

CENTENNIAL HISTORY



First Presbyterian Church

LINCOLN, ILLINOIS

1857 - 1957

Helen M. White

February 7, 1957

Foreword To The 1928 History

"Whatever else happens to a man when he joins a church," Dean Sperry has said, "he consciously identifies himself with a tradition which remembers a past far longer than his own past and contemplates a future which outruns his own hope of life on earth." A church is indeed a "community of memory and hope."

In this church of ours it is a very rich memory we have, and we hope to preserve it by this little volume, and by the historic panels which we hang on the walls of our building on the day this history appears.

The author of the history, who has also compiled the panels, is a granddaughter of Rev. James White, one of the first ministers of the Cumberland Church, the earlier of the two Churches which merged to form our present one, and also a granddaughter of Mr. G. W. Edgar, for fifty years a beloved elder of that Church. Our entire congregation is indebted to her for the task she has performed for us. She might like it said here that appreciations of the service of members of her family in this history have been inserted by other hands than her own.

Eliot Porter

In editing this Centennial History which Miss White has written it seems particularly appropriate to repeat the above foreword exactly as it appeared in the first history of the church. However, I would like to express my word of appreciation in behalf of the Centennial Committee for the splendid work Miss White has done in preserving the history of the founding and development of the First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, Illinois. Philosophers have said that a culture's greatness can be measured by the knowledge of its history which any given generation preserves. Certainly Miss White in this work has preserved for our generation and those for the future an abundant knowledge in the past in which we may all take pride. I should like also at this time to express my appreciation to our pastor, Dr. John T. Burns, and other members of the Centennial Planning Committee, Mrs. Homer Alvey, Helen M. White, Marvin H. Boss and Harry R. Miller, as well as all those members of the church who have contributed their time and efforts to make this Centennial observance so successful.

Raymond Dooley, Chairman
Centennial Committee

Preface

It has been said that the preservation of the history of a church is of as much value as the making of its history.

In commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of our Church, the First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln, Illinois, it is desired that the deeds and early struggles of our forefathers in establishing this church should not be forgotten, and that their example and precepts might be an inspiration to future generations. It is with this in mind that this brief history has been written.

MISS HELEN M. WHITE



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A History Of The First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, Illinois

The History of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Building of its Three Churches:

We take small note of time
Till it is done;
And then with backward look
We scan the past
For worthy deeds or honors won.

Our history takes us back to the days when Logan County was a country of rolling prairie, dotted here and there with beautiful groves and ribboned with timber lined streams. Those were the days when the winters were long and bitter and hard. When the deep snow drifted and crusted over, it was then that the people could walk right over the rail fences as they went across the prairie to the home of a neighbor. And those were the days when, if there was a burial in the wintertime, it was often necessary to build a fire at the graveside in the little cemetery, and the mourners, with blankets around their shoulders and over their heads, huddled around the fire for protection.

Less than half the county's rich soil was cultivated as yet, and it was only a score of years since the last tribe of roving Indians had passed through the deserted haunts of the Kickapoos. Just four years after the coming of the first railroad through the townsite of Postville-Lincoln, a group of godly men and women felt the need of a Church organization and gave themselves to the task of bringing it about.

Prior to this time the itinerant method of pastorate was in vogue. Services were held in barns or out-of-doors under the shade of trees. For a long time they were held once a month at the home of "Uncle" Archibald Bryan, near Eminence Township. On February 7, 1857, a number of men and women meeting at the First Ward School formed themselves into a society known as the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, the first of the two churches which now constitute the First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln. The church was organized by Rev. Thornton K. Hedges, who became its first pastor. The fifteen charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. George W. Edgar, Mr. and Mrs. John Howser, Mrs. Thornton K. Hedges, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Horney, James M. Duff and Sarah Duff, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Metcalf, Mr. and Mrs. John Crang, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Duff. George W. Edgar, John S. Metcalf, and John Howser were the first elders. The new church became a member of Mackinaw Presbytery.

Judge Stringer, in his History of Logan County, gives the following dates for the organization of the earlier churches of Lincoln: Methodist, at Postville, 1840, at Lincoln, 1853; Baptist, 1856; Cumberland Presbyterian, 1857; Catholic, 1858; Congregational, 1859 (ceased in 1865); St. John's, 1860; Presbyterian, old school, 1866; Episcopal, 1871.

Services were held in the First Ward School, a small frame building which stood on the site of the former Washington School, at present the community Parking Lot, facing South Park on the north. Mr. Hedges preached here and J. S. Metcalf led the singing, there being no choir at this time. It was in this building that during worship, seated in the narrow desks of the schoolroom, the men sat on one side of the room and the women on the other.

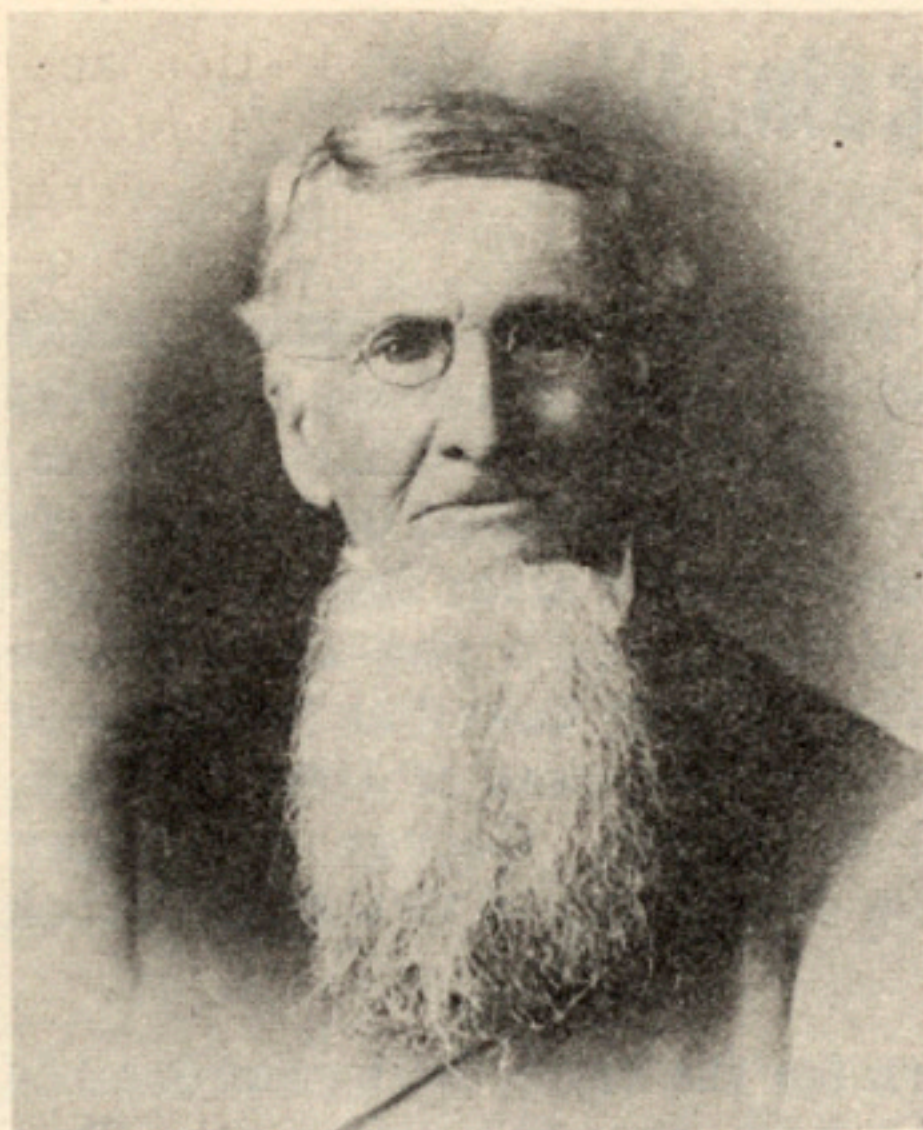
After a few months of meeting at this location, plans were completed for building a church across the street at the southeast corner of McLean and Clinton Streets, facing the Park. Two lots were purchased by the society in October, 1857, only eight months after the date of organization, for the sum of \$300, and a one-room frame building was erected. The official board at the time of building this first church was composed of John Howser, James Gilchrist, Daniel B. Bryan, George W. Edgar and John Kirkpatrick. The dedication of this church took place in June, 1858.

The building was modern for the time, with comfortable pews, a reed organ, and a bell over the entrance. This bell, costing \$300, was given by the first Ladies' Aid Society, and years later, after being used in the first church built on the location of our present church, the bell was sold back to the factory for about \$300, and the money returned by Session to the Aid Society. The women added a little less than \$600 to the sum and bought the oak pews for the present church, built in 1896.

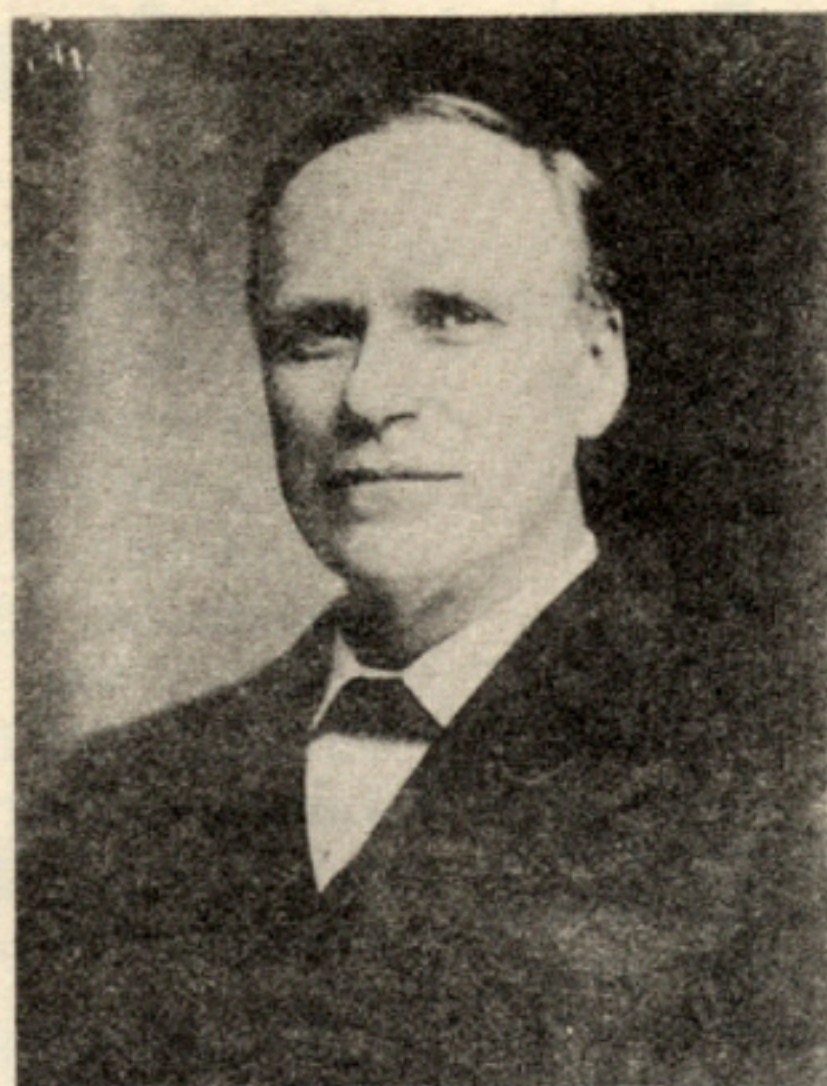
During the year 1865, work upon Lincoln University had begun and it was decided to build a new church nearer the location of the University. So the little frame church was sold to the St. John's Church, and lots were purchased at the corner of Pekin and Ottawa Streets, the site of our present church, for the sum of \$600. On this location a substantial brick building was built with a seating capacity of 360. This is the Cumberland Church building of which a picture is shown on Page 17. The seats used were of theatre type. The little reed organ was brought over from the frame church and was used for the Sabbath School, while for the church service a small pipe organ was installed. The organ and choir were in an arched alcove at the end of the room, and the pulpit was in front of the alcove. The chairs for the choir were heavy straight ones, a few of which are still in use in the present church. This new building was dedicated on Sunday, June 9, 1867, by Rev. J. B. Brown of Abingdon. The members of the official board at this time were: A. C. Boyd, John Howser, H. T. Stryker, George W. Edgar, and George H. Campbell. The present parsonage at 219 Pekin Street was secured in 1873, during the pastorate of Dr. J. W. Poindexter.

A year after the church was dedicated the General Assembly of the Cumberland Church met in Lincoln. Nine years later, in 1877, it met here again, after an addition had been made to the church to accommodate the meeting. In May, 1887, the Woman's Foreign Missions Board met here.

Up to this time all money, with the exception of funds needed for building purposes, was raised as occasion required. As need arose, even for payment of the minister's salary, the matter was put before the congregation, usually at a church service, and the amount raised. Naturally this became not only regular but frequent. An item in the records of Session for October, 1874, gives account of the adoption of the envelope system of church support. Elders Boyd, Harry and Burton, were instructed to write out the plan of collections and submit the report to the congregation so that the members might understand the new plan.



