15,000 Pounds of Tobacco Paid For Building Church

St. Paul's Episcopal Church In Kent County, Built 210 Years Ago, In Good State Of Preservation And Still Used As Place Of Worship.

Almost directly across the bay from Baltimore, surrounded by big oaks, sycamores and pines. stands the little brick church of St. Paul's which this year celebrates the two hundred and tenth anniversary of its building. Completed in 1713 and in continuous use ever since as an Episcopal place of worsip, the ancient Kent county sanctuary is, doubtless, the oldest house of God in the State.

Around the vine-covered building lies a churchyard of 10 acres, which is thickly planted with the graves of the seven generations which have worshipped inside its walls.

There are older parishes than St. Paul's in the diocese. as is evidenced in "The First Parishes of Maryland," compiled from the original documents by Percy G. Skirven, of Baltimore, and about to be published by the Norman-Remington Company. But in none of them is the church building of such great and unbroken antiquity.

The contract for the erection of St. Paul's Church was made in 1711 between the vestrymen and Capt. Jas. Harris. It provided for a building 40 feet long, 30 feet wide and "16 feet from the ground." The contractor was to be paid 70,000 pounds of tobacco for his work. That quantity of the weed represented a large sum in what was then the accepted currency of the Province. At the price prevailing today for a medium grade of tobacco it would amount to $21,000. But apparently there were "extras" in those days in the contracting business. even as there are today, for the old church records show that at a meeting of the vestry, held in the spring of 1713, after two years' work, Captain Harris. having turned over the completed building to that body, "hath taken in his bond 150,000 pounds of tobacco."

One is uncertain just what is meant by that archaic phrase. but it would appear that the church building cost a trifle over twice the original estimate.

Twenty years before the building of St. Paul's Church the government of the Province was taken away from Lord Baltimore by the Crown, and the principle of religious liberty which he had established was wiped out. The Church of England was made the established church, and a poll tax of 40 pounds of tobacco a year was laid on every freeman for the church.

The Province was divided, for ecclesiastical purposes into "Hundreds," each division containing 100 families But there must have been more than one "hundred" included in the parish of St. Paul's, for the first minister of the parish, the Rev. Lawrence Vanderbush. was paid 8,000 pounds of tobacco a year, an amount equal eo the annual poll tax on 200 families.

The pews of the old church were rented more than two hundred years ago for 500 pounds of tobacco a year each. but were later sold and became the absolute property of the purchasers, as appears in the ancient church records, which are in many ways a mine of early history.

In 1766 a vestry house was built on land adjoining the church. The contract called for payment of 20,000 pounds of tobacco. The old brick building still stands and is in regular use as a meeting room for the Sunday school as well as for the headquarters of the vestry.

The record books of the church, running back for more than 200 years —even before the present church was built, in 1713—contain an almost complete list of all the marriages. births, deaths and burials in the parish. In fact, nearly every occurance in the community gets at least an incidental mention. There are references, for instance, to "the Swedish settlement to the east," where the State of Delaware bites a big section out of the Eastern Sho' peninsula.

The first two rectors of the parish of St. Paul's died before the present church building was erected. It was the third incumbent, the Rev. Alexander Williamson, who was sent up to the parish with a letter from Governor Lloyd, ordering the members of the church to receive and install him. who persuaded the vestry to have the church built.

To the east of the church is a large mill pond or lake, which adds to the beauty of the surroundings.

