1922. Mass. Bill, Hilant & Ried us to the speach and actually went swimen whater very cold, but sun delight ful. Wayland arrived a the hund and we played termine, while theyby & this went news the niver for good. Bill sept on the night trut for her Gold after tridge, and I tone up the stackles P. trught from Bill D. not terring he'd stackle there into an old mayagine a terrine trugody, which P. one phicos ophically.

1923. maso, severty Walter Draker, Wrote in this for wany days back. Down to St. michael's to get a Paptional certificate. Found Bill Nelly will hour at Dun wordie with me, on my return. Jose him for a wall all over the Universe he was of course much in present by Hardeness. facile O' Brien to dis wor the talks of a worderful solution - fishing place in General and, but I'm afraid it is too for to g to more of my mid-weeks this summer.

1924. That B' Brian athis new flat at six a. un. + trake him at to fial all day in the mr. Sandjud brook. I gor several undersize and he got a dozen but I will had one "sized" and five of him. Tried to explore the end of the brook but got worder in particular, Discovered was then nother likely stream or our way home. Lit. dinner at home's — I was dead with sleep. Good speealies by Doc. Walker and made on Freelie Porce. Sophonore named Cootte) got Bergen inesal.

1925. These. Confusions at Foxon and frame St. Manys. To the Hall to bear the first speeches by the Jumins, which were very prod especially a neally extraordinary one by Greenway. Poper returned sometime about today.

1026. Trimity Sunday, Living - seven children made their first Grunnerion at Joan. Three bakes baptises aftervands. I was sent for fitter the loopital on my return, and her. Callahan died just before I got them. He had been burited in the morning. It is sen shocking as he seemed to be improving out to get Foles at allertus had now. Other hunds are went not to the Caferers. Brought John in to the fail of natured to fish the lake will tom, getting one pickerel. Stayed Rece for outper dovely day

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1923. Bill of sewed each other's masses. Corpus Christi. Down town for mands, then took Bill fishing to Pine River. We took our lunch + fished till efter seven. I got two small trout + a complement too small to back. Occasion al lampieux were an unattractive feature, the live ones almost as aufil so the dead ones. Bill after q. 15 after a luvied supper. Inoute thoughout called with a draft of the statementalmost in the Berban is to fice to Can. on Fol. Relega.

1924. Tuess. Fyon for confessions and went to see his Talmadge. Paul Whelen' 12 Brook this figure his Heros up for bunch. I trok them for a ride and plured them Harkness. Taa - outdoors for the fist time. ar Re Club. Tabled with Prud'house, who on get to be a Catholic, but has more or loss lapsed. Very weary in evening, but managed to read un

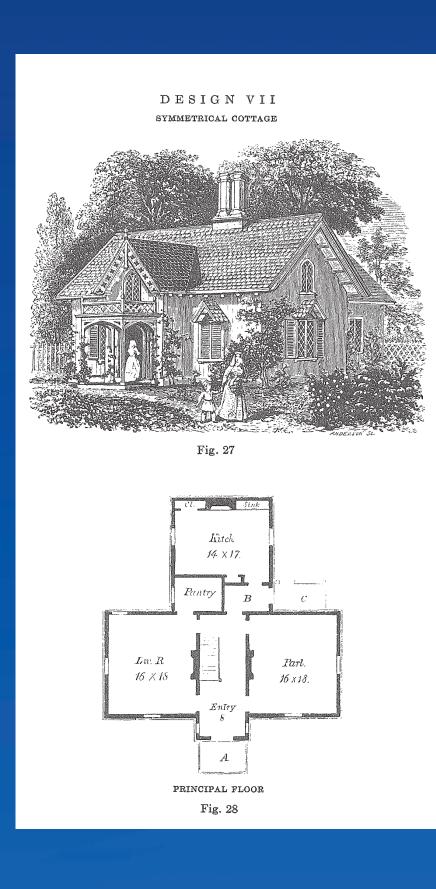
1925. Pentecost Sunday. Roger come to Flyon to church. motored line to Hartford here we hundred with the Plins ptons. The Bradleys away, We all went afterwards see two. Riddellis college of arm. It has proposed countdwally since I had purily the has a winged beaver over the archiver! Called on Harrier Deleves, butthe warn't re- Back home after taking the Plimpters to Heatford. Parented 1157 cars going in the points direction. Washind of Jock Whitney 26 to supper. He is a delightful long. 1926 - Meso thile I was at heale fast, n. blew in, which to my arrange He had been motoring all night from him feron with some aqually cragy temple, + departed in an hour. functing transmit directors at hours. I. I hattleton told of montie's reappointment, on better towns. Inspected new Restrict D. W. E. Rouse with John Hoppardt. They he for four finished. Rem all day. Bill agen to tea.