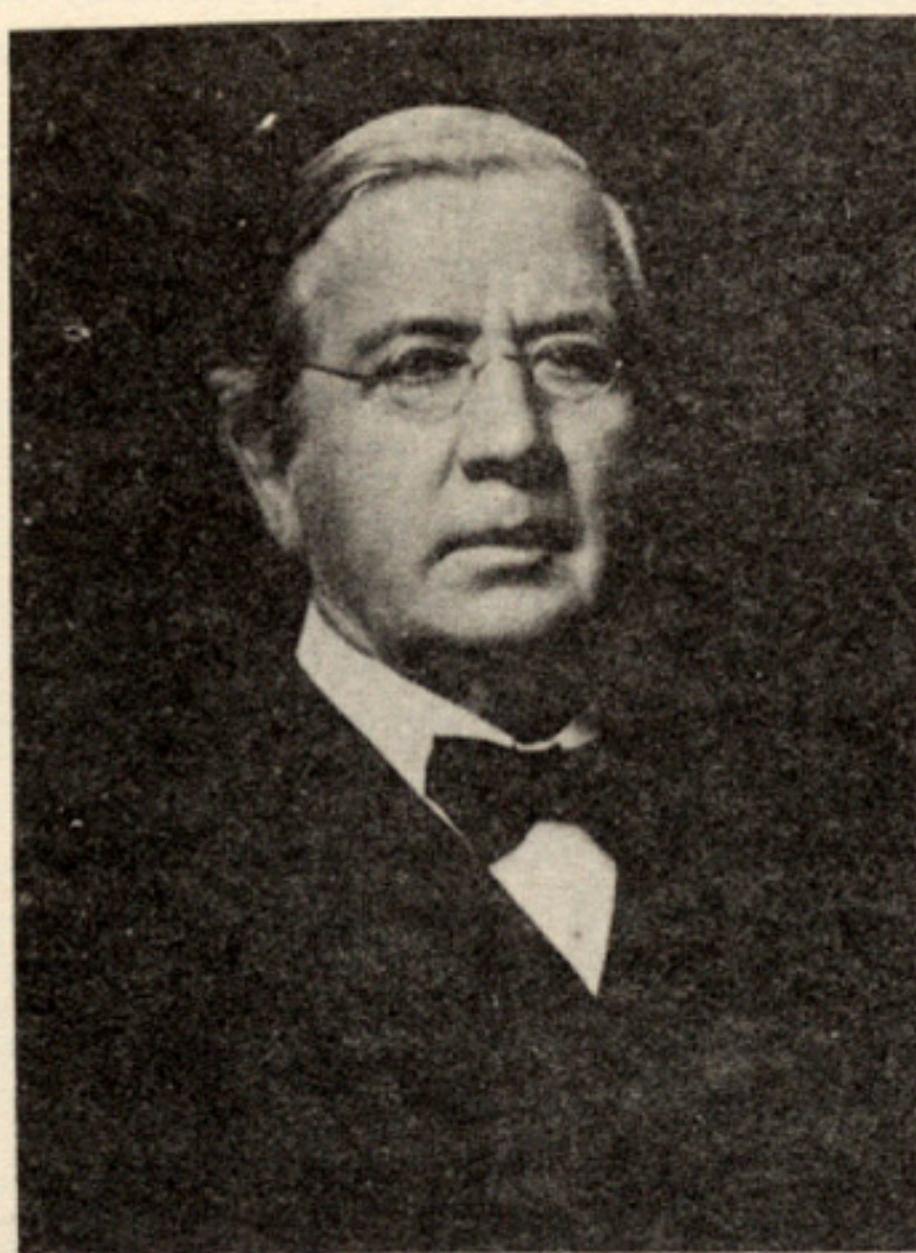
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2nd Minister of Cumberland Church
1862-1866



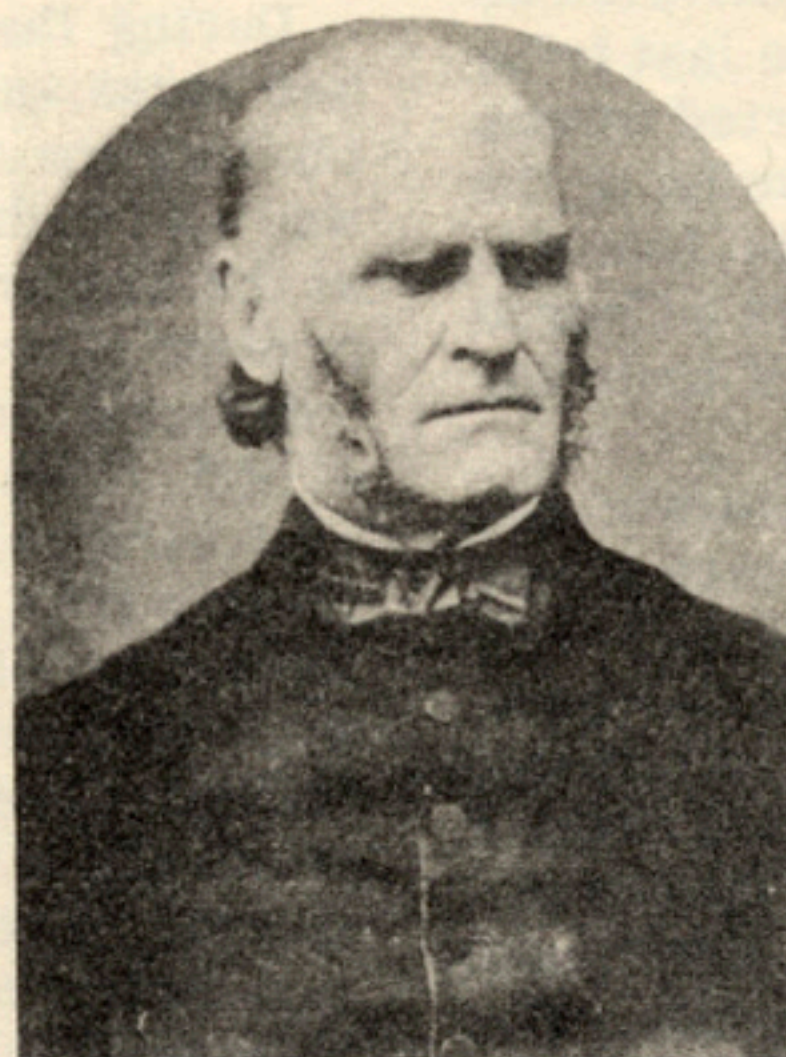
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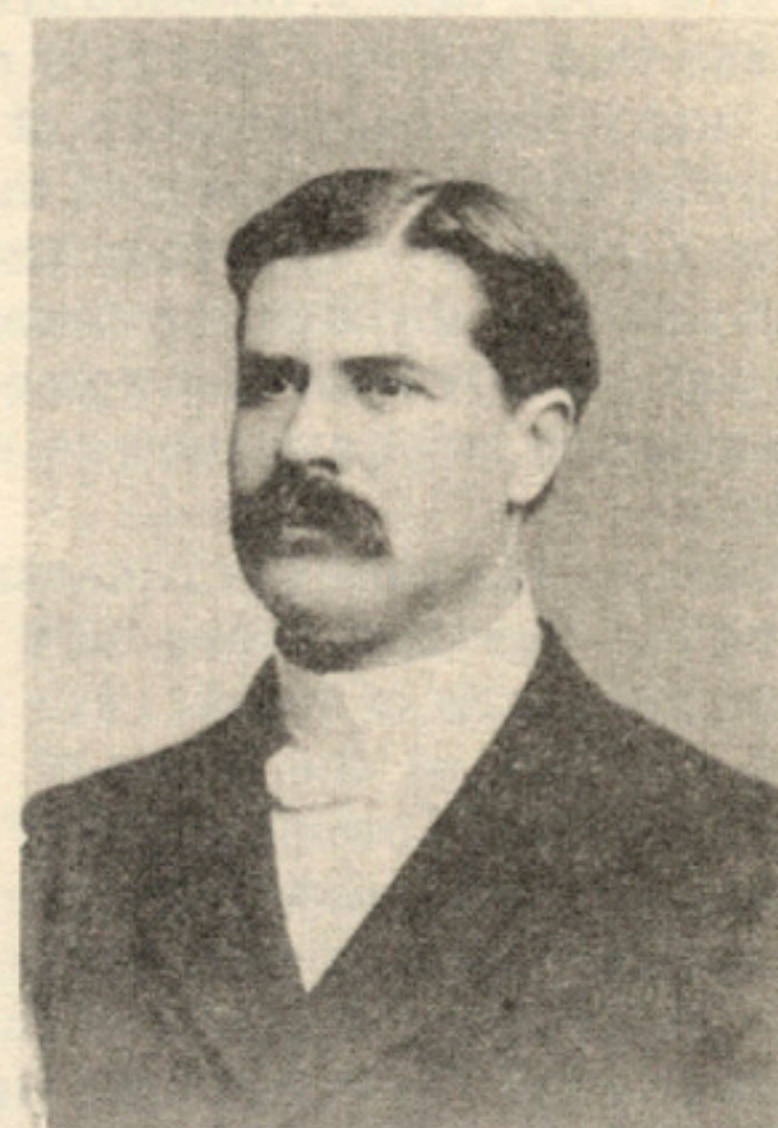
DR. W.S. DANLEY & Family
Cumberland Minister
1887-1892



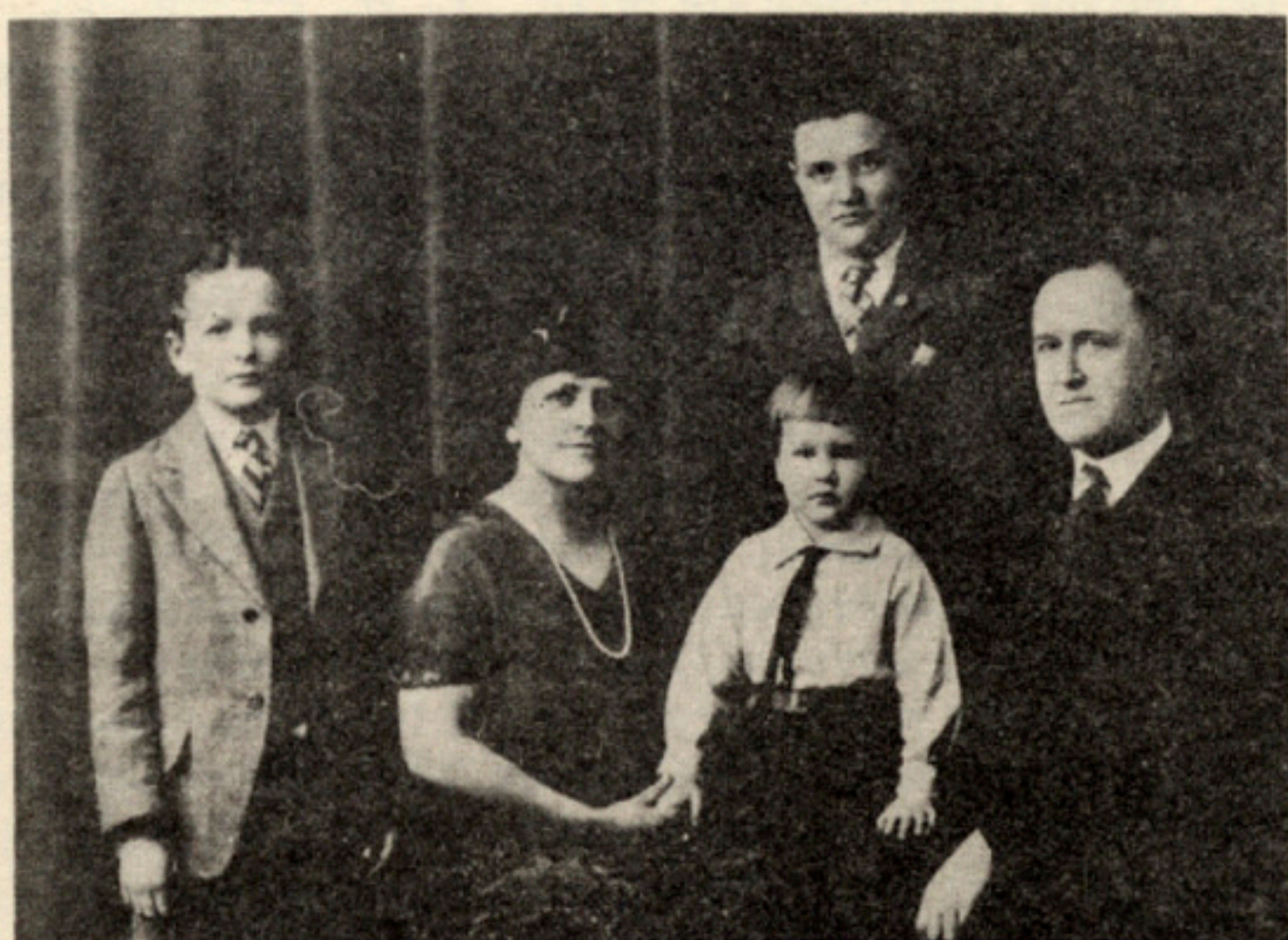
DR. R.M. TINNON
Cumberland Minister
1892-1902



REV. J.P. CRAWFORD
Old School Minister
1870-1878



REV. W.C. SNIDER
Old School Minister
1892-1899



REV. M.R. LAIRD and Family, 1912-1919



REV. GEORGE S. SUTTON, PHD, and Family, 1924-1926

In May, 1891, a committee from the official board was instructed to improve the grounds surrounding the church and to make any changes in the hitching racks that they might deem advisable. They improved the church yard by removing the surrounding fence. Trees were trimmed and hitching racks straightened.

In the early years of the organization the discipline of the members was taken very seriously by Session. If a member of the congregation had an altercation, or if the conduct of a member fell much below the level of the moral and spiritual standard set up by the church fathers, a committee was appointed to confer with the person in relation to his conduct and to report at the next meeting of the Session. Records show that in one case such a committee was roughly handled, and in giving their report suggested that another committee be appointed to include the pastor.

Persons wishing to unite with the church were received either by letter or by relation of their experience. Many things occurred which would seem strange now and some would seem amusing, yet at all times in the history of the organization there was a depth of spirituality and brotherly love which was never at low ebb. Seldom has a church had a group of elders more spiritual, more staid in character, more influential for good, than these men.

The Erection Of The Third Church

Changing times and an increasing membership resulted in the brick church becoming inadequate for the needs of the congregation, class rooms were needed, also more auditorium space. Modern church buildings of the day contained a parlor, dining room and kitchen. So a committee was appointed to ascertain what additions could be made to the building; if land to the east could be purchased and an addition made there. Several months were spent in this way, plans were made and rejected, others made and accepted only to be rejected by the majority of the congregation. At last it was voted to build a new church and the Sessional Record of January 21, 1895, states that a committee composed of six elders were chosen to select plans, secure specifications, and upon approval to get bids and have the church built. The committee, chosen by ballot, was as follows: G. I. Harry, chairman, Robert Gilchrist, E. Burton, E. G. White, A. E. Turner and C. S. Oglevee. Later Rev. C. G. Keown, a retired minister was added to the committee. The plans made by this Committee for a new church were approved at a congregational meeting held April 8, 1895. The last week before the old church was torn down a special meeting was held, being the last service in the building. During the erection of the new church, worship was held in the W. C. T. U. Tabernacle.

Mr. S. A. Bullard was the architect of the new building. The cornerstone was laid on Tuesday, September 17, 1895, E. Burton, A. E. Turner and Robert Gilchrist assisting the pastor, Dr. R. M. Tinnon. Rev. E. G. McLean of Evansville, Indiana, delivered the address.

