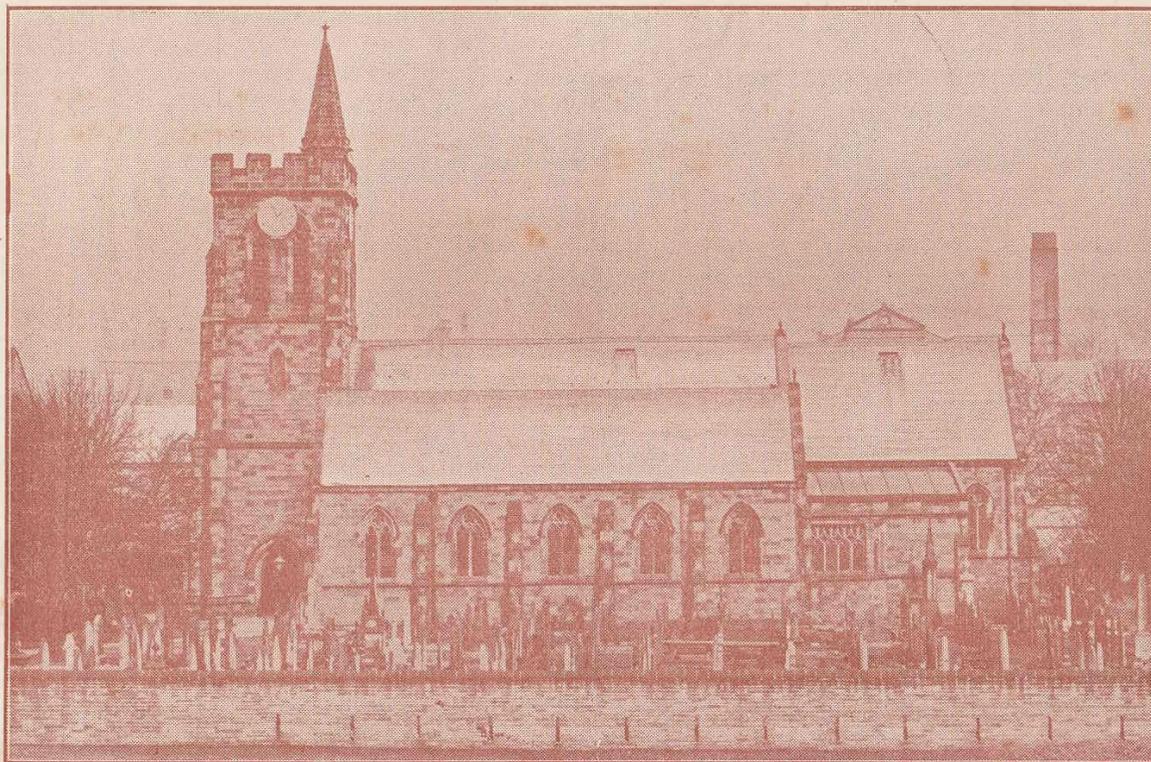


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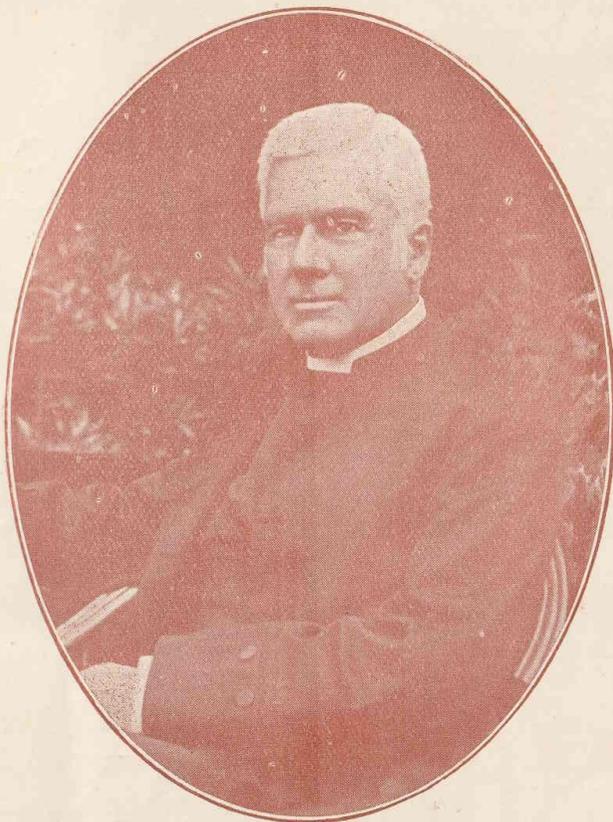
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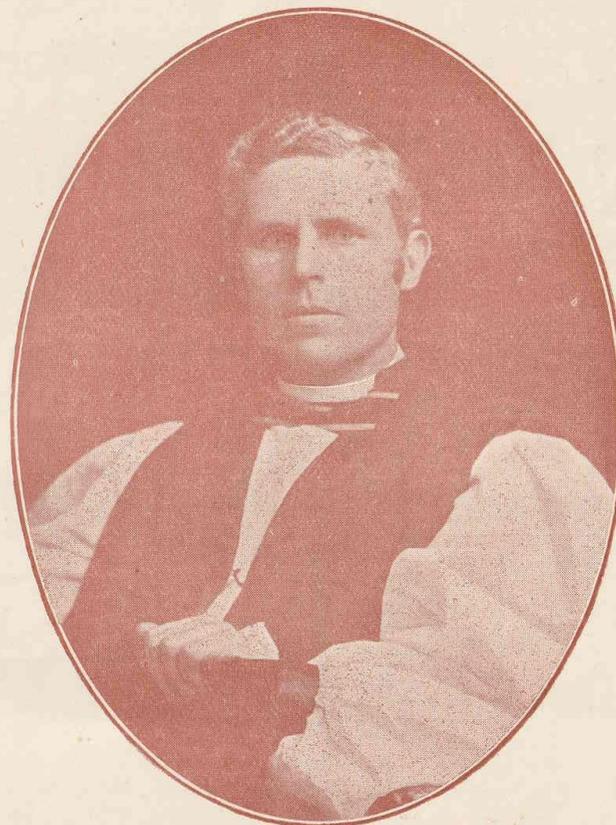
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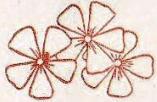


