

PREFACE.

THE following pages are not intended in any way to contain a complete history of the parish, but a simple outline of its growth and many spiritual activities during the past one hundred years. St. Paul's has an honoured tradition. It is perfectly true to say that during these years, thousands have received great and abiding spiritual blessing through its witness to the simple gospel of His saving Grace.

The close of the first century of its history appears an opportune time for reviewing the past; that, inspired by what has already been accomplished, we may be faithful in handing on the Torch.

There is much land still to be possessed and the "King's business requires haste."

I have received untold pleasure searching up old records, and making numerous enquiries. If what has been written, will quicken fresh interest in the work of the Church, my efforts will have been amply rewarded.

I am deeply indebted to the Lord Bishop of Monmouth for writing a Foreword, and to The Very Rev. the Dean of Monmouth for reading the proofs. Also to the Rev. Cenydd Morgan, Mr. Kyrle Fletcher, Mr. Warner (Librarian), Mr. W. Pheasey and many others, for generously supplying me with most useful information, Messrs. R. H. Johns and Evan Williams for the loan of blocks, Mr. Harry Lamey for taking several photographs, and lastly Miss Slade of the Westgate Chambers for kindly typing gratis, my badly written copy.

T. Parry Pryor

St. Paul's Vicarage,
November, 1936.

Presented to:-

W. Mr F. W. Cousins

on the occasion of their marriage
at St. Paul Newport - June 3 1844

T. Parry Pryor
Vicar

DEDICATED
TO MY WIFE.



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS
OF
EVANGELICAL WITNESS

(1836—1936)

Being a Brief History of
St. Paul's Parish, Newport

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The Right Rev. the LORD BISHOP OF MONMOUTH

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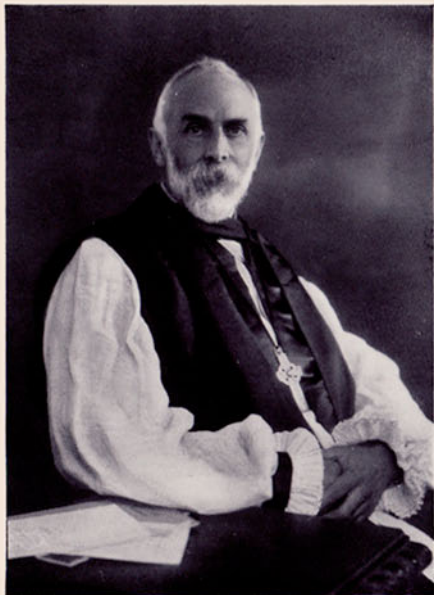
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THE LORD BISHOP OF MONMOUTH.
The Right Rev. Gilbert Cunningham Joyce, D.D.

FOREWORD

(by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth).

I HAVE read the account of St. Paul's, with very great interest, It will be a most appropriate publication in connection with your Centenary, and is an inspiring record.

GILBERT MONMOUTH.

I.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH.

1836—1936.

The Parish of St. Paul's was the first of the modern Parishes to be formed from the Ancient Parish of St. Woolos or as it was originally known "St. Gwynllyw." Gwynllyw is said to have been the son of Glywys, Lord of Glewiseg (Wentllwch) a Prince of this district and recorded to have died 29th March, A.D. 500. It was bounded on the South by the Bristol Channel, and on the East by the river Usk. At that early date the Parish included the district known as Pillgwenlly. This is a corruption of Pill Gwynllyw or Gwynllyw's Harbour. The word "Pil" spelled with one "l" is a Welsh word meaning "a sea ditch or trench filled at high water."

Much of the neighbourhood at that time was meadow land. The main road ran from the Westgate to the Great Pill, and was constructed by the Tredegar Wharf Company. The road ran along the fields, and was a mere trackway made of great baulks of timber.

A hundred years ago the Parish was so closely linked with the shipping industry that the rapid growth of its population could be entirely accounted for by the ever increasing activity carried on from the several Wharves situated on the right bank of the river. It is generally accepted that the mouth of the river was known to regions beyond our Island home many

hundreds of years ago. It is not improbable; it had seen the "Eagle" of the Roman galleys returning to Rome with members of the famous Second Legion from Isca Silurum (Caerleon).

Later, other invaders found its mouth a convenient passage for pillage and prey. An interesting relic, which links the visit of the Danes to the River was discovered in 1878, during certain excavations at the Alexandra Dock. Here were found the remains of an ancient vessel some seventy feet long, reputed to be of Danish construction. Pirates and smugglers found the river a happy hunting ground. As time advanced, a definite shipping trade developed between the mouth of the river and other parts of England and the Continent.

In 1792, under the direction of Mr. Thomas Dadford, Engineer, the Monmouthshire Canal was commenced. This canal was constructed mainly to meet the need of the Ironmasters of Blaenavon, Nantyglo, Ebbw Vale and Sirhowy. The completion of this work in 1798 gave a great impetus to the coal and iron trades, by linking the interior of the country more closely with the shipping port.

Prior to this date, the hardy mule was the only mode of conveyance of coal and iron to the Wharves. Women did manual work then, and were the sturdy drivers of these ancient "vehicles of transport." Then came the barges along the Canal, and, in conjunction with these, the huge horse-drawn drams. The termini of the Canal and tram-roads were in the Parish and must have contributed largely to the industrial prosperity of the district.

It is on record that in the year 1835, a Bill known as "The Newport Dock Bill" received the Royal Assent. Preparations immediately began for the construction of a Dock situated within the boundary of the Parish. The first sod was cut by

John Owen, Esq., Mayor of Newport, and the work completed by Messrs. Rennie, Logan & Co. On the 10th day of October, 1842, the Dock was opened with great ceremony. Shipping trade at the Dock and the several Wharves increased at a tremendous pace. Indeed, so great was the congestion at the mouth of the river that not infrequently vessels had to wait for long periods before a berth could be obtained.

According to statistics, it is reported that, within a few years of the opening of this Dock, nearly 700,000 tons of coal and 200,000 tons of iron were annually exported from the port.

This period of activity witnessed a corresponding period of development in the Church life of the Parish. A permanent stone church was erected to meet the spiritual needs of the people of Pillgwenly area—known as Holy Trinity Church. This church was consecrated on June 15th, 1852, and was formed into a separate Parish by Order in Council on February 5th, 1864. The Reverend Samuel Fox, Curate of the Church was appointed as first Vicar.

In the Baptismal register at St. Paul's the following note appears:—

January 31st, 1864.

N.B.—This is the last entry before the separation of Trinity from St. Paul's Parish.

On the 25th March, 1844, the foundation stone of the Cattle Market was laid in the presence of Sir Charles Morgan, Bart., and other distinguished agriculturalists. This extensive Market covered an area of four and a half acres, with provision for many thousand head of Sheep and Cattle, etc. The Market attracted a very large number of people from far and near. Apart from its Cattle and Cheese markets, successful Wool and other Fairs were held there.

On Tuesday, October 3rd, 1865, Rev. Dr. C. H. Spurgeon visited the town on the invitation of Commercial Road Baptist Chapel and preached twice, morning and afternoon, in these grounds. It was an intensely hot day, and thousands came from the surrounding districts to hear this great preacher. Special trains were run from the Western Valleys and South Wales. It is estimated that over twelve thousand were present at the afternoon Service.

During its early history the Parish also boasted of a prosperous Passenger Railway Station, situated in Dock Street, and known as Dock Street Station. Opened on August 4th, 1852, this Station was the terminus of the Monmouthshire Railway line, and passengers were conveyed to and from the Western Valleys of the County. At that time there was a number of large and well-known flourishing Ironworks—at the head of these valleys.

The County also was rich with an abundance of coal of excellent quality, and new pits were continually being sunk. In consequence of this, large and populous villages grew up with an amazing speed. From these areas, great numbers of people travelled to Dock Street Station to shop in Newport. Other passenger trains entered this station: those from the Brecon and Merthyr Railway line, as well from the London and North Western line through the Sirhowy Valley.

A further indication of the early industrial prosperity of the Parish was the large number of Merchant Offices in Dock Street, representing Shipping, Iron and Coal Companies, etc., whose names had become known throughout the industrial world. At these offices large contracts were negotiated, signed, and finally executed. Here was a real hive of activity. Wages were

comparatively small, but unemployment was hardly known and an atmosphere of contentment prevailed generally.

Taking a retrospective glance over the past one hundred years, it is obvious the Parish has witnessed a very great change. A long period of great prosperity slowly but surely gave way to a time of industrial depression and anxiety.

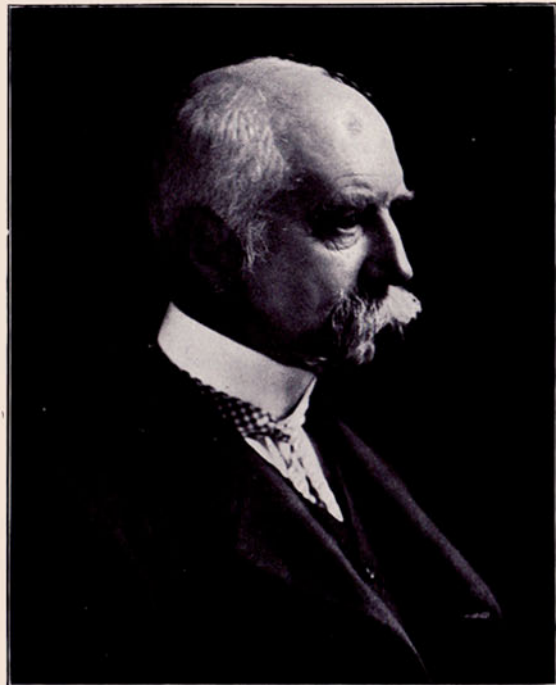
The Town Dock, which in its early years was frequently so crowded with vessels that it was quite possible to cross from East to West by stepping from one ship to another, has been closed down and is in process of being filled in. The great majority of the once flourishing Wharves on the right bank of the river have ceased to function and have fallen into decay. Dock Street is no longer the busy thoroughfare of bygone days. Many of the offices are closed and the former atmosphere of intense activity has, at least for the present, vanished. On January 1st, 1879, the loop-line from the Gaer Junction, at the Cardiff end of the Newport tunnel to Park Junction, near the spot where the line enters Tredegar Park, was opened for traffic. This loop enabled trains to and from the Western Valleys of Monmouthshire to be dealt with at Newport High Street Station; consequently the Dock Street Station ceased to be used as a Passenger Station from that date.

