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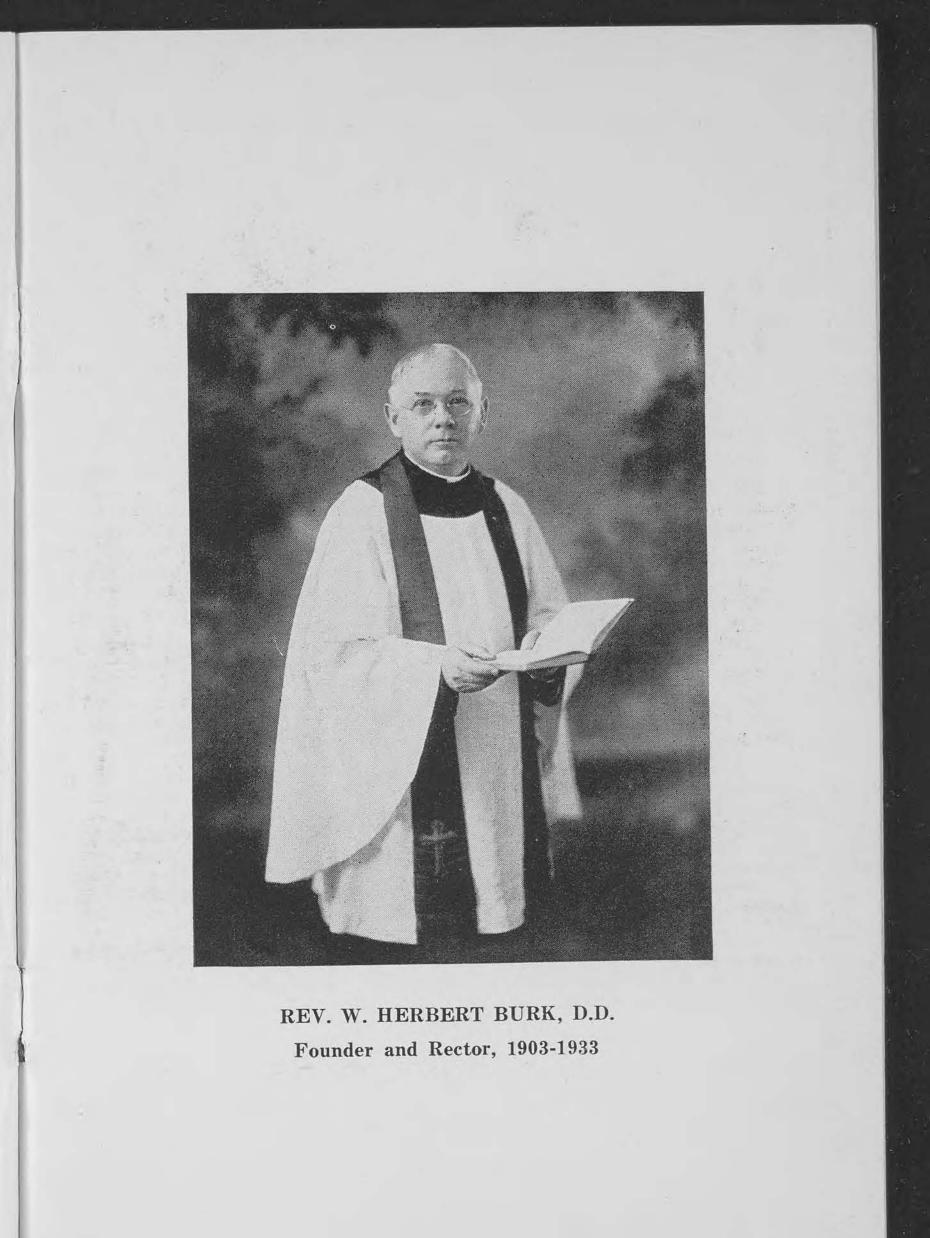
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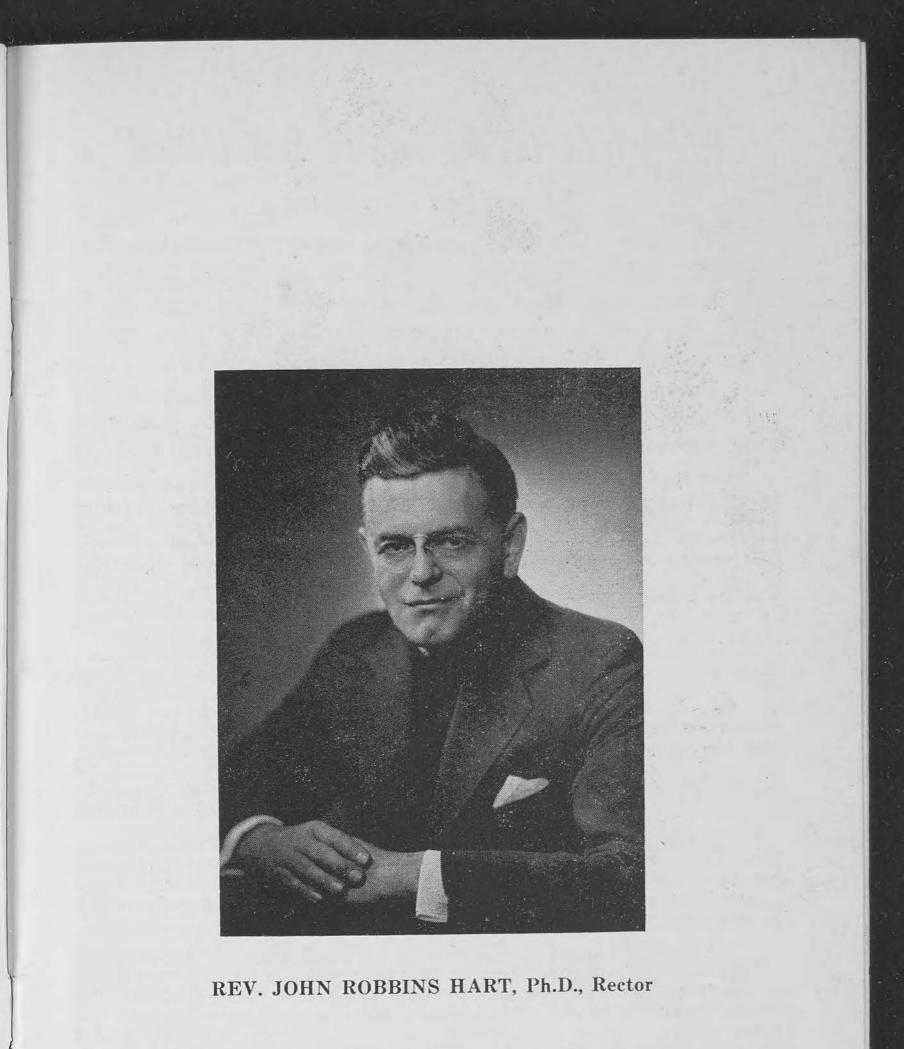
Valley Forge, with its distinctive inspirational influence in the lives of all patriotic Americans, suggests a special way of life.