Out of the love for his church and his great interest in the plans for the new building, Elder G. I. Harry gave the greater part of his time and attention to the construction of the building and it was owing to his close observation

that the heavy structure arose true to specification and strong in every part. Elder E. G. White was financial secretary for the church erection and resolutions were spread upon the minutes of Session in commendation of these two men for their untiring efforts at this time.

Dr. Tinnon, with elders Turner and White, constituted a committee to plan a program for dedication week beginning May 17. The program was as follows:

Sunday - 10:00 A. M., Preaching by Rev. B. P.

Fullerton; 2:30 P. M., Sunday School; 3:30 P. M.

Preaching by Dr. W. J. Darby.

Monday - 8:00 P. M., Organ Recital

Tuesday - 8:00 P. M., Address by Dr. D. M. Harris.

Wednesday - 7:30 P. M., Prayer and Praise Service.

Thursday - 8:00 P. M., House Warming under auspices of the Normal Class.

The following extract is taken from the Chicago Record, dated May 17, 1896. "The new Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Lincoln, Illinois was dedicated today, large audiences attending. The dedicatory sermon was delivered at 10 o'clock this morning by Rev. B. P. Fullerton, of the Lucas Avenue Cumberland Presbyterian Church of St. Louis, who assisted the pastor, the Rev. Dr. R. M. Tinnon, in the service.

"The Church is the largest audience room in Lincoln and is well fitted for the uses to which it will be put. The building is after the Romanesque style of architecture and is built of red molded brick upon a foundation of quarry faced stone. A spire 109 feet high stands at the principal corner. The auditorium, which is seated with pews, will accommodate 600 people, and when the Sunday School, Christian Endeavor and class rooms are thrown into the auditorium, its seating capacity is 925. Above the Sunday School rooms are the social rooms of the church, consisting of reception rooms, parlor, dining room and kitchen.

"The pulpit stands at one corner of the auditorium and back of it is the new Kimball pipe organ. In the dedicatory service the organ was re-inforced by the church orchestra of ten pieces and by a chorus of forty voices under the direction of President A. E. Turner of Lincoln College. The building cost \$21,000 and was dedicated free from debt."

A considerable portion of the cost was subscribed on the day of dedication.

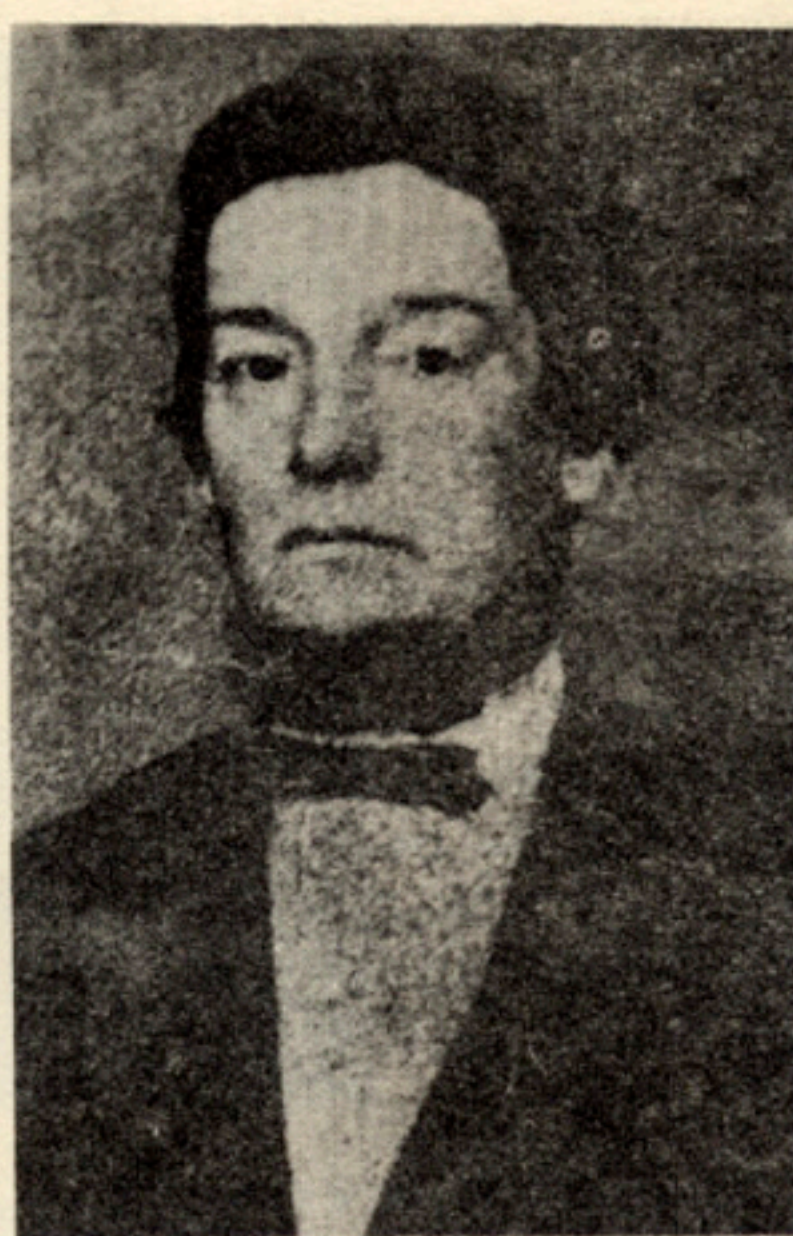
The Lincoln Hill Mission Church

The Lincoln Hill Mission Church was organized in 1883 during the pastorate of Dr. J. M. Hubbert and a building erected at Seventh and College Streets. It was under the direction of the trustees of the Cumberland Presbyterian church. For the first years Edward Burton and A. H. McKenzie had charge of the Sunday School, and for many years services were conducted by students of Lincoln College. In later years regular pastors were secured as the church became self-supporting and the property was deeded to the trustees of the new church.

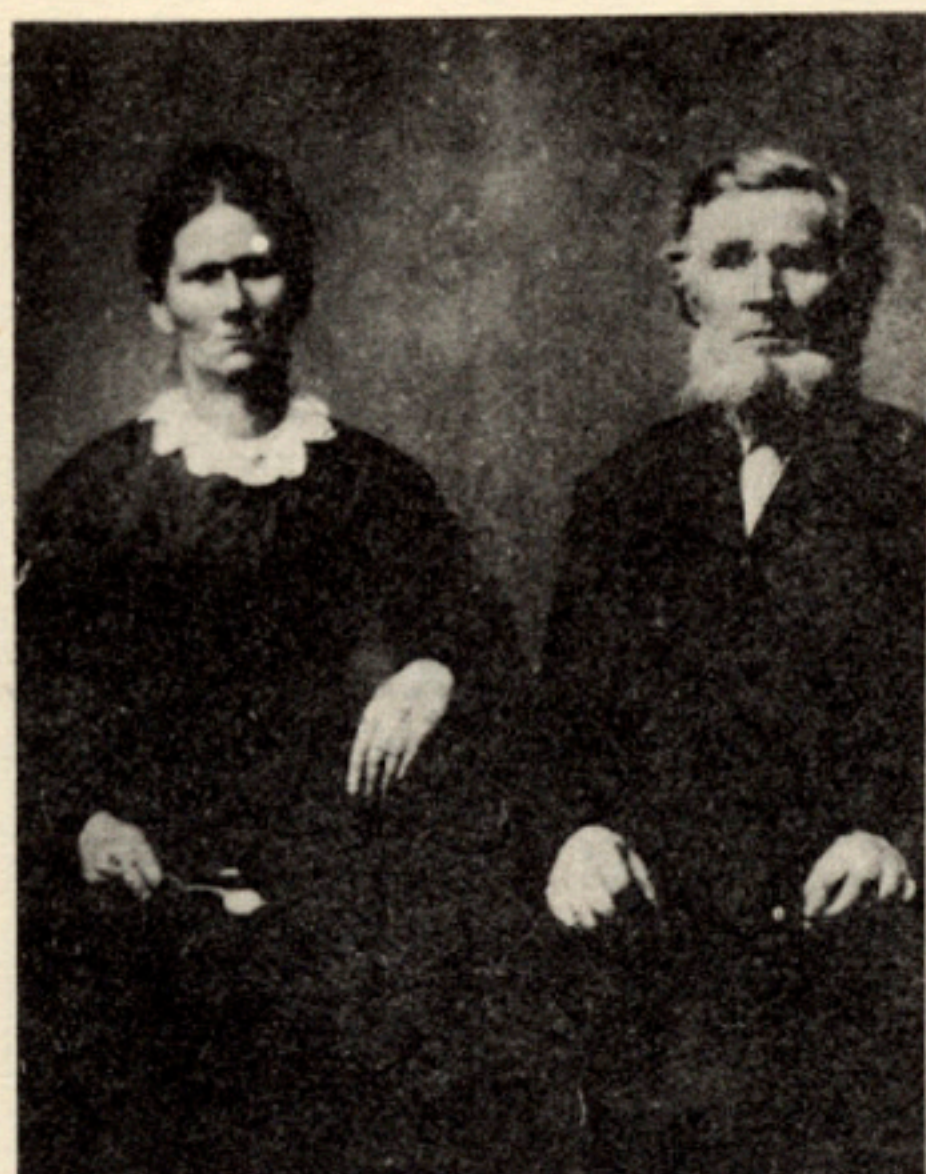
Miss Clara McCord, faithful superintendent and teacher in the Sunday School of this mission church for thirty-two years, transferred her membership from the mother church to the Lincoln Hill church that she might be one of its people. No matter how severe the weather or how many meetings were held, she was always in her place.



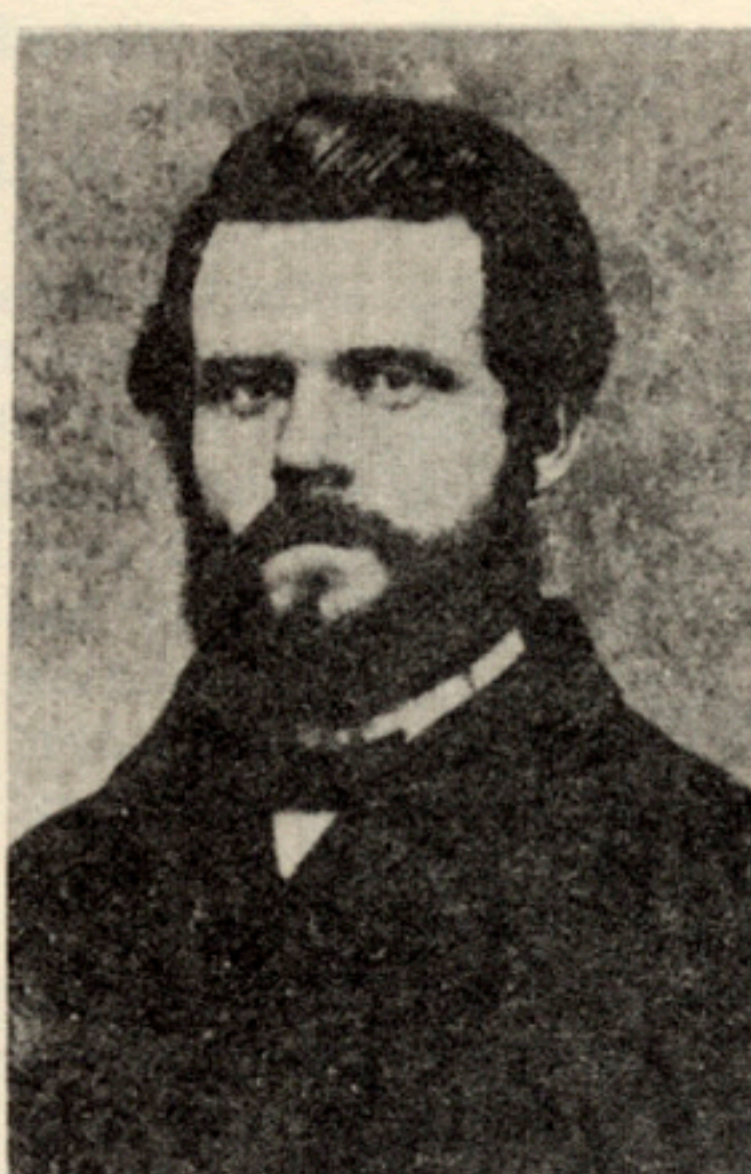
MR. and MRS. GEORGE W. EDGAR
Cumberland Charter Members



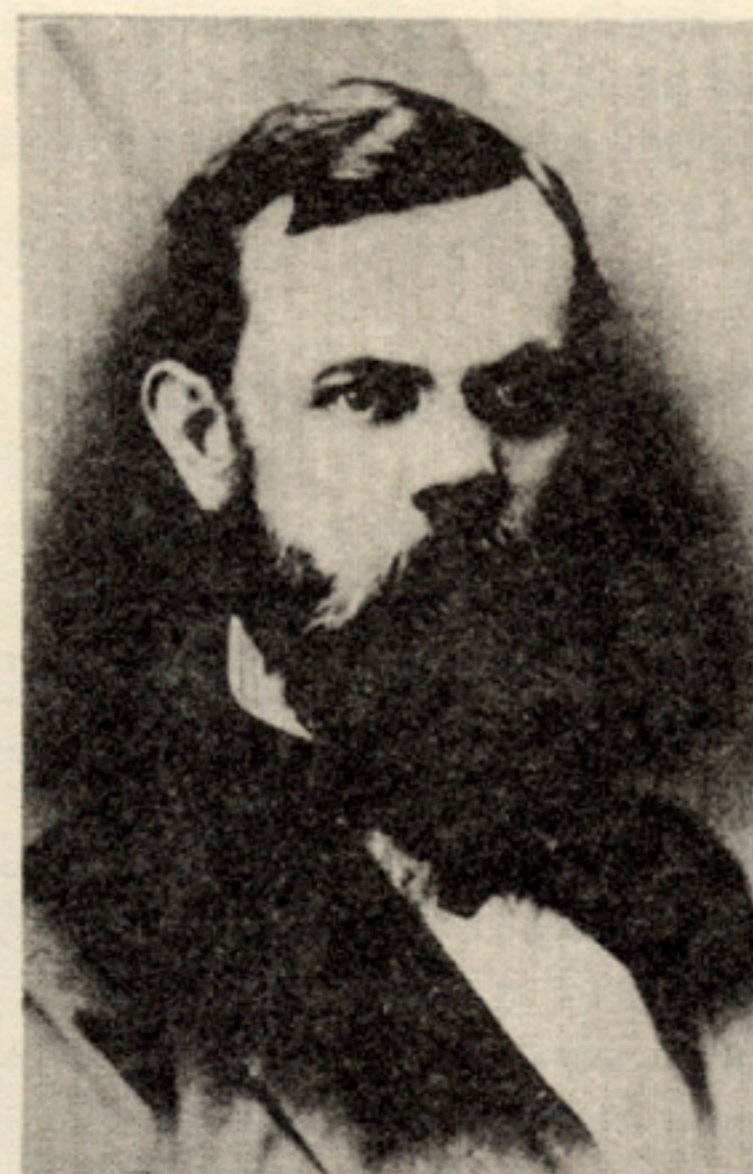
MR. and MRS. J.S. METCALF
Cumberland Charter Members



