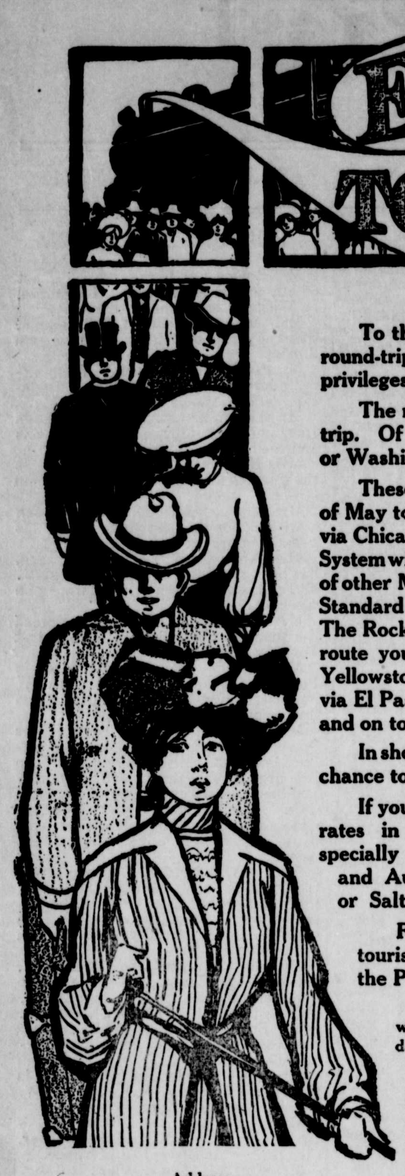

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LIDIA LUSBY,
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SIXTH ANNIVERSARY CHESTER PARISH, FEB. 18, 1906.

Sermon Delivered by Dr. H. B. Martin in Emmanuel P. E. Church, Sunday, Feb. 18th.

To-day being the sixth anniversary of my entering upon the rectorship of this Parish, and the beginning of my seventh year as rector, is a very fit occasion to bring before you some thoughts suggested by the anniversary. St. Paul charges the clergy of the church to make much of their office. He speaks of the "magnitude" of the office. Of himself he speaks very humbly; of his office he utters great glowing words. There is a wide distinction, not, however, always observed between the dignity of the ministerial office and the merit of the person who holds it. Our estimate of the clergyman's office is, very naturally, based upon the character of the man who fills the office. We are all apt to think too much of the man and too little of the office. This, of course, lowers the dignity and importance of that holy office which was first established by the calling of the apostles, and is to continue to the end of time, according to that saying of our Lord, "Lo! I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

There is a valid substantial character belonging to the office of a priest in the church of God, which all should acknowledge and value; pleasant manners, oratorical powers, a social distinction and the like are only useful adjuncts; they are not at all essential to the true nature of that office. For instance, there are those who say, that it is only superstitious formalism to say that none but regularly ordained ministers can baptize, while the truth is, the validity of the Holy Sacrament does not at all depend upon the personal merits of the man who performs it, but upon the fact that he is armed with the authority and proper credentials of an ambassador sent by Christ.

So in the adminstration of the Holy Communion, the good and benefit which worthy communicants receive, is not measured by the holiness of him who ministers at the altar, but among other considerations upon the validity of his orders. It is most important for our own comfort and peace of mind that we should value the office of Christ's ministers for its own sake, based upon its own claims, which are permanent and enduring, not upon any gifts and talents, or the love and respect we have for him who holds the office, for they are accidental and perishable. Truths of this character are better appreciated when the old, long-known, well-loved pastor leaves the Parish of his hard toil and loving labor; when he goes to another field of labor, or when the Master bids him "come up higher" and rest from his labors, and a new man comes to takes his place. The new man is a stranger. We do not know his characteristics; we do not know how he will work amongst us; we do not know what he will be to us in our sickness and troubles; in our trials and afflictions; we do know well enough what the old Rector was in all these, but of this we are well assured, that the efficacy of the new pastor's acts does not depend upon his gifts and holiness, but upon the blessing of God resting upon the glorious office he holds.

When he enters our dwelling for the first time it may be to pray for a dear one who is sick, or to baptize and sign with the Lord's own sign, our sick or dying babe, or to give the blessed food of life to some ill relative, though we may never have seen his face before, yet we cannot doubt the validity of his acts. If, upon acquaintance, we find that he has traits of character which we cannot like, still our own duty to his high and holy office requires that we respect and honor the man; that is, if we cannot give him personal esteem and love, it is our duty to discharge all the obligations which his office calls for as long as he is our pastor, otherwise we dishonor and lower the holy ministry which Christ has instituted for the saving of our souls.

