**November 20, 1906 First Public Service of the New England Chapter**

The first public service of the New England Chapter was held at Emmanuel Church, Boston, on Tuesday evening, November 20, 1906, with a choir of about fifty men and boys under the direction of Arthur S. Hyde, organist and choirmaster:

Prelude: Fantasie in C Major …………………………………………………………………………………….. César Franck

(B. J. Lang of Boston)

Processional Hymn 450 ……………………………………………………………………………………………….. S. B. Whitney

Cantata: Thou Guide of Israel ……………………………………………………………………………………….. Dvorak

Offertory: Vision ………………………………………………………………………………………………………….. Rheinberger

(Hamilton C. Macdougall of Wellesley)

Recessional Hymn 521 …………………………………………………………………………………………………… J. K. Paine

Postlude: Finale in E flat ………………………………………………………………………………………………. Guilmant

(Allen W. Swan of New Bedford)

It is reported that a congregation of twelve hundred people filled the church and evidences of interest were manifest among those present.[[1]](#footnote-1)

1. P. 4, A History of the American Guild of Organists in Boston 1906-1954 by H. Winthrop Martin [↑](#footnote-ref-1)