MR. and MRS. JOHN HOWSER
Cumberland Charter Members



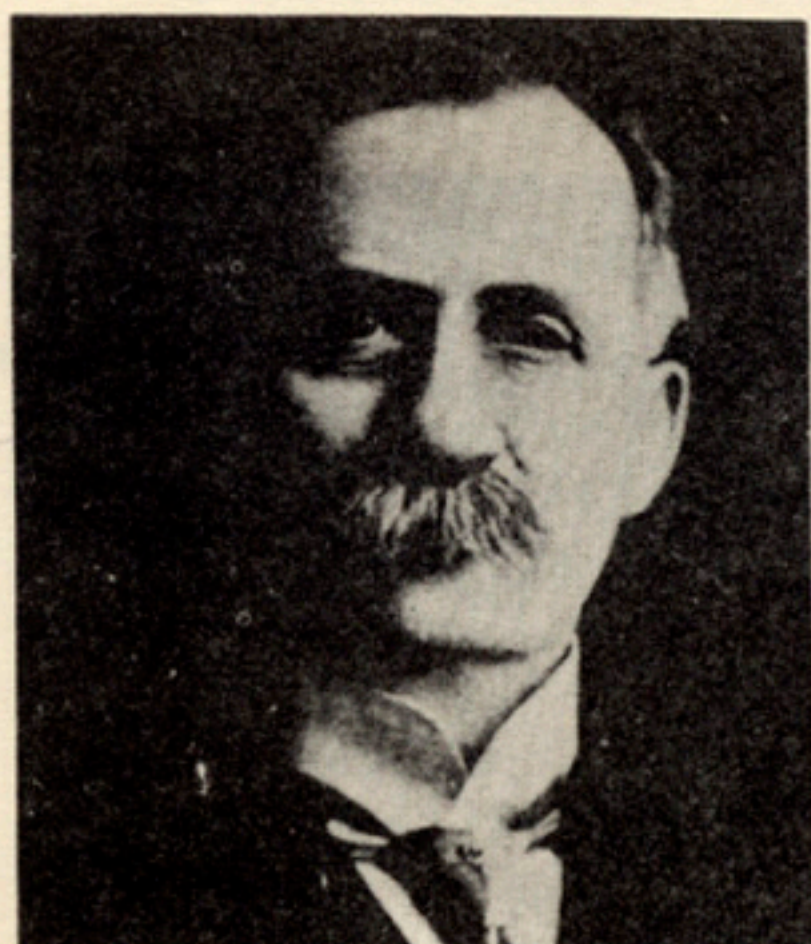
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Cumberland Member



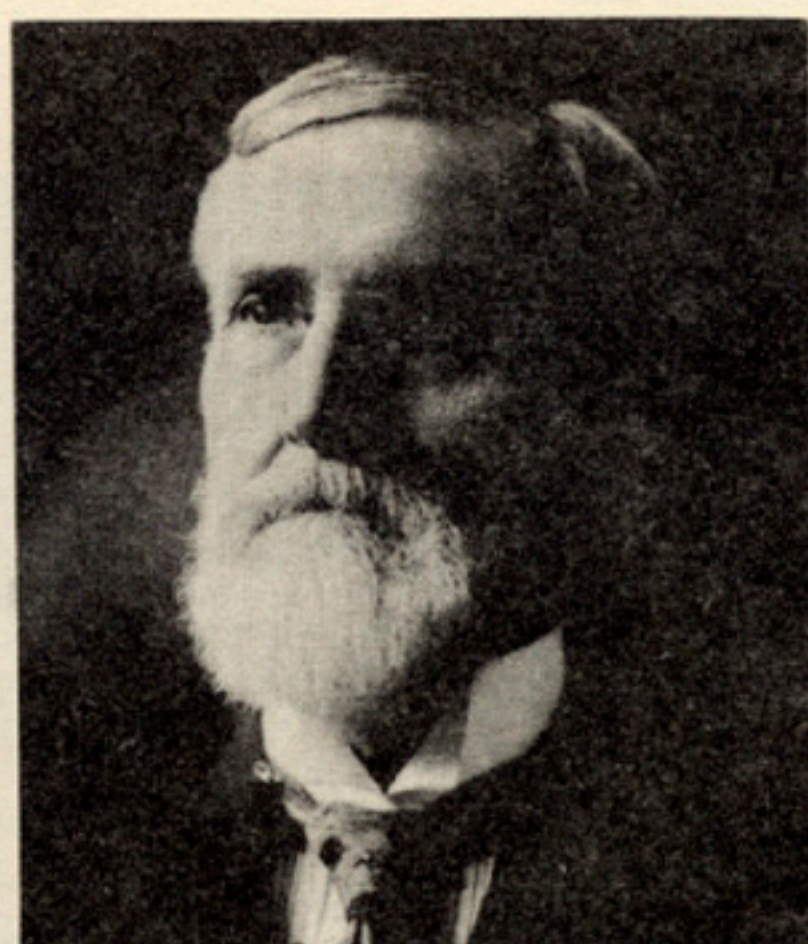
DR. D.M. HARRIS
Lincoln College Faculty in 1870's



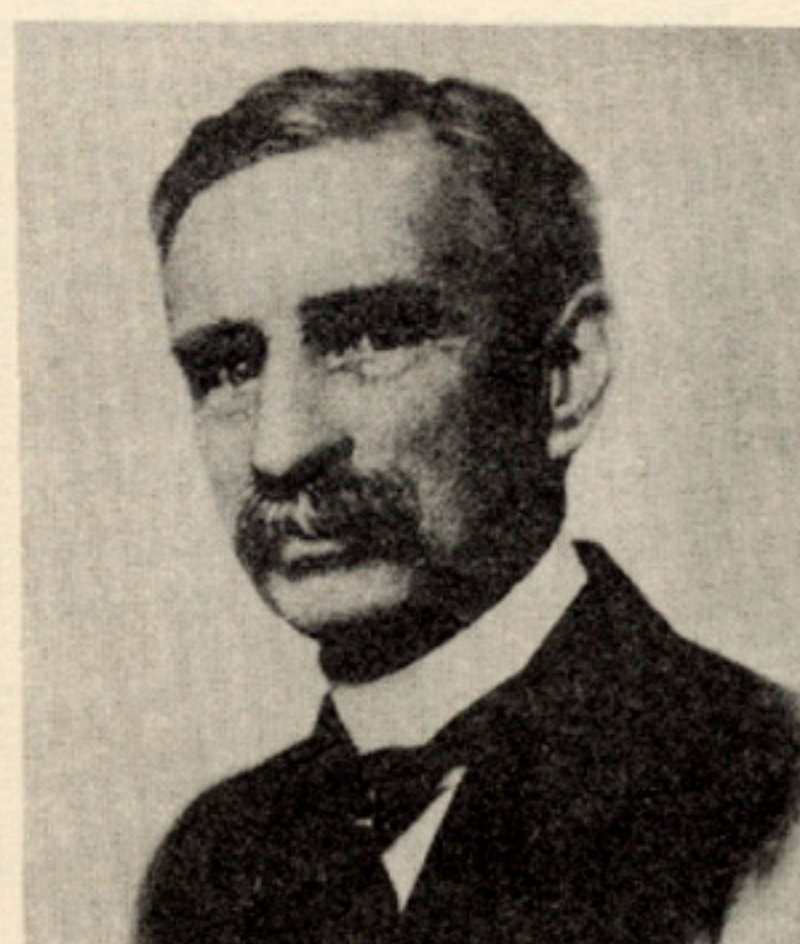
MRS. D.M. HARRIS
Prominent in Cumberland
Missionary Work



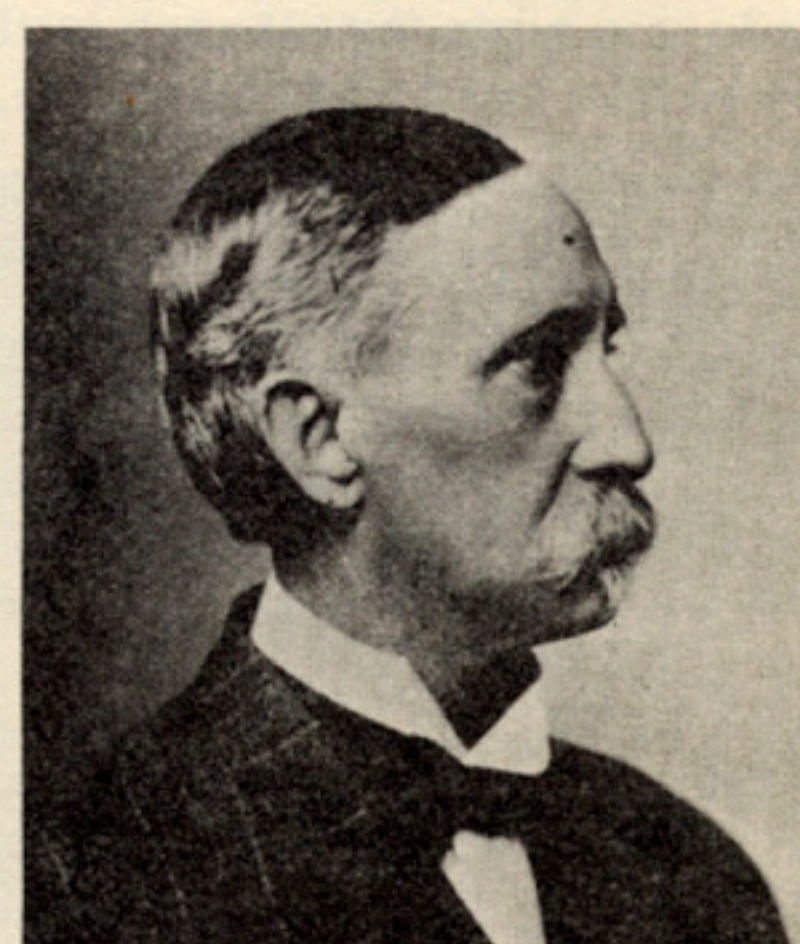
DR. J.L. GOODNIGHT
President of Lincoln University
Frequent Cumberland Supply
in the Nineties



A.C. BOYD



EDWARD BURTON



E.G. WHITE

The Lincoln Hill Church was merged with the First Church by action of Presbytery in 1927, the elders at that time, Messrs. J. W. Heaton, Harrison Wilson and Clarence Bailey, becoming members of First Church Session. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Wilson and Miss Bertha Elbracht of this church were devoted members of the Lincoln Hill Church until it was sold.

The Church Erection Society

The society was organized in 1891 by the first Mrs. G. I. Harry, who called the women of the church together and suggested that they earn money to help build the new church. When the new church was finally planned these women pledged \$1000 towards the building fund, and later purchased the pews for the auditorium. In all they gave \$1865. Mrs. Edward Burton was president of the society for several years. Later the organization was known as the Ladies' Aid Society, and the good times, good work, and spirit of love and loyalty among its members are still remembered by many of our people.

Woman's Missionary Society

Minutes of the missionary societies of both the Cumberland and the old Presbyterian churches make interesting reading, showing step by step, how, from small and weak beginnings, the societies grew in numbers and missionary spirit, and accomplished the tasks they had set themselves.

The following is a copy of the minutes of the organization of the Cumberland society:

"According to previous arrangement the ladies of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Lincoln, Illinois, met at the residence of Mrs. John Hepperly for the purpose of organizing a Missionary Society. The first business in order being the election of temporary officers. The following ladies receiving the majority of all votes cast were elected: President, Mrs. J. H. McCord; Vice-President, Mrs. John Miller; Secretary, Mrs. Edward Burton; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. R. Taylor; Treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Danley.

The temporary officers were made permanent ones. The first members of this society were: Mrs. J. H. McCord, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. E. Burton, Mrs. A. R. Taylor, Mrs. J. H. Danley, Mrs. E. Hepperly, Mrs. Nancy B. Bates, Mrs. L. A. Newkirk, Mrs. James Hudson, Mrs. E. R. Harrington, Mrs. A. Cornwell, Mrs. J. Rudolph, Mrs. B. F. McCord, Miss Serena Clay, Mrs. Ezra Borne, Mrs. George W. Edgar, Mrs. P. B. Knight, Mrs. D. W. Small, Mrs. John Hukill, Miss Jennie Hughes, Mrs. Amanda Stone, Mrs. J. B. Lowrance, Mrs. J. E. Roach, Mrs. A. J. McGlumphy, Miss Lou Roach, Mrs. D. M. Harris.

It is significant that the local organization was effected a year before the Assembly of the Cumberland Church of 1880 set up its Woman's Board of Missions. Mrs. E. G. White was the first presbyterial president, and Miss Clara McCord was secretary. Other local presidents, serving until 1906, were: Mrs. D. M. Harris, 1883-4; Miss Serena Clay, 1884-6; Mrs. K. E. Hamilton, 1886-8; Mrs. A. H. McKenzie, 1888-92; Mrs. Nellie S. Bergen, 1892-1903; Mrs. J. L. Goodknight, 1903-04; Mrs. W. O. Paisley, 1904-06.

The records of these years give the names of nine women who were made life members of the Woman's Board. They were in order: Mrs. J. H. Bates, Mrs. J. H. McCord, Mrs. George W. Edgar, Mrs. J. W. Miller, Mrs. E. A. Secor, Mrs. E. R. Harrington, Mrs. L. A. Newkirk, Mrs. E. G. White and Miss Serena Clay.