This change meant an additional blow to the industrial life of the parish. During the winter of 1878 and the spring of 1879, in consequence of the deep distress amongst the poorer portion of the population of the parish, it was found necessary to organise and to bring into operation special measures of relief. Friends at a distance, on hearing of the great need, sent considerable sums of money. Many members of the congregation contributed money, clothes, bedding, etc., while others undertook to support a number of families with soup and bread upon several

days of the week. A Coffee-shop was also opened, where a basin of hot coffee and a great piece of bread might be had for one penny or in exchange for a free ticket. In this way, for many months, a considerable amount of relief was served out amongst the starving ones. The Coffee-shop alone supplied 12,429 rations of bread and coffee.

Nevertheless God graciously turned the time of deep distress into seasons of spiritual blessings.

Despite the many difficulties, the spiritual life of the Church maintained a very high level. The Parish witnessed a number of most fruitful missions, as well as a considerable amount of Church extension.



VISCOUNT TREDEGAR.

V.

BENEFACTIONS by TREDEGAR FAMILY.

1. The freehold site of St. Paul's with generous financial help in its erection.
2. The Silver Communion Plate used at St. Paul's.
3. The Church Clock.
4. The freehold site of The National School with frequent generous financial assistance.
5. The freehold of St. Barnabas with a gift of £500 towards its erection.
6. The freehold and gift of a house for a new Vicarage.
7. Freehold of St. James' Church, Dock Street.
8. The freehold of the site with a cheque of £1,500 towards the building of the Wrenford Memorial Hall.
9. Freehold of St. Thomas' with Communion Plate and cheque.
10. Freehold of house situated at No. 6, Hill Street.

In 1912 the first Viscount Tredegar who had been a seat-holder at St. Paul's for many years died.

At the Annual Easter Vestry Meeting the following resolution was proposed and seconded:—

“That this Vestry of the Parishioners of St. Paul's, Newport, desire to convey to the Right Honourable Lord Tredegar their heartfelt sympathy to him and his family, at the loss they have sustained by the death of the late Viscount

II.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

At a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Newport and Parish of St. Woolos, held in the Vestry Room, on Thursday, the 30th day of October, 1834, relative to the Building of a New CHURCH.

THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS WERE ENTERED INTO:—

Resolved unanimously: "That a Public Meeting be held on Friday, the 7th day of November next, at Eleven o'Clock, at the Girls' National School Room, for the purpose of considering and determining on the expediency of erecting a New Church, for the use of the Inhabitants of the Borough of Newport and Parish of St. Woolos; and for taking the necessary measures to accomplish such object if the Meeting should determine thereon."

Resolved: "That the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of this Diocese, be respectfully requested to take the Chair at such Meeting."

Resolved: "That in the opinion of this Meeting, the following Resolutions should be proposed at the General Meeting."

- 1.—"That it is expedient a New Church should be built."
- 2.—"That Subscriptions should be entered into, for the purpose of carrying such object into effect."
- 3.—"That a Committee be appointed for the purpose of soliciting Subscriptions, choosing a site for the Building, and deciding on the size and character thereof, and for adopting such



THE LORD BISHOP OF LLANDAFF.
The Right Rev. Edward Copleston, D.D.
(1828-1849).

other measures as may seem best calculated to accomplish the object of the Meeting."

4.—"That the Rev. the Vicar, and the Rev. the Curate of the Parish, be requested to apprise all Persons whom they may think likely to attend, or to promote the undertaking, of the intention to hold the Meeting, and in particular that they may apprise Sir Charles Morgan, Bart., thereof."

The foundation stone of the Church was laid on September 19th, 1835, and was consecrated on Thursday, November 3rd, 1836, by Bishop Copleston, Bishop of Llandaff.

The following notice was sent out in connection with the event:—

Sir,

I am requested as Secretary of the Committee to inform you, that the New Church in this Town will be consecrated on Thursday next the 3rd of November, and to beg the favour of your attendance on the occasion.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Newport,

JAMES FRANCIS.

October 29th, 1836.

Another note of the same date reads as follows:—

Sir,

I beg to inform you, that the Church Committee will assemble in Saint Paul's Church, Newport, on Friday, the 4th day of November next, at Ten o'Clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of allotting the Pews amongst the several Applicants whose personal attendance is requested.

The Pews must be allotted under the provisions of the Acts of Parliament passed for Building and Enlarging Churches, which provide that in allotting the Pews, a preference shall be given to Subscribers, in proportion to the amount of their Subscription, and amongst subscribers of equal amount, according to the order of their subscription.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES FRANCIS,

Secretary to the Committee.

The church occupies a prominent position in one of the main streets of the Town (Commercial Street), and its prominence is emphasised by an octagonal tower and spire one hundred and eight feet from ground level. Its architecture is in the Early English or Pointed character, of which Salisbury Cathedral may be considered as the purest example in this country. The flat ceiling, panelled with moulded ribs, and the absence of arcading in the Nave produces an unconventional appearance. The church was designed by Sir Digby Wyatt, a well known architect of that time.

The following description of the church appeared in the "Merlin" dated November 5th, 1836.

"The Church stands upon a platform of four or five feet in height above the level of the street, and is approached by a bold flight of steps. The entrance to the body of the Church, and to the Galleries in the principal front is by an octagonal porch forming the base of a well proportioned tower from which springs a spire upwards of 50 feet in height. The top of the tower is finished by eight enriched pinnacles giving a lightness and richness to its summit, and a degree of playfulness to the springing of the spire, which in execution has a most pleasing effect. There are porches and a vestry at the sides affording

ample space for ingress and egress. Owing to the aspect of the ground the Communion or Eastern end is necessarily towards the street and forms a recess from the body of the Church, connected with three bold archways. The ceiling and Chancel, are groined in a chaste and simple manner, and form a pleasing feature from the interior of the Church. They are lighted by three lancet windows opening into the outer porch. These are glazed with painted glass and throw a subdued and solemn light upon this part of the structure. The armorial bearings of the Bishop of the Diocese and of Sir Charles Morgan, the leading and zealous promoters of the undertaking, are emblazoned in these windows. Galleries run around the western side of the Church; recesses for the Font and Organ are provided at the western end, and add to the length and lightness of the building; it is capable of holding upwards of 1,600 people, of which upwards of 800 sittings are free and unappropriated for ever."

The centre of the Church and the Galleries were seated with high straight-backed pews (for which rents were paid, which formed the Incumbent's stipend), the remainder being skeleton benches reserved as free seats, with two open spaces for stoves, which formed the only heating.

The following pew rent demand is of interest:—

TO THE CHURCHWARDENS. Dr.

Mr. Williams, Palmyra Place.

For Rent of 4 Sittings in Pew, No. 31, in the Body of the Church, from the 29th day of September, 1851, to the 25th day of March, 1852

Apportionment for the Organ Fund

£1 10 0
0 6 0

£1 16 0

The favour of your paying to James Powell the above amount, who is authorised to receive the same, will oblige.

JOHN PHILLIPS,
HENRY W. WEBBER, } Churchwardens.

Received the 10th day of June, 1852.

JAMES POWELL.

Mr. Williams, known to old Newportonians as "Williams Timber and Slates" was the grandfather of Hugh Noel Williams, author of the life of Sir Charles Napier and a brilliant series of French Biographies.

The old-fashioned "Three-Decker" arrangement of Pulpit, Reading Desk and Clerk's Box, occupied a centre position about twelve feet from the Chancel steps. The preacher wore a black Geneva gown. Pews were arranged within the Sanctuary for the members of the Vicar's family, and were known as The Vicarage Pews. The choir were seated in the West Gallery near the Organ.

A lengthy account of the Consecration of the Church is to be found in the "Merlin" of that date. We give this in full.

"The solemn and impressive ceremony of Consecration took place here on Thursday last, and brought together an immense assembly of Gentry, Clergy, and middle classes of this and the adjoining Counties. The morning was fine, and peals of St. Woolos' bells were heard from the early hours. Strangers were continually arriving, and the town wore a holiday-like, and most animated atmosphere.

At 10 o'clock, the Committee met in the National School-room. The Lord Bishop of the Diocese, the Chancellor, and the Clergy who so numerously attended on the occasion. At

11 o'clock His Lordship walked in procession to the Church accompanied by the Rev. Gentlemen in their canonicals, the Churchwardens with their wands, the Committee, and children of the National Schools about 80 in number, with entirely new suits of clothes, tippets, etc., given them for the occasion by their kind benefactor Sir Charles Morgan. Several gentlemen of the Committee were politely attentive to the convenience of the congregation, and the arrangements generally were judicious and well observed; so that all who attended the Church obtained every accommodation of which its very crowded state would admit. All the pews in the body of the Church and the Galleries were filled, and the whole of the free sittings were densely occupied, about 1600 persons being present, amongst whom we noticed Sir Charles Morgan, Bart.; The Rev. Sir C. Salisbury, Bart.; W. A. Williams, Esq.; B. Hall, Esq., M.P.; J. Bailey, Esq., M.P.; Major Mackworth; Richard Blakemore, Esq., and many of the leading families and laity. The Bishop took his seat on the right of the Communion Table and the Rev. Bruce Knight, Chancellor of the Diocese, on the left. Soon after, His Lordship walked round the Church attended by the Clergy and Churchwardens, reading part of the Consecration service. On the Bishop resuming his seat at the Communion Table, Sir Charles Morgan presented His Lordship with the Deeds of the land on which the edifice is built; they were read aloud by the Chancellor, and signed by His Lordship.

The service was impressively read by The Rev. James Francis who has been appointed Incumbent Minister of the Church by the Bishop. Occasionally during the service His Lordship read several prayers according to the forms and ceremonies used at Consecration services.