The main road from Chestertown to Rock Hall passes just south of the old churchyard.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA

Percentage of Attendance of White Schools for Month of March, 1923

1.	Worton Point	91.7
2.	Pomona	90.5
3.	Morgnec	88.9
4.	Quaker Neck	88.8
5.	Chestertown	88.4
6.	Lynch	87.4
7.	Turner's Creek	86.1
8.	Still Pond	86.
9.	Lankford	85.3
10.	Galena	85.
11.	Cliffs	83.7
12.	Skinner's Neck	83.6
13.	Hanesville	83.4
14.	Fairlee	83.3
15.	St. Paul	82.8
16.	Millington	81.7
17.	Sassafras	81.5
18.	Piney Neck	81.3
19.	Rock Hall	78.7
20.	Betterton	78.3
21.	Massey	76.9
22.	Kennedyville	76.8
23.	Cherry Lane	75.
24.	East Neck	72.8
25.	Janvier	72.7
26.	Broad Neck	72.5
27.	Locust Grove	71.4
28.	Melitota	71.2
29.	Flatland	68.7
30.	Worton	68.2
31.	Cedar Grove	65.8
32.	Golt	64.6
33.	Swan Creek	63.9
34.	Chesterville	62.1
35.	No. Ten	60.

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Do you know that wars, famines, pestilences and earthquakes are signs that the day is at hand.

Do you know that Christ said that the last days would be as the days of Noah before the flood?

Do you know that Jesus, John the Revelater and some other prophets foretold the great wrath of many nations, just before the end?

Do you know that the signs in the sun, moon and stars are past, and we all should be looking for the coming of our Blessed Redeemer?

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DENIES MEETING CONSIDERED ABOLISHING SUNDAY SCHOOL

Elimination of Sunday schools was not considered by the Omaha Conference of Diocesan Leaders of Religious Education in the Protestant Episcopal Church, said the Rev. Dr. Christopher P. Sparkling, rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Prince of Peace. who has just returned from the conference.

Dr. Sparkling showed a printed copy of the address by the Rev. Dr. William E. Gardner, executive secretary of the department of religious education of the church. While making the statement that the so-called "Sunday school" has no future, Dr. Gardner also declares in a preceding paragraph that Sunday schools are the only institutions that have a wide and definite influence in preventing paganism in the modern world, and that he cannot imagine a time when the whole church will not gather children for training in worship and for instruction on Sunday.

"What Dr. Gardner meant to convey, I feel," Dr. Sparkling said. "was the importance of week-day religious education, the extension of the Sunday school into the week-day church school. Later the committee brought in a report advocating the extension of the training of the Sunday school into week-day religious education, with the Sunday sessions of the school devoted not so much to training of the mind as to the training of the devotional life. This would give more time during the week for instruction and expressional work."

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A loving tribute to the memory of our dear mother, Mary E. Downey, who left us five years ago April, 1918.

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With bitter sense of loss,
O God, in mercy pity me,
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Often when the day is brightest,
There's a gloom steals in our hearts,
And it brings back sad memories
Of the day God did us part.

God knows about those who love her,
How bitter the trial must be
And right through it all God is loving
And know so much better than we.

We miss you through the weary hours;
We misss you as others do sunshine and flowers,
Morning and evening, wherever we go,
Our own dear mother, we miss you so.
Daughters Annie and Lenora.

Once I had a grandmother who was so good and true,
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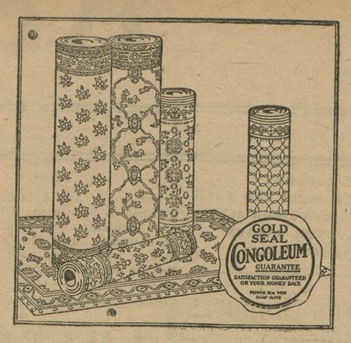

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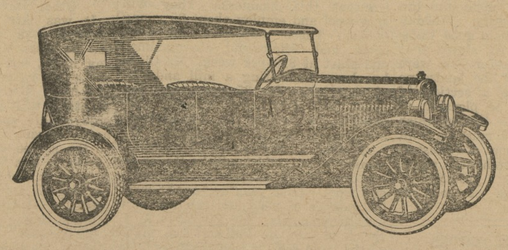

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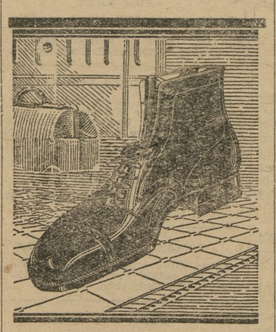

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