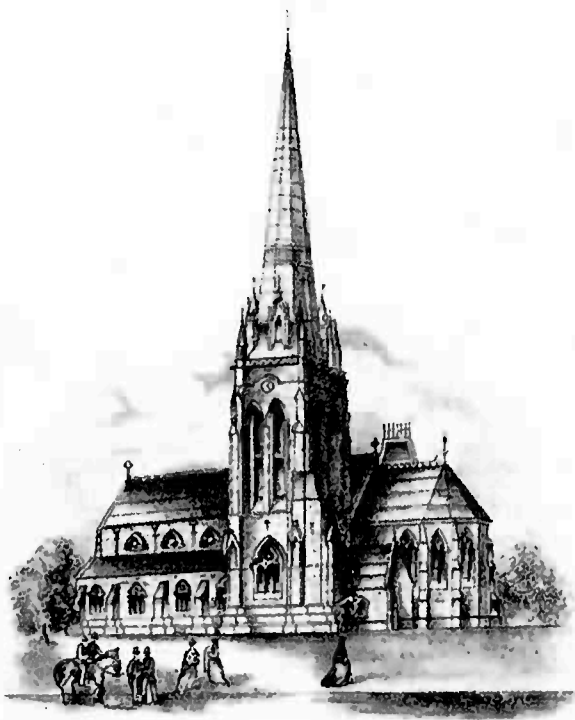


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BY THE REV.

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Vicar of S. Augustine's;

Chaplain, Royal Horse Artillery;

P. P. G. Chap. Warwickshire and Notts.



THE CHURCH FROM THE EAST.

The Origin of the Church.

BUILT in 1868, the Church of St. Augustine was an off-shoot of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Ladywood, a parish which, but eight years before, had been formed out of St. Martin's Parish, the mother church of Birmingham.

The architect of St. Augustine was Mr. J. A. Chatwin, who, five years afterwards, rebuilt S. Martin's (our grandmother church) in its present stately form: no one can study the lines of the two churches without observing the resemblance.

Our church is, in a sense then, the elder sister of her grandmother!

The building cost £9,000, and another £4,000 was spent eight years later, in 1876, upon building the present steeple, which stands 185 feet in height.

Since then more than the original cost has been spent upon beautifying the church.

Our Patron Saint,

S. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, August 28th.

Our patron saint, Augustine of Hippo, was born at Tagaste in Africa on November 13th, A.D. 354.

His father Patrick was a politician of violent temper, who became a Christian only a year before his death, when his son was seventeen, and Augustine owed him but little. Monica on the other hand was the daughter of Christian parents, and was

married early to Patrick, whom she controlled by the extraordinary sweetness and gentleness of her nature, and finally after years of prayer and effort she succeeded in bringing him to baptism.

Monica taught the infant Augustine the name and the love of Jesus in his earliest days, and its sweetness lingered in his memory even in his worst excesses of his wild and passionate youth, of which he tells us very frankly in his "Confessions." "I had destroyed myself, but He who made me, remade me," he says. His conscience was very tender; and whereas most of my masculine readers have in their youth robbed orchards and hated Greek, probably no other has ever felt the ignominy and disgrace of such boyish frailties, as this young African felt them. The record of his childhood and boyhood in Books I. and II. are full of charm and instruction: the IXth (and last) Book with its filial and loving reminiscences of his mother, is a study both in literature and devotion, which we leave unread and unstudied at the risk of pauperising all that is best in us.

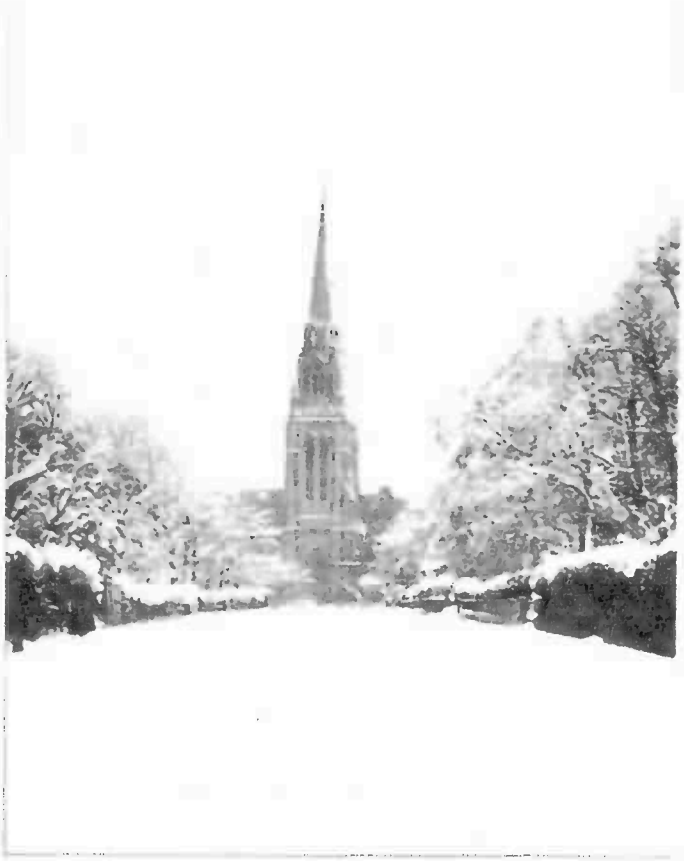
While our patron, "wandering in mazes lost," became a haughty disputant, plying "the rattling tongue of saucy and audacious eloquence" in the sad sophistries of the Manichees, the gentle mother Monica wept for him, as one dead. If you would know the proud godlessness of a Manichee read also Books III., IV., and V.

Passing in A.D. 383, from Carthage to Rome, he found himself equipped for the profession of teacher, and admits that as professor, he was but poorly paid for his "most miserable and most furious loquacity;" and two years later he was appointed to a pagan professorship of rhetoric at Milan, and here it was that he came under the influence of the saintly Bishop Ambrose, who became a father to him, and a leader, and who brought him into the clear light of the Love of the Father in heaven. Like a beautiful golden bee to the sun-kissed honey of a newly opened blossom, so the holy Monica, full of the tender gladness of a mother's love, hastened to Milan to embrace in Christian communion the son of her many prayers, and to storm the throne of God with fervent gratitude for the triumphant conquest of the hard-won faith: so gloried the sweet Monica:

There is much that is strange to us and foreign in the new life of the converted Augustine:—unkindness, such as we cannot identify with duty, figures largely in the 4th century scheme of repentance; indeed, the changes in the Church's standard of thought and conduct are to be studied most interestingly in Books VI. and VII. Abandoning the calling of "rhetoric," no longer "a seller of words," Augustine, a changed man retired to Cassiacum, a lovely villa among the mountains near the Lago Maggiore hidden among chestnuts and olives and surrounded by vineyards and green meadows, where, in a shady garden, watered by a little stream, he led a simple life of humble peaceful quiet, living ascetically upon but little of the plainest food, while the faithful Monica cared for his rustic household. After this happy time of preparation, he was baptised at Milan, with his 15-year-old son Adeodatus, on Easter Day, 387; only a little later, the faithful mother was seized with a fever, and passed hence at the call of Him she loved so well, happy in the assurance of Augustine's faith, asking only this, "Remember me, when you come to God's altar."

S. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP OF HIPPO.

- A. D. 354—Born at Thagaste, November 13th.
 371—Patrick his father died.
 372—Adeodatus his son born.
 373—School opened at Thagaste.
 376—To Carthage, as a teacher.
 383—To Rome, to hold classes.
 385—Public lecturer in Rhetoric, at Milan.
 386—To Cassiacum with Monica.
 387—Baptised at Milan. Monica died at Ostia.
 391—Ordained priest at Hippo.
 395—Bishop of Hippo.
 397—Date of "Confessions."
 430—Vandals besieged Hippo. S. Augustine died Aug. 28



THE CHURCH IN THE SNOW.

Who's Who at S. Augustine's in 1918.

Clergy:

THE REV. ROSSLYN BRUCE, D.D., Vicar, 4, Manor Road.
 THE REV. R. M. GIBSON, M.A., 461, City Road (St. Germain's).
 THE REV. S. BURGESS, M.A., 10, Holly Road.
 THE REV. E. ALBANY T. CLARKE, M.A., 8, Hallelwell Road.

