

HENRY BERGER (1851); opened at a "Grand Vocal and Instrumental Concert," Thursday evening, May 8; dedicated with the building, Sunday morning, June 15, 1851; three years later in September and October, 1854, the organ was renovated and relocated within the building by Berger, and presumably first heard at High Mass, Sunday morning, November 12, 1854

Holy Trinity Church, R.C.
Georgetown, D.C.

[Excerpt from:] "Local Matters. / Fine Organs," *The (Baltimore, Md.) Sun* 27, no. 4 (Wednesday, May 22, 1850): 1; hereafter *S*.

Fine Organs.—Mr Henry F. Bergen, Baltimore street, is now engaged in putting on the finishing touch of two grand church organs, of the finest melody, one of which is designed for the Catholic Church at Georgetown, D. C., and the other about to be placed in a church in Frederick, Md. At the trial of these instruments, a number of eminent performers were present, who asserted that their susceptibility of fine touch and unsurpassed melody were rare indeed.

[Excerpt from:] "Local Matters. / A Baltimore Organ Factory," *S* 27, no. 60 (Tuesday, January 28, 1851): 2.

The next instrument exhibited was an organ of immense proportions, designed for the new Trinity (Catholic) Church, of Georgetown, D. C. This contains 34 stops, with pipes 18 feet high, large enough to admit a man, and supplied with a double set of keys. The case is 14 feet wide, 16 feet high and 8 feet deep. One of the stops is novel and styled the "viol d'amour," breathes forth the most delicious strains, to modulate which, may be done with singular ease. The case which encloses it displays the inviting proportions of old Roman architecture, and will ornament the interior of any church. It will be finished in a few weeks, and then be sent to Georgetown. It is valued at \$3,000.

"A Grand Vocal and Instrumental Concert [Ad]," (*Washington, D.C.*) *Daily National Intelligencer* 39, no. 11,908 (Friday, May 2, 1851): 3; hereafter *NDI*.

A Grand Vocal and Instrumental Concert
will be given
At the New TRINITY (Catholic) Church, in Georgetown,
On THURSDAY EVENING, May 8, 1851,
at 7½ o'clock precisely,
For the benefit of the magnificent new Organ, which has been lately completed (by Mr. Bergen, of Baltimore) for the above Church.
The Orchestra will consist of the celebrated COLUMBIA MUSICAL ASSOCIATION, under the direction of Prof. C. LENCZOW. They will perform some of their best pieces, and several of the most distinguished ladies and gentlemen, amateur vocalists from Baltimore and the District, have kindly volunteered their services for this occasion.
Professor P. A. Daunus (Organist) will preside at the piano forte.
The programme, with further particulars, will be published hereafter.
Tickets fifty cents each, to be had at the Music Stores, Apothecary Stores, and at the door on the evening of the concert.
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"Dedication [Ad]," *NDI* 39, no. 11,943 (Thursday, June 12, 1851): 3.

DEDICATION.—The public are respectfully notified that on Sunday next, June 15th, at 10 o'clock precisely, the ceremony of Dedication will take place at the new Trinity (Catholic) Church, in Georgetown, D. C.
The Right Reverend Dr. CAMBELL, Bishop of Toronto, will officiate on the occasion, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen, amateur vocalists from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and the District have kindly volunteered their services to assist in the choir.
Tickets of admission 50 cents each.
The omnibuses are engaged to convey passengers to and from Washington before and after the ceremonies. Fare 10 cents each way.
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"Georgetown and Its Affairs," (*Washington, D.C.) American Telegraph* 1, no. 71 (Friday, June 13, 1851): 3.

GEORGETOWN AND ITS AFFAIRS.

GEORGETOWN, June 13—12 m.

On Sabbath next the beautiful new Catholic Church in our town will be solemnly dedicated to religious service by the Bishop of Toronto, (Canada,) Dr. Carbonell. The ceremony, no doubt, will be highly interesting, as the reverend gentlemen of the college and most of the Catholic clergy of the District of Columbia will join in the solemn procession. The Rev. James Ryder, President of Georgetown College, will preach a sermon suitable to the occasion. The choir will discourse sweetest music, as there are some of the most accomplished vocalists of the country engaged for the occasion. The grand new organ, manufactured by Mr. Bogart, of Baltimore, will alone be a treat to the lovers of harmony, unequalled in our community. Through the politeness of Messrs. Dyer & McGuire, of Washington, a painting of rare beauty will be used as an altar-piece; and to prevent any inconvenience to the large audience expected on the occasion, and to aid in liquidating the debt of the church, tickets of admission can be had at the door, at fifty cents each.

Our fellow-townsmen Captain Delaplace has

"For the Advocate. Mr. Editor...," *Georgetown (D.C.) Advocate* 9, no. 1,619 (Saturday, June 14, 1851): 2.

TRINITY CHURCH.—On to-morrow this Church is to be dedicated. The following article will explain some of the inducements for attendance on the occasion:—

For the Advocate:

MR. EDITOR: I hope that what I am about to state as a fact will in some measure tend to calm the feelings of some persons on the approaching dedication of the Catholic Trinity Church, on to-morrow, (Sunday, the 15th inst.,) when the small charge of 50 cents is to be made, I believe I may say, still, for the purpose of paying for the organ, &c. In a city of the old country of some 60 or 70,000 inhabitants, a second Catholic church was required and built forthwith, an organ, &c. procured, and a day set apart for the dedication. About a hundred chorus singers were engaged, and two services, morning and evening, took place. The price of tickets was fixed at five shillings, and two shillings and six-pence, and nothing was said or thought about it, and two full houses with the receipts were the result.

