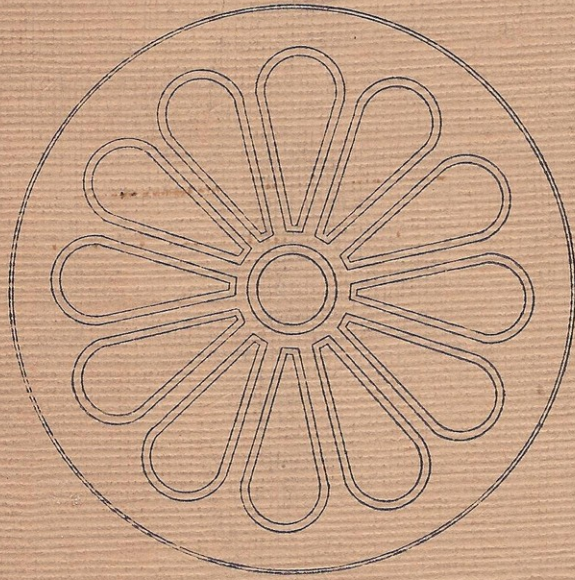


Parish of Kirk Christ Rushen.

St. **C**atherine's **C**hurch,
Port Erin.



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Vicar—REV. ALBERT RIDINGS.

Curate—REV. J. H. R. GLYNNE JONES.

Sidesmen.

Mr. J. V. JACKSON.

Mr. H. C. CHADWICK.

Mr. M. QUIRK.

Mr. J. CAIN.

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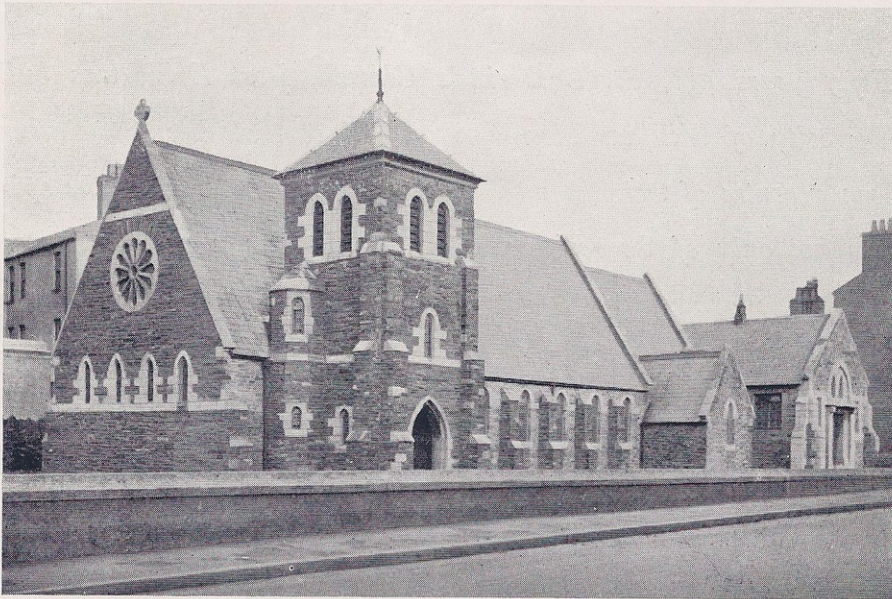
Mr. J. L. CLAGUE.

Hon. Secretary—Mr. W. W. KELLY.

Hon. Treasurer—Mr. MYER QUIRK.

Organist and Choirmaster—Mr. J. WILFRED HUGHES.

Caretaker—Mr. A. KINLEY.



ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH—LOOKING N.E.

Services at St. Catherine's:

Sundays	{	8-0 a.m. Holy Communion.
		11-0 a.m. Morning Prayer, with Sermon. (Holy Communion, 2nd and 4th Sundays).
		6-30 p.m. Evening Prayer, with Sermon.
Sunday School		2-30 p.m., in Church or Hall.

Marriages, Baptisms and Churchings, by arrangement.

ALL SEATS FREE.

Letter from the Lord Bishop.

BISHOPSCOURT,

ISLE OF MAN,

May 13th, 1930.

Fifty years ago, St. Catherine's Church, Port Erin, was built by the generosity of William Milner, Esq. Since that day, St. Catherine's has been a centre of worship and beneficent ministry, serving the spiritual interests not only of the residents but also the summer visitors.