May 31, 1922:

Soon-to-be-ordained. T. Lawrason Riggs '10 records his appointment by President James Rowland Angell as Yale's first Catholic Chaplain in his diary: "Mass alter right. Phil motored back to Hartford. I took the afternoon train to New Haven and, after supper at the Williams's with Baldy, had a historic interview with Pres. Angell—when he finally reached Woodbridge Hall. He talked of other matters for some time, but was very cordial and sympathetic when the subject of my next year's activity was brought up."

135 Whitney Avenue, 1850:

Fr. Riggs '10 lived at 135 Whitney Avenue for the entirety of his chaplaincy. At his Gothic Revival cottage, he would host Yale students and faculty for meals and classes. Riggs's home was built by Jackson Downing in 1850 and was featured in Downing's book, *The Architecture* of Country House (1850). It is now part of Christ Presbyterian Church.



October 3, 1922:

The New York Times announces Fr. Riggs's '10 appointment as Yale's first Catholic Chaplain.

CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN AT YALE

The Rev. T. Lawrason Riggs, a University Graduate, Appointed.

Special to The New York Times.

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 2.—Yale will have a chaplain assigned for the religious instruction of its Catholic students in the of the Rev. T. Lawrason Riggs, a graduate of the university, who was recently ordained to the priesthood. The appointment was made by Bishop Nilan of the Connecticut diocese. A chaplain was appointed by Christ Church of this city for the Episcopal undergraduates some time ago.

Father Riggs is a son of the President of the Riggs National Bank of Wash-He was graduated from Yale in 1910, took a four years' graduate course at Harvard and was appointed instructor at Yale, resigning as soon as America entered the World War to go overseas with Yale Mobile Unit' No. 35. He was commissioned as a lieutenant and served in the Intelligence Depart-

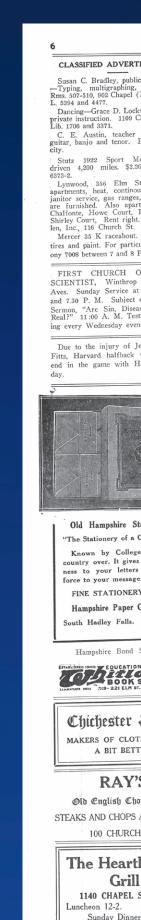
After the war he studied for the priesthood at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, N. Y., and later studied philosophy at the Catholic University, Washington. He took a course in theology in St. Joseph's Seminary in this city

Father Riggs has spent several weeks in Europe conferring with the chaplains of Oxford and Cambridge Universities. At Oxford he found chaplains of different religious orders, some of them officially recognized.

The organization of the Catholics at Yale, of whom there are about 300, will be along the line of the Newman Clubs, which have been formed in American universities. The Catholic Club at Yale was organized by Professor Cortland Van Winkler of the English Department about ten years ago.

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October 7, 1922:

the University will be held in the large

Auditorium of Dwight Hall Monday at

7. The Catholic Club plans for the

year will then be outlined by the Rev.