Some, I am told, would have preferred that a collection should have been taken up before the persons left; but, depend upon it, they are mistaken as to what the result in all probability would be. I am inclined to think myself there would be a total failure, from former experiments on like occasions. I hope that this statement will, in some measure, do away with all feelings of that kind, and that large audiences will be found on the occasion, as I know full well that they will be amply rewarded by the rich gusts of harmony and beautiful selections of some of the finest old masters in music, and from some of the sweetest singers that our sister city can produce. One thing in conclusion—GO EARLY.

Yours, resp'y, B.

The Rev. Dr. Ryder will preach on the occasion. The fine new organ furnished by Mr. Bergen, of Balt., will be used; and the fine choir which will be in attendance will furnish a great attraction. The Altar is to be ornamented with a splendid painting furnished by Messrs. Dyer and McGuire, of Washington.

Henry Berger; District of Columbia; Georgetown; Holy Trinity Church, R.C.; 1851; cont'd., page 3:

"Correspondence of the Baltimore Sun. / Georgetown, D.C., June 15, 1851," S 29, no. 24 (Monday, June 16, 1851): 4.

[Correspondence of the Baltimore Sun.]
GEORGETOWN, D. C., June 15, 1851.
Dedication of Trinity Church—Clerical Procession—The Services—Proceedings of Council—Caval Trade—Oration—Auction Sale, &c.
The great event of this blessed day here has been the dedication of the new Catholic Trinity church. Heaven never smiled more propitiously upon any people. The sun rose in splendor, with a clear atmosphere, and pleasant breezes; the varied and gorgeous scenery, as viewed from the College, inspired the heart with lively admiration and gratitude to the great Author of all our mercies.
Soon after breakfast there were seen the venerable forms of some of our oldest town-folk, with slow but steady step, proceeding towards College Hill to take a last look at the long-occupied pew in the old church, and to assist in the services of consecrating the new edifice. They were soon followed by others of spunkier gait, until from every part of the town a tide of human beings, of all classes and of all denominations of christians, anxiously wended their way thither.
At ten o'clock every seat in the new and splendid church was occupied. The elegance of our three cities, the beauty of the surrounding country, all penetrated by the same spirit of devotion, never appeared to better advantage, whilst the crowning glory of the assemblage seemed to be the presence of so many persons of Protestant denominations, cordially uniting in the interesting services. May this spirit of liberality ever prevail.
In a few minutes the procession of clergymen, all attired in vestments, entered the church—the Holy Cross appearing in front. They were the Right Reverend Doctor Charbonelle, Bishop of Toronto, Canada, who was assisted by the Very Reverend Ignatius Brocard, an arch-deacon; Rev. Torquatus Armellini, deacon; Rev. Aloysius Massana, sub-deacon; Rev. Antony Ciampi, master of ceremonies; Mr. Felix Ciampi, assistant ditto.
The assistant Clergy were the Rev. Father J. Flanagan, Rev. John Aiken, of Tennessee; Rev. Timothy O'Brien, of Richmond, Va.; Rev. James Clark, of Pennsylvania; Rev. Daniel Lynch, Vice President of Georgetown College; Rev. John Blax, President of Washington Seminary; Rev. Henry Hoban, Rev. Edward McNernan, and the Rev. Bernard Maguire.
The choir of vocal and instrumental music consisted of many of the choicest talents of our three cities, Baltimore and Philadelphia—and was conducted by Professor Lenschow, of your city—and, indeed it would be a difficult task to give even a faint description of their sweet melody, on this morning. The fine toned organ, manufactured by Berger, of Baltimore, also elicited high admiration. Charming!y impressive was the Dedicatory High Mass throughout.

[Excerpt from:] "Correspondence of the Baltimore Sun. / Georgetown, D.C., April 5," S 34, no. 86 (Thursday, April 6, 1854): 4.

A contract has been made with Mr. H. F. Berger, of Baltimore, to remove the massive and delightful organ of Trinity (Catholic) Church to the west end of that edifice.

[Excerpt from:] "Correspondence of the Baltimore Sun. / Washington, Sept. 17, 1854 / Georgetown, D.C.," S 35, no. 106 (Monday, September 18, 1854): 4.

Under the direction of Professor H. F. Berger, of Baltimore, the organ of Trinity (Catholic) church is taken down, and is about to be refitted in the front or west end of the edifice. The new galleries form a decided improvement.

[Excerpt from:] "Local Matters. / New Church Organs," S 35, no. 127 (Thursday, October 12, 1854): 1.

for. Mr. Berger now has a half dozen men at work in the Catholic church in Georgetown, D. C., erecting the new organ, the case of which measures 18 feet in height, 14 wide, 9 deep, 24 stops, 2 rows of keys, with swell and pedal organs. This large instrument will be ready for trial in two weeks, and is sufficiently powerful for a choir of 50 voices. There is also an organ of very costly

"Georgetown, D.C., Friday Afternoon," S 35, no. 147 (Saturday, November 4, 1854): 4.

Georgetown, D. C., Friday Afternoon.—A great musical treat may be expected next Sunday at Trinity (Catholic) Church. The amateurs of music will have an opportunity of hearing the magnificent organ, (24 full stops,) which, for the last two months, has been under the hands of Berger of Baltimore, for re-adjustment. Haydn's Grand Mass No. 3 in D will be performed. The choir has lately been reinforced several voices, Prof. Daunas, of Georgetown College, is the organist.—Rev. B. A. Maguire, President of Georgetown College, will preach at the High Mass, at 10½, A. M. At 4, P. M., there will be grand Vespers. M.