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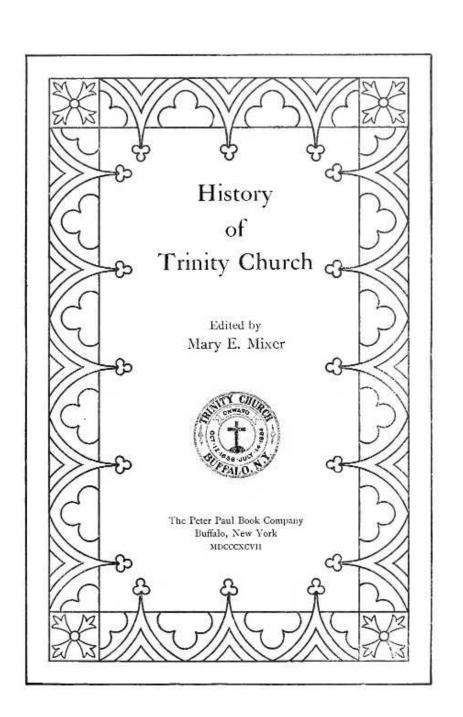
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TO THE

Children of Trinity Parish

THE FUTURE WARDENS AND
VESTRYMEN OF THE
CHURCH,
HEIRS TO A NOBLE INHERITANCE,
THIS ROOK IS DEDICATED

Editor's Note

The designs of the cover and title-page were drawn by Miss Elise Devereux, artist.

In the arduous work of compiling and printing the history, several errors were unfortunately overlooked until too late to correct them.

On page 36, the name of Mr. Corneille R. Ganson is wrongly given as "Cornelius R. Ganson."

On page 41, Doctor and Mrs. Thomas F. Rochester are referred to as coming from Geneva, which was the early home of Mrs. Rochester. They removed to Buffalo from Rochester, which city was named for the doctor's family.

On page 103, "Mr. Horatio H. Seymour" should be "Mr. Henry H. Seymour"; and on page 107, "Mrs. Horatio H. Seymour" should be "Mr. Henry H. Seymour."



Preface

In the experience of all large cities it is found that old landmarks, prominent citizens, and important events are apt to be passed over in the progress of time, their places filled, their monuments razed to the ground to make way for those of a new generation.

The important part played in the prosperity and growth of such cities by the early builders thereof is seldom remembered by those who tread the paths made easy for them and live in happiness and peace beneath the spreading branches of trees whose shade measures the passing of one or two generations,

As a rule, the pioneers of all such settlements are men of mark, sometimes of wealth and position; and their opinions, their laws and customs, insensibly influence their successors for all time. Observe in New York city, Albany, and other portions of our state, how the Knickerbocker presence of early days is still felt in the land; how in Detroit, Michigan, social customs, local laws, and the very manners of the citizens bespeak their French origin. So we might go ou, from section to section of our great country, tracing by their present customs and laws the influences that laid the foundations of their cities and of their forms of government; and Buffalo, though not the most important of our cities, can boast an honorable heritage, for her first citizens were men of brains and men of mark.

In 1679 Father Hennepin and his small band of explorers, under the leadership of La Salle, with much