The Communion Service was performed by the Bishop, and Chancellor, after which His Lordship preached an eloquent and

interesting sermon, breathing the pure spirit of Christian charity taking his text from Matthew 11, v. 4-5: "Jesus answered . . . preached to them."

The afternoon service commenced at half past two o'clock and notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather as large and respectable congregation assembled as in the morning. The Rev. J. Francis officiated and the celebrated preacher, Rev. H. Melvill of Camberwell, delivered a very eloquent sermon from Timothy I, Chapter 1, v. 11 "According to the glorious Gospel of the Blessed God which was committed to my trust," in the course of which the Rev. Gentleman uncompromisingly upheld High Church principles.

The Choral Department was lead by Mr. Wall, organist of Monmouth. The Choirs of Monmouth and Newport attended and the admirable manner in which they performed their duty was subject to much commendation. Mr. Wall presided at the Seraphine, there being as yet no organ. The collection at the doors amounted to £213.

After the evening service, about 60 assembled at a public dinner provided by Mr. Church at the King's Head Hotel. Sir Charles Morgan very kindly presided on the occasion, on his left sat the Bishop of Llandaff, and on his right the Chancellor of the Diocese. Amongst the company were many of the leading gentlemen of the County, and several Clergymen, some of whom came from considerable distances. After the removal of the cloth, the Chairman gave "Church and King." Sir Charles then paid a very well-merited compliment to the Bishop of Llandaff, and proposed His Lordship's health. The Bishop returned thanks and took occasion to propose the health of Rev. Henry Melvill.

Mr. Hall spoke in the highest terms of the liberality of Sir Charles Morgan, not only on the present occasion, but whenever

a cause worthy of his benevolence occurred, he was ever prompt in doing good. The Honourable gentleman concluded his eulogium by proposing the health of Sir Charles Morgan, which was cordially received. Sir Charles felt much satisfaction at the manner in which his health was proposed, and the warmth in which it was received by the gentlemen around him. He understood £210 had been collected at the Church, and he felt great pleasure in making it £300. (Loud acclamation followed this announcement of the worthy Baronet).

Mr. Blewitt, of Llantarnam, proposed the health of the Chancellor and the Clergy of the Diocese. The Chancellor acknowledged the compliment for himself, and the Rev. friends, with his usual felicity of style.

The Bishop proposed the health of Mr. Wyatt, the architect of the Church, a gentleman to whom the Committee of this town are much indebted. "He has" said His Lordship "this day completed a building, which from its devotional character is as highly adapted to its sacred purposes as from its architectural purity and chasteness it is calculated to charm the passers by, and ornament this rising town. (Applause). The name of Wyatt is well and honourably known in the county. A near relation of the gentleman whose name I now propose has conferred from his taste and zeal much benefit upon our county. I had the pleasure of knowing him well, and esteeming him my friend, and this near relative of his whose health I now propose to you is not likely to detract from our obligations."

Mr. Wyatt in acknowledging the compliment said "If the proceedings of this day have been interesting to the great body of those who have witnessed them, you may believe that to me they have been deeply interesting, and within the last few minutes most flattering. This is the first building for sacred purposes upon which I have been engaged, and I feel that there must

necessarily be many of the errors of inexperience; for these I must throw myself on your kindness. The fund at your disposal admitted of little, if any, indulgence in embellishment, and in judging of its architectural merits you will kindly bear this fact in mind. I can, however, assert that it has been most carefully and substantially built, and that in proportion to the numbers it contains, it is one of the very cheapest churches that have been erected under the control of His Majesty's Commissioners; nor is it less a matter of congratulation than of gratitude that it has been completed without the slightest accident. To you, my Lord, from whom I have received the greatest condescensions and kindness I beg to offer my heartfelt thanks, and to the gentlemen of the Committee whose confidence has appeared to me unlimited, I desire to express my gratitude."

Thomas Phillips, Esq., Jnr., spoke in a very complimentary manner of the Rev. J. Francis to whom might be attributed the completion of the building. He (Mr. Francis) had not been long amongst us, but long enough to be known and respected by all. Mr. Francis, in a speech of much feeling and taste, returned thanks, and dwelt upon the kindness he had experienced from the Bishop, the Clergy and the Committee.

The Chancellor proposed the "Building Committee." Thomas Prothero, Esq., acknowledged the compliment with point and effect, and proposed the "Non-resident Subscribers."

Mr. Phillips stated the cost of the building to be £5,000, and it appeared that after appropriating the collections of the day the Committee would be minus £300.

Sir Charles Morgan proposed the health of Mr. Hall. The Honourable Member returning thanks said he would be a subscriber to liquidate the debt against the Church.

Mr. Blewitt proposed the health of the Lady Subscribers. Sir Charles Morgan proposed the health of Archdeacon Davies.

The Rev. Gentleman expressed his thanks and subscribed £5. (Applause).

Summers Harford, Esq., delivered a speech which excited much applause and with his characteristic liberality subscribed £25. (Cheers).

The following gifts have been presented to the Church :—

The Communion Plate by Sir Charles Morgan.
 The Cloth and Velvet Cushions for the Communion Table, Pulpit, and Reading Desk, by Mrs. Powell of the Gaer.
 Painted Glass Windows by Mrs. Williams of Tivoli.
 The Bibles and Prayer Books by Mr. Webber.
 A Timepiece for the Gallery by Mrs. Oliver.

We understand that all the Sittings are already appropriated."

Since its erection a considerable amount of structural alterations have been made to the interior. Most notable are the following :—The old stoves were disposed of and a new heating apparatus was installed by Messrs. W. A. Baker & Co., at a cost of £160. This work was carried out in 1885. The North and South Galleries were dismantled and the old box pews were replaced by the more up-to-date present-day seating. This work was completed in 1893, by Mr. John Linton, Builder, according to the design submitted by Mr. Fawckner, the Architect, at a cost of £312. The unique three-decker pulpit, as well as the Vicarage pews within the Sanctuary were removed and the Organ and Choir were transferred from the West Gallery to their present position.

A description of the Church would not be complete without reference being made to the ornaments and other possessions.



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH BEFORE RESTORATION.



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Registers.

Baptismal Register. (15 Volumes).

First entry:—February 28th, 1837.

Marriage Register. (9 Volumes).

First entry:—January 19th, 1840.

Communion Plate.

The Communion plate was a gift to the Church on the date of its consecration. The oak chest in which it was presented has a brass plate with the following words:—

EX DONO

SIR CHARLES MORGAN, BART., 1836.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

The Plate consists of:—

One large silver flagon.

Two silver chalices.

Three silver patens.

All inscribed:—

EX DONO SIR CHARLES MORGAN, BT., 1836, ST. PAUL'S, NEWPORT.

Two additional smaller glass flagons enclosed in silver casing were presented to the Church at Xmas, 1933, by the Members of the Mothers' Union:—

IN MEMORY OF

THE MEMBERS WHO HAD ENTERED INTO REST.

The Clock.

The clock was a gift of the late Sir Charles Morgan, Bt., and bears the following inscription:—

THIS CLOCK WAS PRESENTED TO THE TOWN OF NEWPORT FOR

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH BY SIR CHARLES MORGAN, BART.,

OF TREDEGAR, A.D. 1841.

In March, 1935, provision was made by the Newport Corporation for the lighting of the Clock—and its face was reconditioned for the first time since its erection.

The Bell.

The Church has never possessed more than one bell, said to have been presented by Octavius Morgan, Esq., whose famous collection of watches and clocks are in the British Museum. This bell through years of use became cracked and was recast by Messrs. Taylor of Loughborough. It has inscribed on it the following names:—

REVEREND A. A. MATHEWS, B.A., VICAR.

CHARLES H. JONES, } CHURCHWARDENS.

ROBERT W. MOON, } 1920.

The Baptistery.

The Font is octagonal and made of Bath stone.

The windows have tinted glass, the centre one bearing the Coat of Arms of the Tredegar family with the motto:—

SI DEUS NOBISCUM

QUIS CONTRA NOS?

Memorial Oak Seat.

Near the Font is an Oak Seat the gift of Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Guy, and it has the following inscription:—

TO THE HONOUR AND GLORY OF GOD

AND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

SISTER ALICE A. GUY, DAUGHTER OF D. & S. GUY, WHO LAID DOWN HER LIFE IN THE SERVICE OF HER COUNTRY AT SALONICA, AUGUST 20th, 1916.

For many years Mr. Guy conducted the Morning Sunday School held in the old National School Buildings.

Brass Tablet.

On the South Wall is a very neatly designed Brass Tablet with the inscription:—

IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE OF

EDWIN BERTRAM BARNETT

CAPTAIN 8th (CITY OF LONDON) BATT. LONDON REGIMENT
(POST OFFICE RIFLES) KILLED WHILE GALLANTLY LEADING
HIS COMPANY IN THE ATTACK ON PASSCHENDALE RIDGE.

OCTOBER 30th, 1917. AGE 30 YEARS.

A TRUE SOLDIER . . . A BRAVE MAN.

GRANDSON OF EDWARD AND ANN HALL OF THIS TOWN.

THEY SHALL NOT GROW OLD, AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD.

AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM, NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.

AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN, AND IN THE MORNING

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

Stained Glass Window.

In the North East corner of the Nave are two small stained glass windows representing the "Parable of Talents." In the design the Master is saying to His Steward

Well done thou good and faithful servant.

And inscribed are the words:—

IN LOVING MEMORY OF GEORGE JUBILEE BAWN

BORN OCTOBER 25th, 1810.

50 YEARS A MEMBER AND 12 YEARS CHURCHWARDEN.

DIED DECEMBER 25th, 1890.

Beneath the window is a tablet with the following inscription:—

THIS WINDOW WAS ERECTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD,
AND IN MEMORY OF THE ABOVE BY HIS WIDOW SELENA BAWN,

WHO DIED NOVEMBER 8th, 1901.

SHE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH HIM FOR MANY YEARS IN

THE WORK OF THIS PARISH.

Brass Lectern.