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## HISTORICAL SKETCH.

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**T**HE Church of St. Michael, standing on the South bank of the Calder, was consecrated in 1848. It stands in the centre of the village of Mytholmroyd, enshrined in the midst of surrounding hills, rising abruptly often by steep escarpments from the valley. From the "tops," as the summits are called, exquisite views of the surrounding woodland and moorland scenery are obtained. After the construction of the railway the village population steadily increased, and it became necessary to consider the necessity of forming an Ecclesiastical district with its own Church and Incumbent.

**1842** In the year 1842 the Scar Bottom School was built by William Sutcliffe, Esq., of Hoohole, Erringden, and of Bath. The use of this School was generously granted, rent free, as a Day and Sunday School, and was licensed for Divine Service, as a Chapel-of-Ease under Cragg Church. Here for many years the Rev. William Baldwin, M.A., Curate of Cragg, celebrated Divine Service, gradually building up a Church which was shortly to have a separate Parochial district, with its own Incumbent and its own Parsonage.

From the Minute Book of the Sunday School kept by the Rev. William Baldwin, we read of the great interest shewn in the Sunday School. In 1843 the Whitsuntide treat to the children, followed by the teachers' and friends' tea on Monday, June 5th. The Sunday School Anniversary was held on 18th June, when the Sermons were preached by the Rev. William Baldwin, Curate-in-Charge. The collection amounted to £10 4s. 3d., to which were added profits of teachers and children's feasts £1 2s. 7d., making total £11 6s. 10d.; expenses incurred £4 3s., leaving clear proceeds £7 3s. 10d. A small School Library was formed, and a Clothing Club was suggested. The Officers for the year were: Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. Wm. Baldwin; Superintendent of the Girls' School, Miss Walker; Superintendent of the Boys' School, Mr. Vowles; Librarian, Mr. T. Cunliffe. Mr. John Riley (father of Mr. Athelstan Riley), who afterwards removed to London, was teacher of the Senior Boys for many years. Rules for the management of the School were carefully drafted; the ninth rule provided that there be a term of probation for each child before he was formally admitted to the School.

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In 1844 we read that "the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the Church at Mytholmroyd for the first time on Septuagesima Sunday, February 4th, 1844, to ten persons. The names given are: Mr. T. Cunliffe, Hawksclough; Mr. Thos. Sutcliffe, Carr; Mr. Vowles, School House; Miss Cummings, School House; Mr. Edward Stephenson, Club Houses; Mr. James Nuttall, Hannah Fawthrop, and three others from St. John's, Cragg Vale." Truly it was a small beginning, but the work in Church and School, like the grain of mustard seed, was destined to grow, and like the leaven, Mr. Baldwin's influence for good gradually permeated the district. The Preachers at the Anniversaries in these early days of the Church were: 1844, the Rev. James Nelson, Luddenden; 1845, the Rev. Alfred Brown, of Cross Stone; 1846, the Rev. Thomas Crowther, of St. John's, Cragg; 1847, the Rev. George Dowty, the Incumbent of Walsden. The Anniversary of 1848 was deferred until the completion of the new Church, when Sermons were preached on the 22nd of October, by the Rev. Thomas Sutcliffe, Incumbent of Heptonstall, and the Rev. Thomas Crowther, of St. John's, Cragg. The interest of the young Church in her Sunday School was, as we see all through the West Riding, very great. The two grew up together, the one the nursery to the mother Church.

**1846** A scheme for the formation of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Mytholmroyd was laid before Her Majesty in Council on the 28th January, 1846, with a map of the said district, with a statement of the income (£150),

was duly ratified, and became legal after publication in the "London Gazette," No. 20,585, for Friday, March 25, 1846.