Churchwardens of S. Augustine's:

CHARLES CRUMP, 268, Gillott Road.
 HENRY LEDSAM, 302, Hagley Road.

Pro-Churchwardens at S. Germain's:

E. W. G. HILL, 2, St. Augustine's Road.
 J. W. KERR, 335, Hagley Road.

Church Council:

THE CLERGY, CHURCHWARDENS, A. L. LOWE, A. G. KEEN,
 H. E. STILGOE, J. B. CARSLAKE, C. F. CROWDER, G. BARLING,
 E. C. KEAY, W. J. SCOTT, G. TURNER, W. MARSH, J. C. LEA,
 C. E. KEEP, C. COMBRIDGE.

Co-opted: A. DABBS, J. MUCKLEY, A. NORMAN.

Sydesmen at S. Augustine's:

H. J. GREENING, S. E. HEATON, C. E. KEEP, F. JERVIS,
 H. E. STILGOE, J. E. H. LLOYD, W. J. SCOTT, DR. AMOS.
 F. G. SWINDEN, COL. HIRE, A. V. BRAKEMORE, C. F. CROWDER,
 E. B. HOLROYD, L. GOVER, G. TURNER, A. E. PROF. W. F. REES,
 E. BURTON, W. MITCHELL, A. WINDER, H. ASHTON HILL,
 G. E. HAWKINS, H. J. R. MURRAY, E. D. PAYNE,
 G. A. COTTRELL.

Master of the Music:

W. H. HARRIS, Mus. Doc. (Oxon.), 23, Cherry Orchard, Lichfield (on military service).
 ROWLAND WINN, Mus. Doc. (Oxon.), 25, Lordswood Road, Harborne (acting).

Organist and Choirmaster at S. Germain's:

DONALD MARTIN, 59, Bishopton Road.

Parish Paper Hon. Secs.: WALTER G. PAYTON, 12, Manor Road.
 MISS BARRADALE, 219, Hagley Road.

Parish Works.

GOD'S House Maids	...	Sec.—MISS LOWE, 10, St. Augustine's Rd. Mrs. GRIMLEY, 15, Hermitage Road.
Parish Room	...	Warden—Mr. F. JERVIS, 19, York Road.
Decoration Committee	...	Sec.—Mrs. BOND, 13, Hermitage Road.
The Mothers' Union	...	Sec.—Mrs. CHATWIN, 162, Hagley Road.
The Zenana Working Party	...	Sec.—MISS WHEELER, 12, Rotton Park Rd.
Parochial Missionary Assoc'n	...	Sec.—MISS HEATH, 224, Hagley Road.
District Visitors	...	Sec.—Mrs. URWICK, 303, Gillott Road.
Roll of Church Laymen	...	Keeper—Dr. AMOS, 19, Montague Road.
S Germain's Church Council	...	Sec.—Mr. NORMAN, 313, Gillott Road.
S Germain's Men's Assoc'n.	...	Sec.—Mr. H. P. GWILLIAM.
Mothers' Sewing Guild	...	Mrs. GUY BRANSON and Mrs. HILL.
Boy Scouts	...	Scoutmaster PARKS, 1, Ridgeway.
Vicar's Young People's Service	...	Sec.—MISS WHEELER, 12, Rotton Park Rd.
S. Germain's Sunday School	...	Superintendents— Mr. R. M. GIBSON and Mr. P. TURLEY.

Eventful Dates.

“ Our fathers have declared unto us the noble works that Thou didst in their days.”

A study of the old church minutes provides food for much quaint and helpful thought. We have been through them and compiled a little abstract of the outstanding facts.

1864.

Oct. 25th.—At a meeting of gentlemen resident in the upper part of Hagley Road and Norfolk Road, interested in the erection of a new church, it was resolved that a new church was urgently needed, and that Mr. Gillott be approached about a site which he had kindly offered.

April 10th.—At a meeting held at the Plough and Harrow, the Rev. I. Spooner presiding, a large and influential committee was formed, including Messrs. J. Beattie, H. Chance, J. Chesshire, G. Dixon, C. Elkington, H. Gillott, T. Kekewick, H. Lowe, C. T. Parsons, C. Ratcliffe, and J. A. Williams.

1865.

May 1st.—An appeal, signed by the Revs. I. Spooner, Geo. Lea, and Philip Browne, and Messrs. G. S. Matthews, and J. S. Chesshire, asking for “a handsome substantial building, befitting the object for which it is to be erected and the wealth and importance of the parish,” to contain 1,000 people, without the disfigurement of galleries, and to cost hardly less than £6,000 was issued.

1866.

February 16th.—At a meeting of the committee, a ballot on the architects' designs was taken, and resulted thus:—

Mr. J. A. Chatwin	14
Messrs. Martin and Chamberlain ...	5
Mr. J. Cranston	2
Mr. S. Bland	1
Mr. A. W. Blomfield (London)	0

March 9th.—At a meeting held at Mr. Matthews' office, the Rev. I. Spooner proposed, and Mr. Lowe seconded, "That the new church be dedicated to St. Augustine of Hippo, and bear his name."

(The minutes do not record that this was carried, but it appears to have been.)

1867.

May 28th.—It was resolved, "That a church to accommodate 700 persons be erected on the site given by Mr. Gillott, and that the cost should not exceed £5,000.

June 3rd.—At a meeting of the Committee, Mr. J. Beattie proposed, and Mr. H. Lowe seconded, that the patronage be in the hands of the Bishop of the Diocese and the Vicar of Edgbaston. Mr. H. Evans proposed, as an amendment, Mr. Matthews seconded, that the patronage be vested in the Bishop solely. The amendment was carried by a large majority.

June 10th.—The Chairman (the Rev. I. Spooner) announced that the Bishop of the diocese, the Patron (Lord Calthorpe) and himself (as Vicar of Edgbaston) had agreed that the patronage be vested in the Bishop solely.

A letter was read from the Mayor stating that, in consequence of this decision, he desired his name withdrawn from the committee and subscription list.

August 12th.—The following were added to the committee: Mr. H. Weiss, Mr. C. Allcock, and Mr. Jennings.

August 26th.—Resolved that the Bishop of Worcester be invited to lay the stone of the new church on the first week in October next.

Saturday, October 12th.—The corner stone of the new church of S. Augustine was laid by the Lord Bishop of Worcester. The cost was to be £5,500, the architect Mr. Chatwin, and the builder Mr. William Partridge, of Monument Lane. The Bishop delivered an address.

Speaking on behalf of the committee, Mr. I. Chesshire said that the patronage, which was in the hands of the Bishop, would be discharged faithfully.

They did not want a clergyman who adopted ritualistic practices, nor did they want one that would be considered to belong to the lowest of the evangelical school, but they wanted a good and sound churchman.

(It is interesting to note the desires of those who built the church fifty years ago.)

December 30th.—The Rev. I. Spooner announced to the committee that it was the Bishop's intention to appoint the Rev. J. C. Blissard to the incumbency of St. Augustine.

1868.

June 28th.—In answer to a request for an interview, Lord Calthorpe wrote: "I find myself quite unable to make donations, the law is so managed now that, on coming into a property, a man is far poorer than he was before; I hope in time to be able to assist in beneficent measures connected with my estates, but at present I am helpless.

On October 2nd, Friday, at noon, the Church of St. Augustine was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of the diocese (Worcester). There was a luncheon party afterwards at the Plough and Harrow (tickets 7/6), to which the following gentlemen were invited:—The Bishop, the Rural Dean (Dr. Wilkinson), Archdeacon Sanford, Messrs. Gabriel and Thornton (the incumbents of St. George's and St. James'), and six other clergy; the Mayor of Birmingham, Mr. Chatwin (the architect), Mr. Partridge (the builder), Mr. Whateley, and Mr. Gillott.

1875.

On July 25th it was resolved at a congregational meeting, held at the Plough and Harrow, to proceed with the building of a tower and spire, at a cost of about £4,600.

1876.

At a meeting held on April 20th, 1876, the wardens reported that contracts for the erection of the tower and spire for £3,700 had, with the approval of Mr. Chatwin, been entered into; and that a further £413 was necessary to secure adequate foundations, raising the total cost to £4,113.

April 20th.—Mr Blissard announced that in the St. Augustine's mission in St. John's, Ladywood parish, the church of St. Margaret had been consecrated, and a legal district allotted.

1881.

November 10th.—The Revd. Wm. Irwin was licensed to be the first assistant curate at St. Augustine's, at a stipend of £170.