This beautiful Lectern is in the form of an Eagle mounted on a ball representing the Globe, the outstretched wings supporting the Lectionary. The design was obtained from the Lectern in Munich Cathedral. It was supplied by Mr. H. W. Townsend at a cost of £110. This sum of money was collected by Mr. F. J. Heybyrne who had undertaken all responsibility as to its cost. It was dedicated on Easter Day, 1894. The only inscription is as follows:—

EASTER, 1894.

J. T. WRENFORD, VICAR.

F. J. HEYBYRNE, }
G. H. MOORE, } CHURCHWARDENS.

The Pulpit.

The present Pulpit was made by Mr. Theo. Frederick, son of Mr. T. Frederick for some time Warden at St. Paul's. It was placed in its present position before the side Galleries were removed—this will explain its unusual height.

The Organ.

The Organ is a three manual one re-constructed and enlarged in 1893 by Messrs. Vowles, Bristol, at an estimated cost of £554. On a brass plate affixed is to be seen this inscription:—

THE ORGAN WAS ERECTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE OF
GEORGE THOMAS ROGERS
FOR TWENTY YEARS THE BELOVED ORGANIST OF THIS CHURCH.
CHRISTMAS, 1893.

J. T. WRENFORD, VICAR.
F. J. HEYBYRNE, }
G. H. MOORE, } CHURCHWARDENS.

In 1922 the organ was completely overhauled and an electric blower installed by Messrs. Hele, of Plymouth, at a cost of £580.

Churchwardens' Wands.

The two handsome wands were presented to the Church by Mr. H. W. Townsend, for many years a sidesman of the Church.

The Chancel.

There are three stained glass windows in the Chancel. The centre is that of the Good Shepherd.

(*Pastor Bonus*).

On the left is the Good Samaritan. That on the right is our Lord receiving the children.

The centre window was erected by Mr. J. Linton, but has no inscription. A brass plate is to be found below the others, with the following inscription:—

(Left). IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
HERBERT NICHOLAS CHILCOTE,
SURGEON, OF BABBACOMBE, DEVON.
THIS WINDOW WAS ERECTED BY HIS SISTER ELIZABETH ALICE CHILCOTE.
A.D. 1889.

(Right). IN LOVING MEMORY
OF
PAUL CHILCOTE, M.D.,
OF BABBACOMBE, DEVON.
THIS WINDOW WAS ERECTED BY HIS DAUGHTER, ELLA WILLETT COOKE.
A.D. 1889.

There are four panels inscribed with the Lord's Prayer, Ten Commandments and Apostles Creed. These were the gifts of Dr. Robert Crooke, residing in Commercial Road.

On the morning of the unveiling of these panels the Scholars of St. Paul's National School were taken to the Church and afterwards at the request of the Doctor were given a half holiday.

The Cross.

The Cross is a magnificent one—the gift of the late Mr. Percy Powell. It is wrought in brass—with five silver oxidised medallions in hand repoussé. The Centre is the Agnus Dei. The remaining four are emblems of the four Evangelists, viz.:—

On the top is an Angel denoting St. Matthew.

On the left arm a Lion denoting St. Mark.

On the right arm a Bull denoting St. Luke.

On the bottom an Eagle denoting St. John.

It has the following inscription:—

IN SACRED AND AFFECTIONATE MEMORY
OF
ADA MARY POWELL
OF THIS TOWN, 1935.

There are also four beautifully engraved brass vases; a large brass arms dish; and two brass Altar lecterns.

Brass Tablet.

In the North Wall there is a brass tablet with the following inscription:—

IN DEAREST MEMORY
OF
ALFRED OLLIVANT,
ELDEST CHILD OF JOHN TINSON WRENFORD
(VICAR OF THIS PARISH) AND HARRIET ANN HIS WIFE,
WHO FELL ASLEEP IN JESUS NOVEMBER 23rd, A.D. MDCCCLXVI,
IN THE EIGHTH YEAR OF HIS AGE.
"LET ME GO FOR THE DAY BREAKETH."
GEN. 32, 26.

Frontal.

The beautiful embroidered Red Frontal was made by Miss Williams, of Caerleon, at a cost of a little over £40. The money was raised by Mrs. A. A. Mathews and Mr. Chas. H. Jones.

III.

ST. PAUL'S INCUMBENTS.

It is interesting to note that during the first hundred years of its existence St. Paul's Parish has had but five Incumbents, viz:—

Reverend James Francis	...	1836-1843
Reverend Henry Wybrow	...	1843-1855
Reverend John Tinson Wrenford	...	1855-1904
Reverend Alfred Augustus Mathews	...	1904-1933
Reverend Thomas Parry Pryce	...	1933-

Rev. JAMES FRANCIS.

On the 30th November, 1839, the Reverend James Francis formerly Curate of the Church from the date of its consecration was appointed its first Vicar.

In the "Merlin" for December 14th, 1839, a short reference is made to the event in the following manner:—

"A district has been assigned to the above Church, particulars of which shall be given in our next issue."

Strange to say, these particulars are not to be found in that publication.

He worked as Vicar of the Parish until the year 1843, and died under tragic circumstances, after an incumbency lasting only five years.

As a Parish Priest, he was most zealous in his ministry.



REV. JAMES FRANCIS.

He was the first President of Newport Total Abstinence Society, and also took a very keen interest in the Educational life of this Town and Diocese.

During the early days of his incumbency at St. Paul's, the County of Monmouth in general and Newport in particular, were very much affected by the Chartist Rebellion.

There is extant in our Public Library, a bound volume of a Sermon preached by him in the pulpit of St. Paul's, on Sunday evening, April 21st, 1839, on the text, Jeremiah 2, 13.

The first part of the sermon is a wonderful exposition of the text.

The second part is a solemn and urgent warning to the Members of his congregation of the folly and even sinfulness of participating in, or identifying themselves with, the Chartist movement.

The Sermon is written in beautiful language, and may be read with great interest, especially in view of the fact that the principles which formed the programme of the Chartist Movement have long been accepted in our present day social reforms.

It is recorded that on Wednesday, May 17th, 1843, he got wet in returning from Whitson Church, where his clerical duties called him. He caught cold at St. Woolos Church on the following day attending the Visitation.

On returning home he complained of illness. He was seized with a chill, followed by fever together with other alarming symptoms, and died on Wednesday morning, May 24th, leaving a devoted wife and six children.

He had made friends with many. The educated man found in him the acquirements and attributes of the gentleman and scholar.

In the home his conduct as a husband and father was truly exemplary.

As an able and successful teacher of children of many families in the town and neighbourhood his loss was seriously felt.

The funeral took place at St. Paul's, on Tuesday morning, May 30th.

Business appeared to have been quite suspended in the town. The shops, with very few exceptions, were closed.

The place appointed for the assembly of his friends was the National Schools.

Shortly after 12 noon the procession left the National Schools for Llanarth Street towards the late residence of the deceased and in the following order :—

The children of the National Schools supported by the male and female teachers.

The children of the Church School.

The children of the Diocesan School.

The Vicar of St. Woolos (officiating minister).

The Clergy.

The Body.

Pall borne by Six Clergymen.

The Churchwardens of St. Paul's.

About 800 persons in mourning, arm in arm, followed by the sorrowing poor of the town.

Colonel Love, Commandant of the District, Officers and soldiers of the 73rd Regt.

The Church was crowded to its utmost capacity.

He lies buried in the porch at the East end of the Church.

In the wall has been placed a tablet containing the following inscription :—

THIS TABLET WAS ERECTED
OVER THE GRAVE
OF
REVEREND JAMES FRANCIS
THE FIRST APPOINTED
MINISTER OF THIS CHURCH,
BY THE MEMBERS OF HIS CONGREGATION,
TO RECORD THEIR LOVE OF HIM AS THEIR PASTOR,
THEIR GRATITUDE FOR HIS INSTRUCTIONS
AND THEIR ADMIRATION FOR HIS TRULY CHRISTIAN CHARACTER.
HIS LOT WAS CAST IN TIMES OF TROUBLE, YET AMIDST ALL
DISCOURAGEMENT AND DIFFICULTIES HE ZEALOUSLY DEFENDED
GOSPEL TRUTH AND BOLDLY REBUKED VICE AS A FAITHFUL AND
ABLE MINISTER OF CHRIST.
IN THE CHEERFUL DISCHARGE OF THESE DUTIES HE GAINED THE
ESTEEM OF ALL BOTH WITHIN AND WITHOUT HIS CHURCH.
HIS WAS THE WISDOM WHICH COMETH FROM ABOVE, PURE, PEACEABLE,
GENTLE, FULL OF MERCY AND GOOD FRUITS, WITHOUT PARTIALITY
AND WITHOUT HYPOCRISY.

Rev. HENRY WYBROW, M.A.
(1843—1855).

Worc. Coll. Ox. B.A. 1829. d. 1829 by Bp. of Glouc. p. 1830 by Bp. of Heref. Formerly C. of Winstone, Glouc. 1829-33; Brinsop, Heref. 1833-37; Boraston and Nash, Salop, 1837-39; St. Columb Major, Cornwall, 1839-41; Beverstone, Glouc. 1841-44; P.C. of St. Paul's Newport, Mon., 1843-55; Vicar of Stretton-on-Dunsmore 1855-1879.

The Rev. James Francis was succeeded as Vicar by the Rev. Henry Wybrow.

During the interregnum, the work of the Parish was carried on by the Rev. John Davies, Curate.

We have found it most difficult to obtain any information of any value regarding his ministry in the parish during his incumbency.

Unfortunately the old records of the Church, containing the minutes of the several Vestry Meetings, etc., are not to be found. The oldest book of this kind in our possession dates only from 1892.

We have closely examined the Church records in the Diocesan Registry at Cardiff, and can find no evidence of the date of his Institution, and the Mandate of his Induction is also missing.

It is fairly clear that he succeeded the Rev. James Francis within three months of the latter's death.

In one of the Baptismal registers there is a record of him taking a baptism on August 20th, 1843.



REV. HENRY WYBROW, M.A.

It is recorded that on Sunday, April 21st, 1844, he preached eloquent Sermons at St. Paul's, and that at the close of each service a collection was taken to defray the expenses of the monument raised to the memory of the Rev. James Francis.

The total collections exceeded by £5 the sum necessary for that object, and that the surplus was applied to the repairs of the ceiling of the Church.