The Jubilee is being made the occasion of a Thanksgiving Fund Appeal, funds being needed for numerous Church purposes, and for Assistant Clergy Stipends. It would be a great help if a capital sum could be raised, the interest upon which could be devoted to the above objects. I cordially commend the Jubilee Appeal, and hope it may meet with warm and generous support.

Yours very faithfully,

(Signed) WILLIAM SODOR & MAN.

St. Catherine's Church Port Erin,

1880—1930.

"Ye shall hallow the fiftieth year . . . it shall be a jubilee unto you."—25 Lev. 10.



THE history of a church, in the truest sense of the word, enshrines the lives and deeds of those whose work and worship have been focussed within and around its walls. Too often, however, the story of devoted lives goes unrecorded, and when the time for writing history arrives, whether it be the history of fifty or of five hundred years, there remains but the record of a few especially generous benefactors and of a few outstanding events. So it is with our Church of St. Catherine. The foundation of our church goes back but for the short space of fifty years, and while we gratefully remember the name of him by whose gift and piety its erection was made possible, the names of those who have ministered within its walls, and of those who, from time to time, have furnished it with dignified and useful gifts, there are long years of quiet but earnest Christian endeavour which have found no place in our imperfect earthly record.

At the same time, there will be many among our congregation who, at this time of Jubilee, would like to have a summary account of what is known of our church's life and development during its first fifty years, and with that object in view, this little handbook has been prepared. The written records of the earlier years (1880-1906) are unfortunately very fragmentary, and in some cases the contemporary newspapers are the only available source of information. Under these circumstances, the Editorial Committee, while thanking all who have helped them with personal recollections, and in other ways, is conscious that there may be omissions and errors in the account which they have compiled.

Editorial Committee {
A. RIDINGS, *Vicar*.
J. RONALD BRUCE.
J. H. R. GLYNNE JONES.
W. W. KELLY.

THE BACKGROUND YEARS.

SIXTY YEARS AGO, Port Erin was a small fishing village, comprising the houses and cottages on Shore Road, and a few scattered dwellings at Bradda, Spaldrick, and the Truggan. The Promenade, as we know it to-day, with its rows of fine hotels and boarding houses, did not exist, but one large house, known as "The Rest"* stood out prominently on the edge of the green and gorse-grown brooghs. It was here that Mr. William Milner sought rest and refreshment in the leisure hours of a busy life, spent in the building-up of that great industrial concern which still bears his name to-day. Mr. Milner was not content, however, with idle repose, but spent much of his time in the company of the



WILLIAM MILNER.

fisher-folk and cottagers, whose interests he was ever eager to foster, and whose troubles he was ever ready to allay.

In the course of time, Mr. Milner's good deeds were wafted beyond the borders of the little village of his adoption, and a group of friends and well-wishers decided that a permanent and worthy memorial should perpetuate his name, and so it came about that, in 1871, a Tower was erected, by public subscription, on the crest of Bradda Head, inscribed,

* Now "York House," the residence of Mr. G. L. Trustrum.

as all may read, " In grateful acknowledgment of his many charities to the poor of Port
" Erin, and of his never-tiring efforts for the benefit of the Manx Fishermen."

Three years later, he was called to higher service, in the life beyond the grave, but it was characteristic of the man that he left provision in his will for the continuation of his charities, and for the building of a church, where his beloved villagers might worship, without the long and often miry walk across the Rowany to the Parish Church.

It was Mr. Milner's wish that the church should be erected in memory of his wife Jane, who had predeceased him by only a few weeks, and dedicated to St. Catherine. The dedication was a happy inspiration of the founder's, since to that saint had been dedicated the first Christian Church in the district—Keeill Catreeney—at a time, possibly in the 7th century, when the Faith was being disseminated in our land by missionaries from the Celtic Church in Ireland.

KEEILL CATREENEY.—The exact site of this early church is not known with certainty, but, from analogy with other examples, we may be sure that it was not very far distant from a well, from which the Irish monk or " Culdee " who served the church, satisfied his needs, and in the waters of which he baptised those who accepted the Christian Faith.