1884.

March 14th.—The Revd. James Jones was licensed as assistant curate at a stipend of £200. "We require you to reside in the parish of Edgbaston" is added in the Bishop's own writing.

1885.

April 6th.—At the annual vestry, the Vicar raised the question of the power of solemnizing weddings in the church, and stated that the Bishop required that £1,000 be placed in the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, before a legal district could be assigned.

1886.

April 26th.—At the vestry meeting considerable discussion arose upon the financial deficit which had increased from £191 last year to £276.

(In the year 1889 a balance of £20 is shown.)

1889.

December 9th.—A district was attached to the church and was constituted a parish by order of Her Majesty in Council, the sum of £1,000 having been subscribed as required by the Bishop, the future annual income from this source was fixed at £30.

1890.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Horton presented a beautiful silver Communion Service consisting of a flagon (26 oz. 85) engraved I.H.S. "Wisdom saith, drink of the wine which I have mingled"; a chalice (14 oz. 70) engraved with I.H.S. the figure of St. Augustine, and "Drink this in remembrance that

CHRIST'S blood was shed for thee"; a paten (13 oz. 10) engraved with St. Augustine, and 'Call Him that ye may eat'; and another paten (7 oz. 10) with St. Augustine in the centre, and 'Eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee.' All four vessels are engraved plainly underneath, "St. Augustine's Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham. From T. H. and F. H., Christmas, 1890," and bear the hall mark for 1890, and are contained in a fitted oak chest.

1896.

On Christmas Day two or three feet of the roll moulding from one of the angles of the spire, about 18ft. from the top, fell down.

1897.

Six weeks later, 5ft. more collapsed, alighting on the clergy vestry roof, and scaffolding had to be erected and the church closed for four Sundays (February 7th—March 2nd). The removal of further threatening stones, and the re-building of the spire was designed by Mr. F. B. Osborn, architect, and effected by Messrs. Barnsley and Sons, at a cost of £400.

1898.

Electric light was installed and the church decorated; the roofs of the chancel, vestries, and organ loft were re-tiled. The trees and shrubs were planted by Mr. F. M. Mole's generosity; and the incidents of St. Augustine's life were carved over the west door.

1902.

The "Parish Council" was born at the annual vestry meeting on April, 29th (Mr. Blissard, vicar, in the chair); it was proposed by the Vicar, and seconded by Mr. Keay, that it consist of the vicar, wardens, and eight others (Messrs. Lowe, Hooper, Osborn, Edge, Harrison, and Willis Davis, with power to appoint two others). Lord Calthorpe offered a "very eligible sight" near the fountain in Hagley Road for a new church, subject to certain conditions.

1903.

The Rev. W. O. Burrows succeeded Mr. Blissard as vicar, on the latter's resignation after 35 years in that office, and 11 as Rural Dean of Birmingham.

1904.

It was resolved by the seat-holders that "On Sunday evening the bell shall stop ringing at 6.25, when the voluntary shall begin, and that then ALL seats shall be at the disposal of the wardens.

(This regulation came into being on Sunday, May 1st, and is still in force.)

The Parish Council became the Church Council, and was enlarged by the addition of the pro-churchwardens of the mission church.

On July 10th Mr. Blissard entered into the unseen.

1905.

The Church Council was extended to a membership of eighteen, a portion of which should not seek re-election.

At a meeting on October 25th of over 50 members of (i) St. Augustine's, (ii) The Sandon Road Mission, and (iii) the City Road Mission, Archdeacon Burrows presiding, moved "that the Bishop's proposal to attach the Mission Church in the City Road to St. Augustine's, is the best way of dealing with the church accommodation in this neighbourhood." After long discussion this was carried by 18 votes to 3, less than half of those present voting. The Church Council now increased to 20 members, three of whom retire annually by rotation.

1907.

The porch and door on the south aisle of the church was erected, and a new door opened from the choir vestry into the church, at a cost of about £300. The work was carried out by Mr. Philip Chatwin in accordance with the late Mr. Osborn's plans.

The parish room in Gillott Road to accommodate an audience of 200, with cloak rooms, and a caretaker's house, was built at a cost of £1,950, the price of the land being another £300; a debt, however, of £926 was left upon it at the bank. 1910, £490 of this parish room debt was raised by subscription, leaving, with interest, a debt of £350, which still remains.

The name of St. Germain was chosen in place of All Souls for the City Road church.

1908.

Bethany was opened in the parish, under Miss Newill's care, and continued until its removal elsewhere in 1913.

1909.

During February a parish mission was conducted by Mr. J. Seaton, Mr. F. Howson, and Mr. J. S. Addison.

Mr. T. S. Dunn accepted a living after five years as curate here.

1911.

Mr. F. H. V. Paton accepted a vicarage after six years as curate here.

1912.

Mr. H. B. Kissack was similarly promoted after five years.

Archdeacon Burrows was appointed Bishop of Truro, and Dr. Rosslyn Bruce was appointed by the Crown to succeed him as vicar.

(The appointment is in the hands of the Bishop of Birmingham, but the King always replaces a Bishop.)

1913.

February. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress attended a special Memorial Service for Captain Scott, R.N. The Rev. S. M. Berry, of Carr's Lane, read the lessons, and the Bishop preached a very beautiful and up-lifting sermon.

Mr. Gaul, master of the music since the church was built 45 years before, died full of years and honour. Dr. Harris, assistant organist at Lichfield Cathedral, succeeded him.

The Rev. Godwin Birchenough accepted the vicarage of Moor Allerton, after five years on the staff, including several months' of charge of the parish during a change of incumbents. He was succeeded by Mr. McAnally.

The congregation entertained the 200 navvies who had built the Hagley Road tram lines.

1914.

The organ was rebuilt at a cost of about £1,000, and dedicated on September 23rd, its first voice was the accompaniment

of the National Anthem, when the European war had been waged but six weeks.

St. Augustine's Masonic Lodge, No. 3713, was duly consecrated (Bros. Yapp, Tunbridge, Keep, and Bruce being first principal officers).

1915.

The sum of £6,000 having been raised, the first turf for the new church of St. Germain was cut by Mrs. Sydney Porter on the Ides of March, Monday, March 15th; on July 3rd the foundation stone was laid by the Prov. Grand Lodge of Warwickshire.

On April 30th, Sister Florence Isabel and five other Wantage Sisters were installed at Kirkholme chapel by the Bishop.

Mr. H. Maude-Roxby went to France as a chaplain, after three years in this parish, chiefly in charge of St. Germain's.

On October 15th a Service was held to dedicate a memorial to the late Mr. William Jennens, six times churchwarden, and a devoted servant of the church.

1916.

In November the National Mission was sent and received among us, the principal agents being Archdeacon Gardner, Canon Adderley, and Mr. R. J. Campbell.

1916.

The Rev. J. McAnally took up new work at the Lickey, and later at Eton Wick, after three years as curate with us.

1917.

The Rev. W. Cooke became Hospital Chaplain connected with the Cathedral, after 18 months in charge of St. Germain's.

Dr. Harris, the master of the music, was "called up," and Dr. Rowland Winn kindly undertook his work until his return.

The verger, and subsequently his deputy, were also required for army work.



INTERIOR.

The new St. Germain's was consecrated on St. Michael and All Angels' Day, September 29th, by the Bishop of Birmingham, in the presence of a large gathering of clergy and laity of the diocese. Its cost was about £7,500, and that is provided, and a further £1,000 for equipment has subsequently been given; there have been no grants from any society towards it.

1918.

The Rev. R. M. Gibson undertook the charge of St. Germain's, after a year's service as chaplain to the forces in France.

The Jubilee Clerical Staff.

The Rev. Rosslyn Bruce, M.A., D.D. (Oxford), whose full name is Francis D'Assisi Rosslyn Courtenay Bruce, was born in 1871, and is the third son of the late Rev. Lloyd Stewart Bruce, Canon of York, and younger brother of the Right Hon. Sir Hervey Bruce, third Bart. of Downhill; he is also a nephew of Dr. Thomson, who for 27 years was Archbishop of York. He married in October, 1908, Rachel, eldest daughter of the late Richard Gurney, J.P., D.L., of Northrepps Hall, near Cromer; and has two sons and two daughters. After five years of business training in Edinburgh, he went to Worcester College, Oxford, where he rowed and read, and was nominated as President of the Union, when Mr. Hilaire Belloc was elected. Then a year at Leeds Clergy School, seven years in London slum parishes, five years at St. Anne's, Soho, nine years as Rector of a country village in Notts., with time to travel abroad, and experience as secretary of Diocesan Church Extension, District Councillor, and Poor Law Guardian, and at last six years (since 1912) as vicar of St. Augustine's.