His last signature appears in the Marriage Register for May 13th, 1853. After that date and for some considerable time, Paptismal and Marriage registers bear the signatures of the Rev. Foster Ashburn and the Rev. Isaac D. Winslow.

Although his successor was not appointed until the end of January, 1855, we have no information whatsoever regarding his ministry during those two latter years.

On November 14th, 1854, he issued from Wilcott Vicarage, near Marlborough:—

A Farewell Address to the Inhabitants of St. Paul's District, and especially to the Members of the Congregation of St. Paul's Church.

We give below a few excerpts from this address:—
My Beloved People,

No words of mine can express all I have felt during my long, but unavoidable absence from you, and from my duties at Newport. I may truly say, that I have been in a strait betwixt two, perplexed night and day, whether to follow the bent of my own feelings and inclinations, and to return to St. Paul's, with all its responsibilities and excitements, or to yield to the entreaties of relatives, and friends, and to endeavour, by a longer absence, to prolong a life, humanly speaking, so important to a large family, well nigh entirely dependent upon me, and which all my medical advisers have, without hesitation, decided would have

been endangered by attempting hastily to renew, with any degree of energy, my interesting labour amongst you . . . among whom I have spent the happiest ten years of my ministerial life.

Whilst, however, taking steps in consequence of my recent great improvement in health . . . to return to Newport . . . it pleased God to interfere by the unexpected offer of a country living in a dry and bracing atmosphere well suited to my present physical powers.

It is my painful task to take farewell of a congregation, . . . from whom I ever received the greatest consideration, kindness and affection. . . .

Let me, earnestly request, that you will forgive all that has appeared to you either weak or unsympathizing, as your Minister and your friend. . . . You will often think of me in prayer. Farewell my beloved people: . . . for the sake of our adorable Redeemer, and, without one exception, may we meet hereafter before His presence in glory with great joy.

I remain,

Your grateful Pastor, and ever affectionate and
faithful Friend,

HENRY WYBROW.

He was appointed Vicar of Stretton-on-Dunsmore by the Simeon Trustees in 1855, and remained the Incumbent until 1879, when he died on September 2nd, at the age of 72 years. He was laid to rest in the Parish Church yard, in a grave adjoining those of former deceased Vicars. A considerable number of Clergy and parishioners of all classes were present to pay him their last tribute of respect.

On the Sunday following the interment, the Services were conducted by Canon the Reverend Dr. Dixon, Vicar of

St. Matthews, Rugby, an intimate and personal friend of the deceased.

Referring to the loss the parish had sustained, he said:—

“For five and twenty years, many of you have heard from his lips the same truths, which I have aimed to press upon you this afternoon, and what he preached he practised. From him you heard the whole Counsel of God and his great aim was to humble the sinner, to exalt the Saviour, and to promote holiness. What he desired, and longed for, and prayed for, was, that all of you, his dear people, may be partakers of the Grace of God through the Gospel of Christ. Like you I have lost a friend, and a Counsellor; and friends like him are rare, very rare. His was the ‘death of the righteous’—his ‘end was peace.’ He had passed the common limit of human life, and to him it could be no surprise when the ‘Master had need’ of him and called him up higher.”

Rev. J. TINSON WRENFORD, M.A., Ph.D.

(1855—1904).

On January 29th, 1855, the Rev. John Tinson Wrenford, M.A., was instituted to the Benefice of St. Paul's.

On January 22nd he received from the Lord Bishop of Llandaff the following letter:—

My Dear Sir,

A letter this morning from Mr. Wybrow informs me that he is instituted to his Benefice. I take the first opportunity of informing you of this, and of claiming the fulfilment of your promise that you will accept St. Paul's; for which I have no doubt you are well fitted.

There is at present a little restlessness among the people. But by God's blessing you will, I think, soon overcome this. It is a large sphere of duty, and will furnish you with abundant opportunities of fulfilling the great end of your ministry, glorifying God, and doing good to immortal souls.

Believe me,

My dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

A. LLANDAFF.

The Rev. J. T. Wrenford was born in the neighbourhood of Liverpool on the 30th of June, 1825, and was educated at various schools.

He read for Holy Orders at the Bishop's Divinity Class at Cowbridge Grammar School and was Ordained to the Curacy of St. Mary's Cardiff, on the 9th of October, 1849. This was his one and only Curacy. He was a most energetic parish priest

His language was always simple and his message could easily be understood even by the most unlearned.

For years, on Sunday nights, when he preached with the Church crammed to capacity, you could hear the proverbial "pin drop" during his 50 minutes' sermon.

During the period of his Incumbency, he removed the side galleries, replacing the old box pews with the present seats. He removed the Three-decker Pulpit with its accommodation for a somnolent parish clerk, and rebuilt the organ in its present position, ex the West Gallery, as a memorial to his late organist, Mr. George Rogers—who was probably one of the finest masters of Church music of his time. He also substituted a mixed choir by a surpliced one.

He initiated the Union of "All for Jesus disciples"—an organisation which spread very rapidly in this country and soon could boast of members in India, China, Australia, America, and in parts of the European Continent.

He was also led to commence a little association entitled "The Morning Watch," for promoting early rising and early communion with God. This also was greatly blessed of God.

His long ministry in the Parish, of nearly fifty years, will be specially remembered and deeply cherished for the series of successful and soul stirring missions, which were the outcome of his burning passion for souls. These missions, conducted at various times by the Rev. Robert Aitken, Vicar of Pendeen, his two sons the Rev. R. W. Aitken and Canon Hay Aitken, and Lord Radstock, greatly affected the spiritual life of the whole town, and it is on record that literally hundreds were converted within the four walls of the Church.

Writing of these Missions in a booklet entitled "God's work at Newport," Dr. Wrenford says:—

"On Tuesday night, nearly or quite two thousand persons were crowded into the sacred edifice, while hundreds thronged the approaches unable to obtain admission. A spirit of deep solemnity characterised the services, which were prolonged to a very late hour, in consequence of the large number of anxious ones seeking direction. The result of this second mission was that three hundred souls were brought to the Lord, in connection with St. Paul's alone. Surely no one can speak of an aggregate of one thousand conversions in a single parish within four months, without feelings of fervent gratitude to Him Who alone can turn one sinner 'from darkness to light; and from the power of Satan unto God.' Still more intense becomes the heart's thanksgiving when the fact is contemplated, that many hundreds besides were converted and led to Jesus, in connection with other Communion, in the same period of time, and that, the work of the Lord rapidly spread to several parishes adjacent."

He died having served his day and generation loyally and well on the 19th of February, 1904.

On Sunday, February 21st, a touching reference was made at the morning service by the Rev. W. A. Peters, Curate of St. Paul's, to the great loss the parish had sustained by the lamented death of their beloved Vicar.

The funeral service was held at St. Paul's on Wednesday, February 24th, at 2 p.m., the cortege leaving Belle Vue Court, Cardiff Road, the residence of the Wrenford family.

The Church was draped in black—the flag outside flying at half-mast.

The officiating clergy were the Rev. J. M. Targett (son-in-law), Rev. Canon Aitken and the Rev. W. A. Peters.

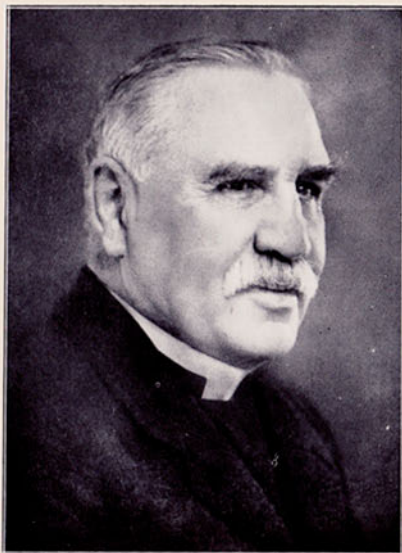
There were also present a large number of Clergy including the Ven. Archdeacon Bruce, Canon Bedwell, and Rev. Benjamin Lloyd, Vicar of St. Woolos.

In the congregation were the Mayor (Councillor Clifford Phillips) and several Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough.

The interment took place at St. Woolos Cemetery.

On Sunday, February 28th, a Memorial Service was held at St. Paul's.

In the morning the preacher was Canon Bedwell, Vicar of Caerleon, and in the evening Rev. (Canon) H. G. Stanley, Vicar of Marshfield, both of whom paid eloquent tribute to the memory of the late Vicar.



REV. CANON A. A. MATHEWS, B.A.

Rev. Canon ALFRED AUGUSTUS MATHEWS, B.A.
(1904—1933).

S.D.C. Lampeter; B.A. 1886; D. 1887; P. 1888 St. D.; F.C. of Swansea H. Trinity 1887-92; V. of Swansea H. Trinity 1892-97; Blaenavon 1897-1904; St. Paul's, Newport 1904-1933; R.D. of Newport 1930; Canon of Monmouth 1930; V. of Caerwent 1933.

In February, 1904, the living of St. Paul's was offered to the Rev. A. A. Mathews by Bishop Lewis, Bishop of Llandaff, and accepted.

At the Annual Vestry held on Thursday, April 7th, 1904, on the motion of Mr. F. J. Heybyrne, and seconded by Mr. C. H. Jones, the following resolution was carried unanimously:—

“That this Vestry heartily thanks the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, for appointing as Incumbent of the parish the Rev. Alfred Augustus Mathews, B.A., whose views are so fully in accord with the majority of the congregation worshipping at St. Paul's, and the Vestry looks forward hopefully to his work amongst them as their Vicar.”

For eight years he had been Vicar of Blaenavon, where his ministry had been most successful and excellent work had been accomplished.

He was instituted to the living on April 18th, 1904, and Inducted by Archdeacon Bruce, Archdeacon of Monmouth, on 18th of May.

He was a man of untiring activity and of boundless energy.

Immediately on his arrival he threw himself wholeheartedly into the work of the Parish.

By his genial and most sympathetic manner he soon won the confidence of his congregation and immediately set out on a programme of Church extension.