The well—Chibbyr Catreeney—and its traditions have survived the centuries, and many of our present congregation will remember the handsome pump-standard which, until about 20 years ago, surmounted the well, at the southern end of St. Catherine's Terrace, on Shore Road. Now, however, the well has been covered in, but the culvert from which its surplus waters escape, to flow over the beach, is marked by the stone, which the late Mr. Milner had set up at the well, and on which is carved the inscription, " St. Catherine's Well—Keep me clear."

The Ordnance Survey, carried out in this district in 1867, places the supposed site of " St. Catherine's Chapel " immediately south of the well ; no remains of the building were then to be seen, or were remembered, but Mr. Milner informed the surveyors that a sketch of the chapel, as it formerly stood, was in the possession of Bishop Goss, of Liverpool. Attempts to trace the present whereabouts of this sketch have so far proved unavailing.

ST. CATHERINE.

ST. CATHERINE of Alexandria, to whom our Church is dedicated, was a very popular saint in the British Isles in the early days of the Christian Church, and many foundations were dedicated to her. Very little is known with certainty about her life, and, in fact, there is no mention of her in any authentic document until several centuries after she is supposed to have lived. Her legend is as follows:—*She was a Christian virgin at Alexandria in the beginning of the 4th century, remarkable for her learning as for her piety. During the persecution of Diocletian, she was brought before the Assistant Emperor Maxentius, who ordered her to dispute in his presence with fifty pagan philosophers. This she did, putting them all to silence, and converting them. Enraged at this, the Emperor ordered her to be tortured on a wheel, and then beheaded. After her death, angels carried her body to Mount Sinai, and buried it where the celebrated convent now stands.

* We are indebted for the story of St. Catherine to the Rev. J. W. Tyrer, M.A.

From that time onwards, the wheel has been regarded as her special symbol ; a wheel-window forms a prominent feature in the west gable of our church to-day, and a drawing of it forms the *motif* upon the cover of this booklet.

THE CHURCH.

THE SITE.—The land adjoining Mr. Milner's residence, part of which he bequeathed for the erection thereon of a church and school, was known as the "Magher Logh," and extended from the house, eastwards, as far as what is now the Station Hotel, and north-



ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH, INTERIOR—LOOKING E.

wards to the Eagle Hotel. It is understood that the exact position of the church was left for his executors to settle, and while it was at first thought that the site on Station Road, now occupied by shops, would be most suitable, the present site, facing the sea, was adopted at the instance of the then Vicar, the Rev. E. W. Kissack, B.A., and with the wisdom of his choice all are now prepared to agree.

While originally intended for a church and school, the Chancery Court agreed, on a petition, that a school was not required, and in consequence the church was built centrally upon the plot.

The site of the church, and, in all probability, that of its ancient predecessor, Keeill Catreeny, are on the Treen of Edremony and the Quarterland of (Lower) Rowany—the so-called Rowany Gawne.

LAYING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE.—The Foundation Stone of the new church was laid by the Lord Bishop (The Right Rev. Rowley Hill, D.D.) on Thursday, 12th December, 1878, in the presence of a large gathering of residents and school-children. The special Service was conducted by the Vicar of Rushen, the Rev. E. W. Kissack, and the Curate, the Rev. H. R. Finnis. The Bishop, after having declared the stone well and truly laid (using a handsome trowel, presented to him by the contractors, Messrs. Moore and Costain), gave an appropriate address.

A document, of which the following is a copy, was placed beneath the stone :—

“ The foundation stone of this Church, erected to the Honour and Glory of God, “ in the memory of Jane, wife of William Milner, of Port Erin, and dedicated to “ S. Catherine, was laid by the Right Rev. Rowley Hill, D.D., Lord Bishop of Sodor “ and Man, on Thursday, Dec. 12th, 1878, the 42nd and 43rd year of Her Most “ Gracious Majesty Queen Victoria.—Henry Brougham Loch, C.B., Governor of the “ Isle ; J. T. Clucas, Captain of Rushen ; E. W. Kissack, B.A., Vicar of Rushen ; “ Herbert R. Finnis, Curate ; Richard Qualltrough, Parish Clerk ; John Kermodé, “ Thomas Kneen, Thomas Moore, William Watterson, Churchwardens.”

