

STORIES FROM THE RICH PAST OF OUR PARISH

Last week we covered the construction of the Chancel with the stars in the ceiling. This week we will deal with the church as it was before the reconstruction of the early eighteen seventies.

Perhaps a description of this newly restored and enlarged church, may be interesting to the readers of the "Church Chronical" dated May 20, 1872. In order to understand the newly re-furbished church, it would be well to describe the church as it was. Erected during the last century, 1754 AD, in those good old days, when architects were scarce and plaster was plentiful, it was of that anomalous style is only too frequently found in this Diocese, viz, a rectangular box 60X40 with a roof, without a chancel, and lit by two rows of windows. A tower 12 feet square and 60 feet high was added, when Canon Cochrane was Rector. It will not require much ingenuity to describe its interior. A flat ceiling hung overhead, like a pall. The sides were marred by heavy galleries containing many a retired nook, in which hidden from the parson's eye, mischievous were wont to emulate the plastic genius of Raphael and Angel. Another gallery at the west end, contained the organ, and the choir, who made the dim isles of the church "with their hymns of lofty cheer". Two large stoves occupied prominent places, warmed the building during the winter season.

Next week: The church moves.

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