During his ministry of twenty-nine years he raised a considerable amount of money for Church purposes and made a most adequate provision for carrying on the spiritual work of the Parish.

We give below some of the things that were accomplished by him.

1904-5—The Church windows renewed and the Choir Stalls and Holy Communion table raised.

1905-6—South-West Porch erected and Clergy and Choir Vestries improved.

1906-7—St. Barnabas built.

1908—Vicarage Hall raised by one storey.

1909—Present Vicarage acquired.

1911—The Congregation Chapel, Dock Street, purchased and renamed St. James.

1912—Wrenford Memorial Hall erected.

1926—No. 6 Hill Street purchased.

1932—St. Thomas, Maesglas, erected.

Rarely has any Parish witnessed a greater extension of Church work in a corresponding period of time.

Nor was his vision bounded by Parochial boundaries. His great passion for the extension of God's kingdom can best be seen in the Missionary activities of the Parish.

Apart from the annual contribution sent direct to C.M.S., support was given to:—

Peshawar Hospital.

Mombassa Hospital.

Bible Woman Fukhein.

Pakhoi and Onitsha Beds,

as well as "Our own Missionaries."

For many years he has held the positions of Chairman of the Diocesan Association of the C.M.S. and Hon. Secretary of the Monmouth Diocesan Board of Missions.

In 1930 he was appointed Rural Dean of Newport, and in the same year was made Canon (The Cause of Missions).

In 1933 he was offered and accepted the living of Caerwent.

Rev. THOMAS PARRY PRYCE, B.A.

B.A. S.D.C. Lampeter; D. 1906; P. 1907 *Llan.*;
F.C. Blaenavon 1906-12; *V. of Dingestow* 1912-17;
R. of Blaina 1917-21; *V. of Pontypridd* 1921-33;
V. of St. Paul's, Newport, Oct. 19th, 1933.

1934—Grand Autumn Bazaar, raised £865.

1935—Opened Church Hall, Maesglas.

1936—Re-opened St. Barnabas Church.

Holy Trinity Church.

This Church was built during the Incumbency of the Reverend Henry Wybrow, with the Reverend William G. Baxter as its first Curate.

Hitherto the only accommodation for Church services was at the small School provided by the Tredegar Wharf Company.

The Church was consecrated by Dr. Ollivant, Bishop of Llandaff, on June 15th, 1852. A very full account of the service is given in the "Merlin" of that date.

The Bishop attended by his Chaplain was received at the entrance door by the Minister, the Archdeacon, Chancellor, Rural Dean and Clergy, accompanied by Samuel Homfray, Esq., and other gentlemen.

A petition signed by the Reverend Henry Wybrow, the Church Warden, Samuel Homfray and others was presented to his lordship praying that he would consecrate the Church. The Lord Bishop having received the petition handed it to the Registrar who read it aloud.

The ground on which the Church is built was given by the Tredegar Wharf Company together with a donation of £500. The Tredegar Iron Company gave a donation of about £200, and subscriptions from friends amounted to nearly £1,300.

It is singularly strange that with such an extensive site the Church was built North and South, not East and West.

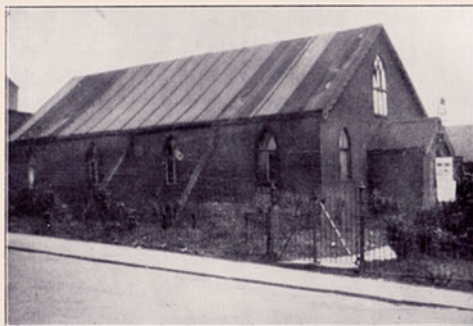
The following incident may be of interest:—

The next day following the Consecration there was a little competition for the honour of first baptism in the new Church.

Mr. William Morgan, Chemist, Pillgwenlly, was the successful competitor in the race. The child was given the name of William Trinitas Morgan, thus identifying the appellation with the name of the Church."



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.



THE MISSION CHAPEL (DOCK STREET).



MISSION HALL (GRANVILLE STREET).

The following is a list of Curates who officiated there during the twelve years before it became a Parish.

1852-1853	William G. Baxter.
1853-1855	George C. Hodgson.
1855-1858	Archibald Gault.
1858-1862	T. Brook Wrenford.
1862-1864	Samuel Fox.

The Mission Chapel (Dock Street).

For many years this was a most prosperous Mission.

In a statement published in 1878 the following Services were held there.

Sunday (Service)	...	at 11 a.m.
"	" (Norwegian)	" 4 p.m.
"	...	" 6.30 p.m.
Monday	...	" 7.30 p.m.
Friday	...	" 7.30 p.m.
Sunday School	...	at 10 a.m. and 2.45 p.m.

This Mission Church was an iron building and was situated at the lower part of Dock Street. The portion of ground on which it stood was required by the G.W.R. for the building of a new bridge and as there was no suitable place in the Parish to which the Church could be removed it was sold to the Vicar of Maindee, the Reverend T. D. Griffiths. It was taken to an open space in Church Road and became the first Church of St. Matthew. On the erection of a stone Church it was removed to Durham Road and opened on December 3rd, 1891, under the name of St. Julian. On the creation of the Parish of St. Julian it served as the Parish Church until September 23rd, 1926, when a stone Church was built. This building still exists but is not in use.

The Mission Room (Canal Parade).

This work began in 1887 and incorporated the work of the Dock Street Mission.

Sunday School	...	...	3 p.m.
Sunday Service	...	...	6.30 p.m.
Tuesday (Band of Hope)	...	...	7.30 p.m.
Friday (Meeting)	...	...	8.0 p.m.

The Mission Hall (Granville Street).

This Hall was opened after extensive repairs early in 1891. For fifteen years the work flourished and was greatly blessed of God. Several of our present congregation took an active interest in this Mission, to whom it still has many happy memories.

A list of the services are given below.

Sunday—11 a.m.	...	Children's Service.
3 p.m.	...	Sunday School.
5.45 p.m.	...	Children's Service.
6.30 p.m.	...	Mission Service.
8.0 p.m.	...	Prayer Meeting.

Monday—Prayer Meeting at 7.30 p.m.
 Tuesday—Bible Reading at 7.30 p.m.
 Wednesday—Band of Hope at 7.0 p.m.

Before the Hall became the property of the Church it was used by a private individual for Social purposes and was known as the Guild Hall.

The building still exists but is in a very bad state of repair. The wide staircase is still used by the tenant of the adjoining house.



ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.



ST. BARNABAS CHURCH.

St. Barnabas Church (New Ruperra Street).

This Mission Church is a stone building designed by J. F. Groves, Esq., F.R.I.B.A., Architect to the Tredegar Estate, and was erected in 1906 at the cost of £1,810.

The freehold of the site was most generously given by the first Viscount Tredegar with a donation of £500 towards its erection. A grant of £100 was made by the S.P.C.K. and one member of the congregation gave £25 on condition that thirty-nine others could be found to give the same.

A preliminary service taken by the Vicar, the Reverend A. A. Mathews, and the Curate the Reverend W. Williams, was held at St. Paul's. A short address was given by Canon Griffith of Machen (and later Dean of Llandaff).

A procession headed by the Naval Brigade and in which were Viscount Tredegar and the Mayor (Councillor J. Liscombe), Archdeacon Bruce and other Clergy, was afterwards formed and marched in procession to the site of the new building.

The foundation stone was laid by Viscount Tredegar and bears the following inscription:—

THIS STONE WAS LAID BY
THE RIGHT HONOURABLE VISCOUNT TREDEGAR,
THURSDAY, MARCH 10th, 1906.

Archdeacon Bruce gave the address.

In replying to a vote of thanks Viscount Tredegar said:—

"It would be peculiar indeed if he did not do a great deal in helping Churches in a district such a large proportion of which belonged to him. He had laid a good many foundation stones, and when he looked at the collection of trowels and relics he had at Tredegar House, he thought of the numbers of Churches or Chapels erected, and the good they had been doing all through the country."

Work was continued in this Mission Church for five years and proved to be most fruitful in its results.

In 1911, the Congregational Chapel, Dock Street, was purchased at a cost of £1,400 and was given the name of St. James.

St. Barnabas was consequently closed for religious purposes and the congregation transferred to the new Church.

In 1936, with the full approval of the Church Authorities the Church building was disposed of for £1,225. A sum of £350 was spent on a thorough renovation of St. Barnabas—including the installation of an up-to-date heating apparatus, electric light and the re-erection of the organ transferred from St. James.

On Tuesday, February 25th, 1936, at a special service held at 3 p.m. the Church was again reopened by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth. There was a crowded congregation.

The Ebbw Mission (Machine Yard).

Fifty years ago a definite piece of Church work was begun in this extreme part of the Parish. It began as a Cottage meeting. Later, with the consent and generous support of the first Viscount Tredegar, the above was converted into a Mission Room. Here the following services were held:—

Sunday	...	3.0 p.m.	Sunday School.
"	...	6.30 p.m.	Service.
Wednesday	...	7.30 p.m.	Service.

This Mission Room is still in the possession of the Church and is being used for Sunday School and other Church meetings.

St. Thomas' Church (Maesglas).

This Church (an iron building) was erected by Mr. T. J. Hill at a cost of £750 on a freehold site generously given to



THE WRENFORD MEMORIAL HALL.

the Church by the second Viscount Tredegar. It was opened on December 22nd, 1932, by the Lord Bishop of Monmouth.

The building is a temporary structure and will seat about three hundred. In 1928 the Newport Corporation began their development of the Maseglas Housing Site Scheme, on the South side of Cardiff Road. In a period of eight years 616 houses have been built. This rapid influx of people made it urgent and imperative that provision should be made for their spiritual need.

The growth of the Church since the date of its opening has been amazing. It has a most enthusiastic congregation, and an excellent band of active workers, with a Sunday School of over five hundred scholars.

St. Thomas' Church Hall.

This is an iron building situated in Maesglas Circle and capable of holding two hundred and fifty.

It is used for Sunday School work, and various Social functions, connected with the Church. The building was purchased by the Vicar, the Reverend T. Parry Pryce. To make it suitable for Church purposes extensive alterations were needed. The whole of this work was done by voluntary labour, given by the men of the congregation. On Saturday, December 7th, 1935, the Hall was opened by Mrs. Theo. Handford, in the presence of a large number of people including the Dean of Monmouth and the Archdeacon of Newport.

