

MC GUIRE HALL DEDICATION SERVICE

St. George's Episcopal Church

May 3, 1959 - 4:00 p.m.

Opening Hymn

Our Father, by whose servants  
Our house was built of old,  
Whose hand hath crowned her children  
With blessings manifold,  
For thine unfailing mercies  
Far-strewn along our way,  
With all who passed before us,  
We praise thy Name to-day.

The changeful years unresting  
Their silent course have sped,  
New comrades ever bringing  
In comrades' steps to tread:  
And some are long forgotten,  
Long spent their hopes and fears;  
Safe rest they in thy keeping,  
Who changest not with years.

"Our Father, By Whose Servants"

They reap not where they labored;  
We reap what they have sown;  
Our harvest may be garnered  
By ages yet unknown.  
The days of old have dowered us  
With gifts beyond all praise:  
Our Father, make us faithful  
To serve the coming days.

Before us and beside us,  
Still holden in thine hand  
A cloud unseen of witness,  
Our elder comrades stand:  
One family unbroken,  
We join, with one acclaim,  
One heart, one voice uplifting,  
To glorify thy Name. Amen.

G. W. Briggs, 1920

Let Us Pray

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings, with thy most gracious favour, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Listing Of Articles To Be Placed Within the Cornerstone

(Then the Bishop shall say,)

Except the Lord build the house,

Answer. Their labour is but lost that build it.

Minister. Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

Answer. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Minister. Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

Answer. From this time forth for evermore.

(Then the Bishop, assisted by the Builders, shall lay the Stone in its place, and, striking it three times with a trowel, shall say,)

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

We beseech thy special blessing, O Father, on the Church School held in this Building. Grant to the teachers faithfulness, diligence, and devotion, and to the scholars pure hearts and open minds, that they may be trained in thy knowledge and love, to serve thee faithfully in their generation and to find acceptance with thee at the last; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who didst take into thine arms the children brought to thee for blessing; Bless always and in all places the children of thy Church, and thy Church in telling them of thee; that they may grow into thy likeness, keeping innocence, obedient to thy will and happy in thy house; for thy tender mercy's sake. Amen.

(Then shall the Bishop say,)

In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this Building to the glory of God;  
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

"The McGuire Hall Story"

Dr. Carrol H. Quenzel  
Senior Warden and Historiographer

Remarks

The Reverend Thomas G. Faulkner, Jr.  
Rector

Greetings

The Right Reverend Frederick D. Goodwin  
Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia

Let Us Pray

Almighty God, we remember this day before thee thy faithful servants who have departed this life, especially those who have served as Rectors of this Church, and we pray thee that, having opened to them the gates of larger life, thou wilt receive them more and more into thy joyful service; that they may win, with thee and thy servants everywhere, the eternal victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Then shall the Bishop say,)

Let Us Pray

Visit, O Lord, we beseech thee, this place with thy mercy. Let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace, and may thy blessing be upon us evermore; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Closing Hymn

Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before!  
Christ, the royal Master,  
Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle,  
See, his banners go.

Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before!

At the sign of triumph  
Satan's host doth flee;  
On, then, Christian soldiers,  
On to victory!  
Hell's foundations quiver  
At the shout of praise;  
Brothers, lift your voices,  
Loud your anthems raise. Refrain

Like a mighty army  
Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading  
Where the saints have trod;  
We are not divided,  
All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine,  
One in charity. Refrain

## The Benediction

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Please begin tour of McGuire Hall by way of the north aisle of the Church's nave. Vestrymen stationed at different points will direct you.

## "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Crowns and thrones may perish,  
Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus  
Constant will remain;  
Gates of hell can never  
'Gainst that Church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise,  
And that cannot fail. Refrain

Onward, then, ye people,  
Join our happy throng;  
Blend with ours your voices  
In the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor,  
Unto Christ the King;  
This through countless ages  
Men and angels sing. Refrain  
Amen.

S. Baring-Gould, 1864



## A DESCRIPTION OF MC GUIRE HALL

McGuire Hall, named in memory of the Reverend Edward C. McGuire, Rector of St. George's Episcopal Church from 1813 to 1858, was dedicated on May 3 at 4:00 p.m. with the Right Reverend Frederick D. Goodwin officiating. The building when finished will cost \$132,000. Looking at it from the sidewalk in front of the venerable Church graveyard it gives the appearance of a sixteen foot garden wall extending sixty-five feet from the Church to a three story building located behind the old parish hall and connected to it. Behind this "garden wall" is a two-story building with windows on the alley side. On the first floor of this structure are the nursery and kindergarten rooms. On the second floor is a crib-room and three class rooms, two of which are divided by a folding partition to allow the space to be utilized for a choir rehearsal room or meeting room. The roof can be utilized as a play deck or as a third floor whenever needed.

On the first floor of the three-story building adjoining the "garden wall" and old parish hall there is space for seven class rooms and a storage room. The second floor contains space for a maximum of four classrooms, a Church office, rector's study and lavatories. On the third floor there is space for a maximum of seven classrooms and a storage room.

The structure between the old parish hall and the three-story building, besides containing stairways, a passage way and the heating plant, also has two lavatories and a kitchenette for the old parish hall which becomes a youth-room for youth activities during the week and teen-age classes on Sundays.

One of the features of the building is that of having movable partitions to separate the classrooms rather than separating them with supporting partitions. Thereby, the available floor space is unrestricted, and the greatest possible flexibility is gained. As a result there can be anywhere from seven to a maximum of twenty-three classrooms available for grades one through twelve.

In addition to these features, where the building joins the Church, stairways have been installed allowing for easy passageway from the ground floor of the Church to the new building. Likewise a well appointed sacristy and choir robing rooms with lavatories have been incorporated; and lastly included in the work have been lavatories under the Church vestibule and a stairway from the vestibule to the ground floor of the Church, giving access to the vestibule without having to go through the nave as before.

Mr. Milton L. Gregg of Charlottesville was the architect; Mr. L. C. Mitchell of Fredericksburg, the contractor; and Mr. Edgar E. Woodward, chairman of the building committee.