In the Schedule, the District of Mytholmroyd is described "As all that part of the Parish of Halifax, in the County of York, and in the Diocese of Ripon, comprising portions of the several Chapelries or districts of Heptonstall, Luddenden and Sowerby, and bounded as follows: that is to say, by an imaginary line commencing at a point on the boundary of the district of St. James', Mytholm, in the same Parish, and thence extending eastward along the middle of the road leading from Dodnaze to Wadsworth Lanes, and thence along the middle of such lane, and the road leading thence, by Bessy House to the boundaries between the said Chapelries or districts of Heptonstall and Luddenden at Foster Clough, and thence along the middle of a certain footway adjoining the southern side of Midgley Moor leading to certain premises called the Workhouse, near Midgley. On the east by an imaginary line extending southward from the north-eastern corner of the said premises, along a certain clough, and across the road leading through Midgley aforesaid, to a certain lane leading to Brearley Wood, and thence along the middle of such lane, and continuing in a straight direction across the turnpike road from Mytholmroyd to Halifax, and the river Calder, to the northern end of a certain lane called Blind Lane in the Township of Sowerby, and thence towards the south-west, along the middle of such lane to the northern boundary of the district of St. John-in-the-Wilderness (1813) [the present Church in Cragg was built in 1839] in the same Parish; on the south by such last mentioned district, and on the west, partly by the same district and partly by the said district of St. James', Mytholm.

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**1847** We now come to the year 1847, when efforts to raise funds for erection of a new Church were so far successful that the foundation stone was laid on the sixth day of September, 1847, in the presence of a large concourse of people from the surrounding districts.

The site of the Church, 2,198 square yards, part of a close called Culpan's Holme, was purchased from Joseph and William Sutcliffe, of Halifax, for the sum of £329 14s., the conveyance being dated 8th day of May, 1847. The land having been duly conveyed and the building progressing, a petition for Consecration was drawn up and presented to the Bishop of Ripon. The preamble states:

"To the Right Reverend Father in God, Charles Thomas, Lord Bishop of Ripon."

"The humble petition of the Venerable Charles Musgrave, Doctor in Divinity, Archdeacon of Craven, and Vicar of the Vicarage and Parish Church of Halifax, the Reverend William Baldwin, Minister of the District of Mytholmroyd, both in your Lordship's Diocese of Ripon, William Sutcliffe, Esquire, Thomas Cunliffe, Thomas Crowther, James Turner, and divers other persons whose names are hereunto subscribed, inhabitants of the district of Mytholmroyd aforesaid." Then reference is made to the Deed Poll of May 8th, 1847, the boundaries of the site defined, the right of roadway (Church Street) defined, reference to the Act of Parliament constituting it a separate district, to the repair fund, to the furnishing and fittings of the Church, to the portion set apart

for a burial ground—"Your petitioners therefore humbly pray your Lordship that you will be pleased to consecrate, to set apart and separate it from all common and profane uses, and dedicate the same solemnly to the service of Almighty God, to be and become, when approved by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, the Church of the said District of Mytholmroyd, for the use and service of the Minister and inhabitants thereof, to be and remain a Church by the name of the Church of Saint Michael at Mytholmroyd for ever, and also that your Lordship will be pleased to consecrate and appropriate the said piece or parcel of land so fenced in as aforesaid and surrounding the said Church as a Cemetery or place of Christian Burial for the Dead, and as a yard to the said Church." The patronage of the living was vested alternately in the Crown and the Bishop.

All the preliminaries being arranged and the Church completed, the Consecration took place on September 8th, 1848, by the Lord Bishop of Ripon, Charles Thomas Longley, D.D. The first Sunday Services were held in the new Church on the 10th of September, when sermons were preached by the Rev. Joshua Fawcett, of Low Moor, and the evening sermon by the Venerable Archdeacon Musgrave, D.D., Vicar of Halifax. The amount raised by subscriptions for the new Church, as certified by statement published in 1856 by the Vicar and Wardens, Mr. Henry Appleyard and Mr. Richard Cockcroft, was £2,872 15s. 2d. The wardens in the year of Consecration were Mr. Thomas Cunliffe and Mr. Nathaniel Garnett. When the Church was enlarged a document was found in the bottle placed under the stone in 1848, of which this is a copy: "Names of some of the sub-

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**1848** The Vicarage at Fallingroyd was the gift of John Foster, Esq., J.P., D.L., of Heptonstall Slack. He was a generous helper of all good work in connection with the Church in this district. To his memory a beautiful tablet was placed in the Church in 1906.

The foregoing matter relating to the early history of our beautiful Church will be of interest to many who are still living, and who were present at the Stone-laying and Consecration, and who still revere the name of their first Incumbent, Mr. Baldwin, who during a faithful ministry placed the Church on a sure foundation.

**1848-9** The first Baptism in the new Church on 24th September, 1848, was that of Hannah, the daughter of Thomas and Jane Elizabeth Mitchell, of Sowerby Bridge and Sciroat. The first Marriage on 2nd November, 1848, was William Mitchell, 23, Bachelor, a wool-sorter, of Sowerby, to Susy Howarth, 21, Spinster, also of Sowerby. The first Interment was that of James Townsend, of White Houses, Wadsworth, on May 13th, 1849. In these days the social life in the Parish was very different from to-



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day. Mytholmroyd was more of a rural village; handloom weaving was carried on throughout the district; trout could be caught in the unpolluted Calder and Elphin Brook; stage coaches had not long ceased running; the dress and diet of the people was plain, their pleasures simple and their wants few. It is said that the first couple married at the Church rode on donkeys from Sowerby.

The Church was built in the decorated style of Gothic Architecture, and is said to have been adapted from one in the Diocese of Bath and Wells. It consisted of Chancel, Nave, North Aisle and small Vestry. The square western tower was constructed with the view of holding a Clock and Peal of Bells. The Architects were Messrs. Mallinson and Healey, of Bradford.