The C. P. Missionary Society and that of the Presbyterian Church interchanged programs very often and much interest was added by so doing. Mrs. Brainerd usually represented her society at the C. P. meetings and took part on many programs, while Mrs. James F. Miller usually represented the C. P. society and took part on the Presbyterian programs.

The Young Woman's Missionary Society

This group of young women was organized into a Missionary Society on Monday evening, June 7, 1880. Dr. Hubbert met with the young women and stated the object of the organization. The officers elected were Clara McCord, Mamie Lowrance, Minnie Brewster, Kate Miller, Laura Quisenberry.

The two Missionary Societies of the church had a joint library of Missionary books, the first volumes being a gift from Mrs. D. M. Harris, a woman of great missionary zeal.

Sunday School

For the year 1905 the Sunday School officers were: Superintendent, Miss Emma M. Paisley; Ass't. Supt., Dr. C. W. Oglevee; Secretary, Miss Goldie Lee; Ass't. Secretary, Miss Gilchrist; Treasurer, Mrs. George Woodward; Ass't. Treasurer, Mr. Victor Ryan; Chorister, Mr. J. W. Kirkpatrick; Ass't., H. E. Starkey; Organist, Miss Lucy Primm; Ass't. Organist, Miss Ruth Ryan.

The Ministers

The ministers of the Cumberland Church from its organization in 1857 until the union in 1906 were:

Rev. Thornton K. Hedges, 1857-1862

Rev. James White, 1862-1866

Rev. R. G. Cardon, 1866-1867

Rev. W. M. Metcalf, 1867-1869

Rev. J. C. VanPatton, 1869-1871

Rev. E. J. Gillespie, 1871-1873

Rev. J. W. Poindexter, D. D., 1873-1879 (including supplies)

Rev. J. M. Hubbert, D. D., 1879-1887

Rev. W. S. Danley, D. D., 1887-1892

Rev. R. M. Tinnon, D. D., 1892-1902

Rev. T. B. McAmis, 1902-1906

Drs. S. Richards, J. C. Bowden, and D. M. Harris, of Lincoln University, supplied the church between the Poindexter and Hubbert pastorates.

It is impossible to characterize the contribution of all of these faithful men, some of whom stayed only a short time. But those of longer pastorates have become loved memories in our church, and it is perhaps possible to recall these, at this distance, in a few words.

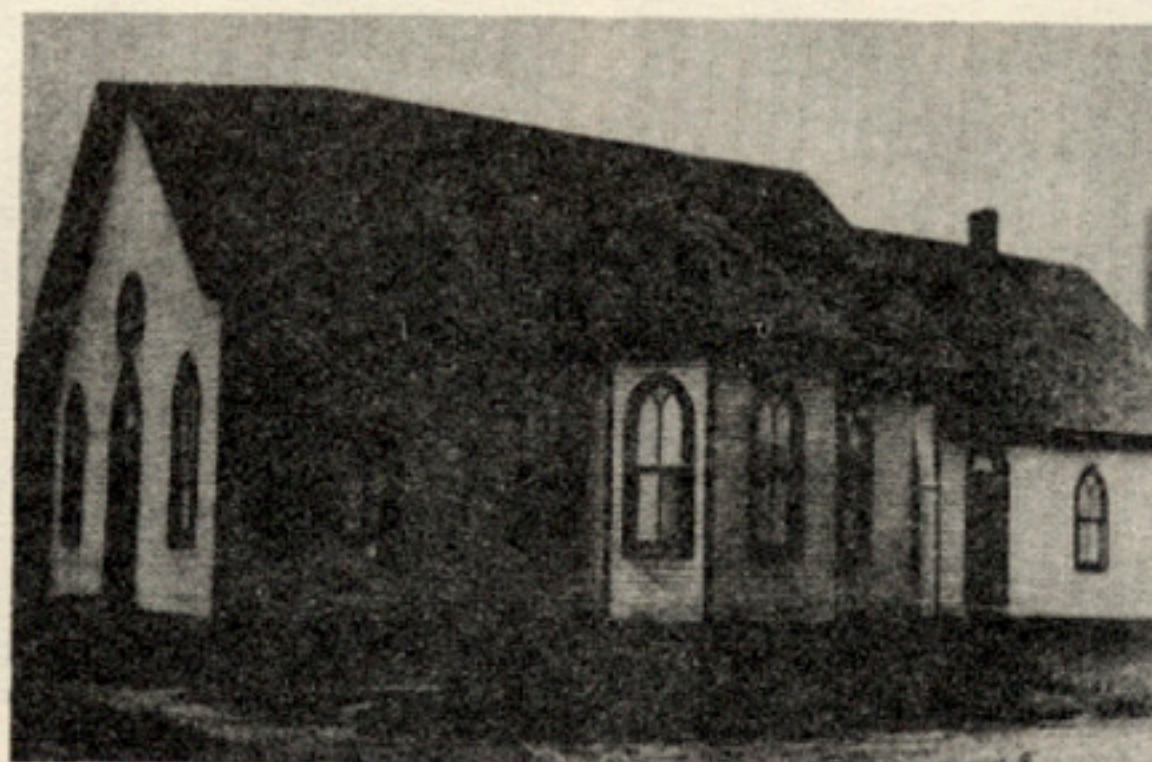
Thornton K. Hedges, first minister of the church, and much loved during his short stay here, resigned to become captain of the 106th Illinois Volunteers.



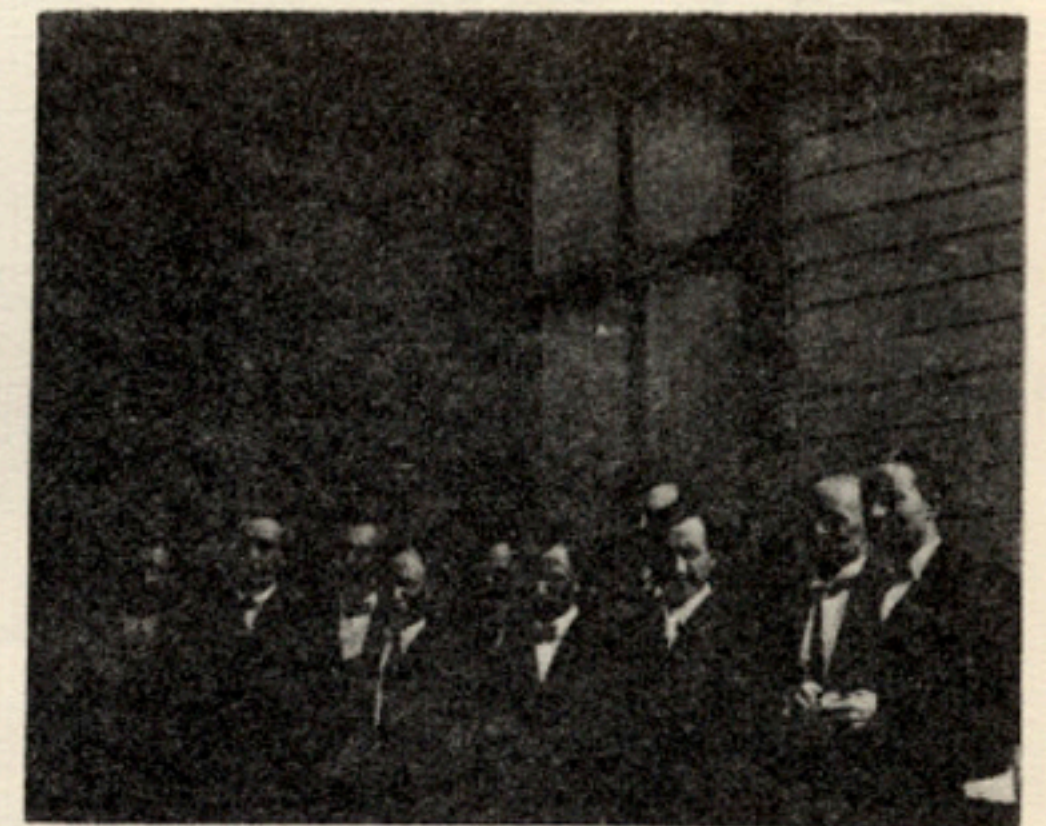
LINCOLN HILL PRESBYTERIAN JUNIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
Bertha Elbracht, Leader - 1921



LINCOLN HILL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS
Harrison Wilson, Teacher - 1919



LINCOLN HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1917



MEN'S CLASS
Lincoln Hill Presbyterian Church - 1913



LINCOLN HILL PICNIC
1909



LINCOLN HILL PICNIC
1908



LINCOLN HILL MEN'S CLASS
1913

James White, second minister of the church, was born in Green County, Kentucky, in 1814, but his parents moved to Illinois and there freed their slaves in 1820. For seven years he was an elder in the Rock Creek Church, but after years of heartsearching on his own part was in 1841 received by his presbytery as a candidate for the ministry, and for fifty-four years served the church, forty-six of those years in Sangamon Presbytery. Mrs. Ellen Fisk lived long in his home and said of him, "He was as good a man as I ever knew." He was largely instrumental in bringing the new university of the Cumberland Church to Lincoln, calling a mass meeting of the local citizens, and then going before the committee at Mt. Zion and persuading them to visit Lincoln and inspect the possibilities here.

Dr. Poindexter came to Lincoln a mature and distinguished Southerner. He was a Yale graduate, a man of generous ideas, a finished orator and scholar, a man of whom his people were very proud. We owe the present manse to the church members of his time. Dr. Richards, who supplied for a time following the pastorate of Dr. Poindexter, occupied the chair of systematic theology at Lincoln University. Dr. Bowden, who also supplied the church, was the first president of the University, a genial man who came to Lincoln from the Cumberland pulpit at Evansville, Indiana, one of the most influential at that time in the denomination. Dr. D. M. Harris was a third supply during this period. He was a language teacher in the University, a traveller and lecturer on world politics.

Dr. Hubbert came to Lincoln in 1879, when not quite thirty years old, a Missourian trained at Union Theological Seminary, a practical, energetic and positive man, known for his analytic preaching and his strenuous and effective work in organizing the church and giving it stability. Lincoln was his first pastorate, and he married Miss Minnie L. Brewster here. He was an early temperance worker, was very active in the life of the University, then enjoying a heyday of sudden growth, and encouraged the extension of the church's interests to Lincoln Hill, as already recorded. Dr. Hubbert conducted a revival every winter. Convinced that the church building was no longer fit for occupancy, he brought much effort to bear on the members to build a more adequate edifice. Many of our members still recall his dramatic action in tearing down, in the midst of a sermon, some old paper from the church wall to demonstrate the need of rebuilding. In his long pastorate he welded the church together. He left Lincoln to go to the First Church of Nashville, Tennessee, and later served as stated clerk of the denomination, and still later, as assistant stated clerk of the united denomination.

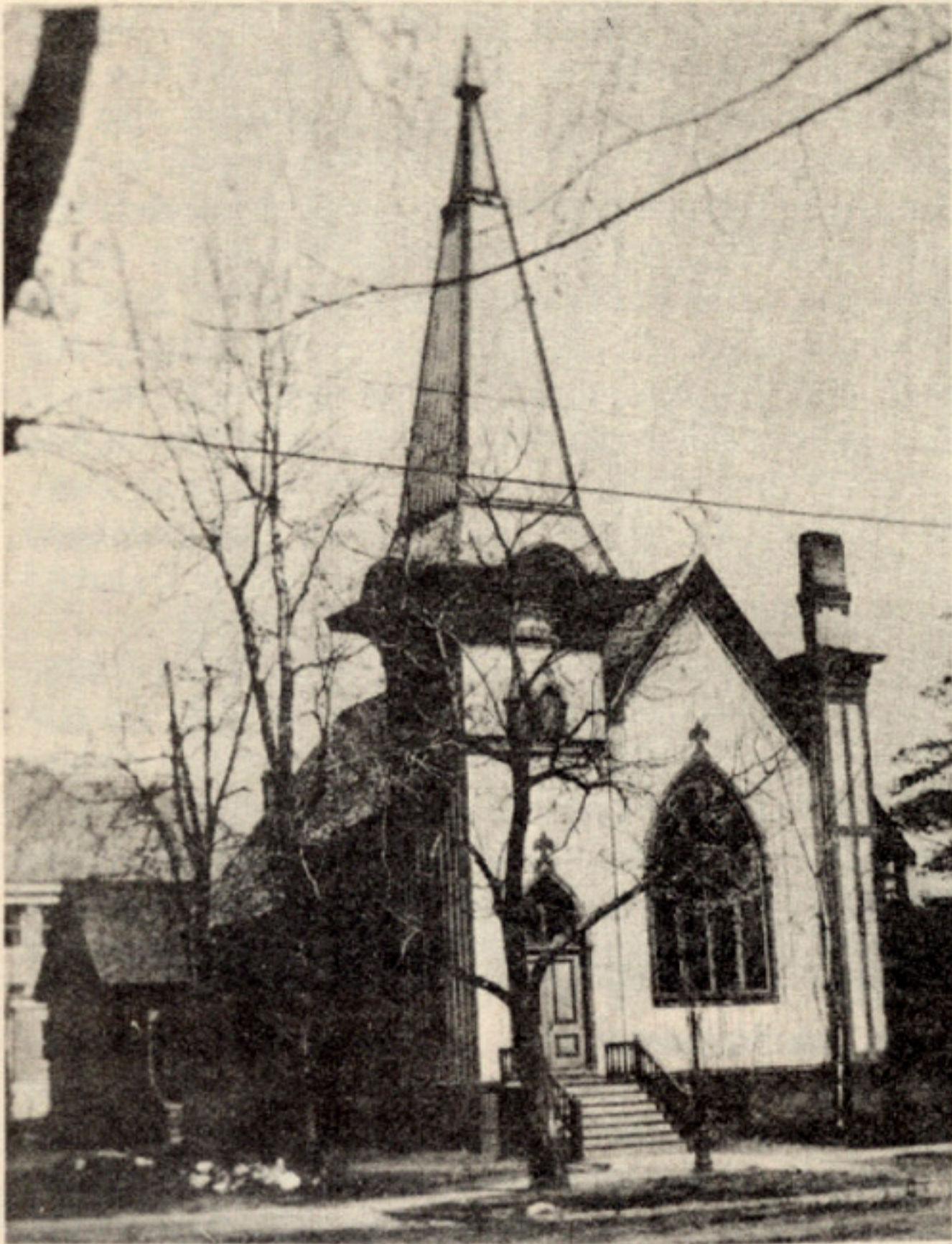
The following is taken from "Who's Who in America," 1918-19; Hubbert, James Monroe, clergyman; b. Cassville, Barry Co., Mo., June 15, 1850; s. William and Nancy Ann H.; A. B., D. D., Cumberland U., Tenn.; 1876; grad. Union Theol. Sem. New York, 1879; m. Minnie L. Brewster, of Lincoln, Ill., Jan. 18, 1882. Ordained, Cumberland Presbyterian ministry, 1875; pastor, Lincoln, Ill., 1879-87; Nashville, Tenn., 1888-93; Lebanon, Tenn., and dean Cumberland Theol. Sch., 1894-1901; Marshall, Mo., and prof. homiletics, Mo. Valley Coll., 1902-06; stated clerk, Gen. Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian Ch., 1896-1906; asst. stated clerk, Gen. Assembly Presbyterian Church in U. S. A. since 1907. Moderator General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, 1889; del. Pan-Presbyterian Councils, Belfast, Ireland, 1884. Washington, D. C. 1899. Liverpool, England, 1904.