The thought of a special and new way of life has frequently come to people and at times has been put into practice. The most notable example is the Christian religion, whose first members were known as the people "of the way". It was a new way of life, but one of true loyalty to the past. "I am come not to destroy but to fulfill" were the words of the Divine Founder of this new way of life; and "things old and things new" were perfectly combined by Him for those who would be His followers.

The Valley Forge way of life must be of this nature. Accepting the fundamental principles and teachings of the Founder of our faith, we also accept the fundamental principles and teachings of the founders of our country. Justice, temperance, moderation, frugality and virtue were their standards, and they continue to be ours. "Faith and patriotism" naturally becomes our motto.

Joseph Conrad has written that every man at least once in his life "glimpses eternity". That vision should be ours while living at Valley Forge. In the heart of nature, back to the soil, touching the earth, we should be at one with the eternal flow of life in its strength and naturalness. The snow-clad hills, the streams and valleys, the woodlands, the dogwood, with the deer and red fox, the murmurings of the trees and th messages of the stars, should speak of the abundant life of divine power directing things human.

Cloistered from the vorld, with a rich beritage to maintain, we must also know the vorld. To know it, to know the worst and to continue to believe in the best, may well be the call to all who would live the Valley Forge way of life.



Washington's Prayer for the United

States of America

Almighty God; We make our earnest prayer that thou wilt keep the United States in thy holy protection; that thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large. And finally, that thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation. Grant our supplication, we beseech thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Valley Forge at Work

by John Robbins Hart

Ever since the first Park Commission was appointed by the Governor to restore Valley Forge to its Revolutionary War appearance and meaning, progress has been reported each year. After sixty-four years, the combined work of the Commission and the Washington Memorial Chapel leaders is established. Church and State are unified in perfect cooperation and the ideals of faith and patriotism are being worked out.

The program of the Park Commission is far reaching and effective. Money is wisely spent to restore the ancient sites, to preserve the natural beauty of the Valley Forge landscape and to make all adjustments necessary with the many people and organizations who claim a stake in the historic encampment grounds.

The Chapel's diversified activities are strengthened and enlarged by those of the Historical Society and the Music Center, all functioning as the Washington Memorial. The Chapel is both a national shrine and a local parish. Three hundred people make it their church home and many others living in this vicinity attend the services. Some parts of a normal parish life are carried out, while some are omitted because of the location of the Chapel and the peculiar nature of its purposes.

In the effort to perfect the services and make people of all denominations and faiths feel as much at home as possible music has had a preeminent place under the leadership of the Choir.

The Sunday afternoon three o'clock service is the State Service, each state in the Union for the last thirty-five years holding an annual service at the Chapel. These services are conducted in cooperation with the Governors of the states. Visiting choirs supply the music. The twelve Vestrymen act as chairmen of the principal committees, directing and assisting in all parts of the program.

An Altar Guild has the responsibility of caring for the appointments of the altar.

Color Guards, in the uniform of Washington's life guard, act as ushers for the services.

As the festival seasons in the Church year and the national days in the calendar year arrive, many special services and other ceremonies are arranged, and often in conjunction with the leaders of religious, historic and patriotic organizations.

The Sunday School meets on Sunday morning for instruction of the children of members and those of tourists visiting the shrine.

Lecturers, both Chapel employees and volunteers, Sunday and weekday, tell the story of the Washington Memorial many times during the day to visitors.