**1852** Mr. William Sutcliffe, the munificent founder of the Church, died at Bath on May 7th. The event was a source of general sorrow and regret, both in Yorkshire and in Bath. His Christian character and Christian liberality and munificence caused him to be held in high esteem.—From Minutes of Sunday School, 1852.

On a tablet erected in the Church (now in the South Chapel), we read: "Sacred to the memory of William Sutcliffe, Esquire, of Hoohole, Erringden, of Great Brammingham, Bedfordshire, and of Bath. He died at Bath, May 7th, 1852, aged 51 years. In him high mental endowments were united with deep unobtrusive but practical piety. His earnest concern for the temporal and spiritual interests

of the inhabitants of this district was evinced by the School buildings, which originated in his bounty, and by his liberal contributions towards the erection of this Church and the endowment of its ministry. He lived for the glory of God and the good of his fellow men." "The memory of the just is blessed," Proverbs x, v. 7. His widow survived him until November 12th, 1855.

**1868** In 1868 Mr. Baldwin's health failed. This faithful servant of God died on the 23rd of April, 1868, and was interred near the Church he loved so well. A touching note was added by Mrs. Baldwin to the list of Communicants on February 2nd, 1868, when he administered the Holy Sacrament for the last time: "Oh! what a solemn day this was; my dear departed one so ill and yet so earnestly affecting in the administration of this Holy Sacrament!" Now in the kingdom of Heaven, that temple where he shall go no more out! The following testimony will be found on the tablet erected to his memory: "William Baldwin, M.A., First Incumbent of this Church, who after 25 years of ministerial usefulness, was called to his everlasting rest, April 23rd, 1868. To his dear memory this tablet is raised in sorrowing, yet grateful affection, by the Congregation, Sunday School Teachers and Scholars." "The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips; he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many from iniquity," Malachi ii, v. 6.

His successor was the Rev. William Fiddian Peart, M.A., Curate of Sowerby, 1861-68. After a faithful ministry of 18 years he was removed to Thornton Steward, near Bedale, where he died and was interred. He was an earnest evan-

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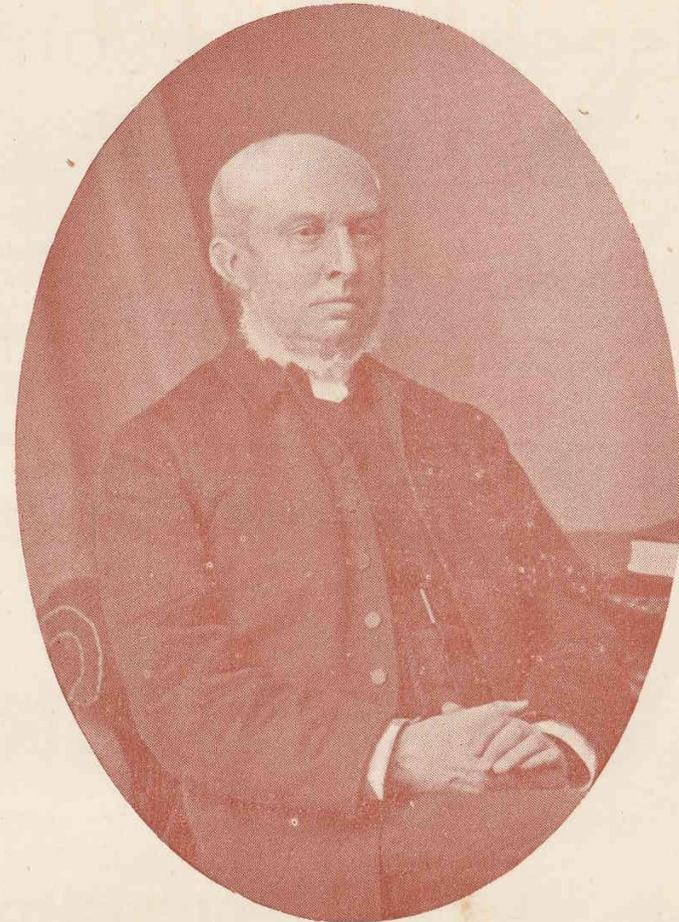
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gelical preacher, and an acceptable visitor to the sick and dying in his parish. During his ministry (1868 to 1886), the Day School was given up after the death of Miss Robinson, of Bath, who for many years had made up the annual deficit in the expenditure. This varied from £80 to £90 per annum. Also during his ministry, Mr. John Heyhirst, the Superintendent of the Sunday School, entered Highbury College for three years' training for the ministry. He became Curate of St. John the Evangelist, Everton, and is now Vicar of the Parish of St. Timothy, Liverpool.

In 1875 the Clock manufactured by Gillet and Brand, and the Bells cast by Mears, of London, were placed in the Tower of the Church. On a brass tablet is the following: "This Clock and Peal of Six Bells were placed in St. Michael's Church at a cost of £650, defrayed by a public subscription raised in Mytholmroyd and neighbourhood by the efforts of the undermentioned gentlemen—Members of the Committee, Joseph Ashton, Thomas Cunliffe, Edwin Cunliffe, John Cockcroft, James Carter, James Farrar, Jonas Greenwood, James Greenwood, William Wilkinson, Joseph Jackson, John Kershaw, Gibson Pickles, Edwin Ratcliffe; Secretary, Daniel Tetlaw; Treasurers, Ellis Crossley, James Gledhill; Rev. W. F. Peart, M.A., Vicar."