St. Paul's Vicarage.

Originally the Vicarage was situated within the grounds of St. Paul's Church on the site occupied by the Wrenford Memorial Hall. Here the late Dr. Wrenford lived for many years. It



THE VICARAGE.

was then let by him to Mr. Thomas Spittle, proprietor of the Cambrian Foundry. Later it was used for Sunday School work. An excellent Young Men's Bible Class conducted by Mr. Tom Wring met there for many years.

Part of the house became tenanted by Mr. George, the licensed Lay Reader and afterwards by the Verger.

The present Vicarage situated on Stow Hill, was formerly known as "Tivoli" and was the home of Henry John Davis, Esq., legal agent to the Tredegar Estate—three times Mayor of Newport, and for more than twenty years Churchwarden at St. Woolos. This house was a most princely gift to the Church by the first Viscount Tredegar. It possesses beautiful grounds and has a most extensive view over the Bristol Channel.

It was first occupied as a Vicarage in July, 1911, by Canon and Mrs. Mathews and family. Previous to this they occupied Belle Vue Court, Cardiff Road, for seven years.

Curate's House.

This house is situated at No. 6 Hill Street, and was purchased in July, 1926, for the sum of £450.

In 1928 the second Viscount Tredegar made a gift of its freehold to the Church. It is now tenanted by the Verger of St. Paul's and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Walters.

The Vicarage Hall.

It is difficult to determine the exact date of the erection of this Hall. Originally it was one storey, and called by this name, because of its close proximity to the Old Vicarage which occupied the present site of the Wrenford Memorial Hall. It was enlarged and furnished in 1908 at a cost of approximately £500. The chief purpose of this addition was to provide suitable accommo-

dation for a Church Men's Institute, who were members of the Men's Bible Class or of the C.E.M.S., as well as for the use of all young people in the Parish as a means of counteracting that leakage from the Church which took place when a boy attained the age of fourteen years. Towards the cost of erection a sum of over £140 was promised by the Men's Bible Class conducted by the Reverend W. Williams. This Class had a membership of over one hundred.

The Wrenford Memorial Hall.

This Hall was built on the site of the Old Vicarage in 1912 at a cost of £3,760. The building was erected primarily for Sunday School purposes and is one of the most up-to-date buildings of its kind in the Diocese.

It consists of a large Central Hall with a number of side class rooms on the first and second floor. In the rear are two large rooms for the use of the Primary Department and also a long, spacious and well-lighted room for the Kindergarten. The freehold of this site was purchased by the first Viscount Tredegar from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners and presented to the Church with a generous cheque of £1,500 towards the cost of erection. £100 was contributed by the S.P.C.K., and a sum of £300 already subscribed towards a Memorial to the late Vicar, Dr. Wrenford, was also included. The Architects were Messrs. Habershon and Fawckner and the builder Mr. C. H. Reed.

The foundation stones were laid by Sir George Forestier-Walker as the direct representative of Viscount Tredegar, and also by Reginald Wrenford, Esq., as the eldest son of the late Vicar.

Prior to the laying of these stones a service was held in Church at which Bishop Jayne, Bishop of Chester, gave the



REV. J. TINSON WRENFORD, M.A., Ph.D.

and very soon commenced a number of parochial organisations which were well supported by the people. On leaving Cardiff he was presented with valuable gifts including a massive double silver ink stand, a gold pencil and pen case. All of these were suitably inscribed.

With his advent to St. Paul's, the parish soon witnessed a great revival of spiritual life. A mission was opened in a Mission Hall, Granville Street, and a number of Parochial organisations started, in which he had the whole hearted and loyal assistance of a large band of workers.

For forty-nine years he held the appointment of Chaplain to the unit of H.M. Forces stationed at Barrack Hill. This unit came regularly to St. Paul's for morning service. An attractive sight which will be remembered by the older members of the congregation was the "Regimental Goat" leading the procession as the men marched along Commercial Street to Church.

He took a very special interest in these men and diligently sought to promote their spiritual welfare in every possible way.

Mr. Wrenford was a man of untiring energy. A prolific writer of religious booklets, all of which ran into hundreds of editions and millions of copies. Many were translated into several languages and reached a very wide circulation.

A friendship formed in 1873 with Frances Ridley Havergal, proved to be one of the most pleasant and fruitful incidents of his life. He had the privilege of giving publicity to her well known hymn, "Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee," which she sent to him in manuscript, immediately it was written.

As a successful Missioner he was for many years much sought after, especially in Ireland. And as a preacher, it is said that in his day few could equal him.

address. The Dedication Service was taken by the Archdeacon of Monmouth, The Ven. Archdeacon Bruce.

The following inscriptions appear on the Foundation Stones:—

THIS STONE WAS LAID BY
SIR GEORGE FORESTIER-WALKER, BART.,
ON BEHALF OF THE
RIGHT HON. VISCOUNT TREDEGAR.
APRIL 18th, 1912.

THIS STONE WAS LAID BY
REGINALD BROOK WRENFORD, ESQ.,
THE ELDEST SON OF THE LATE
REVEREND J. T. WRENFORD, M.A., Ph.D.
WHO WAS FOR 49 YEARS VICAR OF THIS PARISH.

St. Paul's National Schools.

These Schools were situated immediately opposite the Church on a plot of ground on which formerly stood the Poor House. This building was purchased by Sir Charles Morgan, Bart., for £500, with the object of converting it into Schools for boys and girls and infants.

Henry J. Davis, Esq., in his "Short Account of the Rise and Progress of Newport" 1891, stated that:—

"At the end of Commercial Street stood on one side St. Paul's Church then (1838) recently built, and, on the other, the parish poor-house, from whence the paupers had first been removed to the new Workhouse on Stow Hill. The poor-house was purchased by Sir Charles Morgan and converted into National Schools for the whole of Newport."



ST. PAUL'S NATIONAL SCHOOLS.

The estimated cost of alterations was about £1100 and the building was intended to correspond as nearly as possible with St. Paul's Church.

Above the centre doorway of the Schools was a chastely design, carved in stone, of the Coat of Arms of Sir Charles Morgan, Bt.,

Below was the following inscription:—

NEWPORT
NATIONAL SCHOOLS
FOR BOYS, GIRLS
AND INFANTS,
WAS ERECTED IN THE
YEAR OF OUR LORD
1839
UNDER THE PATRONAGE
OF
SIR CHARLES MORGAN, BARONET,
AND SUPPORTED BY
VOLUNTARY
CONTRIBUTIONS.

J. H. LANGDON,
ARCHITECT.

The original carved stone is now in the custody of the Newport Museum and Art Gallery.

According to Dr. Wrenford in his "Annual Statement" "The Schools were commenced in 1840 by the Reverend James Francis, first Vicar of St. Paul's."

In the deed of Conveyance of the site dated 1840 we find the following:—

"For Schools for the Education of Poor Children in the Principles of the Christian Religion according to the Doctrine

and Discipline of the United Church of England and Ireland and of a House or Houses for the Master or Masters and Mistress or Mistresses of such School or Schools."

The price to be paid:—"Five hundred and fifty pounds."

The Trust further stated "Upon Trust to permit and suffer the Building that may be erected to be used as Schools for the moral and Religious Education of Boys, Girls and Infants according to the National System and in Union with the National Schools Promoting the Education of the Poor, the children attending such schools being instructed in the Liturgy and Catechism of the Established Church and being required constantly to attend Divine Service at their Parish Church or other Place of Religious Worship connected with the Establishment as far as the same is possible on the Lord's Day."

There appears to be no account extant of the opening of the School. At that date the County of Monmouth, and Newport in particular, were in the throes of the Chartist Movement. Their leader, John Frost, a former Mayor of the Town and two of his compatriots were on trial at Monmouth for high treason. Consequently every available space of the local paper of that date was taken up with a full report of the proceedings.

A memorable event in the early history of the School was the unveiling of the bust of Sir Charles Morgan—a most generous benefactor.

The bust stood on a pedestal at one end of the Boys' Department and was executed by Mr. J. Evan Thomas of Brecon, a pupil of Chantry the eminent Sculptor. This bust is now in possession of the Tredegar family and a Cast is to be seen at the Newport Museum. The death of Sir Charles in December, 1846, was a serious blow to the School. For six years he had taken an active and a very real personal interest in its work.

Another date of great significance to the School was 1872. That year F. J. Mitchell, Esq., erected a Giant's Stride in the Boys' Playground and also a horizontal bar.

From that small beginning arose the most successful gymnastic team under the leadership of the Brothers Huxtable, Jimmy Lamey and several other National School Boys, culminating in successfully winning the National Physical Recreation Shield for the British Isles in 1893 and 1898, and also the Midland County Shield 1896, Adams Shield 1900 and two Bronze Shields 1891.

In 1897 the Managers were very reluctantly forced to close the School down.

"The Committee of Management" said Dr. Wrenford "worked to the utmost to avert the catastrophe, which has, at last, befallen it.

For nearly sixty years the school had done a splendid educational work in the parish; but pecuniary difficulties increased from year to year, and at length compelled the Committee to close the School.

Lord Tredegar had been most kind to us throughout the prolonged struggle. But, at last, under the pressure of the unmerciful demands of the Education Department—the last of which was for costly, but totally unnecessary, structural alterations—the Committee gave up all hope, and closed the School. No other course remained open. It was like submitting to amputation. But the painful thing had to be done. Escape was impossible."

During the years of its existence nearly 25,000 scholars were admitted and received instruction at these schools. Some of these in later life attained to positions of great prominence. Among them a Member of the Cabinet, a Mayor, and several Members of the Newport Corporation, a Town Clerk of Mafeking, and a Town Clerk of Southwark, etc.

The school buildings were dismantled in 1912 and the site reverted with the sanction of the Charity Commissioners to the Tredegar Estate on condition that provision was made for a Sunday School for St. Paul's elsewhere.

The following is a full list of Headmasters and Mistresses furnished by Mr. W. Pheasey a former Assistant Master of the School.

