

incumbency. This bell did excellent service until March 17, 1901, when it was cracked and has since been out of use. In the winter of 1872-3, the grounds on Monroe street were sold to the late Moses V. Aldrich for \$56,000, and the stone of the old church was used for the foundation of the present edifice. Before this Father McManus had begun the erection of the \$15,000 school house opposite the cathedral on the southeast corner of Sheldon and Maple streets, whose chapel on the second floor was blessed by Bishop Borgess, March 27, 1874, when the old church was vacated, and here the services were held until the dedication of the new church by the same Bishop, Dec. 19, 1876. This fine house of worship and its furniture cost \$50,000. It had a seating capacity of 938 in the body of the church and 200 in the gallery. Plans for the church were made by John Grady, of this parish. About 1888 two lots were secured just south of the church, upon which the Episcopal residence, costing \$15,000, was completed in 1889. The aggregate value of this church property, comprising the cathedral, the residence for the clergy, the school and the Sisters' residence, is about \$150,000. In the summer and fall of 1889, hot water heating plants were placed in the church and parochial residence. From time to time large numbers of its parishioners have been dismissed to organize other congregations, leaving St. Andrew's present parish boundaries as follows: All of the city east of Grand River and south of the 5th ward, or Fairbanks street, the north end of the city having been set off in August, 1888, to constitute St. Alphonsus' parish, and yet the mother church retains from 3,500 to 4,000 practical Catholic adults and children. Another new district of the cathedral parish south of Hall street and west of the railroad tracks, has practically been set aside for a new parish. The Rev. Thomas J. Reid is now collecting for the new church school, the ground for which was donated by the late Mrs. Bruno DeBoer. The foundations of a two story brick building 58x76 were begun in October, 1905.

A branch of the Catholic Mutual Benevolent Association, an insurance society for men, had existed in the parish for some years, when in 1896 a branch of the Ladies' Catholic Benevolent Association was started. In this year was also formed St. Joseph's Club for young men, there being already a sodality of the Immaculate Conception for young ladies. A cold stroke of