

CHARLES J. CONNICK : DESIGNER AND WORKER IN STAINED AND
LEADED GLASS : NINE HARCOURT STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

City or Town Portland State Maine No. 1929

Church Williston Church, Thomas Street. Date of Completion October 15, 1936.
Donor and (Mrs. Francis E. Clark, Sagamore Beach, Mass also interested).
Address Mrs. John T. Skolfield, Falmouth Hotel, Portland, Maine.
Mrs. W. P. Reeves, 64 Carleton St. Portland, Maine, also interested.
Architect Mr. John Calvin Stevens, 187 Middle St. Portland, Me. Quality of Glass \$550.00 (\$36.66 per ft
(We are to be paid \$50.00
design if we do not make
window).
Denomination and Minister _____
Footage 15 square feet. Sizes, full _____
Ventilators ~~_____~~ No. _____ Set by _____
Position in Church Transept Window.
Edgar says Protec- Yes. See letter Groove Stone
Height from floor about 3' tion Glass of Aug. 4*** Rabbet Wood
Points of compass _____
Quality of light Northwest. (C.J.C.)

Inscription In Memory of Granville Staples, The First President of Christian
Endeavor.
(For verification see letters of July 16 and 17, 1936).

Design wanted _____ Staging _____
Shipping address _____ Blue-prints _____
Received _____

Bill to _____ Edgar Martin took template
Templets May 14, 1936.

Photos of Cartoons Mailed _____

General Information Frank Lyons is Janitor of the Church.

It is a funny church with a lot of opalescent
windows. The window made for the Christian
Endeavor People is quite terrible - awful
reds.
If price is to be \$550, (\$32.35 per foot) design
to be made without base medallion
The subject of the window is to be Christian's Companion,
"Faithful".

Opalescent
gold-brown
violet.

~~Edgar says there is now a double hung sash in place, the upper part of
which sets back about 2 1/2 inches. The lower section used to raise up, but
is not used now and ventilation comes from other windows. Note, July 2, 1936
For addresses of those to be notified as window progresses, see other side. Mr. Connick say
he thinks the plan is to remove the double-hung sash, setting the window~~

right in the frame, rather than making a new sash. He thinks the other windows there are done that way. (We do not know the width of the double hung sash.)

**Design for the Staples Memorial Window in
Williston Church, Portland, Maine.**

This design has for its text the words of Evangelist to Christian's companion, Faithful, "Be you faithful unto death, and the King will give you a Crown of life."

The dominating figure is a symbolical one of Faithful dressed as a pilgrim, carrying in his right hand the palm of martyrdom, and in his left the pilgrim's staff, surmounted by a cross. He is young and bareheaded, in keeping with the best traditions related to this character from "Pilgrim's Progress".

Above the figure is the heavenly crown, not only because it was a favorite symbol of Bunyan's throughout "Pilgrim's Progress", but also because it belongs especially to the beautiful character of Faithful, who was in the story "faithful unto death".

The body of the window is designed in a venerable type of ornament known as grisaille, and famous in such windows as "The Five Sisters" in Yorkminster, England. It is particularly suitable for a long slender lancet like the one in question, for it takes excellent advantage of every inch of width, while it serves well in relation to its height.

The entire color scheme has been arranged to relate quietly but beautifully to the surrounding windows in the church, and to those throughout its entire interior.

The inscription occupies the base of the window in the following words, "In memory of Granville Staples, First President of Christian Endeavor Society". This is, of course, subject to correction, but, if possible, the number of letters should not be greatly increased.

*** "We shall make the window to the size of the present frames, allowing three-quarters of an inch for sight at the sides and top which is covered by the stop bead between the leaded glass and the protection plate, and one-half inch for the new sill cap at the bottom. . . . We shall plan the protection plate one-half inch smaller on the sides and top, and a quarter-inch larger at the bottom." (Letter of Aug. 4, 1936) (See sketch of frame which Mr. Stevens sent us). (Mr. Stevens will have the change in the frame carried out just before the new window is installed. He can probably have his material ready and complete the actual work the day before we start our installation.