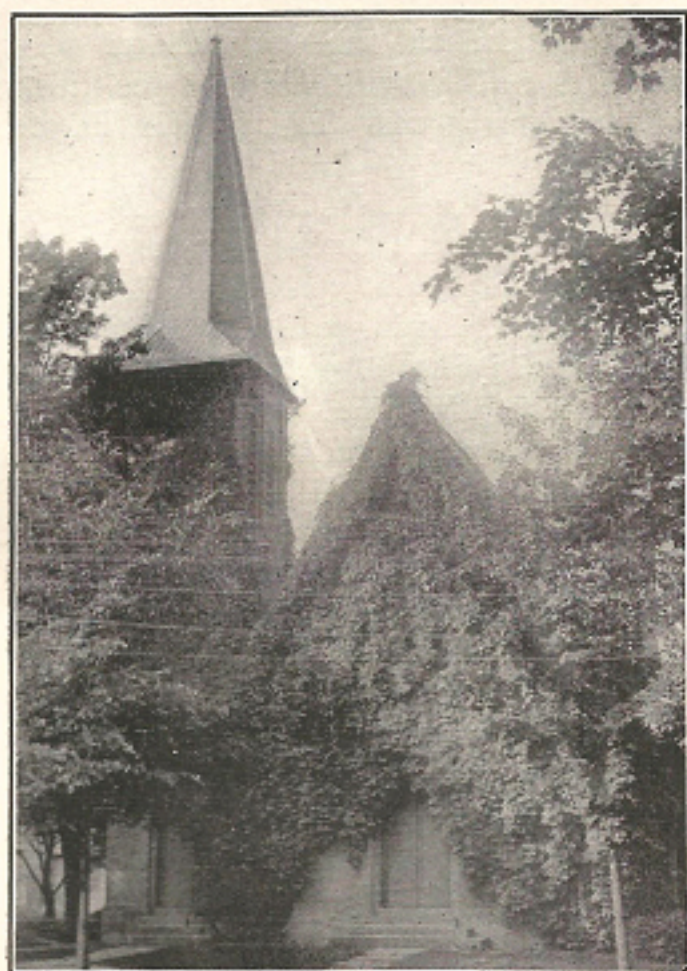
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liamsport, with The Rev. Thomas Henry Johnston in charge. In 1900 the Church of Our Saviour had forty-seven families, eighty-seven baptized persons, fifty-six Communicants, eighty members in the Sunday School, a Church and Rectory, valued at \$4,000, and free of debt. The following year (1901) The Rev. James W. Diggles took the place of The Rev. Mr. Johnston. At this time a flagstone walk was laid from the street to the Rectory and Vestry door. The Rev. Mr. Diggles, having resigned, was succeeded, in the beginning of the year 1903, by The Rev. D. Convers, who only continued in charge until the latter part of December, when he resigned. From this time Evening Prayer was said each Sunday by a Lay-Reader, until in the fall of 1904, when The Rev. George W. Atkinson became Rector. During the year 1904-5 the following additions and improvements were made to the Church: a memorial rood screen; six vesper lights; two Eucharistic lights, in memory of Jessie and Van Grafius; new choir stalls, given by St. Agnes' Guild; and a credence table, by the Rector's sister. The Rev. Mr. Atkinson resigned the latter part of the summer of 1906, and was succeeded by The Rev. Charles E. Fessenden, who is still the incumbent in 1909.

MONTROSE—*St. Paul's Church.*—St. Paul's Parish was received into union with the Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania in 1832. Coming down to the fall of 1871, the time of the formation of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, we find The Rev. Edward A. Warriner in charge of this Parish. During the year 1873-4 The Rev. Mr. Warriner resigned, and was succeeded by The Rev. George H. Kirkland. In the spring of 1874 the old Rectory was sold, and the Parish immediately entered upon the building of a new one, at a cost of about \$3,500. The Rev. Mr. Kirkland withdrew from the work in June, 1875, and was followed by The Rev. Edward A. Warriner, who became Rector of St. Paul's for the second time. Improvements and repairs were made to the Church property, during the year 1876-7, to the amount of two hundred and six dollars and five cents. And during the following year (1877-8) five hundred and ninety-five dollars and ninety-three cents were raised toward the building of a Sunday School Chapel. In 1880 St. Paul's Church had sixty-

four Communicants, one hundred and eighteen members in the Sunday School, a Church, Chapel, and Rectory, valued at \$15,000. During the year 1880-1 three hundred and forty-two dollars and forty cents were spent on repairs and improvements to the Church property. May 31st, 1890, this Parish had sixty Communicants, sixty-five members in the Sunday School, a Church, Chapel and Rectory, valued at