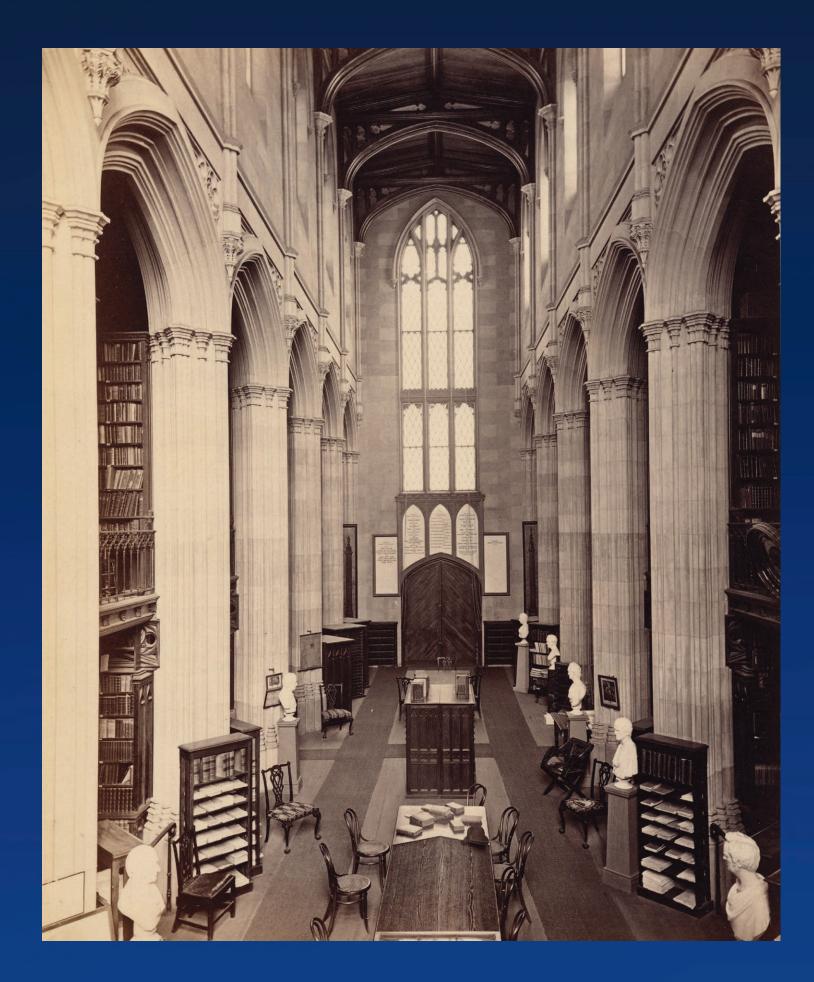
T. Lawrason Riggs, 1910. All are requested to attend, whether or not they

have hitherto been members of the

Catholic Club.

Announcement in the Yale Daily News for Yale's first Catholic Club meeting run by Fr. Riggs '10.