When the pastoral relationship runs on smoothly for years, unless put on our guard, we naturally fall into the habit of resting our respect for the office upon the personal character of him who holds it, upon our love and respect for him, and not upon the permanent substantial nature of his office. If we find in him anything lovable, anything to respect, let us not fail to love and respect him; but let us always magnify his high and holy office.

I do not know of anything on earth more fraught with true happiness than a condition of harmony, peace, trust, confidence, respect and affection, extending through years, between rector and people, and that I am free to say is the blessed condition in this Parish. The experience of six years stands back of it, and proves it. And most thankful am I to be able to stand here to-day and declare it.

It pleased God that I should begin my work here under a heavy cloud of sorrow, storm and mourning. "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth and scourgest every son whom He receiveth." Peace be to those who were at that time called to their rest, and to all the others who have followed them since my coming. May eternal rest be theirs and eternal light shine upon them. They are with the Lord and no pain or sorrow can touch them.

I came here to do God's work, not my own, not yours, but God's. I came to try by God's help and blessing, to build up and strengthen His work in this Parish. I came to be your servant, not the servant of a few or of many, but of all, for Christ's sake. I came to be the friend, teacher, guide, pastor and priest to every man, woman and child in the Parish. I came to draw you all together in the bands of Christian love and sympathy, to show you that we are a family, that we are one, not divided, and that we should love and work as brethren. I came to be the Rector, the head of the Parish, to be no respector of persons, but the same to all, treating all alike, with a heart to feel for every one's sorrow or trouble, and a thankful prayer for every one's joy and prosperity and if I am not, or cannot be all this to you, my dear people, I would be deeply grieved, but I feel that I have been and am still winning my way into your love and confidence. This has been shown by numerous acts of kinds on your part, and by your leniency and consideration when ill-health and affliction came to me and mine, and oft times I was unequal to my full measure of duty. Your kindness last evening was an emphatic evidence of your confidence, affection and good will and for all you have done, I thank you truly.

My earnest prayer has been that God would increase in you true religion and deepen your spiritual life, and that He would give you grace and strength to so faithfully serve Him here on earth, that at last you may come to His Heavenly Kingdom.

There are two kinds of support that all Rectors need—the material and the moral. The material support means the actual necessaries of life, and of that I am not going to speak.

The moral support means simply and in a few words this: that his people will always give their Rector credit for meaning well, and doing his best in the office he holds, and that they will faithfully keep and encourage him in the work he has to do amongst them; that they will attend his ministrations, faithfully, accept his teachings, heed his warnings, exhortations, admonitions: it means that his people will try to live as Christian people should live; that they will remember their Baptismal and Confirmation vows and promises, and strive to overcome the evil one; that they will pray for and seek true religion and a deep spirituality.

There is an urgent call to every one of us to be up and doing true and faithful work for our Lord, and to consecrate our service to Him. Although it may possibly chance though not probably chance, that of silver and gold have we none; yet "of such as we have," O Lord, we can, we must, we will, give unto Thee' for there is one offering which God values more than any other gift, and which each of us may offer if we will, and that is our hearts' devotion. There are many reasons to induce us to make that offering "gladly," "willingly and with a perfect heart." Here is one among many. Through the great goodness and mercy of God, there has been for many long years in this town a building, now growing venerable from age. I mean this Church, this House of God, around which cluster many pious and loving associations—more profuse, more strong and more deeply rooted than any close-clinging ivy that may grow upon its walls. This building is 140 years old. An aged building in this country where veneration for the ancient is not universally felt, and where the buildings of our fathers are too often ruthlessly torn down to make room for others of more modern taste.

It stands to-day in its essential parts as sound and strong as when first erected, and there is no reason to doubt that it will stand as a monument of the piety and faith of our forefathers for many a generation to come, and will still cast its quiet shadow, when you and I and all of this generation, and of generations yet unborn, shall have been forgotten by the busy men and women who will live here and work here, rejoice here and mourn here, when all that shall remain of us will be but a little dust at the bottom of our narrow graveyard bed, or a crumbling headstone, whose inscription has been long effaced by the corroding effects of time. Right dear, therefore, in your affections should this old church be. I am sure it is. Dear as the apple of your eye, should all that pertains to it be—its work, its progress, its services, its future, its hopes.

Many of you can speak of this Parish not only as your own spiritual home, and the spiritual home of your parents, but as that also of your forefathers, through many generations in the past. I read their names in the old Parish Registers and I note their love, their zeal, their faithfulness and selfdenial in all the work of the Parish. I know that you love the old church; that you are proud of it, with a commendable pride and there is good hope that this great blessing and privilege will be continued to your children in the years to come, but my dear people it rests with you entirely whether it will be so contined to them or not. What a call there is here for thankfulness and adoring love. What a call to make such a return as you can to the Author and Giver of all this. What an incentive to cause you to rise up as one man in

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