Dr. W. S. Danley was minister of the church in Texarkana, Texas, before coming to Lincoln at about the age of forty. Always a prolific and scholarly writer, the attention of members of our church had been drawn to him by his articles in religious journals. He was much loved during his stay here, and left to pursue graduate study at Yale University. His pastorate here drew to Lincoln a young brother-in-law, C. S. Oglevee, who taught for thirty years in the College, and served for over thirty years as elder of our church, and as the unordained and unpaid minister of the entire parish, a man who has contributed more to the life of our church than any ordained minister who ever served it, and who is more beloved than any who ever occupied the pulpit.

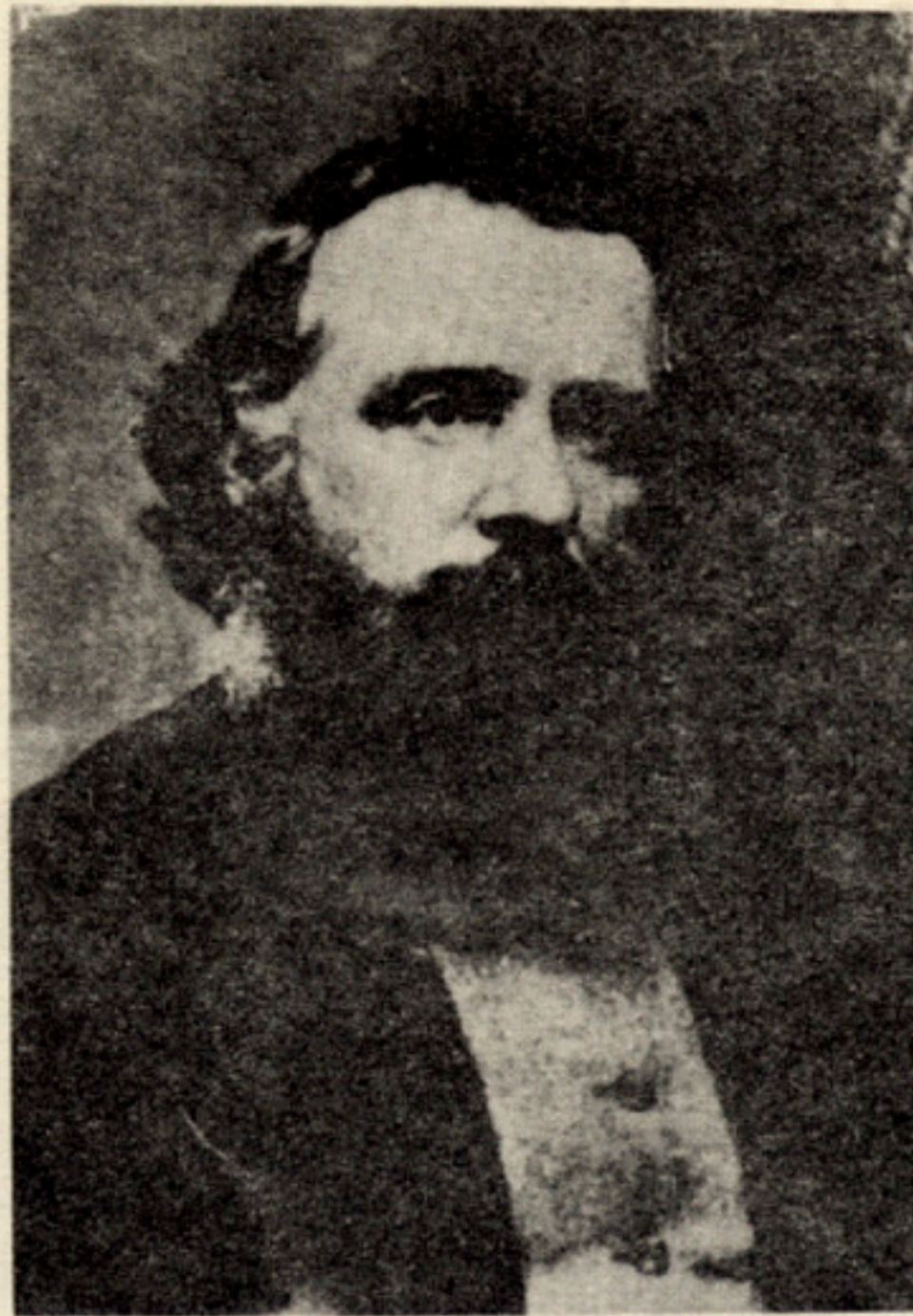
Dr. Tinnon, who served the church from 1892-1902, remains to this day one of the most loved, as well as one of the most striking characters in all the history of our parish. He came to Lincoln at the age of fifty-two, a four year Confederate veteran, wounded three times, mustered out with the rank of major. He had been admitted to the Tennessee bar before serving as a soldier, and was not ordained a minister until he was thirty-three years old. Lincoln was his fourth pastorate. It was under his leadership that the church we now worship in was built, and dedicated free of debt. The chapel-library building on the College campus is a monument to the efforts of Dr. Tinnon and G. I. Harry, who raised the \$25,000 which not only erected the building but secured \$50,000 endowment for the institution. His eloquence is still a tradition in the church, but far above that is the memory of the man himself, genial and lovable, so much so that even in those days he, a Confederate major, was welcomed at all the campfires of the G. A. R. At his death it was said of him that he had received into the church something over 12,000 people, and that a rescue mission founded by him in Fort Worth, Texas, during his ministry in that city, had resulted in the conversion of over 50,000 people. Dr. Tinnon had the gift of inspiring loyalty and enthusiasm, and the church to this day remains largely a monument to his character and ability. He died in Kansas in 1917.

The following is taken from "Who's Who in America," 1917-18; "Robert McCracken Tinnon - Clergyman; born Giles Co., Tenn., Feb. 6, 1840; graduated Giles College, Pulaski, Tenn., 1859; admitted to Tenn. bar, Mar. 1, 1861; served C. S. A. 1861-65; wounded 3 times, mustered our rank of major; D. D. Trinity U., Texas 1887; m. Sarah J. Preston, of Decatur, Ala., April 27, 1865. Ordained Cumberland Presbyterian Ministry 1873; pastor Huntsville, Ala., 1875-88, Nashville, Tenn., 1877-84; Ft. Worth, Texas, 1884-92; Lincoln, Ill., 1892-1902; First Church, Denver, 1902-05; First Church, Nashville, Tenn., 1905-08; First Church, Herrington since Oct. 1908. Built two fine churches. Member of board of publications Cumberland Presbyterian Church, member of Assembly's board of Missions 1894-98; President of Church Extension Association of Illinois, 1894-95, U. P. Coll. Comm. of Illinois, Indiana and Iowa of C. P. Church, Moderator of General Assembly C. P. Ch. 1904-05; and member of Committee on Union of C. P. Ch. and Presbyterian Church U. S. A. 1904-05. Contributor for over 20 years to periodical literature of Church."

T. B. McAmis came to the church in 1902, an able preacher and conscientious minister who served it during the difficult period when the proposed union of the denomination was being discussed. He resigned in 1906 to clear the way for the union of his church with the "Old School" Presbyterian Church which had so long maintained its plant directly across the alley.



OLD SCHOOL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1885-1906



DR. J.C. ROSS



MRS. H.T. STRYKER



MRS. ANNA SIMS



BOYS CHOIR - DR. MOORE, PASTOR
1920-1923



DAVID GILLESPIE



MRS. DAVID GILLESPIE



MRS. ELLA BRAINERD
Missionary Society President
for 30 Years



MRS. NELLIE S. BERGEN
Sunday School Superintendent
for many years

Organization of the Old School Presbyterian Church of Lincoln, Illinois

The Old School First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln was organized on October 5, 1866; nine years and eight months later than the organization of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

The record of these early years may well begin with a copy of the Minutes of this important epoch. We find the record of October 5, 1866 to read as follows:

"October 5, 1866. According to previous appointment Revs. R. Conover, D. R. Lore and Elder Alex Downie, a committee appointed by the Presbytery of Bloomington O. S., met the congregation of those desirous of being organized into an Old School Presbyterian Church of Lincoln, Illinois. After appropriate religious exercises, they found the following persons ready to be constituted into an organization on letters from other churches and on profession of their faith in Christ, viz: Henry Owsley, Cert. from First Church of Springfield, Illinois; Mrs. Henry Owsley, Cert. from First Church of Springfield, Illinois; Miss Kate Owsley, Cert. from First Church of Springfield, Illinois; Mrs. Anna Sims, Cert. from First Church of Springfield, Illinois; Mrs. Davidson, Cert. from Congregational Church, Lincoln, Illinois; Jessie Denman, Cert. from First Congregational Church, Lincoln, Illinois; Mrs. Marie Denman, Cert. from First Congregational Church, Lincoln, Illinois; Mrs. Mary Moore, Cert. from Greensburg, Ky.; Mrs. Margaret S. Montague, Cert. Greensburg, Ky.; Mrs. Mary C. Hawley, Cert. from First Presbyterian Church of Pine Bluff, Ark.; Mrs. Margaret Pettis, Cert. from Second Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Illinois; David M. Pierson, Cert. from Second Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Ill.; Yardly Cauby, Cert. from North Sangamon Church; Mrs. Mary F. Cauby, Cert. from North Sangamon Church; Samuel Miller, Cert. from North Sangamon Church; Samuel Miller, Cert. from North Sangamon Church; Mrs. Lucy H. Miller, Cert. from North Sangamon Church; David Gillespie, Cert. from North Presbyterian Church, Greenville, Ill.; Henry T. Stryker, Cert. from Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, Ill.; Mrs. Charlotte Stryker, Cert. from Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Lincoln, Ill.; Dr. J. C. Ross, Cert. from Presbyterian Church, Waynesville, Ill.; Mrs. Mary S. Ross, Cert. from Presbyterian Church, Waynesville, Ill.; L. B. McCord; Oliver Galtra; Mrs. Jane C. Galtra; Miss Kate Jordan, Profession of Faith; Mrs. Katherine Pegram, Profession of Faith.

Dr. J. C. Ross, Henry T. Stryker and David Gillespie were elected to the office of ruling elders in the Church. Mr. Gillespie was chosen Clerk of the Session and Dr. Ross, Treasurer. Committee of Presbytery: R. Conover, Dr. R. Lore, Alex Downie."

On November 4, 1866, Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by Dr. Green, of Chenoa.

For a few months after the organization, no regular services were held, but in 1867, Rev. A. J. Layenberger was called as the first pastor. Services were held temporarily in Brewer's hall and in the Methodist Church, the latter being located on the southwest corner of McLean and Pekin Streets, the site of the present Library Building.

In December, 1867, the trustees of the Church, viz., Nathan Pegram, George W. Hawly and Oliver Galtra, purchased the Church building belonging to the Methodist Brethren for the sum of \$4500. An item in the Sessional Record reads, "After Prayer meeting on December 4, 1867, at the home of Mrs. Owsley, there was a congregational meeting called. Brother Layenberger in the chair. Verbal report of the Trustees with regard buying the M. E. Church property received. The terms of the Methodist brethren being \$4500. On motion the Trustees be instructed to buy the above church and property connected with it at their proposition. Motion carried. Adjourned."

- - David Gillespie, Clerk of Session

Here the society held services until 1885, when it purchased the Pilgrim Chapel owned and built by the Congregationalists. This church was located at the corner of Broadway and Ottawa Streets and was used by the Presbyterians until the Union of the Cumberland Presbyterian and Old School Presbyterian churches in 1906.

When the present First Church was built by the C. P. Church in 1896, they sold their small pipe organ to the Presbyterians. Mr. Joseph Gillespie, now a well known Chicago organist, was at that time a member of the Presbyterian Church and played this organ for many years. After the merger of the church in 1906, the organ was sold to the Christian Scientists and later moved to their room at the City Hall. They in turn, sold the organ to the Second Baptist Church on East Broadway.

The old church on the present library site on Pekin Street was sold in 1887 to the W. C. T. U. society, moved to Logan Street and used as a tabernacle. The church building located at the corner of Broadway and Ottawa Streets was sold to the Masonic Lodge in 1914, and later removed.

It is interesting to know that during the entire history of this church, one man, a charter member, served as Clerk of the Session. This was Mr. David Gillespie, a man of ennobling personality, who loved his Church and found many ways of Christian service. Records show that he was very seldom absent from a Session meeting during the forty years he served as Clerk.