The Washington Memorial National Carillon was the first large carillon made in this country, and the bells were given by the fortyeight states, the forty-ninth bell being the National Birthday Bell. It is played every hour, on the hour, throughout the day, special concerts by well-known carillonneurs being given from time to time. The use of the carillon is directed by a committee known as the Friends of the Carillon.

The Martha Washington Guild has carried on the women's work at the Washington Memorial for many years.

The management of the Church Yard is part of the work of the Chapel and the same naturalness for which the entire reservation is noted is maintained. The purchase of burial plots is not restricted in any way.

The Valley Forge Historical Society is a separate corporation, but a unit in the Washington Memorial. Many patriotic people in all parts of the country belong to this Society and assist in its program. The special functions of the Society are the maintenance of the Museum and the publication of "The Picket Post", its magazine.

The Valley Forge Music Center has functioned for seventeen years as a part of the life of the Chapel, many indoor and outdoor concerts being given every year.

Plans have been drawn for the new Museum Building, designed to house adequately the thousands of valuable exhibits, provide a library and an auditorium to be known as Patriots' Hall. The effort to raise the funds for this building and also to provide the Chapel endownment will begin this year.

The superintendent of grounds is in residence.

The architects and landscape engineer, both of whom have been in charge from the beginning, guarantee the proper development of the shrine.

The Washington Memorial is all the vision and ideal of Dr. W. Herbert Burk, who said there should be a wayside Chapel, built to the memory and honor of George Washington, on the encampment grounds at Valley Forge, and then proceeded to work valiantly for thirty years to make his vision come true. We continue in that spirit and rejoice in the opportunity of going on.

The Washington Memorial Chapel

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The Washington Memorial Chapel

The Washington Memorial Chapel, named by President Wilson, "the Shrine of the American People", is the result of a sermon preached by the late Rev. W. Herbert Burk in All Saints' Church, Norristown, on Washington's Birthday, 1903. In it he suggested the erection of a chapel at Valley Forge, in these words: "Would that we might rear a wayside chapel, fit memorial of the Church's most honored son to be the Nation's Bethel for all days to come, where the American Patriot might kneel in quest of that courage and that strength to make all honorable his citizenship here below, and prove his claim to that above." The first service was held in the Valley Forge Hall, May 17, 1903. Arrangements were promptly made to secure another place of worship, and on Sunday, May 31st, the service was held in Blackburn's Hall, Port Kennedy. This was used until the temporary frame Chapel, later known as the Theodore Roosevelt Chapel was built. This was opened for service on Sunday, September 27, 1903, when the Dean of the Convocation of Norristown, the Rev. Herbert J. Cook preached the sermon.

On Sunday, June 19, 1904, the little frame structure was made famous by the visit of President Theodore Roosevelt, who made his great Valley Forge address in the modest chapel in order to call the attention of the American people to the effort of the minister in charge to honor Washington at Valley Forge.

The Chapel site was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. I. Heston Todd, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Todd. The corner stone of the Washington Memorial Chapel was laid June 19, 1903, as a part of the national celebration of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Evacuation of Valley Forge by Washington and his army.

The Chapel was designed by the late Milton B. Medary, Jr. who was selected by the University of Pennsylvania, in a competition held for that purpose. It is considered by architects to be one of the most beautiful chapels in the world.

tiful chapels in the world. The stone was laid by Rev. O. W. Whitaker, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The Rev. C. Ellis Stephens, D.D., D.C.L., Rector of Christ Church made an address on "The Christianity of Washington." From that day until March 3, 1914, the Founder struggled to raise the money required to erect the chapel of his dreams. Then Mr. and Mrs. Charles Custis Harrison began their successful campaign to complete the Chapel, which was only partly built, but in constant use and furnished with many memorials. They gave themselves whole-heartedly to their task, and associated with them the following as a Building Committee: Stephens Heckscher, Esq., Chairman; the Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Garland; George T. Elliott, Esq., the Rev. W. Herbert Burk; Mr. Milton B. Medary, Jr.; and Mr. Joseph M. Rogers, Secretary. The contract for the completion of the Chapel was awarded April 13, 1915, and in a year the wonderful design of Mr. Milton B. Medary, the Architect, was realized in stone and wood. The enrichment has proceeded steadily ever since, with the addition of the beautiful memorials, and every year the Chapel has become more worthy of Mr. Wilfred Powel's appellation— "The American Westminster."

"The Chapel is not only a shrine but a church home for the small congregation of faithful people who share this house of prayer with all. The Washington Memorial is open every day of the year for those who visit this hallowed place.

The parish has been blessed with faithful workers in the worship of the Church, the training of the young and the support of the parish through the splendid efforts of the Washington Memorial Chapel Guild. To name any would be unfair to the many. Each has had a part and the total results of the efforts of these faithful Churchmen and Churchwomen have had their place in the forward movement of this work for God and Country.

Much has been done. Much more needs to be done. In publishing this Year Book the Vestry ask the earnest prayers and constant co-operation of every member of the parish to make the Washington Memorial Chapel not only a shrine worthy of our God and our Country, but to make it also in a very real sense a Gateway to Heaven.

