

DR. G. C. HAUGHTON

50 YEARS IN CLERGY

'Little Church Around the Corner' to Celebrate His Semi- Centennial.

The Rev. Dr. George Clarke Houghton, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, in Twenty-ninth Street, "The Little Church Around the Corner," will complete half a century in the ministry this week. Dr. Houghton has been the rector there twenty-four years, succeeding his uncle, the late Rev. Dr. George Headric Houghton, founder of the church, and for almost half a century its rector.

Invitations have been issued by the wardens and vestrymen of "The Little Church" for a public celebration next Thursday. This will start at 11 o'clock with a solemn celebration of the Holy Communion. The sermon will be preached by the Right Rev. Thomas F. Gailor, Bishop of Tennessee, and President of the Council of the Episcopal Church. The benediction will be pronounced by Bishop William T. Manning.

"The Little Church" is widely known as a place to which couples desiring to be married find their way. More than 7,500 couples have been married by Dr. Houghton and his curates.

Dr. Houghton was born in this city and he was educated in St. Stephen's College, Annandale, N. Y., of which he is now a trustee. He was ordained a deacon in 1870, and a year later was advanced to the priesthood by the late Bishop Horatio Potter. His ordination took place at St. Mark's-in-the-Bowwrie.

Soon after his ordination Dr. Houghton married Miss Mary Creemer Pirsou. They had one daughter, who is the wife of the Rev. Charles A. Strombon. Mrs. Houghton died in 1902.

For the first nine years of his ministry Dr. Houghton served as a curate at Trinity. From there he was called to Trinity Episcopal Church, Hoboken, N. J., where he served eighteen years.

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