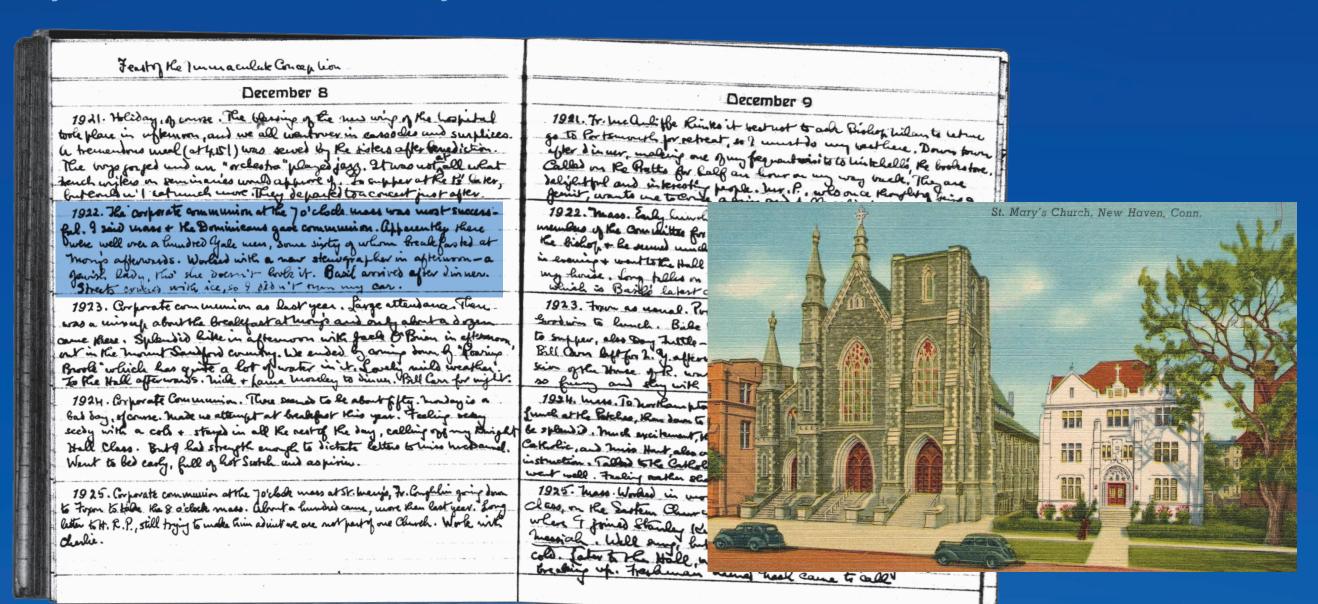


Dwight Hall, **Prior to 1931:**

Fr. Riggs '10 spent many of his evenings reading and studying at Dwight Hall, then Yale University's library. He also taught weekly classes there that examined Catholic themes.

St. Mary's, New Haven, c.1930:

Fr. Riggs '10 would often say Mass at St. Mary's on Hillhouse Avenue. It is also the site of a well-attended corporate communion. As Fr. Riggs '10 records in his diary on December 8, 1922: "The corporate communion at the 7 o'clock mass was most success-ful. I said mass and the Dominicans gave communion. Apparently there were well over a hundred Yale men, some sixty of whom breakfasted at Mory's afterwards."



October 13, 1927:

In a Yale Daily News article advertising the first Catholic Club meeting of the year, the writer gives a brief history of the organization. This write-up is also a good example of what typical Catholic Club programming looked like in the 1920s.



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here near the Oval. Water is bert) was directed at the whole show ere the other day—it was very, awoke from over my books and ser little rattle in my throat. It rell known death rattle you've all se cutest thing...but I was minutes were numbered—and siles to the nearest watering Dn, Oscar, ride on! I staggered my room-mate reposed. He leapt my room-mate reposed. He leapt my room-mate reposed. or the fine work of the principles alone

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CATHOLIC CLUB ELECTS WEBSTER AND CONNORS

Proposed Activities for Coming Season Discussed by Father Riggs, 1910, and W. A. Webster, 1928S.

The University Catholic Club held its first meeting in the assembly room of William L. Harkness Hall last night at which William A. Webster, 1928S, was elected President of the Club and M. A. Connors, 1928,

Rev. Father T. Lawrason Riggs, 1910, presided and gave a talk outlining the present activities of the Club and plans for the coming year. W. A. Webster, Captain of the University Football Team, spoke a few words of welcome to the new Freshmen members, and greeted the upperclassmen who are returning to take part for another year in the Club's activities. The evening discussion centered around the work for this year.

Father Riggs, after graduating from Yale in 1910, returned later to a position on the University Faculty as an instructor of Freshman English. He has been connected with the Catholic Club since 1922, serving in the capacity of chaplain, and is now the guiding spirit of this movement in the University.

The Catholic Club, definitely established in 1920, has since been the center of Catholicism at Yale. Its activities this year will consist mainly of bi-weekly classes to be held at the house of Father Riggs, 135 Whitney Avenue. The subject to be taken up at these meetings will be "The Christian Catholic Doctrine as a Whole," and an added attraction will be several lectures by outside men of importance, the first of which will probably take place late in November.

Any men who were not at the meeting last night but wish to join the Catholic Club should send their name together with the two dollar fee to Father Riggs.