The Rev. Robert Milner Gibson, M.A., of Christ's College, Cambridge, is in charge of St. Germain's. Mr. Gibson is an exhibitor of his college, and took honours in his tripos. Ordained in 1912, he has been curate to Canon Daniell Bainbridge, at Handsworth, until 1916, when he undertook work at Boldmere, before becoming a chaplain to the forces in France. He has been a year in France. Mr. Gibson was born in 1889, and married in 1916.

The Rev. E. Albany T. Clarke, M.A., London University, was ordained in 1884, and became very shortly afterwards, for three years, head master of Longton Grammar School, doing ministerial work also: then nine years in the mission field in Ceylon, followed on his return by parish work in Hants, Wilts. Bristol, and Warwickshire. He is now also Librarian at King Edward's School and lecturer at the Midland Institute. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke have a grown-up family.

The Rev. Samuel Burgess, M.A., Cambridge, was ordained in 1864, in Oxford diocese. After six years of parish work, he became for 15 years head master of Guilsborough Grammar School, Northants; later he was Rector of Halse, Taunton, for 14 years, and after being associated with St. Augustine's since 1901, became definitely an honorary member of the staff in 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgess and their family are now established Edgbastonians, and his educational gifts have proved to be eminently hereditary.

The Rev. Robert St. John Dickson, M.A., Cambridge, though not yet licensed to us, helps very faithfully on Sunday mornings; he was ordained in 1909, and served curacies in Cheshire, and is now a master at West House School. He is an enthusiast on rifle shooting. Mr. and Mrs. Dickson live in Broad Street

Assistant Clergy.

With Mr. **BLISSARD** as Vicar, 1858—1903.

- 1881—1885. William Irwin (Rector of Fakenham).
 1884—1892. James Jones (Rector of Bushbury).
 1887—1891. H. E. Wilson (Vicar of St. Luke's, Hornsey).
 1891—1893. Cameron Q. Knowles (ex-Rector of Melton Con-
 stable).
 1894—1902. Algernon Ward (ex-Archdeacon of Egypt, Vicar
 of Sturminster Newton).
 1896—1897. C. B. Sellwood (Bexley Heath).
 1898—1902. D. A. Fisher (Vicar of St. Luke's, Gloucester).
 1901—1918. S. Burgess (previously Rector of Halse, Taunton).
 1902—1903. T. Everard Healey (Chaplain to H.M. Forces).

With Mr. (afterwards Archdeacon) **BURROWS** as Vicar, 1903—1912.

- With Mr. (afterwards Archdeacon) Burrows as Vicar (1903—
 1912).
 1902—1903. T. Everard Healey (Chaplain to H. M. Forces).
 1905—1911. *F. H. V. Paton (Vicar of Newnham on Severn),
 1908—1911. G. Birchenough (Vicar of Moor Allerton).
 1907—1912. *B. K. Kissack (Vicar of Lydbury North).
 1912—1915. *J. H. T. Maude Roxby (Chaplain to H.M.
 Forces).

With Dr. **BRUCE** as Vicar, 1912.

- (S. Burgess, G. Birchenough, and H. T. Maude-Roxby, at
 above).
 1913—1917. J. M. La F. McAnally (Eton Wick).
 1915—1917. *W. Cooke (previously Vicar of Horton-cum-
 Studley, Oxford).
 1915— E. Albany T. Clark.
 1917— *R. M. Gibson.
 * *In charge of S. Germain's Church.*

Our Churchwardens.

1868—1903	THE REV. J. C. BLISSARD, M.A., Vicar.	
1868—1869	... Joseph Beattie	John Cheshire.
1870	... Joseph Beattie	Henry Lowe.
1871	... J. H. Chance	C. Allcock.
1872	... Capt. Peel	P. H. Chayasse.
1873	... J. H. Tilley	E. Barney.
1874	... R. H. Milward	C. T. Parsons.
1875—1879	... Joseph Beattie	Thos. Horton.
1880—1882	... Joseph Gill	Jno. Crimley.
1883	... B. D. Hopwood	O. F. Thompson.
1884—1885	... Fraser Selby	G. E. Wright.
1886—1887	... B. W. Stevens	S. Walliker.
1888—1889	... Henry Lea	R. W. Hedley.
1890—1891	... Henry Lea	J. B. Chantrill.
1892—1894	... F. Marsh	W. Jennens.
1895	... E. Mapplebeck	W. Jennens.
1896—1897	... A. L. Lowe	Philip Bates.
1898	... A. L. Lowe	E. C. Keay.
1899	... J. Adie	F. Willcocks.
1900—1902	... E. C. Keay	F. Willcocks.
1903	THE REV. W. O. BURROWS, M.A., became Vicar when Mr. BLISSARD resigned.	
1903—1904	... E. C. Keay	W. Jennens.
1905	... E. C. Keay	A. L. Lowe.
1906—1908	... E. J. Harrison	C. F. Crowder.
1909	... F. Swinson	A. V. Blakemore.
1910	... F. Swinson	A. K. Incedon.
1911	... A. K. Incedon	C. H. Heath.
1912	DR. ROSSLYN BRUCE became Vicar when Archeacon BURROWS became Bishop of Truro.	
1912	... W. J. Scott	H. E. Stilgoe.
1913	... W. J. Scott	A. L. Lowe.
1914	... W. J. Scott	J. Humphreys.
1915	... A. V. Blakemore	G. Turner.
1916	... G. Turner	C. Crump.
1917—1918	... C. Crump	H. Ledsam.

The ideal of a churchwarden is more easily felt than described. We all know it, when we see it; but we do not know how to account for it, or to explain in what it consists. Ease, grace, dignity, are but parts of it, but his habitual self-possession always makes the ideal churchwarden. He looks and says and does the right thing without effort, restraint or confusion; he is master of the situation as an artist is master of his instrument; he provides the congregation unconsciously with a certain sense of reverent decorum, and manifests an infinite capacity for kindly services, which flow from an unfailing spring, which derives its force from within, or rather, from above himself.

The first churchwarden, Mr. Joseph Beattie, held office for eight years, which is the longest period of service, but Mr. E. C. Keay was warden for seven years, the late Mr. Jennens for six, and Mr. Lowe for five years in a period covering seventeen years. Mr. Lowe is the only example of a relation of a former warden holding the same office. Mr. Henry Lowe, his father, stands third in the list of wardens, and served in 1870.

The following are the names of the past-wardens, who are seat-holders of the church at her Jubilee:—Arthur L. Lowe, E. C. Keay, C. F. Crowder, A. K. Inledon, W. J. Scott, H. E. Stilgoe, A. V. Blakemore, George Turner.

A loyal past-warden is a very great help both to his successors and to the church as a whole; his experience of the activities of the church, the fabric, the finance, the feelings, and even the foibles both of the flock and of the clergy—for they, being human, have feelings, and, alas! foibles, too—all this is of a value difficult to exaggerate. Happy is the church that is strong in its past-wardens.

The Registers.

The church became licensed for marriages in 1890.