The Clock was set in motion by Mrs. Ridehough, of Brier Hey, at 5 minutes to 6 p.m. on the 29th May, 1875, in the presence of the above Committee.

Mr. Peart's son, Fiddian Edward, decided to give up the profession of architect, and enter the Durham University, where he obtained his B.A. degree, and is now (1908) Rector of Binegar, near Wells. He is a powerful temperance advocate, and is local Secretary for the C.E.T.S.



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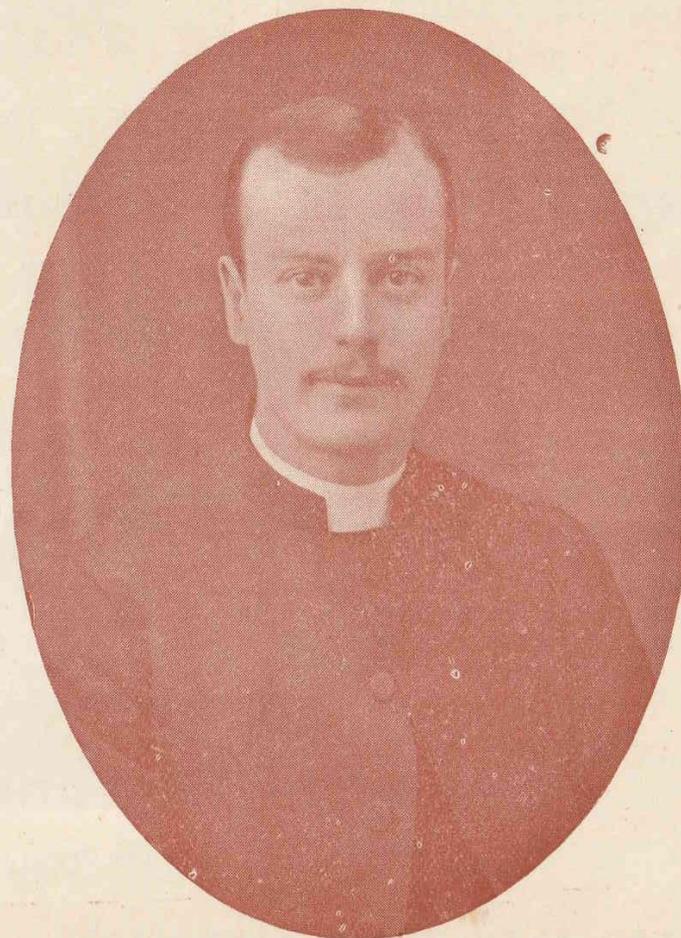
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**1886** Our next Vicar, the Rev. Walter J. Jungbluth, A.K.C., laboured here from 1886 to 1891, when he was preferred to the Vicariate of Leesfield, Oldham. He was an eloquent, earnest and able preacher.

**1887** During his ministry it was decided to enlarge the Church. For this purpose a strong Committee was formed in 1887. The names are: Messrs. Joseph Ashton, Eli Barker, William Beanland, John Beanland, Samuel Briggs, Herbert Cunliffe, William Cockcroft, John Crowther, Ellis Crossley, James Farrar, William H. Foster, Jim Gledhill, Fred Greenwood, Jonas Greenwood, James Greenwood, Henry Helliwell, James Helliwell, W. G. Lockwood, Enoch Newell, Henry Patchett, Thomas F. Riley, J. Herbert Riley, J. J. A. Riley, Horace Ratcliffe, William Stephenson, Job Sutcliffe, W. C. Thomas, Henry Thomas, George Whiteley, J. W. Widdup, Mitchell Worswick, Dr. J. H. Thompson, &c. When sufficient money came to hand, the contracts were let, and arrangements made for the laying of the corner stone of the Chancel by John E. Greenwood, Esq., of Glen House, Cragg. This was done in the summer. It was a cheering and encouraging sight to Churchmen. During the extension, services were conducted in the Odd-Fellows' Hall. It was at one of the evening services that Mrs. Ridehough, a generous supporter of the Church, was seized with apoplexy and died a few days after. The work was carried out satisfactorily by Messrs. T. H. & F. Healey, Architects, of Bradford—the firm who built the Church in 1847-8.

**1888** The cost was £3,000, towards which £800 was raised at the Egyptian Bazaar held in Hawksclough Mill in October, 1888. The money raised for the Church



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WALTER J. JUNGBLUTH, A.K.C.,  
Vicar, Chairman and Secretary.

JAMES FARRAR,  
HENRY HELLIWELL, } Churchwardens.

JOSEPH COCKCROFT, Secretary.

T. H. & F. Healey, Architects, Bradford.

At the re-dedication the Choir in surplice and cassock ably rendered full choral services. The cassocks and surplices had been given by Dr. Thompson, Mr. John Riley, Ledbury, and the Vicar.