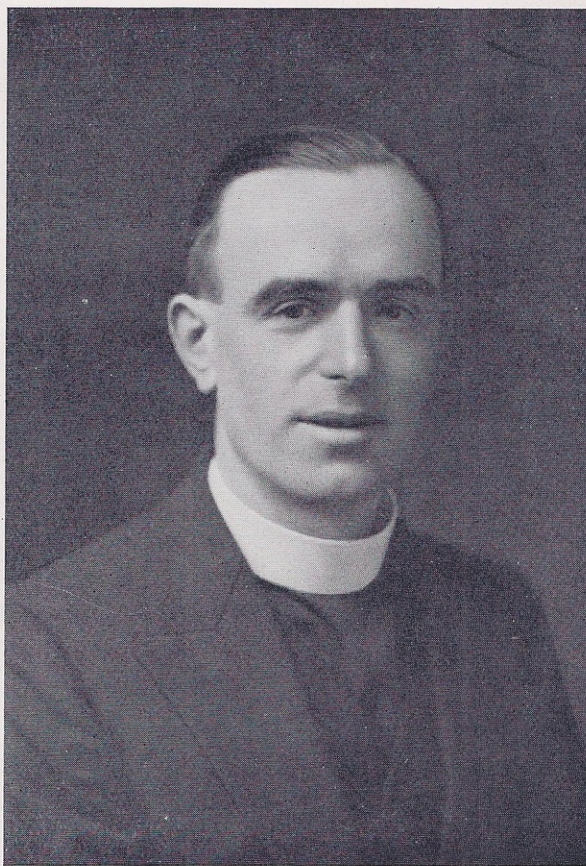
THE CONSECRATION.—The Consecration Ceremony took place on Tuesday afternoon, 3rd August, 1880. In addition to the Lord Bishop (Right Rev. Rowley Hill, D.D.), the following clergy were present :—Rev. Dr. Hughes-Games, Canon Bowen (of Chester), Rev. A. Allwork (Vicar of Rushen), Rev. E. B. Savage, Rev. H. Dening, Rev. W. Drury, Rev. E. Ferrier, Rev. C. Langton, Rev. H. R. Finnis, Rev. G. F. Wintour, Rev. B. Browne, Rev. B. Lupton. There were also present the Vicar-General, the Ecclesiastical Registrar, the Clerk of the Rolls, and the Attorney General. The day was fine, and the church was well filled.

The Bishop entered the Church at 3-30. The Ecclesiastical Commissioner, S. Harris, Esq., presented the petition of the Rev. Arthur Allwork, Vicar of Kirk Christ, Rushen, praying his Lordship to consecrate the Church in the name of St. Catherine. The Vicar read Evening Prayer, and the Lessons were read by the Rev. W. Drury and the Rev. Hughes-Games. The Instrument of Consecration was then read by the Vicar-General, and signed by the Bishop, who afterwards preached the Sermon, taking for his text 1 Cor. 3, v. 16, “ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you ? ” At the close of the service an offertory of £8 was taken, which was devoted towards the cost of “ a beautiful little organ,” which had been placed in the church.

THE FABRIC.—The church was designed by Mr. Jas. Cowle, Architect, of Douglas, and the work of erection carried out by Messrs. R. Moore & Jas. Costain, of Port Erin. The foundation stone was laid on 12th Dec., 1878, and the church was completed in March, 1880, five months before the actual consecration.

As originally planned and built, the church was just over 70 feet in length, and intended

to seat 200 persons. The architectural style, based on 13th century Gothic, was simple, and devoid of ornament, but well suited to the rough rubble building material and to the wind-swept site. The church consisted of a chancel, with vestry on the south side, and a nave of six bays, with an annexe, or portico, at the west end. The roof, which is of open timber construction, and steeply pitched, has framed principals of arched form, corresponding to the chancel arch, which rest upon corbels. The considerable outward thrust, inseparable from this form of roof, is taken by substantial buttresses between the window-openings.



REV. ALBERT RIDINGS, VICAR OF KIRK CHRIST RUSHEN.

In 1894, the need for increased seating accommodation during the summer months, when the congregation was greatly swelled by visitors, called for extension and completion of the building, along lines originally contemplated. The portico and western gable were removed, the nave extended westwards by three bays (about 25 feet), and a small but well-proportioned tower added at the south-west. The entrance to the church is through the base of the tower—originally by way of a door, now closed, in its east face, but afterwards altered to its present more convenient position on the south. The wheel-window from the original west gable of the church was rebuilt in its present position, and the church was redecorated throughout.