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\$15,000, and free from debt. During the following ten years nothing of special note occurred in this Parish. In 1900 this Parish had thirty-six families, sixty-three baptized persons, fifty-five Communicants, eighty-eight members in the Sunday School, a Church, Rectory and Parish Building, valued at \$11,000, and free of debt. Having served this Parish for thirty-one consecutive years The Rev. Mr. Warriner re-

signed in June, 1906. This is one of the few examples in this Diocese where, to the mutual advantage of both Priest and people, the same Rector continued in the same Parish for a goodly number of years. The frequent change among the Clergy is one of the most weakening and injurious practices in the Church. On January 25th, 1907, his successor—The Rev. Elliston J. Perot—took charge, and The Rev. Mr. War-riner was, at the same time, made Rector Emeritus. It was about this time that the Parish purchased a new house, near the Church, for a Rectory. This, for the time, gives St. Paul's two Rectory properties. The Rev. Mr. Perot is still in charge.

MORGANTOWN—*St. Thomas' Church*.—This is one of the old historic Parishes of this Diocese, having been incorporated as far back as 1786, but was not admitted into union with the Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania until in 1825. When the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania was formed, in November, 1871, The Rev. Henry R. Smith was the Missionary in charge. During four months of the year 1872-3 this Mission was temporarily served by The Rev. John Ireland. Upon the resignation of The Rev. Mr. Smith, The Rev. Mr. Ireland took permanent charge. After serving this people until in the spring of 1876 The Rev. Mr. Ireland resigned. From this time the Mission continued vacant until November 12th, when The Rev. Samuel McElwee became Rector. In 1880 St. Thomas' Church had twenty families, forty baptized persons, eighteen Communicants, forty-two members in the Sunday School, a Church and lot, valued at \$5,000. The exterior woodwork of the Church was repainted during the Conventional year 1884-5. In the spring of 1886 a neat and comfortable Rectory was built, and taken possession of by the Rector and his family during the first week in June. On May 31st, 1890, this Mission had seventeen families, forty baptized persons, nine Communicants, forty-four members in the Sunday School, a Church, Rectory, and Cemetery, valued at \$5,000, and free of debt. The Rev. Mr. McElwee resigned in October, 1892, and was succeeded, on April 1st, 1893, by The Rev. Elijah J. Roke, who continued in charge until in the spring of 1896, when he withdrew. After being vacant about one year, The Rev. George A. Zellers

His death in the year 1884-5 was, therefore, a cause of great sorrow to his family, his Parish, and the Diocese.

The Hon. John W. Maynard.—In the death of Mr. Maynard, which occurred May 8th, 1885, there passed beyond the veil a most eminent lawyer, a wise counselor, and a devoted Churchman. He was a man of remarkably quick insight into any subject that once gained his attention, and with a wonderful power of unfolding the real issues in the case. In whatever discussions he entered, whether in a Court of Justice or in the Councils of the Church, he was ever noted for his calm self-possession, his imperturbably good temper, and his perfect suavity of manner. He had a distinct and persuasive delivery, with a dignified and commanding presence. All these qualities Mr. Maynard turned to good account in the Councils of the Church. He was for upwards of seventeen years the Senior Warden of Trinity Church, Williamsport, which he frequently represented, with marked ability, in the annual Conventions of the Diocese. To the upbuilding of the Church in his native city he was a most liberal contributor. No more does he who hung the chimes in Trinity's steeple hear their oft-recurring music as they ring out in sweet symphony the passing hours.

William H. Cooper.—In the full vigor of life, prominent in the business interests of the community, zealous, generous, and a most active and efficient member of St. Paul's Church, Montrose, William H. Cooper, without threat or warning, was shot to death, in the year 1884-5, by one who insanely imagined that he had suffered by the wrong or neglect of this noble Christian man. There was nothing for which Mr. Cooper was more remarkable than for the kindness and helpfulness of his disposition. Great was the loss to St. Paul's Church, Montrose, by his untimely removal.

John L. Atlee, M.D., LL.D.—The annual Convention held in Christ Church, Reading, June 10th and 11th, 1884, was the first from which Dr. Atlee had been absent, even because of sickness, for many years. For fifty successive years he represented his own Parish, St. James', Lancaster, in the Conventions, first in the mother Diocese, and afterwards in Central Pennsylvania. So did he also represent, first the mother Diocese, and afterwards the Diocese of Central