In addition to the donations many special gifts were made to adorn the house of God, and make it a place worthy of His Name. The spirit in which each was given makes the smallest as well as the most costly gift acceptable to God. We may note the chaste and beautiful stone pulpit, the gift of Mrs. Cunliffe, "to the memory of Thomas Cunliffe, sometime Warden of this Church;" the altar rails and two gas standards, given by Mrs. Harriet Ridehough; the altar cross, given by Mr. Athelstan Riley, and the vases by Miss Beanland; the side hangings with brass pole and rings in the Sanctuary, by Mr. John Riley, of Ledbury; the Communicants' kneeler, by the Misses Briggs; the Mothers' gift of the Lectern Bible; and by others, the velvet dorsal hanging over the altar, the red altar frontal, altar linen, alms dish and collection plates, cassocks and surplices, Union Jack for the Tower, a costly pulpit book desk hanging, with silk-worked design of St. Michael. We must not forget the interest taken by our Sunday School in the work; at a cost of £50 they gave the beautiful brass eagle lectern. The total value of the various gifts was over £300.

At the time of the alterations a brass tablet was found under the first corner stone, laid in 1847. This was cleaned and placed in the South Chapel. The inscription reads: "In the name of God, who has built his Church upon the foundations of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone, this foundation stone of a Church (built by public subscription and by grants from the Church Building Societies) to be dedicated to the service of Almighty God, by the name of St. Michael, was laid by

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**1890** In September, 1890, a Statement of Church Extension Fund Accounts was issued by the Vicar, Walter J. Jungbluth, and the Wardens, which showed a debt on the Church of £225 18s. 6d. He strongly urged that another big effort be made to clear this off, to secure a site for new Sunday Schools and Parish Rooms, and to erect the same and properly furnish them throughout. One passage in this address I quote: "To carry out the above projects there need be no impossibility in the proposal, provided all join in the effort in the same, resolute and kindly spirit as has been shewn a large amount in support of the Church Extension scheme. It is characteristic of Yorkshire people that when they undertake a matter they will carry it through." It was left to his successor to see it through.

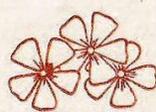
**1891** The Rev. J. Maxon Walton, M.A., late Curate of Alverthorpe (where his aged father had for many years been Vicar), succeeded Mr. Jungbluth. A good Churchman, full of energy, he threw himself heart and soul into the progressive Church work going on in his new Parish. He remained here from 1891 to 1906, when he accepted the preferment to Southowram. The old Church Committee, with others added, formed the New Schools Committee. Backed by the congregation, and led by an energetic Vicar, the Committee secured the site between the Church and the Bridge for £600, and Messrs. Jackson & Fox prepared suitable plans.



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**1894** The Sod Cutting took place on 21st July, 1894, the first sod being cut by Mrs. How, daughter-in-law of Bishop Walsham How. Many members of the congregation followed suit, the result being that £31 17s. was added to the New School Funds.

On Saturday, September 8th, 1894, six corner stones of the new School were laid by Mrs. Susan Beanland, Miss Appleyard, Mrs. John Cockcroft, Dr. J. H. Thompson, Mr. Joseph Ashton and Mr. John Culpan. This event added £131 7s. to the School fund. On the 22nd December, during a terrible gale, the upper and roofing timbers were blown down, causing about £600 damage. An appeal was made broadcast throughout the Diocese of Wakefield, and this was most generously responded to, and a sum of over £335 was subscribed from outside the Parish. "Ye Olde Englishe Bazaar" was held on October 30th, 31st, and November 1st and 2nd in the new Schools. It was a wonderful success. The picturesque surroundings, costumes, court dances, &c.,

drew a large attendance. By it £1,000 was cleared, shewing how willing Yorkshiremen are to help those who can help themselves. The openers of the Bazaar were Lady Beatrice Lister Kaye, Mrs. Yeld, Mrs. Brooke and D. J. Crossley, Esq. On the 13th of October, Mrs. Baldwin, widow of the first Vicar, was interred in the grave of her husband.

**1897** On the 19th June, 1897, the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign was celebrated by hoisting a new Union Jack (the gift of Mrs. Thompson, Calder

Grange, and Mrs. Ashton, Redacre), the National Anthem was sung on the Church Tower, and a treat afterwards given to the children. In May of the same year a ballot of seat-holders was taken for and against a free and open Church. A large majority decided in favour of it. In future the offering was taken at every service. This decision has proved a blessing to the Church, and financially has proved a success. Also in this year it was deemed advisable to sell the Vicarage at Fallingroyd, and build a new one in the Cragg Road. The old Vicarage realized £2,250, and with £46 more the new one was erected. It brought the Vicar nearer the centre of his Parish, and made his work easier.

On the 2nd August of this year our late Vicar, Rev. Walter J. Jungbluth, died in London, and in the same month our beloved Bishop, who had gone to Ireland for a well-earned rest, succumbed to sheer exhaustion. His death was felt keenly by all in the Diocese. He was truly a man of God. A memorial service was held on the 15th of August, 1897.

In commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee, a Clock which can be illuminated at night, was placed in the new

Schools. This service was started on the 22nd October by Mrs. Culpan, the wife of Mr. J. Culpan, who provided an endowment for the clock.