During the alterations, the foundation stone, which was at the S.W. corner of the original building, was removed ; it was re-set at the base of the eastern jamb of the inner door, but is now covered in by masonry and plaster. The additions to the church were dedicated by the Lord Bishop (Right Rev. Norman D. J. Straton), on Wednesday, 1st Aug., 1894. The cost of the work of enlargement, which was undertaken during the vicariate of the Rev. T. R. Kneale, amounted to £355, and the names of Mr. Ed. Turnbull, as Treasurer of the Extension Fund, and of the Rev. T. J. Pearce, will be gratefully recalled in this connection.

The contractors were Messrs. W. E. & H. Collister, of Port St. Mary. The work was most carefully carried out, so that it is practically impossible to detect, either inside or outside the building, the junction of the old and new materials. A slight difference in the tint of the leaded glass, however, betrays the newly inserted windows.

The total (internal) length of the enlarged church is 92 ft. 3 in., of which the chancel accounts for 23 ft. 7 in., and the nave 68 ft. 8 in. The width of the chancel is 19 ft. 4 in., and of the nave 23 ft. 6 in. The seating accommodation is for about 270 persons.

Since the completion of the church in 1894, more or less extensive repairs have been needed from time to time. In 1910 serious dampness of the building called for immediate attention ; the north side of the roof was reslated, the porch beneath the tower, and other parts, were battened and plastered, the walls were proofed with rubber solution, and colour-washed, and all outside wood and metal-work painted. In 1911 Messrs. Nicholson Bros., of Douglas, carried out the very effective decoration of the chancel. Repairs to spouting, boiler, and drains, as well as to the organ, which had been seriously damaged by water, were carried out in 1918, and there were repairs to the south side of the chancel arch in 1920. The church was completely redecorated, and the seats varnished, in 1922, and a new heating-apparatus was installed in 1928.

FURNITURE AND FITTINGS.

ST. CATHERINE'S is fortunate in possessing, for a church of its size, some excellent furnishings, of modern craftsmanship.

THE CARVED OAK-WORK of the chancel, including the Holy Table, reredos, panelling, and choir stalls, all being the generous gift of Mr. Geo. L. Trustrum, forms a unified and dignified assemblage ; and to these the congregation has added, by subscription, a pulpit, prayer desk, and lectern, in keeping with the rest. All the woodwork has been carried out on the Island—the reredos is the work of the late Mr. Ambrose Kelly, of Peel, and the other items were carved by Mr. J. D. Kelly, of Kelly Bros., Kirk Michael.

THE ORGAN, a fine-toned instrument, was placed in the church in 1913, and dedicated by the Lord Bishop (Right Rev. Denton Thompson, D.D.) at a Special Service and Recital, on Wednesday evening, 5th March.

The organ, built by Mr. M. Morgan, of Douglas, cost about £520, and for the provision

of the necessary room for the "Melvin" Hydraulic Blower, and other alterations, a further £160 was required. The raising of an Organ Fund had been proceeding for a number of years, and the names of Mr. J. V. Jackson and of the Rev. F. Barton Horspool will be associated with the success of the effort. The "great organ" has six, the "swell organ" eight, and the "pedal organ" two speaking stops, and there are four couplers. The compass of the manuals is CC-A (58 notes), and of the pedals CCC-F (30 notes). The congregation of St. Catherine's is indebted to a former organist, Mr. Arthur Cregeen, A.I.S.C., for the selection of this instrument, and for the setting up of a high standard of musical tradition. Mr. Cregeen resigned in 1920, after 29 years of service at St. Catherine's and at the Parish Church, and was succeeded by our present organist, Mr. J. Wilfred Hughes.

THE PULPIT, as mentioned above, was erected by the efforts of the congregation, during the curacy of the Rev. A. C. Tyler-Taylor, in 1906. It is the third pulpit to occupy the position. The first was a simple structure, erected when the church was built. The second, of pitchpine, was given by Alf. W. Adams, Esq., Clerk of the Rolls, in memory of his wife, and this was removed when the present oak pulpit was inserted.

