

counsellor. His health being impaired, he went abroad in the fall of 1895 and visited the Holy Land, as well as different countries of Europe, returning home in April, 1896. He resumed his duties of pastor, but it soon became evident that he was not much improved in health. He suffered a slight stroke of paralysis on Sunday evening, Dec. 5, 1897. That day he had preached his last sermon to his beloved people. He was assisted by the priests of St. Andrew's Cathedral until Feb. 7 when he was relieved by Rev. Robert W. Brown. Hoping to regain his lost health he went South for a year, but found no relief. He then retired to Dearborn where he calmly passed away on the evening of August 14, 1898. His remains were brought back to St. James' where the solemn obsequies took place on the 18th of August. Every available space in the church was occupied and hundreds could not gain entrance. The presence of a vast number of clergymen and the deep grief of his personal friends of all classes and creeds, as well as of his own people attested the great love and esteem in which he was held by all.

Father Brown, who had administered the affairs of the parish since Feb., 1898, was now appointed permanent pastor. Under his pastorate the church has continued to progress. He is assisted in caring for the finances by a committee of five representative men of the parish. The present committee are Messrs. James Friar, C. E. Kelly, John F. McCarthy, James A. Rooney and James Campbell.

There are numerous Church Societies: St. James Aid cares for its poor, the C. M. B. A. and the L. C. B. A. are fraternal insurance societies, the Apostleship of Prayer is well organized with about seven hundred members, the Young Ladies' Sodality cares for the young ladies, whilst the Pulcher Club safeguards the morality and sobriety of the young men, the Altar Society provides for the needs of the Sanctuary.

In September, 1902, Rev. John Corbett came from the Diocese of Ogdensburg to assist Father Brown whose duties as pastor had grown too arduous for one man. Father Corbett was appointed Chaplain of the House of the Good Shepherd in December, 1904, and was succeeded by Rev. M. J. Ahern of the Diocese of Richmond on the 19th of January, 1905. In July Father Ahern resigned on account of continued ill health and Rev. E. J. McDonald, a very efficient young priest, was appointed assistant pastor of St. James'.