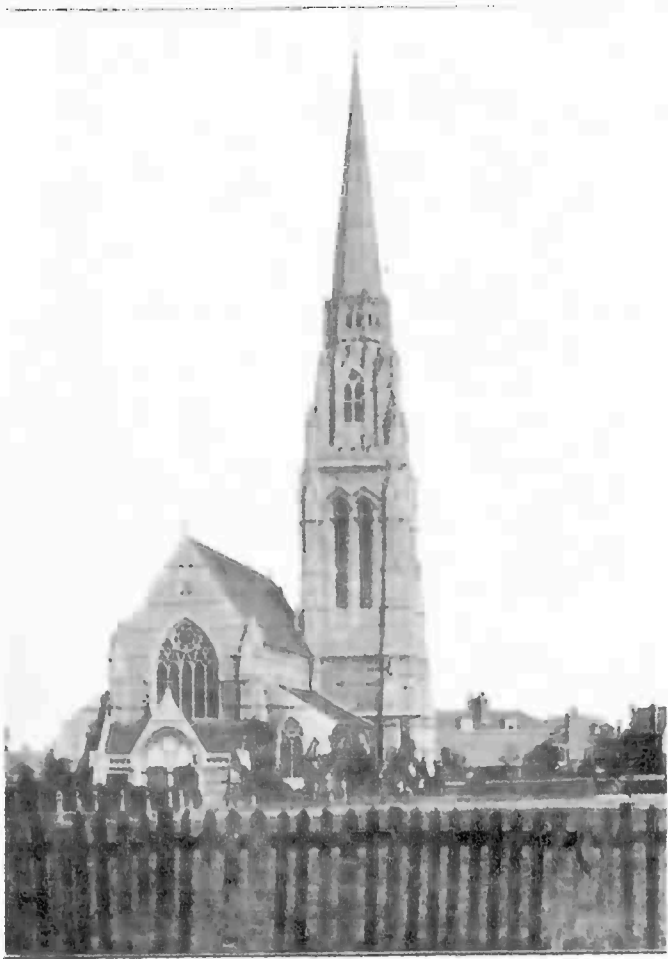
The author, who, it must be remembered, has known Edgbaston but seven years, has glanced through the marriage register, and jotted down a few dates of weddings of those whose names caught his eye, the list is in no way either full or even representative, but merely reminiscent.

SOME NOTABLE WEDDINGS.

- Jan. 28, 1890.—Charles Ernest Hopton—Lury Ann Barlow Osborn.
The marriage of Archdeacon Hopton was the second wedding solemnized at our church.
- June 4, 1890. Arthur Labron Lowe—Mary Letitia Mitchell.
- June 4, 1891.—The Rev. Charles Mansfield Owen, Vicar of St. George's (now Dean of Ripon), conducted a wedding.
- Aug. 1, 1894.—Charles Frederick Gaunt—Winifred Adie.
- Aug. 17, 1895.—Frank Dudley Docker—Lucy Constance Hebbert.
- June 16, 1896.—William Bruce Mitchell—Lucy Lea.
- Mar. 24, 1900.—Norman Russell Nicholls—Maud Bundy (Mr. Alfred R. Gaul signed as witness).
- July 31, 1900.—Albert Thomas Hilder—Lilian Ethel Hallwright.
- Jan. 31, 1901.—Cyril Courtenay Lord—Hebe Alice Davidson.
- Apr. 8, 1902.—William Francis Joseph Salt Ledsam—Lucy Cox Mansell.
- May 6, 1902.—John William Kerr—Gertrude Adie.
- Sept. 3, 1902.—Walter George Payton—Hilda Maud Kemp.
- May 26, 1904.—Alfred Horsfall Howson—Constance Sophie Mitchell (conducted by the Rev. W. O. Burrows, now Bishop of Truro, one of his first marriages at this church).
- Sept. 8, 1904.—Herbert Hadan Monckton—Dora Mary Griffiths.
- Nov. 16, 1904.—George Robey—Ada Mary Perry.
- Mar. 27, 1906.—Edgar Atkin Wiggin—Emily Margaret Keen.
- June 11, 1907.—Frederic Victor Milward—Elinor Mary Tilley.
- July 10, 1907.—Harold Thwaite—Mabel Thompson Cheshire.
- Oct. 10, 1907.—Herbert William Adie—Eveline Ivery Swinden.
- July 9, 1908.—Sydney Christian Parish—Florence Gladys Lunt.
- Sept. 15, 1908.—William John Goldsworthy Sperryn—Elsie Hannah Cutler.
- Sept. 23, 1908.—John William Satterley Humphreys-Davies—Edith Amy Dent.
- Aug. 18, 1909.—George William Powell—Mabel Winifred Parish.
- June 25, 1912.—Eric Arnold Milliken-Smith—Gertrude Broughton Keen.

- July 4, 1912.—Christopher Thurstan Bassett—Ivy Gwendoline Lunt.
- July 17, 1912.—Roderick Simcox Mackenzie—Olive Barnsley.
- July 23, 1912.—Godwin Birchenough—Edith Gladys Keay.
- Sept. 26, 1912.—Seymour Gilbert Barling—Gladys Rose Mills.
- June 4, 1913.—William Henry Bowater—Jessie Madeleine Webster.
Harold Edward Hobson Cooke—May Elizabeth Gittings.
- June 10, 1913.—Edward Rainsford Harrison—Jessie Beatrice Deeley.
- July 2, 1913.—Martin Noel Ganderton — Lottie Isabella Litherland.
- July 9, 1913.—Arthur Ernest Mole—Florence Phœbe Mole.
- Sept. 4, 1913.—Brooke Edward Holroyd—Gladys Emmie Barnes.
- Nov. 6, 1913.—Samuel Smith—Dorothy Muriel Dingley.
- Feb. 7, 1914.—Harry Walton—Edith Frances Spencer.
- Mar. 11, 1914.—Stephen Claud Mapstone—Edith Elizabeth Greenway.
- Aug. 10, 1914.—Ralph Alexander Broderick—Dulcie Lunt.
- Aug. 12, 1914.—Benjamin Haines Walker—Elsie Distin Port.
- Oct. 3, 1914.—Leon Victor Barnes—Doris Katherine Pinson.
- Oct. 15, 1914.—John Crewe Wood—Beatrice Mary Carslake.
- Dec. 17, 1914.—Arthur Valentine Dodds—Winifred Gladys Clark.
- Apr. 21, 1915.—Clifford Williams—Hilda Frahm.
- May 1, 1915.—William Garrett Knibbs—Elsie Isabel Tidmarsh.
- June 7, 1915.—Arthur Charles Frost—Dorothy Mary Welch.
- June 10, 1915.—Robert Blake Odgers — Olive Asquith Brewerton.
- June 21, 1915.—Bernard Francis Northcote Till—Eva Annie Phillips.
- July 3, 1915.—Bernard William Patterson—Florence Gertrude Bowater.
- July 21, 1915.—Arnold Sheldon—Maryon Pinson.
- July 31, 1915.—Horace Penzer Haynes—Muriel Ellen Crisford.
- Sept. 1, 1915.—Allan John Macdonald Macdonald—Gertrude Margaret Meredyth Lowe.
- Sept. 6, 1915.—Harold Antrobus Maitland —Edna Hope Lunt.
- Jan. 1, 1916.—George Baillie Hill—Lucie Mabel Kempson.

- Jan. 29, 1916—Andrew Percy Laughland—Marguerite Constance McLutosh.
- Feb. 5, 1916.—Walter Archibald Parker Watson—Maude Mary Watson.
- Apr. 27, 1916.—James Mortimere Lt Fontaine M'Aanally—
—Francisca Sybil Dent.
- June 21, 1916.—Henry Stanley Worrall—Jessie Olive Gittings.
- June 27, 1916.—Dashpeer Henry Glynn—Dorothea Claire Tyril Houghton.
- July 29, 1916.—Aubrey Earl Boundy—Atta Fulton Gibb.
- July 31, 1916.—Thomas Ralph Plumer Price—Ruth Beatrice Harris.
- Sept. 14, 1916.—Donald Clive Dingley—Gladys Aitken.
- Sept. 23, 1916.—George Moore—Evelyn Clara Greaves.
- Oct. 5, 1916.—James Brooks Close—Gertrude Marjory Tilley.
- Nov. 14, 1916.—William Alfred Cook—Ellen Maud Yapp.
- Nov. 21, 1916.—Francis Reginald Beaman Whitehouse—
Constance Gertrude Cutler.
- Dec. 17, 1916.—Bernard Frank Butterworth—Frances Louisa Smith.
- Feb. 14, 1917.—Alfred Howard Lunt—Mabel Handasyd Smith.
- Apr. 25, 1917.—John Ernest Goodman Sweetnam—Dorothy Clara Sambidge.
- July 5, 1917.—Maurice Holford Haynes—Margaret Louise Sophia Houghton.
- Aug. 2, 1917.—Benjamin Owen—Amy Gertrude Penson.
- Aug. 25, 1917.—Norman Temple—Lesley Parr.
- Sept. 1, 1917.—George Albert Grenville Savage—Dorothy Mary Whitehouse.
- Sept. 4, 1917.—Sam Boyre Brentnall—Elsie Meredith Lowe.
- Oct. 4, 1917.—Cyril Hubert Manley—Elsie Muriel Lawledge.
- Nov. 14, 1917.—Harold Stanley Davis—Margaret Ball.
- Dec. 22, 1917.—Ernest James Burrows—Kathleen Penrice.
- May, 20, 1918.—Guy Frederick Nicholls—Ann Margaret Martin.
- June 10, 1918.—Thomas Victor Gillespie—Lois May Heaton.
- Sept. 4, 1918.—Arthur John Tucker—Louise Adèle van Meeteren.
- Sept. 7, 1918.—Arthur Cecil Percy Strangeways—Olive Dora James.
- Sept. 14, 1918.—Harold Chalton Bradshaw—Mary Nora Lupton Taylor.
- Sept. 17, 1918.—Howard Loescher Willis—Winifred Mary Butler.