A Visit to the Chapel

The Chapel is a memorial to George Washington and is filled with memorials of him. In the niche is the most finished stature of President Washington made since his death. It is called "Valley Forge" and represents him bearing the burdens of the war. You can see the anxiety in his face, determination in the grip of the sword, and confidence and hope in the pose of the whole figure. This is the work of Franklin Simmons, the great American Sculptor.

The Altar

The altar is one block of Indiana limestone weighting over ten tons. It is the gift of Mr. Rodman Wanamaker. He gave the altar and reredos in memory of Washington and those who with him achieved our independence. In the steps of the altar are carved Tennyson's lines —

> "his work is done. But while the races of mankind endure, Let his great example stand Colossal, seen of every land, And keep the soldier firm, the statesman pure. 'Til in all lands and thru' all human story The path of duty be the way of glory."

On the front of the altar is the name plate from Washington's coffin. In 1837, when they were moving the body in its lead case from the old tomb to the new, the old coffin had decayed and the plate had fallen off. It was not discovered until after the sarcophagus had been sealed. The undertaker claimed the plate and it was afterwards sold at auction in Philadelphia and brought by Mr. Havemeyer of New York. It is a plate of Sheffield silver with Washington's name, date of birth and death.

On Sunday, October 4th, 1925, the Washington family presented the Washington Arms Flag, the wrought iron flag bracket and a handle from Washington's coffin. Another was the gift of America to England in 1924, and is now at Sulgrave Manor, the ancestral home of the Washingtons.

The Cross

The Cross of unusual grace and beauty and of unique form was given by one of the Lincoln family in memory of Abraham Lincoln. The exquisite carvings on the base are renowned.

The Vases

The vases of the Chapel were given by the Daughters of the War of 1812 in memory of Washington, the first President.

The Clergy Seats

The Clergy seats on either side of the altar are in memory of Washington's Rectors. The cushions are made in blue and white because Washington's Life Guards wore blue coats with white facings. It is just as if we had taken one of the coats and made cushions out of it. On Sunday the color guard wear the uniform of Washington's Life Guards, with red vests and blue and white coats, etc.

The Sanctuary Flags

To the right of the altar are the Army and Navy Flags of the Revolution, and on the other side are the flags of France. The blue flag is thus described in a manuscript of the year 1304: "The King of France has three fleurs de lys of gold." The White flag is the Bourbon Royal Standard. The French flags are placed here in honor of King Louis XVI of France who acknowledged the freedom of our Nation and formed an Alliance with the New Nation. The French Alliance was first celebrated by Washington and the American Army at Valley Forge, May 6, 1778. These beautiful flags of France were made in Paris and presented to the Chapel by the Honorable Rodman Wanamker, who also presented the American flags of the Revolution.

The Misereres

The Misereres of Europe are called "Nodding Benches" in England. The corbel under the seat is carved on a slope, so that if a man should go to sleep during service, he would slide off and awaken automatically. So far we have had no use for them, but Dr. Burk always said there was nothing like being prepared for an emergency.

The Morris stall was given in memory of Captain Samuel Morris of the Philadelphia City Troop. The story is told of the first Morris to settle in Philadelphia. He went home one day and his wife told him there was nothing to eat. He replied that the Lord would provide. He went out to hunt some game but did not find any. His wife went upstairs to pray, and when she came down found that the cat had brought in a rabbit for dinner. Carved on the corbel is the cat bringing home the rabbit. The Sacristy Door is given in memory of General Huntington, who commanded the Connecticut Brigade at Valley Forge. It is wonderful not only for the beauty of the design but also for the hardware. All the ironwork was hammered on the forge by Mr. Samuel Yellin, who also made the famous gates at the entrance of the Chapel. When Lord Charnwood was here he told Dr. Burk that he had never seen anything finer than this lock in the Museums of Europe. During the war, one of the sailors asked Dr. Burk if the grill were a letter box. Dr. Burk replied that it was the minister's periscope, through which he could see if the organist was in position without opening the door.

The Prayer Desk and Choir Stalls, Pews and Screens

The Prayer Desk given by the Valley Forge Chapter, D.A.R., is in memory of Mrs. Holstein, who saved the Headquarters for the United States. This wonderfully beautiful piece of carving was done by Mr. Edward Maene, the great carver and sculptor. Mr. Maene also carved the choir stalls. Each stall commemorates a brigade. The first one is Washington's Life Guard, and the second is the Pennsylvania Brigade. The Continental Soldiers are carved in oak and their uniforms are all properly colored. Each stall is nineteen and a half feet high, of hand carved oak. Competent architectural authority has declared these to be the finest choir stalls in the United States.

Two Presidents who visited the Chapel while in office are honored by Choir Stalls. That in honor of President and Mrs. Harding, was the gift of the Honorable Rodman Wanamaker. The Roosevelt Choir Stall was given by Helen Kellogg Verner in tribute to President Theodore Roosevelt and in memory of her sister, Fannie A. Kellogg. The Lee Memorial Choir Pew—The first Choir Pew in the Chapel

The Lee Memorial Choir Pew—The first Choir Pew in the Chapel was the gift of the Society of the Lees in Virginia, and was formally presented by the Hon. Blair Lee on behalf of the Society, June 5, 1926, and dedicated in the presence of more than fifty members of this distinguished family. The memorial Choir Pew is of hand-carved oak, and on the Pew ends, Continental soldiers kneel in prayer.

