

An appeal booklet, found in the Cambridgeshire Collection, which was beautifully bound in red 'leather-type' fabric. The appeal is for furnishing of the shell of the first part of St. John's -- funds for carving, the altar, altar rails, choir stalls and the chancel furniture..... and the Vestries.



Church of S. John the Evangelist, Cambridge.



A CAMBRIDGE PARISH.

ITS WORK AND
ITS WANTS. - -

What a host of associations "Cambridge" recalls! To many it represents the University with its keen, active, intellectual life; its wonderful opportunities for study; its venerable history. To a wider circle it suggests the name of one or other of the great leaders of thought who have worked

out the deep problems of life beside its calm stream or in its peaceful and beautiful quadrangles. Cambridge to them is the home of Simeon, Lightfoot, Westcott, or Whewell. But, though the University may be called the brain of the town, the body itself must not be forgotten. Partly as a result of the presence of the University, partly because of its position as a great agricultural centre, Cambridge is a town with a large and growing population of business men. Much of this growth is taking place in the new parish of St. John the Evangelist, Hills Road, immediately beyond the Railway Bridge.

Eighteen years ago the houses in what is now St. John's District could have been counted on the fingers of one hand; now there is a population of 2,000, and, as these words are being written, a score of new houses are rising in various parts of the parish. Railway men, artisans, commercial travellers, business men working in the town, with

a few professional or University men make up our population. Amid all this active development the Church has not been behindhand in her work. Ten years ago the work of providing for the religious wants of the new district was taken up by the Rev. J. George, who afterwards became first Vicar of the Parish. Mainly with funds collected locally the Mission Room was built and, after 4 years, the first section of a permanent Church, consisting of chancel and two bays of the nave, was built and paid for, and an endowment of £56 a year raised. Now the time to make another step forward has come. The Lord Bishop of Ely, who has shewn his deep interest in the work by becoming Chairman of the Building Committee, has given us our marching orders to get a Vicarage provided, the Endowment raised, and the Church completed. Towards these pressing wants, which will absorb about £9,000, help from Churchfolk all

over England is asked. Wherever there are those who feel that they owe a debt to Cambridge and her sons the call comes to repay part of it by strengthening the Church in that important centre.

The section of St. John's now built is only the shell (the needful carving of the stonework has yet to be done), and the Holy Table, the altar rails, the choir stalls, and almost all the chancel furniture are of a temporary character. The Vestries, too, have yet to be built and furnished.

The Parishioners have responded nobly in the past, and are prepared to do their full share in the future, but if the work of building up our Church, which in most parishes is the work of centuries, is to be compressed into half a generation it must be through help from outside which will be welcomed by either the Treasurer of the Building Fund, or any member of the Executive Committee.

Contributions may be earmarked for the Church, Vicarage, or Endowment Fund, or may be paid into the General Fund, as desired.

S. John's Vicarage, Cambridge, A. E. LOVE, Vicar.

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