**1898** In 1898 the Jubilee of our Church was suitably celebrated from the 10th to 18th of September. The special preachers were the Rev. R. Meddings, of Grimsby, the Rev. J. Longbottom, of Leeds, the Rev. F. G. Handel Rowe, of Halifax, the Rev. Canon Ivens, of Sowerby Bridge, the Rev. John Heyhirst, of Liverpool, the Rev. Chas. Yeld, of Grassendale. A Re-Union of Parishioners, Teachers

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and Scholars took place on the 11th, and a treat to the Sunday scholars on the 17th. All the collections were given to the reduction of the School debt. £80 was cleared after all expenses were paid.

On the night preceding the 8th of November the Church vestry was broken into. Fortunately all valuable documents and registers were safely lodged in a burglar proof Milner's safe, purchased in 1898.

**1899** On the 6th of October, 1899, Mr. Joseph Ashton, of Redacre, died. He had for many years taken a keen interest in everything connected with our Church. He had for 14 years, on and off, acted as Parishioners' or Vicar's Warden.

**1900** John Edward Greenwood, Esq., of Glen House, Cragg, in 1900 presented a Memorial East Window to the Church. It represents the Crucifixion, and is rich in colour and possesses great artistic merit. The window is a memorial to his daughter, Mrs. Stafford. At a special service at 3 o'clock on December 8th, it was unveiled by the donor, and solemnly dedicated by the Venerable Archdeacon Brooke, of Halifax. On the scroll at the base is the inscription: "To the Glory of God. In dear memory of Edith Mary Stafford, married in this Church August 9th, 1898, died June 13th, 1899, this window is lovingly dedicated by her father, John Edward Greenwood, of Glen House, Cragg. August 9th, 1900."

**1901** An impressive Memorial Service, by which we took our part in the last solemn rite connected with the decease of our beloved Queen on the 22nd of January, 1901, was held at 2 p.m. The Church was tastefully draped in black and violet by Mrs. Thompson and the Misses Crabtree and A. M. Walton.

**1902** An appeal for funds to assist the Churchyard Extension was made in January, 1902, after being on two occasions in the previous year discussed by the Wardens and Sidesmen. The addition to the Churchyard of the fields it was proposed to buy, would put off the formation of a Burial Board for the next half century. Meetings were held to discuss the question on May 28th and July 9th, this year 1902. As the holmes to the east of the Church were in the market, it was finally decided to borrow £1,100 from the Halifax Equitable Benefit Building Society, to purchase a field of 2½ acres. It is the balance owing on this debt we are now endeavouring to wipe out. A portion of the land has been fenced for increasing the Burial Ground.

The Coronation Celebrations arranged for the 26th July had to be postponed in consequence of the serious illness of the King, Edward VII, until the 9th of August, when, after a special service in the Church in the morning, loyal celebrations took place in the afternoon, by a procession, games, and sports followed by a hearty tea. As citizens and Churchmen it is our duty to "Render unto God the things that be God's, and unto Cæsar the things that be Cæsar's." As Churchmen we obey the precept, "Fear God; honour the King."

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A beautiful White Marble Reredos, placed in the Chancel through the liberality of John E. Greenwood, Esq., in memory of his daughter, Edith Mary Stafford, and the Foster family, was dedicated by the Bishop of Ripon at the Harvest Festival, September 26th, 1902. It is a chaste and artistic work, carved in Carrara marble. The central panel represents the Supper at Emmaus. The two smaller side panels are carved with vine leaves and grapes. It was executed by Messrs. Farmer and Brindley, Westminster Bridge Road, London, from the designs of Mr. J. Williams, Architect, Halifax. The reredos bears the following inscription: "To the Glory of God. In memory of Edith Mary Stafford, nee Greenwood, and the Foster family, of Wadsworth Banks, of Fallingroyd, and of Heptonstall Slack, this reredos is dedicated by John Edward Greenwood, of Glen House, Cragg, A.D. 1902." This and other gifts by the Foster family are recorded on a tablet in the south wall of the nave.

**1903** On February 18th, 1903, it was resolved to hold a Grand Indian Coronation Bazaar on October 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st, to clear off the debt of £500 for the new Schools. The Committee appointed included the following names: Rev. J. Maxon Walton, Dr. Thompson, Messrs. Angus Sutcliffe, Fred Greenwood, Ernest Kershaw, Mrs. Walton, Mrs. Knott, Mrs. Wm. Sutcliffe, Mrs. James Sutcliffe, Miss Greenwood, Miss Walker; Mr. Wm. Sanderson, Secretary; Mr. H. R. Culpan, Treasurer. The total receipts were £717 15s. 9d., less expenses £99 2s. 4d.

A beautiful Screen, designed by Messrs. Longbottom and Culpan, of Halifax, was placed in the Gothic arch in the Tower. This was glazed with stained glass, and in the three central windows the old east window was placed. The collections at the Harvest Festival on September 25th were given to defray the expenses connected with the improvement.

**1905** In the early part of the year 1905 it was decided to form, on the suggestion of Dr. Thompson, the Brotherhood of St. Michael, with the following objects: (1) To promote the intellectual, social, moral and religious welfare of its members; (2) To encourage the study of literature and science, nature and art, and the great social problems of the day by lectures, essays, debates and summer rambles; (3) To work collectively and individually for the good of a common humanity. From its formation until now (1908), it has had useful adjunct to the work of the Church. This is the third year it has arranged a winter course of public lectures, which have been well patronised.