The Screen in front of the Lee Choir Pew was given in memory of Margaret Mitchell Schofield, by her daughter Sarah Mitchell Phillips in 1931.

The Choir Pew on the West side was given in memory of Ida Pauline Blackburne by her children John Sharp Blackburne, Jr., and Agnes Croll Blackburne in 1942.

The Screen in front of the Blackburne Pew was given in memory of Babette and A. Edward Newton by their children Caroline and Swift Newton in 1942.

The Flags of the Revolution

Over the Choir Stalls are the reproductions of the flags of the Revolution, beginning with the Commander-in-Chief's Standard, with the six pointed stars. The original flag is in the Museum with his Marquee, the tent which he used as his headquarters during the first week at Valley Forge, and throughout the war. The next flag is that of the First Philadelphia Regiment, then what is called the Betsy Ross Flag, Pulaski Standard, Grand Union, Rattlesnake Flag, The Philadelphia Light Horse, and Bedford Minute Men Flag.

On the West Side are the 2nd New Hampshire Regiment Flag, the 2nd Regiment 2nd Connecticut Battalion, Fort Moultrie Flag, an earlier form of the National Standard, 3rd New York, Commander-in-Chief's Life Guard, The Eutaw Standard and the Flag of the Floating Batteries. The Chapel's first organ was the gift of Mr. William L. Austin of Rosemont in memory of his ancestor, Lieut. David Snyder. In 1952 it was found necessary to replace this organ and we are now enjoying a fine new Moller organ. The Kurt Schelling Memorial was given to defray part of the expense.

The first time the original organ was played was when Dr. Burk asked two hundred and fifty sailors and marines to sing America. One morning during the first world war he was coming through the woodland to take his place in the Chapel when he heard the organ music. When he came in he found a soldier from California playing and more than one hundred soldiers listening to the music. After seeing the Chapel and Museum one of them asked if they could sing the Battle Hymn of the Republic with the organ. Dr. Burk replied, "Of course you can." At the close of the hymn they all fell on their knees for Dr. Burk to ask God's blessing on them before they left Valley Forge for France.

The initial recital on the new organ was given by the late Rollo Maitland, Dean of Organists. This was followed by a series of recitals by eminent organists.

The Lectern

The lectern is the only monument at Valley Forge to a British Soldier. It is in memory of General Edward Braddock, Washington's commander in the French and Indian War, on whose death Washington read the Burial Service.

When this was dedicated, Lord Bryce asked Dr. Burk to allow him to make the address as he wanted to acknowledge it personally for he said it was a tribute to the British Empire. Unfortunately, Congress adjourned that week and he had to stay in Washington and make his reports, but he sent Mr. Wilfred Powell, the British Consul General, who in his address spoke of the Chapel as "The American Westminster" because so many patriots are commemorated here.

The Litany Desk

The Litany Desk commemorates Washington's prayers for the Nation. The first of June, 1774, was a day of prayer for peace between England and the Colonies. Washington wrote in his diary, "June 1st, went to church and fasted all day." The government photographed the diary so it could be copied and cut in brass for the American people to read.

In the windows of the porch, Dr. Burk had placed Washington's valedictory prayer for the American people.

"I commend the interest of our dearest country to the protection of Almighty God and those who have the superintendence of them to His holy keeping." His prayer for the nation is illuminated on vellum, the work of Beatrice Fox Griffith.

The Sanctuary Archway

In the Archway Dr. Burk had carved the arms of the forty-four States, which were in the Union when he began this work in 1903. He began without a cent of money and without a soul to help him. Some of his many friends encouraged him by telling him he was crazy to build a Chapel at Valley Forge because he could never raise enough money and no one would come here. They thought he wanted \$20,000. The Chapel has cost approximately \$400,000. Since neither State nor Nation help in maintenance, we are asking every visitor to make some contribution, large or small, for the support of this work. The Chapel is kept open every day of the year.

The Windows

Over the altar is the marvelous window given by the Colonial Dames of Pennsylvania in memory of Martha Washington. The window represents service through sacrifice and is based upon our Lord's word, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Our Lord is represented in relation to man's five-fold inheritance. The central opening depicts religion. In the center is the Crucifixion and above it are the three Marys bringing the Easter Message. To the left are institutions—the family, the church, the state, and to the extreme right is art. In the lower right hand corner is the picture of our Lord holding in His arms a model of this chapel which was inspired by faith in Him. This represents architecture and sculpture, painting, music, and the appreciation of beauty.

Over the front entrance is the Washington Window, with thirty-six scenes in the life of Washington, beginning in the upper left hand medallion with the baptism of Washington and ending in the lower right hand with him reading his Bible at the close of the day at Mount Vernon. Washington in prayer at Valley Forge is seen in the central opening over the door, the second on the left. This was given by the Pennsylvania Daughters of the American Revolution in the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars as a memorial of George Washington.

There are thirteen windows in all beginning with the great Christ window, the Martha Washington Memorial. The others are placed in the following order: Carrying the Gospel to the ends of the earth, the New Birth and the New Freedom, Freedom through the Word, Discovery, Settlement, Expansion, Development, Revolution, Patriotism, Democracy, the Union, and The American—the General Washington Memorial.