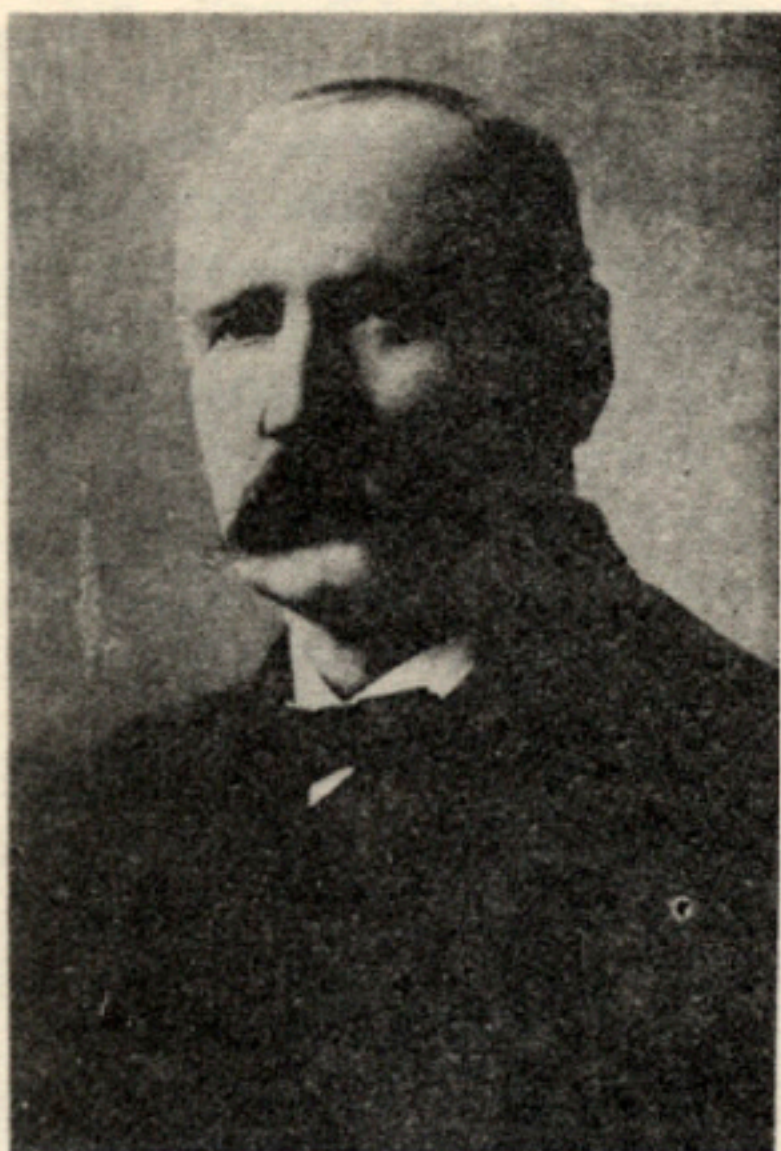
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THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

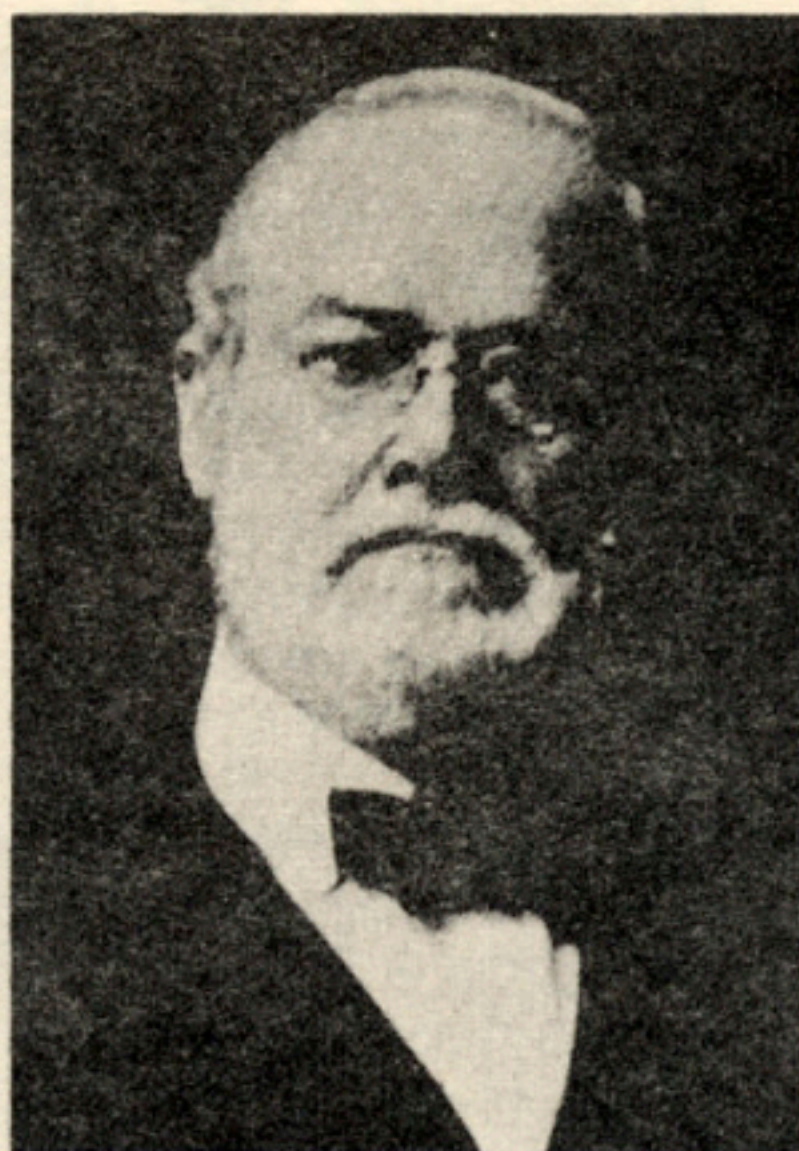
On February 4, 1874, the ladies of the Old School Presbyterian Church met at the close of prayer meeting for the purpose of organizing a Missionary society, auxiliary to the Woman's Board of the Northwest, which was organized in the year 1870. The following names were enrolled as members, copied just as found in the record: Mesdames: L. P. Crawford, Mary Gillespie, Rushway, Stryker, Brainerd, Gleason, Boyden, Pegram, Owsley, Atkins, Plummer, Bone, David Gillespie, Robinson, Sims, Ross, Mayfield and Misses Kate Owsley, M. A. Finley and Lizzie Lee.

On motion the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Mary Gillespie; Vice-President, Mrs. E. W. Brainerd; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Finley.

A committee was appointed to frame a constitution for this society. This constitution when drawn up contained seven Articles, the second one stating the object of the society: "Its contributions from Home and Foreign Missions and to disseminate Missionary intelligence, also to encourage missionary effort in our church."



G.I. HARRY



WILLIAM HOUSTON



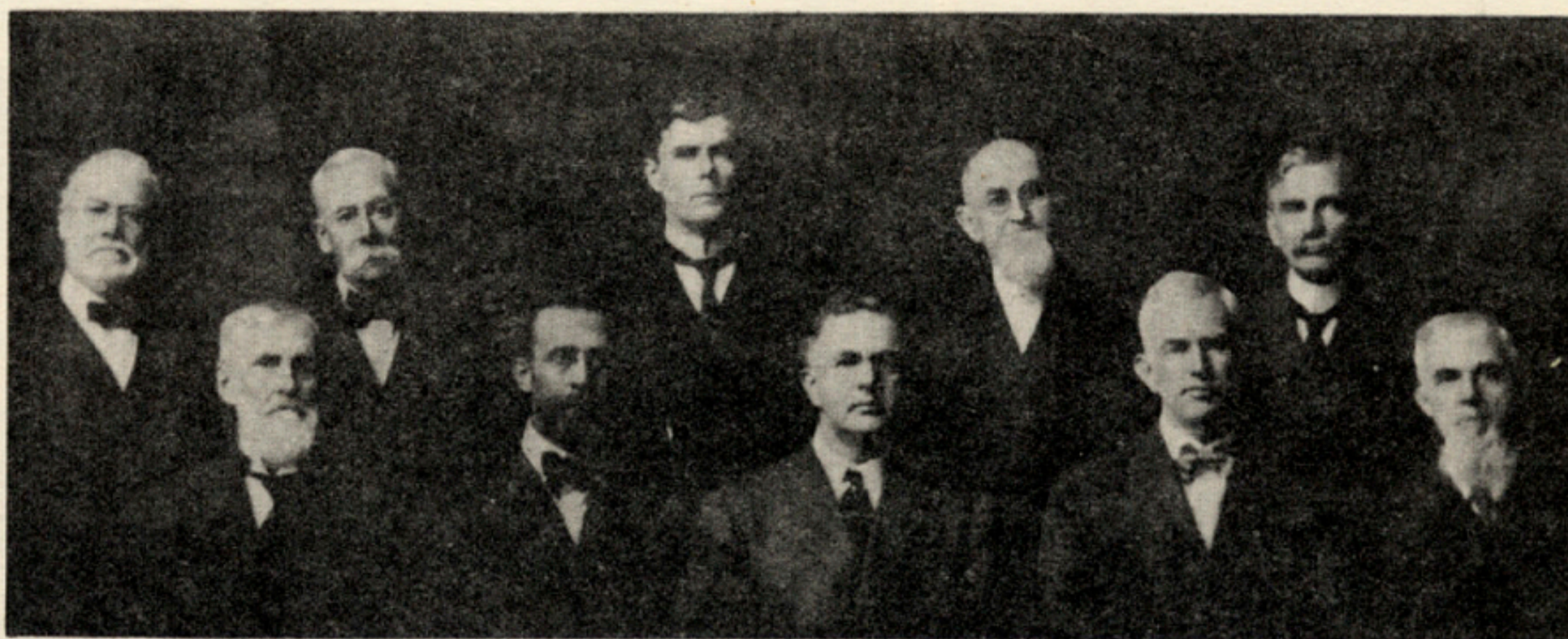
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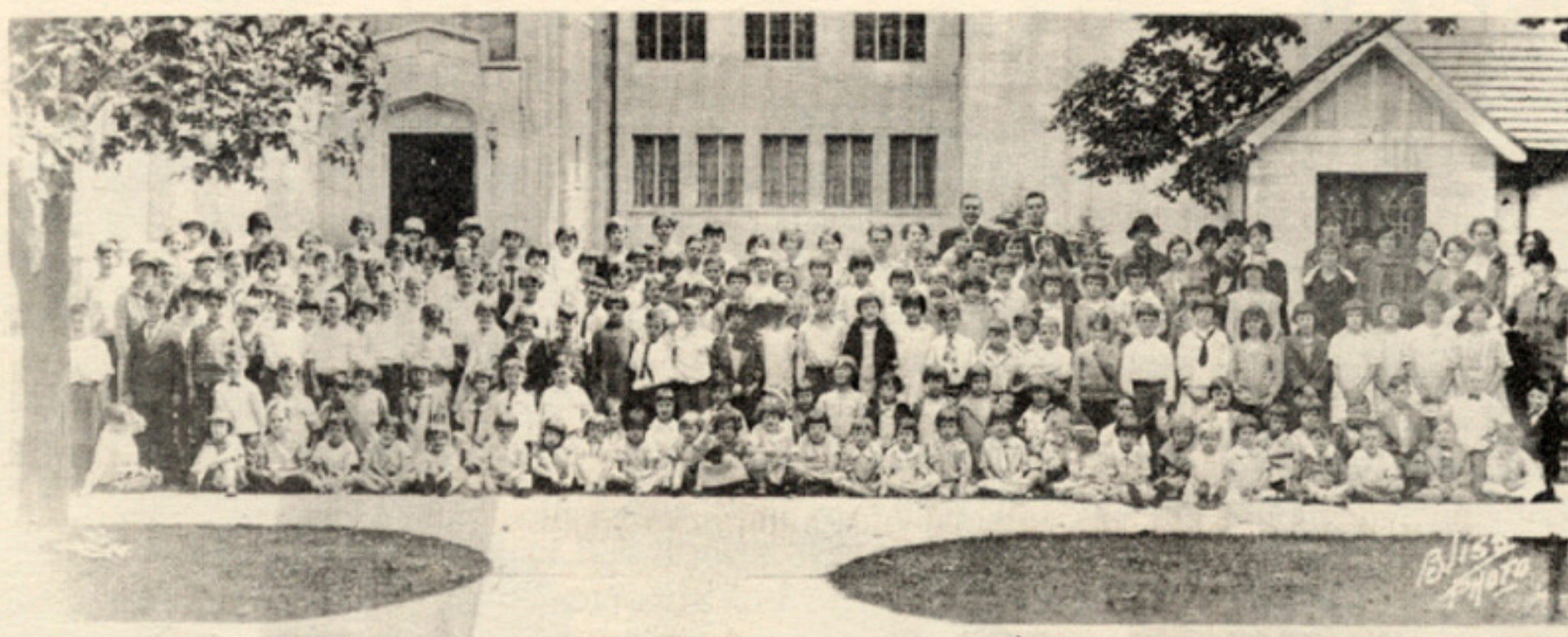
DR. A.E. TURNER
President of Lincoln College



DR. C.S. OGLEVEE
Lincoln College Faculty
and Outstanding Layman



The Session of the United Church in the Pastorate of Dr. Otis A. Smith-1906-1911
Standing-William Houston, Jabez Pierce, Dr. Smith, P.B. Hungerford, Edward Burton,
Seated-A.C. Boyd, President J.H. McMurray, C.S. Oglevee, H.E. Starkey, J.P. Stone.
(G.I. Harry absent when picture taken)



METHODIST - PRESBYTERIAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 1927



WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY - 1914
In Honor of Ella Brainerd's Birthday

The first money sent from this society for the cause of Missions went to help in the building of a college at Ooroomiah, Persia. The growing interest in various mission fields, in which sincere hearts were consecrated to the work of bringing souls to Christ carried the society through the succeeding years.

Presidents of the Society were in order as follows: Mrs. Mary Gillespie, Mrs. Henry Stryker, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Mary Gillespie, Mrs. Anna Sims, Mrs. E. W. Brainerd, Mrs. Frank Hoblit, Mrs. H. T. Stryker, Mrs. James Gillespie, Mrs. E. W. Brainerd.

Six women of this society were made life members of the Woman's Board of Missions, viz: Mesdames Ross, Graybill, L. D. Crawford, Mary Gillespie, E. W. Brainerd, and N. S. Bergen.

Mrs. Brainerd and her sister, Mrs. Sims were ever spirited leaders of the Missionary society, having a great passion for missions and every faithful in intercessory prayer. The consecrated service of these women and of Mrs. Bergen is a memory to cherish in Missionary work.

THE YOUNG LADIES MISSIONARY CIRCLE

This society was organized on January 20, 1900, Mary Gillespie being made the first President. Additional records of this society were not available.

Sunday School

For the year 1905 the Sunday School officers were: Superintendent, Mrs. Nellie S. Bergen; Ass't. Supt., Miss Mabel Martin; Secretary-Treasurer, Hugh Davis; Organist, Miss Mary Bergen.

Mrs. Bergen was Sunday School Superintendent for fourteen years.