DATE	BOYS.	GIRLS.
Jan., 1840	Abraham Broadribb Stock	Mary Ann Stock
1852	Thomas Williams	Elizabeth Bell
1858	James Thomas	"
1863	"	Sarah Judith Liddington
1865	John Fisher	Julia Maria Liddington
1868	"	Sarah Jane Ransome
1871	Robert Walter Dugdale	"
1874	Francis Vernon	"
1884	"	Harriet Williams
1889	"	"
1895-6	Albert A. Warren	} Boys and Girls Mixed
1897	J. M. McKenzie	

INFANTS—Miss Young 1840-47; Miss Elizabeth Gravenor 1847-1852; Miss Jane Lloyd 1852-1889; Miss E. Evans 1889-1897.

July, 1897, School Closed.

Patron: The Right Honourable Viscount Tredegar.

MANAGERS.

The Clergy of St. Paul's.	Townsend, Mr. H. W.
Jones, Mr. C. H.	Frost, Mr. E.
Heybyrne, Mr.	Moore, Mr. G. H.
Hollingdale, Mr.	Bell, Mr. G.

Secretary: Bell, Mr. G.

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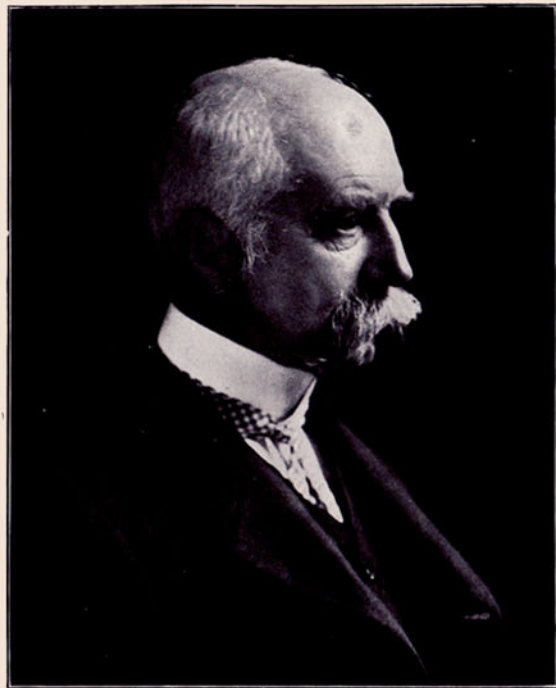
BENEFACTIONS by TREDEGAR FAMILY.

1. The freehold site of St. Paul's with generous financial help in its erection.
2. The Silver Communion Plate used at St. Paul's.
3. The Church Clock.
4. The freehold site of The National School with frequent generous financial assistance.
5. The freehold of St. Barnabas with a gift of £500 towards its erection.
6. The freehold and gift of a house for a new Vicarage.
7. Freehold of St. James' Church, Dock Street.
8. The freehold of the site with a cheque of £1,500 towards the building of the Wrenford Memorial Hall.
9. Freehold of St. Thomas' with Communion Plate and cheque.
10. Freehold of house situated at No. 6, Hill Street.

In 1912 the first Viscount Tredegar who had been a seat-holder at St. Paul's for many years died.

At the Annual Easter Vestry Meeting the following resolution was proposed and seconded :—

“That this Vestry of the Parishioners of St. Paul's, Newport, desire to convey to the Right Honourable Lord Tredegar their heartfelt sympathy to him and his family, at the loss they have sustained by the death of the late Viscount



VISCOUNT TREDEGAR.

Tredegar who has always proved himself to be a most kind friend and a generous benefactor to this parish."

This was carried by all standing.

It is of interest to note that St. Paul's is the only Parish in the Deanery of Newport in which a Statue has been erected to the memory of a former resident and benefactor of this town.

In the People's Park, Park Square, we have the statue of Sir Charles Morgan, Bt.

OTHER GIFTS.

- 1913 C. D. Phillips, Legacy of £100 towards building of Wrenford Hall and Sunday Schools.
- 1916 Llewellyn Llewelyn, Legacy of £100 devoted to cost of building of Wrenford Hall and Sunday Schools.
- 1923 Percy Powell, £150 London and N.E. Railway 4% 1st Pref. Stock, the annual income from which is to be appropriated, in equal portions, to the Vicar's Stipend Fund, and the Curacy Fund.
- 1924 Legacy from John Ford Haime of £70 for provision of Memorial Window.
- Feb. Invested in War Stock 1929/47. Total amount including interest to 1st June, 1936—£103 15s. 6d.
- Dec. Mr. May, Legacy of £50 for Sunday School. (Invested in 3½% War Stock).
- 1927 Legacy from Miss O. I. Hall £10. For Church Expenses. May. (Invested in 3½% War Stock).
- 1928 Percy Powell. £100 3% Local Loans Stock, the annual income from which is to be treated as his donation to the Diocesan Quota Fund.
- 1933
Apl. Mrs. M. Herbert £200 Legacy towards purchase of House, No. 6 Hill Street.

VI.

ASSISTANT CLERGY

(1836—1936).

Rev. James Francis	Rev. J. Dale Chapman
" T. R. Taylor	" T. England
" John Beynon	" A. R. Rupeel
" R. H. Thomas	" H. Harries
" G. T. Hall	" A. Wilkins
" J. Pope	" E. C. Wrenford (Dr.)
" William B. Lawrence	" W. J. Pollock
" John Davies	" John Price
" Daniel Jones	" Oliver Puckridge
" William Augustus Conway	" Henry Morris
" David Dickson	" John David Evans
" John Cawston	" J. W. Story.
" Carleton Cathcart	" R. O. Williams
" William G. Baxter	" C. Havergal
" Edward Davidson	" A. Goldberg
" Forster Ashwin	" W. A. Peters
" Isaac D. Wenston	" Maurice Tiarcks
" W. Williams	" Thomas Harris
" A. Gault	" William Williams
" H. M. Baker	" R. F. Thomas
" James Reece	" Harry Patrick
" T. B. Wrenford	" J. C. K. Buckley
" Charles Scott	" Edwin Warner
" Samuel Fox	" E. H. Robinson Hughes
" J. Wadsworth	" J. Harries Davies
" Albert Whitmarsh	" Albert Morgan
" J. Magor Rees	" Eber Davies
" J. S. Sergeant	" E. E. Wright

Rev. A. R. Blundell	Rev. J. Francis Davies
„ Robert Cowburn	„ J. Idris Jones
„ R. H. Tripp	„ Howard Holloway
„ Wanford Rouse	„ H. L. O. Davies
„ C. Meeres	„ W. C. Ponton
„ W. M. Breman	„ R. D. M. Hughes



PAROCHIAL STAFF AND WARDENS.

VII.

CENTENARY YEAR CLERGY AND CHURCH OFFICIALS.

CLERGY.

- Reverend T. Parry Pryce, B.A., St. Paul's Vicarage (Vicar and Surrogate for granting Marriage Licences).
 Reverend W. C. Ponton, B.A., 2, Park Close.
 Reverend R. D. M. Hughes, B.A., 12, Keynsham Avenue.
 Captain A. E. Beech, C.A., 12, Clytha Crescent (Lay Evangelist).
 Miss Alice Henry, 11, Llanthewy Road. (Lady Worker).
 Robert R. Haines, Esq., 8, Friars Road. (Hon. Licensed Lay Reader).

CHURCH OFFICIALS.

Churchwardens.

- Mr. C. P. Hollingdale, 65, Caerau Road.
 Mr. Stanley George, 10, Dewslan Park Road.

Registrar F.W.O. Scheme.

- Mr. R. H. Oates, 19, Clytha Square.

Secretary Quota Fund.

- Mr. H. A. Hall, 5, Brynhyfyd Road.

Financial Secretary.

- Mr. G. E. S. Heybyrne, Friars Street.

Hon. Secretary Parochial Church Council.

- Mr. Walter Smith, 17, Waterloo Road.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.

Vicar:—Rev. T. Parry Pryce, B.A.

Rev. W. C. Ponton	Mr. R. R. Haines
„ R. D. M. Hughes	„ Arthur Jones
<i>Wardens:—</i>	
Mr. Stanley George	„ J. R. W. Lamey
„ C. P. Hollingdale	„ R. H. Lloyd
Miss M. Wring	„ L. J. E. Moore
Mr. H. Davies	„ R. H. Oates
„ G. Dawson	„ H. Rees
„ J. Dawson	„ T. J. Robinson
„ G. Edwards	„ F. C. Soloman
„ P. Ewings	„ E. W. Williams

ST. BARNABAS' CHURCH.

Mr. T. Stokes	Mr. A. P. Organ
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ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

Mr. J. H. Wilson	Mr. W. English
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EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS.

Mr. G. E. S. Heybyrne	Mr. H. A. Hall	Mr. Walter Smith
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SIDESMEN.

Ewings, P.	Richards, Cliff.
Compton, C. E.	Thomas, A.
Oates, R. H.	Williams, E. W.
Heybyrne, G. E. S.	Smith, Walter.
Vile, Douglas.	Walters, P.
Ralph, William.	Halford, H. J.

Matthews, Nurton.	Haines, R. H.
Gifford, S. S.	Solomon, F.
Robinson, T. J.	Stanley, C.
Brimblecombe, H.	Lloyd, R.
Jones, Clifford.	Mogford, H.
George, A.	Hall, A.
Lloyd, George.	Moore, Lionel.
Russell, E.	Waldron, A. H.
Lamey, J. R. W.	Worthing, W.
Bezant, C. L.	Moore, L. (Junior).
Poynton, S. G.	Allen, J. C.
Sewell, G.	Dunn, C.
Wring, T. W.	Davies, Herbert.
Edwards, G.	Jones, C. M.
Edmonds, J.	Dawson, J.
Baynham, W. J.	Gifford, F.
Powell, P.	Johnson, H.
Thomas, G.	Jones, A.
George, Horace.	Griffin, J.
Atkins, T. C.	Page, Robert.
Jones, Jas.	Dawson, George.

ORGANIST.

Melville Stokes, B.Com.

VERGER.

W. Walters.