On October 8th the Church was closed a fortnight for thoroughly renovating and cleaning. The cost of colouring the walls and ceiling, and thoroughly cleaning the woodwork of the roof of nave was generously defrayed by Mr. John E. Greenwood, of Glen House, Cragg. In addition to this the cost of re-lighting and sundry other repairs, to the extent of £75, was borne by the congregation.

**1906** In April, 1906, the Rev. J. M. Walton accepted the Vicariate of Southowram. The Rev. Thomas Metcalfe, our present Vicar, was appointed to Mytholmroyd, and inducted on the 31st July, 1906. Before

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the late Vicar left the Parish several presentations were made to him and to Mrs. Walton. The Church Institute gave a handsome electro-plated tea and coffee service and silver-mounted oak tray, with suitable inscription; the Congregation presented a purse of gold, and the Choir a photographic group of themselves framed in oak. The Parochial Sewing Society presented Mrs. Walton with a solid silver cake stand. Mr. Walton had during his 15 years as Vicar, worked well with the various Committees in connection with the School and Institute, and with his Wardens and Sidesmen for the good of the Church. He left us with the good will of his late Parishioners, and with the best wishes for his future in his new sphere of labour. Our present Vicar is endeavouring to carry on the good work already begun, and is heartily backed by his congregation. May God be with him, and prosper his work. The writer trusts that this account of what has been done for us by those in past years, may not only stimulate all to work zealously for the Church at Mytholmroyd, but lead us to help in the work of our Church as a National Church at home, and as a Missionary Church abroad.

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**1907** On a brass plate in the nave we read that at Easter, 1907, "the opal dials of the Clock in the Tower of this Church were presented in remembrance of



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In our magnificent and spacious Parish Rooms active work is going on. Our Church Institute and Bowling Green, with about 150 members, provides recreation for our young men, and the Brotherhood of St. Michael is doing its best to provide mental and intellectual food for themselves and the public. We have Bible Classes for women, men and children, Temperance Association, Church Lads' Brigade, Mothers' Meetings, Parochial and Sunday School Sewing Societies. In the large room during the winter Social Evenings are spent by our young people. The Church Cricket Club use the field purchased. We possess a first-class choir under the able leadership of Mr. R. Clark, and a band of bellringers whose frequent practices to keep their hands in enliven the monotony of semi-rural life. Our Church is well attended, and our Vicar is giving us of his best. This increased activity in various ways is mainly the work of the last 30 years.

In conclusion, we may note the origin of the Repair Fund. In the petition for Consecration we read: "That the sum of one hundred and seventy pounds, being a portion of the funds raised for the erection of the said Church, and

hath accordingly been invested in the consolidated three per centum annuities in the names of your petitioners, the said Charles Musgrave, William Baldwin, William Sutcliffe, and Thomas Cunliffe, the Trustees for that purpose." The present Trustees are the Rev. J. Maxon Walton, John H. Thompson, John Cockcroft and Thomas Ashton. The interest of this fund can be used for any repairs to the Church fabric.

The present endowment yields £210 10s. This will shortly be increased by a generous donation of £100 by Mrs. J. Cockcroft, of White Lee, which, with sums from various Church Societies, will be invested by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, and added to the income.

As our Vicar is a Trustee ex-officio, we may note that Foster's Charity dates from 8th April, 1847. The original indenture gives the names of "John Foster, of Slack, Heptonstall, William Foster, of Cliffe House, Wadsworth, and Hannah, his wife," as the founders of the Charity. It is administered by Trustees; to-day these are: for Wadsworth, James Henry Sutcliffe, William Thompson, M.B., John Walker Robertshaw; for Heptonstall, William Edward Greenwood, Richard Marshall, and the Vicar of Mytholmroyd for the time being. The income, £20 per annum, is spent on the upkeep of the farm, and in the purchase of blankets, sheets, flannels and calicoes for distribution amongst aged and deserving people in the Townships of Wadsworth and Heptonstall.

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The first Organist was James Burrows, of Sowerby Bridge, and the first Choirmaster, John Farrar, of White Lee.

The Churchwardens from 1848 to 1908 are given below:

- No. of Years.
- 7 Cunliffe Thomas, 1848, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 70.
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  - 2 Walker Thomas, 1854, 55.
  - 2 Appleyard Henry, 1854, 56.
  - 5 Cockcroft James, 1855, 57, 60, 61, 62.
  - 1 Cockcroft Richard, 1856.
  - 1 Riley John, 1857.
  - 1 Beanland William, 1858.
  - 1 Ridehough John, 1858.
  - 8 MacFall Joseph, 1859, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69.
  - 1 Worswick John, 1859.

- \* 3 Sutcliffe William, 1860, 61.
- \* 14 Ashton Joseph, 1863, 64, 6
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- \* 6 Crossley Ellis, 1865, 66, 67
- \* 7 Cockcroft John, 1870, 71, 7
- \* 5 Greenwood Jonas, 1872, 73.
- \* 2 Ratcliffe Edwin, 1876, 79.
- \* 1 Rushworth Fred, 1880.
- \* 1 Stansfield John, 1880.
- \* 15 Thompson John H., 1880, 91
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- \* 2 Binns Edward, 1881, 82.
- \* 2 Beanland William, 1883, 84.
- \* 6 Farrar James, 1885, 86, 87
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