

community and was joined by Rev. F. M. McAllister of Georgia. The rector, Mr. Bours, was on a visit to his family in New York at the time the fever broke out, but when the sickness became serious he at once returned to his charge, and after a devotion that was unsurpassed in his attention to others he himself died of yellow fever. A marble tablet to his memory stood upon the interior wall of the church before it was burned during the war. Messrs. Bours, Thackara and McAllister were a noble christian band all through the terrible epidemic.^j In 1858, Rev. Samuel Kerr (pronounced Carr) was called to the Parish. Mr. Kerr was followed in 1861 by Rev. Horatio H. Hewett. Mr. Hewett was a Northern man and left with the Federal squadron in 1862, and the Parish remained vacant until after the war.^b

Rev. O. P. Thackara again came to St. John's and took temporary charge, in February, 1866, and remained until December of that year, when a permanent rector, Rev. W. Eston Epps was called. Mr. Epps was succeeded by Rev. R. H. Weller, June 18, 1869.^b Mr. Weller was the rector 20 years, during which time several missions, that have since grown to be large Churches, were established, among them Good Shepherd in Riverside. Rev. V. W. Shields succeeded Mr. Weller December 2, 1889. The Parish under Dr. Shields's charge continued its expansion and growth. With the approach of his 35th year of continuously active service, the longest in the history of any of Jacksonville's Churches, Dr. Shields wished to resign, believing that a younger man should take up the work; but his congregation refused to part with the loving influence that many of them had known throughout their lives, and elected him Rector Emeritus in order that they might have him with them still in actual contact. Dr. Shields was succeeded as rector of St. John's by Rev. M. Doswell October 19, 1924.

Roman Catholic

During the pioneer years services of the Roman Catholic Church were conducted at the home of some one of the Church members. The first purchase by the Church in Jacksonville was the lot at the northwest corner of Duval and Newnan Streets from I. D. Hart, the deed being made to Bishop Gartland of Savannah and the consideration mentioned being "one penny". The precise date of the erection