THE FONT is a plain granite basin, supported upon an octagonal limestone pedestal. Originally the ancient font of the Parish Church, it was turned out into the graveyard when a new font (subsequently transferred to St. Mary's Church, Port St. Mary) was placed in the church. It lay, forgotten and half-buried, for many years, but when a font was needed at St. Catherine's, in 1896, it was unearthed, and, with more enthusiasm than good judgment, sent to a Castletown stonemason to be dressed and adapted to its new position. It was thus deprived of both its historic interest and rugged charm.

WINDOWS.—The church possesses but one stained-glass window. This is one of the four small lancets, intended for the four Evangelists, in the west gable, below the wheel-window. It depicts St. Matthew, and was inserted by a few friends at the time of the extension of the church in 1894.

BELLS.—There are two bells in the tower. The smaller one has long been disused. The larger, which is fixed, and rung by a moveable hammer, was for many years the fog-bell at the Chicken Rock Lighthouse. It was displaced when the present explosive signal was established, in 1909, and, at the instance of the Rev. W. Kerr Smyth, was deposited with the Vicar by the Northern Lights Commissioners.

ST. CATHERINE'S HALL.

THE NEED for a suitable Hall for Sunday School and Church purposes, as well as for public functions, had been felt almost from the earliest years, but it was not until December, 1899, that a Committee was appointed to take practical steps towards the purchase of a site and the erection of a suitable building.

Then, as now, the resident population was neither large nor wealthy, and a long series of efforts, in the shape of bazaars, sales of work, concerts, etc., spread over four or five years, were needed to raise the requisite sum. The names of Mr. F. W. Briscoe, who acted as Hon. Secretary of the Hall Building Committee, and of Mr. Ed. Turnbull as Hon. Treasurer, will always be remembered as those of the most ardent and devoted promoters of the cause.

A beginning was made in February, 1900, by the purchase of a suitable site in Church Road, from Mr. George L. Trustrum. Plans for a Hall to accommodate 200 persons, with a platform, class-room, etc., were drawn up by Mr. Armitage Rigby, Architect, of Douglas, and tenders for the work were invited, in January, 1902. The masonry and plumbing work were carried out by Messrs. Wm. Costain & Sons, Port St. Mary, and the joiner's work by Mr. Henry Clague, of Port Erin.



REV. J. H. R. GLYNNE JONES.

The foundation stone was laid in March, 1902, and so rapid was the progress made that the Hall was publicly opened by the Vicar, Rev. C. H. Leece, at the end of the same year.

The total cost of the Hall, with furniture and fittings, piano, etc. (but not including the purchase of the land) was about £520.

Various additions and improvements have been made from time to time, notably in connection with the kitchen and sanitary arrangements, while in 1929 the Hall was connected up with the heating installation of the church, an arrangement which greatly added to its comfort and usefulness. For this and many other valuable additions the congregation is indebted to the Ladies' Committee.

Events in the Church Life of St. Catherine's.

PRIOR TO 1906, St. Catherine's Church, while a centre of Church life in the district, occupied a subordinate position in parochial affairs. At the same time, its congregation included many earnest workers, a fact attested by the enlargement of the church in 1894, and the building of a church hall in 1902.

An important stage in the history of St. Catherine's was reached in 1906, when a Commission, appointed by the Lord Bishop, made enquiry "as to what scheme or arrangement can, or ought to be, made for the better provision and support of assistant clergy in the Parish of Rushen . . ." Evidence was taken at a local sitting in August, 1906, when it was suggested that, in view of the late Mr. Wm. Milner's specific bequest, the congregation of St. Catherine's was entitled to a fuller share of the services of the assistant clergy of the parish. The Commission recommended that the Milner benefaction, which, for 30 years, had been regarded as attaching to the benefice, should be devoted towards the support of the curate serving St. Catherine's Church, an arrangement which has since that time been adhered to. Since 1906, also, the Sidesmen of St. Catherine's, in concurrence with the Vicar and Wardens, have exercised a virtual autonomy in financial matters.

The year 1910, the 30th year of the church's existence, was regarded as one of Special Thanksgiving, and many gifts, as noted in the list on p. 15, were placed in the church on "Thankoffering Sunday," August 21st. Since the insertion of the organ in 1913, there has been no event of outstanding importance.