AN OLD-TIME VIEW.

THE TOWER AND SPIRE.

SOME SUBSCRIBERS IN 1875.

	£	s.	d.
Joseph Gillott	600	0	0
Henry Weiss	500	0	0
Alfred Betts	100	0	0
Mrs. Alfred Gillott	100	0	0
Montague Gillott	100	0	0
Joseph Beattie	100	0	0
Rev. Isaac Spooner	50	0	0
Thomas Horton	50	0	0
George Dixon, M.P.	50	0	0
C. T. Parsons	50	0	0
Henry Lowe	50	0	0
J. A. Williams	50	0	0
J. H. Mole	50	0	0
A. J. Elkington (in 4 instalments)	50	0	0
Arthur Keen	50	0	0
Rev. J. C. Blissard (in 3 instalments)	30	0	0
J. R. Tilley	30	0	0
C. J. Williams	26	5	0
Francis Williams	25	0	0
Thomas Osborn	25	0	0
Wilfred Williams	25	0	0
F. B. Osborn	20	0	0
John Reynolds	20	0	0
Pye Chavasse	20	0	0
William Evans	20	0	0
F. W. V. Mitchell	20	0	0
Herbert Wheeler (in 2 instalments)	20	0	0
F. M. Mole	20	0	0
Thomas Holroyd	10	10	0
Samuel Worsey	10	10	0
John Grimley	10	10	0
A. R. Gaul (in 2 instalments)	10	0	0
John F. Belliss (in 2 instalments)	10	0	0
William Barwell	10	0	0
J. L. Porter	10	0	0
John Perry	10	0	0
Joseph Ledsam	10	0	0

Parish Notes.

REREDOS AND SPIRE.

The existing stone reredos, recently brought into prominence by the additional electric light thrown on to it, was erected in 1877 at a cost of £543; the cost of the spire, erected at about the same time, was £4,238.

ORDER FOR CONSECRATION.

The "London Gazette," dated December 6th, 1889, contains the following:—"At the Court at Windsor, the 28th day of November, 1889, Present, the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council, We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 59th year of King George the Third, etc., now humbly lay before your Majesty the following presentation as to the assignment of a district chapelry to the consecrated Church of St. Augustine, situate within the limits of the parish or parochial chapelry of Edgbaston, in the county of Warwick, and in the diocese of Worcester. Now, therefore, with the consent of the Right Reverend Henry, Bishop of the said diocese of Worcester, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, further represent that it seems to us expedient that banns of matrimony should be published, and that marriages, baptisms, churchings, and burials should be solemnized or performed at the said Church of St. Augustine, and that the fees to be received in respect of the said offices should belong to the minister of the same church; provided always that nothing herein contained shall be construed as expressing any intention on the part of us to approve the taking of any fee for the performance of the office of baptism or for the registration thereof. And whereas the said representation has been approved by Her Majesty in Council, now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased

hereby to ratify the said representation, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effected in law immediately, etc."

NO WEDDINGS UNTIL 1890.

It appears then, that the right of solemnizing marriages was conferred on St. Augustine's just 21 years after the consecration of the church, and the establishment of a separate parish; apparently a very unreasonably long delay, due, according to a contemporary, to the "absence of a chancel in those days in Edgbaston Old Church, and a fear that the brides would prefer that their gowns should be seen in the fresher surroundings."

SERVICE IN A BALLROOM.

During August and September, 1889, the church being closed, Divine Service was held on Sundays at the Plough and Harrow, in the ball-room! The rent of the room was £1 a Sunday.

BUILDING CONTRACT.

The following gentlemen signed the contract with Mr. W. Partridge for the building of St. Augustine's Church in 1867:—Isaac Spooner, clergyman; John H. Chance, manufacturer; Edwin Yates, manufacturer; Henry Lowe, merchant; Joseph Beattie, banker; Frederick Blood, factor; G. P. Wragge, C. E. Matthews, Thos. Horton, Wm. Evans, R. H. Milward, solicitors; Robt. Broad, ironfounder; Chas. Ratcliffe, J.P.; John Chesshire, surveyor; John Perry, stockbroker; J. A. Williams, wire-drawer; C. T. Parsons, merchant; Henry Gillott, manufacturer; J. Gillott, jun. (Solihull), pen-maker.

CHORAL GRATITUDE.

On an illuminated address to Mr. Blissard and others, thanking them for their goodness to the choir, dated July, 1869, and signed by twelve members of the St. Augustine's choir,

appears the name of Mr. Hobday, whose uncle is still a member of St. Germain's choir; there cannot be many, if any, who have a longer experience than Mr. Hobday of church choirs.

FREE SEATS.

On July 20th, 1883, Mr. Blissard addressed a printed letter to his flock in these terms:—"I purpose to begin the evening service with a hymn, during the singing of the hymn all vacant seats will be filled up, that the regular service may commence with a full church. Whilst thus making what kindly provision we can for others, suffer me to remind you faithfully, though very briefly, of the wisdom and duty of your own personal attendance upon the House of God: public worship is a means of grace!"

INITIATION?

In 1915, the following twenty letters—F.d'A.R.C.B. J.H.T. M.M.R., J.M.La.F.Mc.A.—were the initials of three of our parochial clergy, a coincidence probably without parallel.

THIRTY-THREE YEARS AGO.

The following list will be of interest to the few of our readers who worshipped at St. Augustine's in its early days, and theirs.

Gentlemen:—

Decani.

Mr. E. Morton.
 „ T. Horrex.
 „ F. P. Smith.
 „ H. Thomas.
 „ J. S. Lowe.

Cantoris.

*Mr. T. Cumberland.
 „ W. Wilkes.
 „ R. L. James.
 „ H. C. D. France.
 „ R. Roath.

*Mr. T. Cumberland is the father of Mr. Cumberland, a present seat-holder.

Boys:—*Decani*, Davis, Clark, Key, Jackson ii., Busby, Lealand ii., Hassall, Commander, White, Phillips ii., Underhill, Spragg. *Cantoris*, Lealand i., Jackson i., Trout, Phillips i., Facer, Peers, Phillips iii., Jones, Berry, Edwards, Pritchard, Jackson iii.

CHURCH COUNCIL.

This body came into existence on June 23rd, 1902, at a meeting at which Mr. Blissard (the first vicar) presided. It met twice that year and twice the next, then once a year for the next eight years; since 1912 its meetings have been much more frequent, averaging three or four meetings a year in the six years 1912—1917.

The attendance maintains a very high level, an average of well over two-thirds of the whole being maintained, which in these strange times is very credible.

Its business ranges from trifles to matters of grave and permanent concern: nothing ecclesiastical or Edghastonian escapes its consideration.

Legally, a Church Council has not yet any position other than that of an advisory expansion of the incumbent and churchwardens, who constitute a "corporation," but practically it is already the representative governing body in a church like ours, and there is every prospect of its position becoming recognised by law in the near future.

Meanwhile, its control is practically supreme, for an incumbent who ignored the advice of so responsible a body of men would be unwise, while if he opposed it, he would be very unwise indeed!

NEW FLAGS.

Two beautiful national flags, a Union Jack and a White Ensign, measuring 12ft. by 6ft., have been presented to the church in memory of Lieut. Earlie (William John) Shorter, R.A.F. (who fell in action on March 24th, 1918), by his mother; they were dedicated on September 22nd, 1918. Hanging at the sides of the chancel arch, they constitute an appropriate and beautiful addition to the church's furnishing.

The last Eleven Easters.