The windows, the work of Nicola D'Ascenzo of Philadelphia, are in red and blue, so with the white walls between, the Chapel is filled with the National colors. They are pronounced by English Art Glass workers to be among the great windows of the world.

The Roof of the Republic

The ceiling is the Roof of the Republic. Every State of the Union is represented with the arms carved and colored. The States are placed in the order in which they came into the Union, Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, etc. The ceiling is supported by angels to represent God's providence, and pelicans in the choir represent man's sacrifice because it is only through the providence of God and the sacrifice of man that the republic can exist.

The Pews of the Patriots

The Pews are the Pews of the Patriots. Each pew commemorates a patriot or a group of patriots. The President's Pew is in memory of Washington and Monroe, who were at Valley Forge and later became Presidents. President Theodore Roosevelt spoke here in the early days.

The Pew Screens

The Pew Screens are in honor of the Major Generals and Brigadier Generals at Valley Forge. Their names are carved on the base and above are the Flags of the Revolution, carved and colored. These screens and pews are the work of G. Gerald Evans, who also made the Roof of the Republic.

The Lamps

The Lamps of the Chapel are all of hand-carved lead. They are the work of Hollingsworth Pearce. Each one is a memorial.

Declaration of Independence Tablet

The large stone tablet over the Door of the Allies was unveiled July 4, 1926, in tribute to the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. The Honorable James M. Beck was the orator of the day. The tablet was designed and carved by Miss Martha M. Hovenden, the talented daughter of the late Thomas Hovenden, who painted "Breaking Home Ties," "Bringing Home the Bride," et cetera. The central figure is America cutting the cords which bound her to the Mother Country. To the left and right are bas-reliefs of George Mason, the author of the Bill of Rights, and Thomas Jefferson, author of the Declaration of Independence. The arms of the thirteen States and the names of the signers are beautifully carved, as is the message of the Liberty Bell: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." The tablet was given by the Daughters of America of the State of Pennsylvania.

Framers of the Constitution Tablet

The large stone tablet over the Inauguration Door was unveiled May 30, 1936, in tribute to the Framers of the Constitution. The Hon. Theodore Lane Bean, State Senator, was the orator of the day. The tablet was designed and carved by Miss Martha M. Hoveden, who did such fine work on the Signers of the Declaration of Independence Tablet of the opposite wall.

The names of the Framers of the Constitution are carved on the two panels by the side of the seals of the States they represented. The lettering behind the head of the figure in the central panel is the Preamble of the Constitution.

"We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

The figure symbolizes the wisdom, balance, life and vigor of the document written in Philadelphia in 1787, by those men whose names are carved on the stone. The olive branch particularizes the "general welfare" and "domestic tranquility," and the sheaf of arrows "the more perfect union" and "common defense."

The tablet is a memorial to Thomas D. Sullivan of Philadelphia and a tribute to President Woodrow Wilson—the World War I President.

The Robert Morris Strong Box

Mrs. Charles Custis Harrison has added to the interest in the Chapel, and also to its income, by the loan of the strong box used by Robert Morris during the Revolution. This valuable relic of the great financier of the War for Independence is a remarkably fine specimen of early craftsmanship. It has been placed near the font at the entrance to the Chapel, thus providing for the reception of such gifts as the visitors desire to give for the support of this work.

The Memorial Font

The Baptismal Font was given to the Glory of God, in honor of George Washington, and in memory of Ralph J. Sullivan. The inscription on the wall by the font reads:

"George Washington

was made a Member of Christ, the Child of God, and an Inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven, in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism Ministered according to the Use of the Church of England, whereof this Font is a Memorial, and this the Record: George Washington, son of Augustine & Mary, his wife, was born ye 11th Day of February 1732 about 10 in the Morning & was Baptized on the 13th of April following; Mr. Beverly Whiting & Cap't. Christopher Brooks, Godfathers, and Mrs. Mildred Gregory, Godmother."

The Cloister of the Colonies

To the west of the Chapel is the Cloister of the Colonies, with its thirteen Bays. In the garth enclosed by the Cloister is the beautiful statue by Bela Pratt, Sacrifice and Devotion, given in honor of the Mothers of the Nation. In the New York bay is the open air pulpit and in front of it is the Woodland Cathedral formed of trees from Mount Vernon, planted in the form of a cross.

The Porch of the Allies

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To the east of the Chapel is the Porch of the Allies with its beautiful bays in honor of Von Steuben, DeKalb, Lafayette and Rochambeau and Pulaski. These bays from the entrance to Patriots Hall in which is the Valley Forge Museum. It includes Washington's Marquee and his Headquarters' Standard, the flag which gave the stars to Old Glory. There are also relics of other periods in American History.

The Bell Tower and Carillon

The Valley Forge Memorial Bell Tower, built by the Daughters of the American Revolution, houses the Washington Memorial Carillon of 56 bells, including a bell for every State, also bells for Hawaii, Alaska, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and three yet to be dedicated.