Among the church organisations functioning at the present time, mention must be made of the Sunday School, which has been in existence for nearly 35 years. There is also a Badminton Club, and other social organisations. The Ladies' Committee consists of an active and willing band of helpers, which has done much to raise the necessary funds for numerous objects in connection with both church and hall

In conclusion, a brief account of the development of the Services at St. Catherine's Church will be of interest to many. The "Preachers' Books," three in number, which form the source of information, afford a continuous record since 1886. From that year until 1906, Evensong with Sermon, at 6-30 on Sundays, was the regular service of the week, but during the visiting season there was Morning Prayer with Sermon, at 10-45 on Sundays, and occasional celebrations of Holy Communion. A robed choir appeared for the first time at Easter, 1896. Beginning in 1904, there was a Celebration every Sunday, at 8-0, during July, August and September. In June, 1906, Matins at 11-0 became part of the regular Sunday Services throughout the year, and since May, 1928, there has been a Celebration every Sunday at 8-0 or 8-30. Wednesday evening services, during Advent, Lent, and at other times, have been held since the earliest years.

In bringing our record to a close, we may not unfittingly remark that a steady earnestness of church life, with congregations well maintained, especially during the summer, encourages the hope that the people of St. Catherine's will enter the new half-century, determined, by God's grace, to maintain all that fifty years of prayer and effort have won, and so to advance His Church and Kingdom in our midst as to be yet worthier of His blessing.

FORMER VICARS OF KIRK CHRIST RUSHEN.



Rev. FREDERICK F. TRACY
(1881-85).



Rev. BLUNDELL BROWNE
(1887-93).



Rev. T. R. KNEALE, M.A.
(1893-97).



Rev. C. H. LEECE
(1897-1927).

VICARS OF KIRK CHRIST RUSHEN,

SINCE THE FOUNDATION OF ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH, PORT ERIN.

1872. EDWARD WILLIAM KISSACK, B.A.	1887. BLUNDELL BROWNE.
1879. ARTHUR ALLWORK.	1893. THOMAS REDFERN KNEALE, M.A.
1881. FREDERICK F. TRACY.	1897. CHARLES HENRY LEECE.
1885. CHARLES A. DAWES, M.A.	1927. ALBERT RIDINGS.

CURATES OF KIRK CHRIST RUSHEN,

RESIDING IN PORT ERIN AND IN RECEIPT OF THE MILNER BENEFACTION
(*i.e.*, since 1906).

1906- Dec., 1907	} A. C. TYLER-TAYLOR.	Dec., 1915- Aug., 1917	} R. G. SPAFFORD.
April, 1908- Dec., 1909	} W. KERR SMYTH.	Aug., 1917- 14th May, 1922	} W. R. CANNELL.
30th Jan., 1910- 22nd Sept., 1912	} F. BARTON HORSPOOL.	1st Oct., 1922- 8th Mar., 1925	} S. GREENHALGH.
29th Sept., 1912- Sept., 1914	} H. T. DEVALL.	11th Oct., 1925- Easter, 1927	} H. S. WINGHAM FINNIE.
Oct., 1914- Sept., 1915	} FRED TORR.	11th June, 1927- 31st March, 1929	} P. E. H. STOTT.
	26th May, 1929	J. H. R. GLYNNE JONES.	

The Preacher at the Special Services at St. Catherine's Church, on Sunday, August 3rd, 1930—the **50th Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church**—will be the Rev. Canon H. R. FINNIS, who, as curate of Rushen, took part in the consecration service in 1880.

LIST OF BEQUESTS.

- CHURCH AND SITE.—The late Mr. Wm. Milner, of Port Erin, in his will, proven in 1875, bequeathed a plot of land and £1,000 for the erection thereon of a Church.
- ENDOWMENT.—In the same will, Mr. Milner left certain property (St. Catherine's Terrace), the income wherefrom to be divided—£25 per annum towards the stipend of the curate at Port Erin, and the remainder to the poor. (*Vide* page 16.)
- ONE HUNDRED POUNDS was bequeathed to St. Catherine's Church by Mrs. Clugston, of Port Erin. She was the oldest parishioner, and a faithful churchwoman. Born in 1801, she died in her 96th year, and was buried on Wednesday, 19th August, 1896.

LIST OF GIFTS.

CHANCEL.

- HOLY TABLE.—The gift of Mr. G. L. Trustrum.
- REREDOS.—The gift of Mr. G. L. Trustrum. Dedicated 19th April, 1896.
- OAK PANELLING.—The gift of Mr. G. L. Trustrum.
- CHOIR STALLS.—The gift of Mr. G. L. Trustrum, in memory of his parents, and little girl. Dedicated 15th August, 1910.