Year.	St. Augustine's.		St. Germain's.		Total Com- municants.
	Easter Offerings.	Com- municants.	Easter Offerings.	Com- municants.	
1908	£59	495	£18	243	738
1909	114	577	22	252	829
1910	62	627	25	309	936
1911	64	621	27	327	948
1912	68	683	24	443	1126
1913	49	624	18	403	1027
1914	50	634	23	389	1023
1915	44	679	23	297	976
1916	37	645	17	245	890
1917	45	715	18	222	937
1918	60	799	33	251	1050

St. Augustine's Annual Accounts since 1901.

	General account.	Fabric fund.	Gifts to charities.
1901	£10 deficit	£1 in hand	£322
1902	154 „	7 „	316
1903	272 „	12 „	321
1904	85 „	1 „	579
1905	56 „	41 „	416
1906	32 in hand	77 „	471
1907	3 „	69 „	468
1908	17 „	73 „	499
1909	49 deficit	53 „	600
1910	11 „	96 „	453
1911	57 in hand	139 „	422
1912	34 „	60 „	409
1913	63 „	90 „	527
1914	71 „	130 „	416
1915	10 „	76 „	515
1916	87 deficit	92 „	362
1917	3 in hand	128 „	432
1918	49 „	158 „	514

Parish Finances since 1912.

" GOD loves a cheerful giver."

St. Augustine's Wardens' income :—						
1913	...	...	...	...	...	2252
1914	...	...	...	...	...	2012
1915	...	...	...	...	...	2089
1916	...	...	...	...	...	2096
1917	...	...	...	...	...	2264
1918	...	...	...	...	...	2233
						12946
St. Germain's Wardens' income for the same six years...						2954
Building of St. Germain's ...	...	...	...	...	...	7711
Equipment and endowment (£100) of St. Germain's ...						1156
St. Augustine's organ rebuilt ...	...	...	...	...	...	972
Young People's Service Gifts ...	...	...	...	...	...	154
Support to Kirkholme ...	...	...	...	...	...	2258
Vicar's Charity Fund ...	...	...	...	...	...	316
Foreign Missions, about ...	...	...	...	...	...	1860
Parish Paper, about ...	...	...	...	...	...	360
Personal Testimonials ...	...	...	...	...	...	464
						£31151

S. Germain's Church.

FROM "THE GUARDIAN."

There has been another notable addition to the churches of Birmingham. On Saturday the Bishop consecrated St. Germain's, a daughter church of St. Augustine's, Edgbaston. The history of Edgbaston has been peculiar. It was in by-gone days a scattered village, with its small parish church in the park of the large house in which the owners of the land lived—Middlesmores, Goughs, and Gough-Calthorpes in succession. To-day it has over thirty-five thousand inhabitants, forming five parishes, and parts of several others. This change has come about not through its becoming the seat of any manufactures, or having streets of shops; it has been preserved almost entirely as a place of residence, and its vast increase has been due simply to the healthiness and pleasantness of its position.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH.

The largest of all the Edgbaston parishes, and the wealthiest, St. Augustine's, with well over fifteen thousand people, its own fine church, and the most beautiful modern tower and spire that we have, has long been insufficient in capacity, so that the parish has had before it for some years the problem of building a second church. In the present Bishop of Truro's time there was a temporary wooden church of good size, and it has been left to the present Vicar (Dr. Rosslyn Bruce) to complete the scheme by building one of the most beautiful churches that Birmingham possesses.

ST. GERMAIN'S.

The new district church is named after Saint Germain. It is a basilica 130 feet in length and of good height. It has a long line of pillars of grey granite, those in the chancel being of green marble with white marble capitals; and the beams in the roof have been painted most tastefully. The intention is that eventually the apse shall be panelled with marble, and the semi-dome decorated with mosaic, while the walls will have frescoes and modelled plaster work. But that is looking some years ahead, no doubt, and meanwhile the walls are covered with delightfully cool grey and green and blue colours. Outside the building is equally attractive; there is very little ornament, but the architect, Mr. E. F. Reynolds, the son of a late Lord Mayor, has used red and grey bricks with thick layers of mortar, the whole blending together most successfully into a rich and pleasing colour. Some day the authorities will see to the Altar; at present it just deprives the general effect of that perfection which so beautiful a church has a right to demand.

[This is now very admirably accomplished.—Ed.]

THE COST.

There is one other point worthy of mention. The whole of the cost of the building, £8,400, was raised before the church was consecrated. The furnishing will take some £1,000, and of this all is already in the hands of the Treasurer. This is a splendid example of good finance, and the Vicar and Committee are to be congratulated on having no burden upon the splendid and noble church they have erected.

Our Memorials.

The memorials in St. Augustine's Church comprise the following:—

- 1.—In the sanctuary, graven on a tablet of Connemara marble:—

“ In loving memory of HORACE GEORGE TURNER, who fell in action at Suvla Bay, 29th August, 1915; aged 22. This floor was given by his parents, GEORGE AND SARAH TURNER.”

- 2.—In the south transept on a marble memorial:—

“ To the glory of God and in loving memory of Lieut. JAMES GORDON KEAY, 2/5th Royal Warwickshire Regiment, younger son of ERNEST CHARLES AND EDITH HELEN KEAY, of Longmynd, Edgbaston, killed in action at Neuve Chapelle, July 2nd, 1916; aged 20. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

- 3.—On the south chancel pillar, a brass plate reads:—

“ To the glory of God and in memory of JOHN CHARLES BLISSARD, M.A., the first vicar of this parish (1868—1903), and for 11 years Rural Dean of Birmingham, he entered into rest 9th July, 1904; aged 69.”

- 4.—In the south transept again, under the large window, a brass tablet records:—

“ To the glory of God and in commemoration of the wardenship from 1875 to 1880 of JOSEPH BEATTIE AND THOMAS HOPTON, during which period the tower and spire were erected, this window is dedicated by the Congregation. —December, 1880. JOHN C. BLISSARD, M.A., Incumbent.”

- 5.—Under the window in the south nave, by the side door, is engraved on brass:—

“ To the glory of God and in memory of W. B. BRIGGS, Major 1st Warwickshire Rifle Volunteers, who died January 24th, 1877; aged 44. This window is dedicated by his widow, MARY BRIGGS.”

(The same words are also stained on the glass of the window.)

6.—In the south nave, on white marble:—

“To the glory of God, GEORGE FREDERICK COTTRELL, Second-Lieut. Royal Garrison Artillery, 108th Heavy Battery, born October 27th, 1892, passed out of the R.M.A., Woolwich, July, 1913, proceeded to the front September 9th, 1914, and was killed in the second battle of Ypres, 11th May, 1915; aged 22 years. Also his only brother, HAROLD WILLIAM COTTRELL, Second-Lieut. 2nd Battalion South Lancs. Regiment, born 4th August, 1898, passed out of R.M.C., Sandhurst, July, 1916, proceeded to the front September 21st, 1916, and was killed in the battle of the Somme 30th September, 1916; aged 18 years. These devoted brothers were the beloved and only children of GEORGE ANDERSON COTTRELL and MARY AGNES, his wife, of this parish, and were both killed in action while helping and sustaining their men under heavy shell fire, an example of heroism to all and of duty nobly done. They were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in death they were not divided.”

7.—Under windows in the south nave are brasses:—

“To the glory of God and in affectionate memory of BARNABAS AND ELIZABETH CHESHIRE, this window is dedicated by their sons, JOHN AND BARNABAS, A.D. 1878.”

8. “To the glory of God and in affectionate remembrance of ROBERT MOORE PEEL, late Capt. Inniskilling Dragoons, who departed this life October 17th, A.D. 1878; aged 58.”

9. “To the glory of God this window is erected by the sons of ELIZA WILLIAMS, in affectionate memory of their mother and their sister, ELIZA MARY ELKINGTON.”

10. “To the glory of God and in loving remembrance of JOHN ALFRED WILLIAMS, born April 16th, 1810, died April 4th, 1882. This window is dedicated by his widow and daughter.”

11.—In the south nave is also a brass plate engraved:—

“In affectionate remembrance of MRS. A. J. ELKINGTON (E. M. Williams), who died at Milan October 27th, 1897, and of her devoted work in connection with the Ministering Children's League and the A.F.D. Society, this tablet is devoted by some of her many friends.” S. Matt. 25—40. Dec. 26th, 1897.

- 12.—On the north pillar of the chancel a brass records:

“To the glory of God the organ was rebuilt in 1914, in grateful memory of ALFRED R. GAUL, Mus. Bac., master of the music in this church from the foundation in 1868 till 1913, when he joined the choir invisible. ‘I saw a new heaven and a new earth.’”

