

Bishop to Dedicate Parish House Sunday

**Rt. Rev. Dr. Heron Will Also Confirm
2 Classes—Dedication Services
About Noon**

Dedication of the new parish house of St. Andrew's Church, Edgartown, and the confirmation of classes both in Edgartown and Vineyard Haven will bring Rt. Rev. Raymond A. Heron, D.D., suffragan bishop of Massachusetts, to the Island this week. Arriving Saturday evening, he will be the guest of the rector of the parish, Rev. John Thorne Golding, in Vineyard Haven. His visit here will be the first he has made since he was consecrated in 1938.

Bishop Heron will confirm a total of thirty two persons in two services, the first at Grace Church, Vineyard Haven, at 10:30 Sunday morning, the second at St. Andrew's at 11:30. Immediately following the confirmation service in Edgartown, the clergy, choir and congregation will proceed in a procession to the new parish house which the bishop will dedicate in a brief ceremony.

Taking part in the exercises will be the rector, Rev. Mr. Golding; the assistant rector, Rev. Wilbur J. Kingwill; the two wardens of the parish, Electus D. Litchfield of New York and Edgartown, warden of St. Andrew's and architect of the parish house, and Frank A. Becker, of Grace Church; the contractor, Kenneth T. Galley; and the superintendent of construction, Adelbert Jernegan.

The new structure is joined to the church by means of a short flight of stairs and passageway between the sacristy of the church, the rector's study and the auditorium. The windows are of leaded glass and there are a stage and dressing rooms at the north end of the hall. The building will also include a rector's study, finished in knotty pine panelling, the gift of Marsden E. Candler in memory of his father, a choir vestment room, kitchen and lavatories.

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HALL IS DEDICATED

Impressive Service Held in New Parish House

The new parish house of St. Andrew's Church, Edgartown, was dedicated Sunday noon by Rt. Rev. Raymond A. Heron, D.D., suffragan bishop of Massachusetts, at a brief and simple service held following the confirmation exercises in the church.

Immediately following the service in the church, the bishop proceeded to the parish house, accompanied by Rev. John Thorne Golding, rector of the parish, and Rev. Wilbur J. Kingwill, assistant rector, followed by Electus D. Litchfield, the architect, and warden of the church, Frank A. Becker, warden of Grace Church, Marsden B. Candler, treasurer of the parish, Kenneth T. Galley, the contractor, whose force worked day and night to complete the building sufficiently to permit the exercises to be held there on schedule, and his superintendent of construction, Adelbert Jernegan. The congregation followed and stood grouped around the walls of the spacious hall in which the dedication was held.

There were thirty in the choir, including several members of the summer colony.

The rector introduced Mr. Candler, who traced the history of the movement to add a parish house to the facilities of the Edgartown church, and described the various "stepping stones" in the history of the church.

He paid tribute to the clergy of an earlier day and to the late Dr. John Cabot and Dr. Arthur B. Papineau, whose rectorates preceded that of Rev. Robert W. Nicholson, who, in turn, yielded the work he had so successfully begun, to the present rector. Mr. Golding's services to the parish were warmly commended by the speaker.

Brief and Moving Words

In brief and moving words Mr. Litchfield entrusted the parish house to its destined place in the life of the church. It was then dedicated by the bishop in a similarly brief but impressive manner, and the congregation joined in singing the hymn, The Church's One Foundation.

Many in the congregation lingered to inspect the building, which, it has been made clear, is at the service of the community and of the other churches of the town, as well as of St. Andrew's. The main hall, with its stage and dressing rooms, is to be used by the church school, will be available for suppers served by the women of the church, and for dances and entertainments. It is a beautiful, lofty room, panelled in knotty pine. The same wall treatment is used in the rector's study, the panelling a gift of Mr. Candler in memory of his father, Robert W. Candler. Lead-glass windows, which arrived only the day before the dedication and

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were installed like other last minute items through the heroic work of Mr. Galley and his men, reveal the leafy green world outside the building.

A well equipped kitchen and a choir vestment room are on the same level with the rector's study, which is a quiet and restful retreat. Both rooms are several steps above the level of the hall. It is this section of the new building which is joined to the old by means of a short flight of stairs and a passageway between the sacristy of the church and the hallway. The inside walls of the choir vestment room, of the kitchen, and of the lavatories which open from the main hall, are finished in composition gypsum board, and the roof, to match that of the church, is topped with asbestos shingles. The stuccoed exterior of the building is stained brick red to match the church.

Members of the building committee included Mr. Litchfield, the rector, Mr. Candler, Harold B. Batcheller, Mrs. Walter S. Osborn, Mrs. Alexander M. Orr and Mrs. I. Richmond Hoxie.