The Churchyard

In connection with our Chapel we have a beautiful churchyard. This cemetery is not limited to Chapel members but is available to any who desire to purchase a plot. No place could better supply the atmosphere of peace and tranquility. We shall be happy to assist you in the selection of space if you are interested.

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In addition to the Star Spangled Banner National Peace Chime there is the great National Birthday Bell, weighing two and a half tons. This is used in connection with the Peach Chime and it bears a star for every State. The names of the States, in the order they came into the Union, form the decorative border of the National Birthday Bell. The Bell, with its endowment will be the gift of forty-eight American Patriots in every State of the Union, and each Patriot will give Five Dollars. The names of these donors will be preserved in the National Birthday Bell Book at Valley Forge.. You ought to have a part in this tribute to your State and in the national rejoicing over the One Hundred and Fifty Years and more of Independence.

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Georgia D.	A. R. and Patriots of Georgia
Connecticut D. A.	R. and Patriots of Connecticut
Massachusetts D. A. R.	and Patriots of Massachusetts
Maryland D. A	. R. and Patriots of Marvland
South Carolina	Fund not completed
New Hampshire	
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Vilgilla	D A P and Patriots
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North Carolina	
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The Star Spangled Banner National Peace Chime, great as it was, was inadequate for Valley Forge, where the American people must be fully represented. It was intended only as the first step in a great musical tribute to the Nation and to those who formed it. Back of the Chime was the ideal of a great National Carillon of forty-nine Bells, one for every State and the National Birthday Bell. The State Bells outside those of the thirteen Colonies were assigned in the order of the population of the States.

Without a ringer, the Carillon would be only a mass of inert voiceless metal. Linked with the Carillon there must be an expert Carillonneur to give voice to the State Bells, and call forth music from the domes of silence. To secure the unfailing services of an expert musician day after day, year after year, there must be a large endowment and careful management of the vested funds. Therefore, to the cost of each State Bell has been added a sum for the Endowment Fund of Fifty Thousand Dollars, and a Trust Company will hold the Endowment Fund in trust.

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 - 22 South Carolina

March

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- 8 Virginia
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- New York North Carolina 22
- Rhode Island 29

April

- 5 Vermont
- 12 Kentucky
- 19 Tennessee
- 26 Ohio
- May
 - 3 Louisana
 - 10 Indiana
 - 17 Mississippi
 - 24 Illinois
 - 31 Alabama