- 13.—In the north transept, on the east wall, a small brass stands:—

“To the honour and glory of God, and in loving memory of MARY DEELEY. Born August 21, 1828. Died June 9, 1908.”

- 14.—Under the large window in the north transept a brass is engraved:—

“To the glory of God and in loving memory of GEORGE BOURNE, who died Sept. 11th, 1896, and of SYDNEY GEORGE, his son, who was drowned at Worcester, April 19th, 1897. This window is dedicated by ROSA FRANCES BOURNE, widow of GEORGE BOURNE, April, 1898.”

(Similar words appear on the stained glass.)

- 15.—The windows in the north nave bear brasses recording the following:—

“To the glory of God and to the beloved memory of HENRY SYMONDS, who died April 16th, 1879; aged 58 years. This window is dedicated by his affectionate widow and children.”

16. “To the glory of God and in loving remembrance of BENJAMIN HALL, who died Oct. 25, 1879; aged 65 years. This window is dedicated by his affectionate daughter and sister.”

17. “To the glory of God and in loving memory of HENRY WEISS, who departed this life May 15th, 1898; aged 78. This window is dedicated by his widow and children.

18. “To the glory of God and in loving memory of PYE HENRY CHEVASSE, F.R.C.S., Eng., born June 4th, 1879; and also of WILLIAM IZON CHEVASSE, M.A., formerly Vicar of Kirtling, born June 13th, 1835, died September 15th, 1864.”

19.—Between the windows on the north nave is a bronze tablet, inlaid with enamel letters:—

“To the glory of God and in affectionate memory of WILLIAM JENNENS, of Rainthorpe, Edgbaston, who died on the 22nd September, 1914. This tablet is erected by a few friends in grateful recognition of his lovable, simple character, and of his conscientious work during the six years he filled the office of parishioners warden of this church, to whose institutions he was a generous benefactor for over 36 years.”

20.—Under the large west window are two brass tablets, engraved:—

“To the glory of God, and in loving memory of MARIA LOWE, wife of HENRY LOWE, of Edgbaston. This west window was erected by her husband and children, 1898.”

“To the glory of God and in loving memory of HENRY LOWE, who departed this life April 20th, 1899; aged 89. This tablet is inscribed by his sons and daughters.”

The large Bible is engraved:—

“A thankoffering from JOHN AND MARY BELLISS, 1906.”

The smaller Bible:

“In memory of EARLIE (JOHN WILLIAM SHORTER), March 24th, 1918. From his mother.”

To the memory of this officer in the Royal Flying Corps, who was killed in action, were presented also the two large flags (Union Jack and White Ensign) now in the church.

A Prayer Book in the Vicar's stall is engraved:—

“In memory of ERNEST ABROOK, September 10th, 1917. E. H.”

(Another soldier who fell in battle.)

In the porch is a picture of Mr. Gaul, bearing a brass inscription:—

“A. R. GAUL, a token of affection and esteem from his old choir-boys. September, 1914.”

The silver Communion vessels are nearly all engraved underneath:—

“St. Augustine's Church, Edgbaston, Birmingham, from T. H and E. H. Christmas, 1890.”

The Jubilee Appeal.

It was in the month of October, 1888, that our church was consecrated, so that during this year we celebrate our CHURCH'S JUBILEE.

Very many of those who were present on that occasion have passed away, many have left us to reside in other parts, and there are only a few representatives of the original congregation still worshipping with us, but those who remain, and those also, who comprise our congregation to-day, will realise that the completion of fifty years of corporate spiritual life demands some practical recognition of our gratitude to Almighty GOD.

Looking back over the 50 years that are past, we feel that there is much that prompts an external expression of our gratitude:—The completion of the fabric in the early days of the long and faithful ministry of Mr. Blissard, the justification of the forethought of our fathers by the extraordinary development of the parish after the church's completion, the memorable era of the present Bishop of Truro's leadership, the memory, too, of many devoted assistant priests, the life service of Mr. Gaul, until he joined the "choir invisible," the upbuilding and support of that high tradition of lay control and responsibility, established by a splendid succession of church officers (many already called to the nearer Presence), the completion and consecration of St. Germain's church, and above all the profound sense of God's guidance and protection bestowed upon us during the present tragic and momentous days.

At times of Jubilee all outstanding debts should be paid, and the only debts in connection with our church are:—

i. The Parish Room	...	...	...	£400
ii. The Vicarage	...	...	...	£700
Total	...	...	...	£1,100

The Church Council recommend that the best way to commemorate the Jubilee is to raise sufficient funds to discharge these debts, and to devote the surplus towards the £250 required from the parish for diocesan needs.

With such thoughts and with such objects in view, we appeal for contributions and thank-offerings.

- i. From those who have been baptised or confirmed in the church.
- ii. From those who have been married at its altar.
- iii. From those who cherish recollections of sharing spiritual blessings with their parents and with others dear to memory; and
- iv. From those who value the method of worship which we enjoy, and are anxious to continue and strengthen it for the use of their children.

Yours faithfully,

ROSSLYN BRUCE, Vicar.

C. CRUMP,

HENRY T. LEDSAM, }

Churchwardens.

ARTHUR L. LOWE, }

Hon. Treasurer.

C. COMBRIDGE, }

On behalf of the
Church Council.

Contributions should be sent to Mr. Arthur L. Lowe, 22, Augustus Road, Edgbaston.

As we go to press £725 is promised, so that £375 is still required.

Perhaps the reader can help.

St. Augustine's Jubilee Choir, 1918.

Gentlemen of the Choir.

Bassi:

MR. C. BEVAN.
MR. BENJN. OWEN.
MR. BERNARD BUTTERWORTH.
MR. HERBERT SIMMONDS.
MR. H. M. KEELEY.

Tenori:

MR. E. COOPER.
MR. H. SHAW.
MR. W. SMALLWOOD.
MR. GEO. BARDELL.
MR. J. MOORE.

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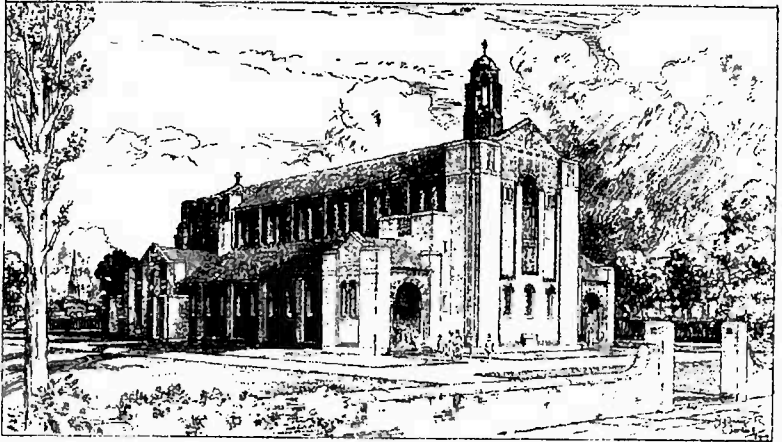
MR. J. BOND HENDERSON.
MR. J. H. GRIMMETT.
MR. H. ANDREWS.

Boys of the Choir.

BARRINGTON.	CARRICK.	HOLLOWAY.
MARSH.	HOPKINS.	DARWELL.
LANGMAN.	SHAW.	GOODMAN.
CROOK.	BEVAN.	GEORGE.
JOHNSTONE, SEN.	BENNETT.	OSBORNE.
HUGHES.	STRATFORD.	EVANSON.
JOHNSTONE, JUN.	WAKELY.	CARROL.
EDWARDS.	NASH.	SLOANE.

Secretary and Librarian: MR. WILFRID WOOD.

Godmother of the Robes: MRS. WALTER BROWN.



To the Glory of God.

This stone was laid
on July 3rd, 1915,

BY THE R.W. MASTER OF THE PROV. GRAND LODGE OF
FREEMASONS OF WARWICKSHIRE, GEORGE BEECH, J.P.

HENRY RUSSELL WAKEFIELD, D.D., Bishop of Birmingham.
ROSSLYN BRUCE, D.D., Vicar of S. Augustine's.

A. V. BLAKEMORE, } Churchwardens. F. W. G. HILL. } Pro-
GEORGE TURNER, } WALTER MARSH, } Churchwardens.

INSCRIPTION ON THE FOUNDATION STONE.