COMMUNION PLATE, &c.

- CHALICE, Silver.—The gift of Mrs. Pilkington, in memory of her husband, J. A. Pilkington. Dedicated 23rd October, 1910.
- PATEN, Silver.—The gift of Miss Handley, in memory of her brothers, J. and H. Handley. Dedicated 23rd October, 1910.
- CREDENCE PATEN, Silver.—The gift of Mr. J. V. Jackson, in memory of his wife, Miriam. Dedicated 23rd October, 1910.
- WINE CRUET, Glass, silver-mounted.—The gift of A.B.H.—a Thankoffering. Dedicated 16th July, 1911.
- WATER CRUET, Glass.—The gift of Miss Chadwick, 1929.
- ALMS DISH, Brass.—The gift of Mr. John Clague, July, 1898.
- TWO COLLECTING PLATES, Brass.—The gift of Mr. T. Guest, 1914.

ORNAMENTS, &c.

- FRONTAL AND SUPERFRONTAL.—The gift of Rev. F. and Mrs. Barton Horspool—an Ordination Thankoffering, 1910
- PULPIT FRONTAL.—The gift of Miss Trustrum, 1910.
- CHALICE VEIL, AND BANDS FOR CHOIR BOOKS.—The gift of Miss D. Chadwick, 1910.
- FOUR BURSES, AND CHALICE VEIL.—The gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Pilkington, and Mrs. Hind, November, 1929.
- COMMUNION AND CLERGY KNEELERS.—The gift of Mr. Kennaugh, 1910.

FITTINGS, &c.

- BOOK REST on Holy Table.—The gift of Mr. James Mylrea and Rev. T. J. Pearce, July, 1898. (A second book-rest was added, July, 1911.)
- BOOK REST on Pulpit.—The gift of Mr. Thomas Clague, July, 1898.
- PAIR OF VASES, Brass.—The gift of Rev. R. Ferguson—an Ordination Thankoffering, 1910.

- PRAYER BOOK for Prayer Desk.—The gift of Miss Trustrum, August, 1908.
- PAIR OF CARVED OAK PANELS.—The gift of the Misses Barnes.

EXTRACT FROM WILL OF WILLIAM MILNER, PORT ERIN.

WILL dated March 21st, 1872, with Codicils Nov. 26th, 1872, May, 28th, 1873, and July 30th, 1874.

Died Sept. 30th, 1874. Will proven at Liverpool, Jan. 12th, 1875, and at Castletown, June 18th, 1875.

Executors: Jane W. Milner, James Carter Houghton, James Watson, Henry Rogers, and Arthur Thomas.

SITE FOR CHURCH.

" I devise to the Vicar of Kirk Christ Rushen, in the Isle of Man, for the purpose of a site for a Church and School such part of my said land adjoining my messuage or dwelling-house, called ' The Rest,' situate in Port Erin, Isle of Man. To pay to the Vicar and Wardens £1,000 for the erection of a small church or chapel which I wish to be called ' St. Catherine's.' "

MILNER'S TERRACE.

" I devise to the Vicar of Kirk Christ Rushen, in the Isle of Man, All those six cottages with the land and appurtenances thereto belonging called or known by the name of ' Terrace Catherina ' upon trust to apply the annual rents and income thereof (after payment thereunto of all expenses of keeping the same premises in repair and insured against loss or damage by fire, and any other incidental expenses) in and towards payment of the sum of £25 per annum to the Clergyman for the time being officiating in the Church which I intend to be erected at Port Erin as aforesaid and subject thereto upon trust to pay and apply the residue (if any) of such rents and income in the first place in payment of the sum of one shilling each on the Saturday of every week to seven poor persons living at Port Erin aforesaid. And in the next place in payment of one shilling each on Christmas Eve in every year to as many poor persons living at Port Erin aforesaid, as such residue will allow. The persons to whom such payment as aforesaid shall be made during the lifetime of my said wife to be nominated by her, and after her decease, the persons to whom such payment shall be made during the lifetime of my said daughter Jane Ratcliffe, to be nominated by her, and afterwards such persons to be nominated by the Vicar and Churchwardens for the time being of Kirk Christ Rushen, aforesaid."