June

- 7 Maine
- 14 Missouri
- 21 Arkansas
- 28 Michigan

- July
 - 5 Florida
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- August
 - 2 California
 - 9 Minnesota
 - 16 Oregon
 - 23 Kansas
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- 6 Nevada
- 13 Nebraska
- Colorado 20
- 27 North Dakota
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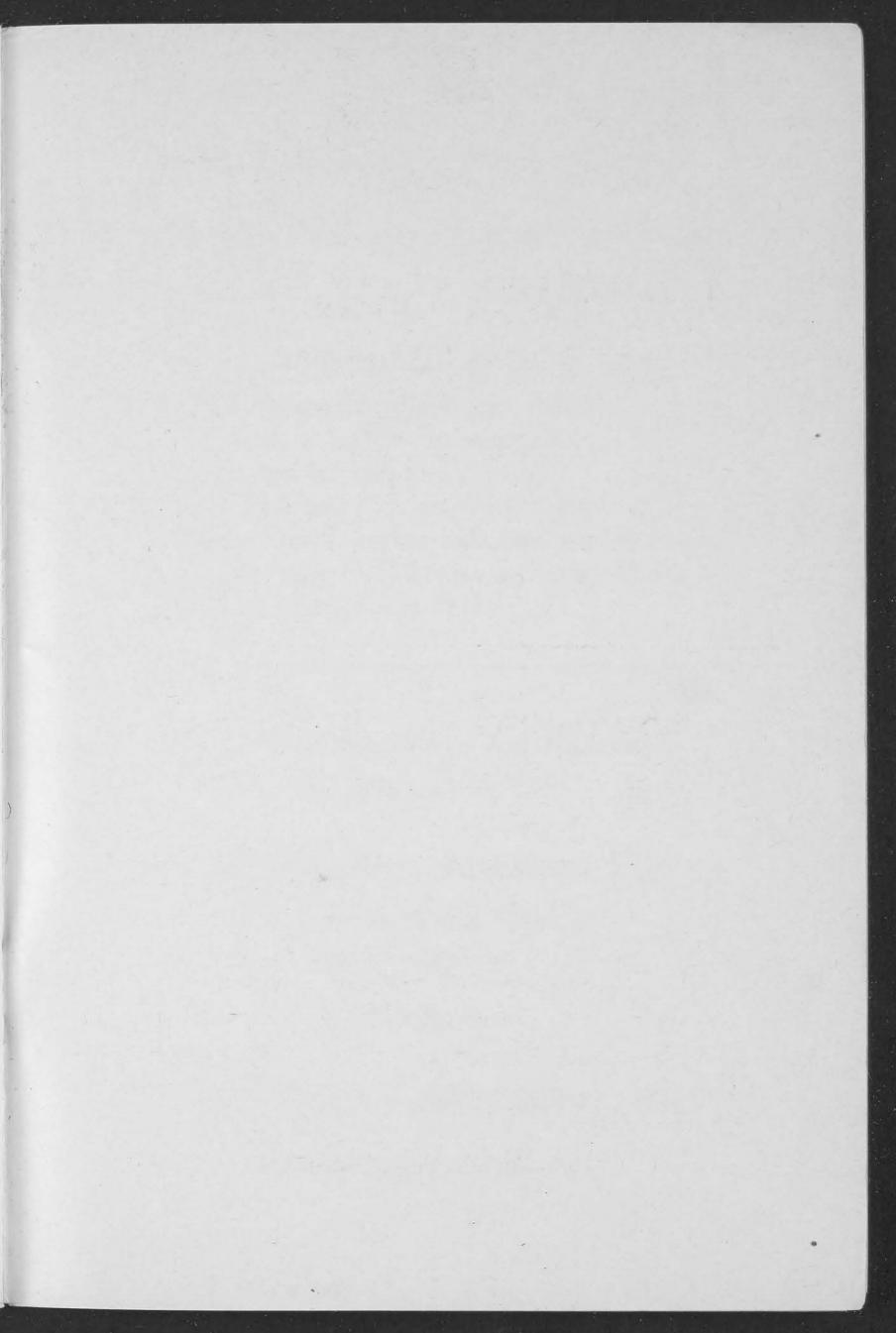
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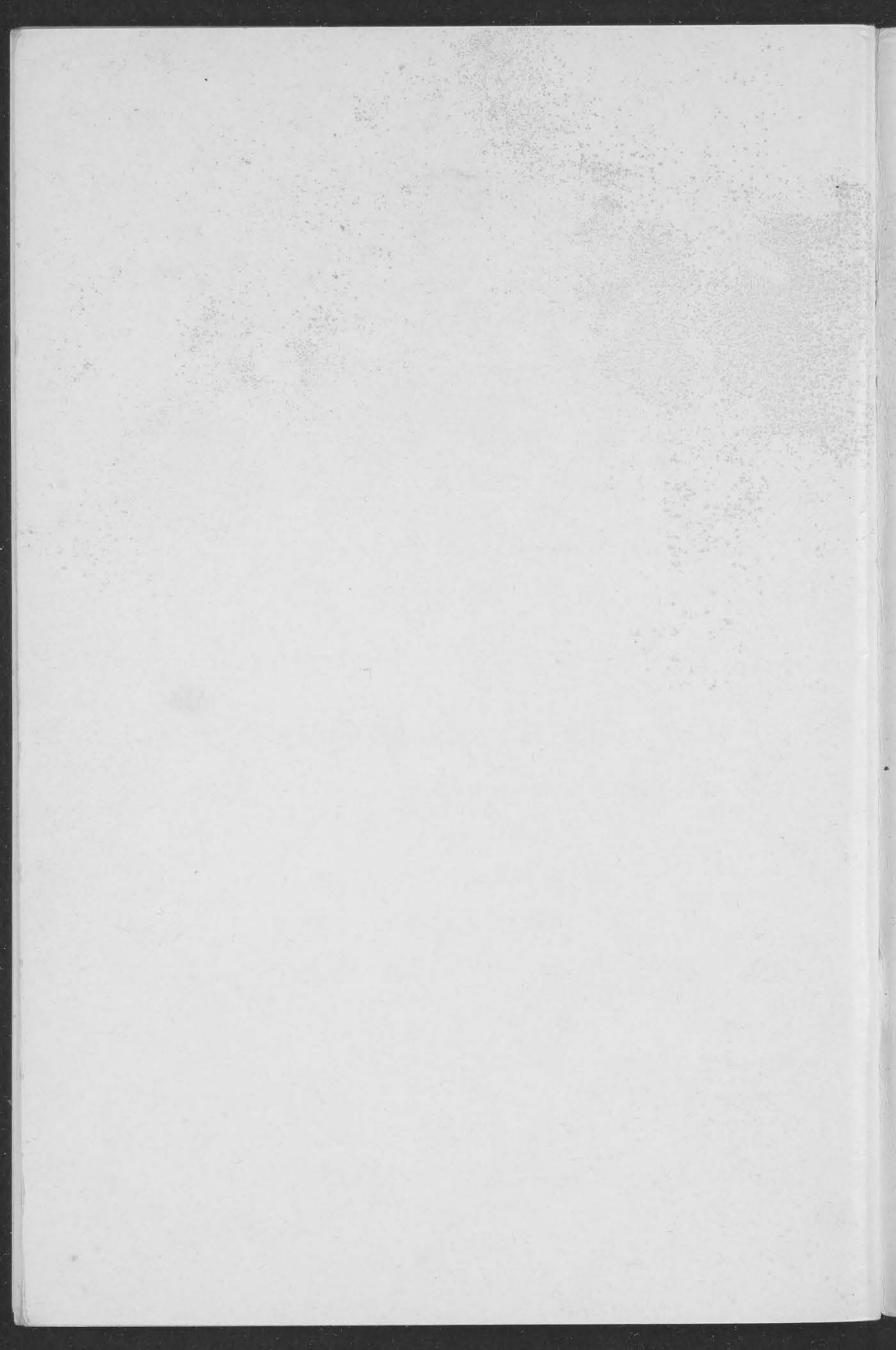
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