The Ministers

The ministers of the Old School Presbyterian Church till the union in 1906 were:

Rev. A. J. Layenberger, 1867-1870
Rev. L. P. Crawford, 1870-1878
Rev. Wm. Omelvena, 1878-1880
Rev. S. T. Wilson, 1880-1882
Rev. A. H. Trick, 1882-1884
Rev. Alonza Michael, 1884-1888
Rev. Charles E. Schaible, 1888-1891
Rev. Keith Ruthven, 1891-1892
Rev. Wm. C. Snider, 1892-1899
Rev. Chas. W. Whorral, 1899-1902
Rev. J. R. Kaye, 1902-1906

Mr. Layenberger came to Lincoln a young minister just from seminary in Chicago, recently married. He was much loved by his people, and later served a long and distinguished pastorate at Champaign, Illinois.

Mr. Crawford's long ministry, from 1870-1878, established the new church. He was known for his huge frame and his faithful and able service as well.

Mr. Wilson in the early eighties was particularly beloved for his interest in young people, his gentle character and his clear and simple sermons.

Mr. Snider, serving through the nineties, was also particularly beloved, and by his long and faithful ministry stabilized the church after years of less fortunate leader-

ship. He married Miss Pattie Sims here, and left to become minister in Gibson City, Iowa in 1899. He later served as Superintendent of Home Missions in North Dakota.

The brilliance of Dr. Kaye, last minister before the union, is remembered by many of our present members.

The New Church Organization Of 1906

The present First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln represents the union of two congregations which occurred September 10, 1906, following the merger in that year of the general denomination of the Old School Presbyterian Church of the United States of America and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which had been separated from the former for one hundred and one years.

The first pastor to serve this church was Dr. Otis A. Smith, who came to it in 1906 and remained until December, 1911. He had served long and important pastorates in the east, the last before coming here at Jamestown, New York. He was a polished gentleman, an unusually able and consistent preacher, so much so that he was referred to as "an ideal man in the pulpit," and a diligent organizer and pastor. He died in 1927.

Dr. Melvin R. Laird followed him in January, 1912, and remained until he was granted leave of absence at the outbreak of the war to become a chaplain, in which capacity he served overseas. Dr. Laird came to the church as a young man, recently graduated from McCormick Seminary, and after several pastorates in Wisconsin. He was married after his arrival here. Dr. Laird remarkably extended the influence and membership of the church, especially among the younger families and the young people of the city. His "Ginger Squad," composed of young business men whom he induced to take an active share in the work of the church, is still remembered by many members.

Rev. Wm. A. Bodell of Bloomington, an able evangelist of many years' experience, served during the absence of Dr. Laird in the army until September, 1919, when Dr. Laird returned and tendered his resignation.

Dr. Hugh Lowry Moore, from the Parkville, Missouri college church, succeeded to the work in January, 1920, and remained as pastor until August, 1923. Dr. Moore's years were marked by a number of achievements. The church was redecorated throughout, and the Synod of Illinois entertained in October, 1921, Dr. Moore himself, the last enrolled moderator present, presiding. The Ione S. Bryant Guild of women was organized, and named for a woman who had for years made our church the recipient of thoughtful and generous gifts. The first choir gowns were given at this time by Mrs. Bryant. Dr. Moore organized the Ella W. Brainerd Missionary Society, formed of the younger women of the parish, largely those employed and unable to attend afternoon meetings of the other society. He was an early advocate of vacation schools and successfully inaugurated them here. He left to become pastor of the Central Church of Rock Island, in which church he made an enviable record.

Rev. George S. Sutton, Ph.D., was called to the church in February, 1924, and remained until May, 1926, coming from a pastorate in Girard, Kansas. He proved an indefatigable pastor, and placed particular emphasis on the

fellowship of the church's life. The organ was overhauled during his pastorate, at considerable expense, and "The Lincoln Presbyterian," weekly parish paper mailed to all members, first published in March, 1926. The ability with which Dr. Sutton extended the influence and membership of the church is measured by the additions during the two years he was here. Over one hundred sixty members were added to the roll. Dr. Sutton became minister of Marlborough Heights Church in Kansas City in the late spring of 1926. He is now serving a church in St. Petersburg, Florida.

In 1927, Rev. Eliot Porter, Ph. D., came to the church from Chicago, where he had recently completed graduate work. Dr. Porter was graduated from Princeton Seminary in 1915, served until 1922 in Harlowton, Montana, with over two years of this last term out for service in the war, and before going to the University of Chicago for graduate study in 1924, served as student pastor at the University of Kansas for two years. In 1928, the church-school room on the ground floor was remodeled and redecorated, and a kitchen added in place of the study which had formerly adjoined these rooms. In 1929, Dr. Porter left Lincoln to take a position with the Board of Christian Education as editor of young people's publications. He taught at Hanover College for one year and was pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Oxford, Ohio, for fourteen years. He served more than two years as Chaplain and Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Blackburn College, Carlinville, Illinois. Also, he served approximately four years as hospital chaplain in Denver, Colorado. Dr. Porter is now retired and living in Colorado.

Dr. Archibald C. Preston, with his wife and sons, Andrew and Thomas, occupied the manse from February 1, 1930 to October 31, 1935. These were the depression years and Dr. Preston's task of running the church on a most limited budget was not an easy one. He asked little for himself, but was always conscious of the financial straits of his parishioners. He was a humble man, dignified and kind, possessing a quiet sense of humor, a delight to those who knew him well. From Lincoln, Dr. Preston went to Monticello, Illinois, where he served the Presbyterian Church from November, 1935 to December 31, 1954. Dr. Preston was a graduate of Coe College in 1911, of McCormick Seminary in 1914, and received the degree of D. D. at Coe College in 1920. He was ordained February, 1914. Pastorates: Marengo, Iowa; Waterloo, Iowa; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Lincoln, Illinois; and Monticello, Illinois. At present, Dr. and Mrs. Preston are residing in Evanston, Illinois, where he is serving as Assistant Pastor at Northminister Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Everett C. Moorehead succeeded Dr. Preston as our pastor. He was a graduate of Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and of McCormick Seminary. Rev. Moorehead's first pastorate was at Mr. Vernon, Iowa, where he served for three years. He then came to our church for the years 1936-1940, when he left to take the pastorate with the Westwood First Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, a church of about six hundred members. Under his ministry there, the membership has increased to fourteen hundred. This church is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary and is dedicating the third new building section which brings the total plant up to some one million dollar investment. It was during Rev. Moorehead's pastorate in Lincoln that the acoustic ceiling was put in the auditorium. Rev. and Mrs. Moorehead have two

children, Bruce, born in Lincoln, and a daughter, Mary Lucinda.

Rev. Daniel E. Kerr came to our Lincoln Church in 1940, from a pastorate at the Daniels Park Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. In 1924, Mr. Kerr received his B. A. from Coe College, Cedar Rapids. The years from 1925-1928, he attended Princeton Theological Seminary and later received his M. A. from Princeton University. During his pastorate in Lincoln, 1940-1945, Rev. Kerr was given an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Lincoln College. He was commissioned Lieutenant in the Chaplain Corps of the U. S. Naval Reserve and reported for duty July 2, 1945, at the Chaplains School Williamsburg, Virginia. Since leaving Lincoln, Dr. Kerr served as chaplain in the Navy and Marines; taught History at the University of Iowa; was Chaplain and Associate Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Illinois College, Jacksonville, Illinois, and served as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Carthage, Missouri from 1951-1953. Dr. Kerr has been President of Huron College, Huron, South Dakota, since June 15, 1953. Dr. and Mrs. Kerr have two children, Rosemary and John. It will be of interest to the Lincoln congregation to learn that John, now a Junior in Huron College, is a candidate for the ministry.

The Rev. John T. Burns was formally installed as pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln at a service at 7:30, Sunday, February 17, 1946. Dr. Elmer E. Freed of First Presbyterian Church in Decatur, gave the sermon. Dr. Ralph Cummins, General Presbyter of Synod of Illinois, gave the charge to the congregation. Dr. Malcolm Stewart of Jacksonville, Illinois gave the charge to the pastor. Mr. Milton McLean, President of Lincoln College, presided and asked the constitutional questions. Rev. Burns is a graduate of Trinity University, Texas, 1931, and a graduate of McCormick Seminary in 1935. In May, 1954, he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Lincoln College. He served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Sullivan, Illinois, from 1934-1938, and at Robinson, Illinois, from 1938-1943. Dr. Burns was a Navy Chaplain for two and one half years and served with the Seabees at Camp Peary, Virginia. He then went overseas for duty in the Mediterranean area. In December, 1945, he was released to inactive duty and returned home. He has maintained his status as a chaplain in the U. S. Naval Reserve, now holding the commission as Lieutenant Commander. Dr. and Mrs. Burns have two children, Marilyn and Thomas.

Present Officers of the Church

Elders-1957: Marvin H. Boss, J. O. Hodgson, Marshall Key, Carl Schreiber; 1958: Commodore Sparks, J. A. Starkey, Frank Turner, Luther Dearborn; 1959: F. C. Sparks, Julius Laube, James Elliott, William Clever.

Trustees-1957: Carl W. Ey, Dominic Guzzardo, Dr. Robert Goebel, Dr. Louis Lenz; 1958: James Abbott, M. G. Leesman, Harold Thomas, Finlay Cameron; 1959: Marvin Boss, Jr., Emory C. Gaffney, John Fisher, Dr. H. C. Sunkel.

Financial Secretary-Senior Budget, Mrs. H. C. Sunkel; Treasurer-Senior Budget, Carroll Wallace; Financial Secretary-Youth Budget, Evelyn Woodward; Benevolence Treasurer, Mrs. D. T. Clarke; Building Fund Treasurer, Harry R. Miller; Endowment Fund Treasurer, Finlay G. Cameron.



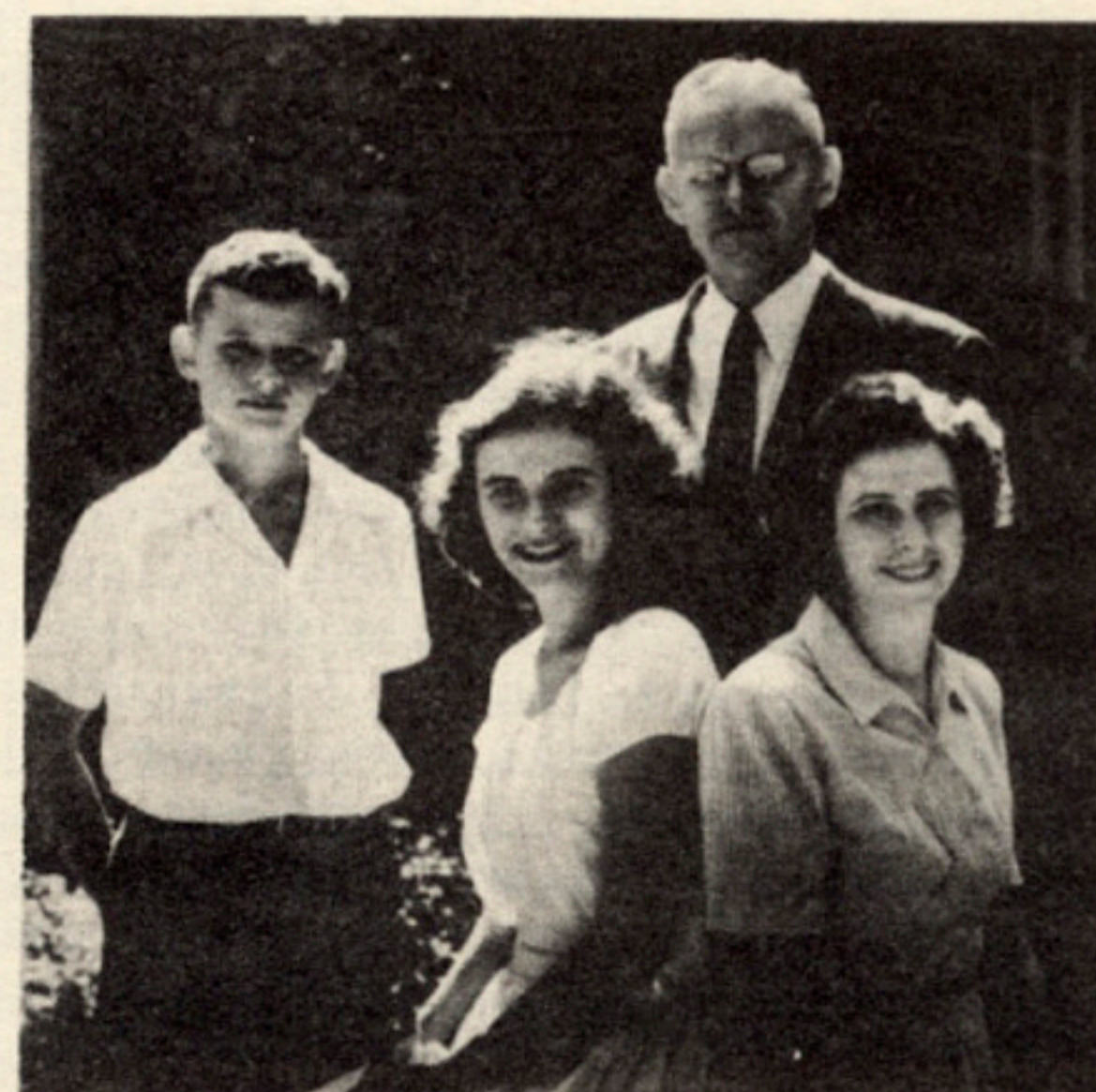
DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, With Dr. Hugh Lowry Moore, 1920



**DR. ELIOT PORTER
1927-1929**



**REV. EVERETT MOORHEAD and Family
1936-1940**



**DR. DANIEL E. KERR and Family
1940-1945**



DOUBLERS CLASS of 1926

Ministry of Music: Mrs. David N. Hanger, Organist; Mr. Paul Rankin, Director - Adult Choir; Mrs. Gilbert Wilson, Director-Junior Choir; Miss Anne Alvey, Director-Cherub Choir.

Our Organist

At this anniversary time, our Church gives special recognition to our organist, Mrs. David N. Hanger. It was during her Junior year in High School, about 1920, that the then Dorothy Braucher assumed the exacting responsibility of playing for the church services. During the succeeding years, Mrs. Hanger has been a most faithful, efficient organist. In the earlier years of this church, Mrs. Jennie Gilchrist, Miss Ruth Fisk, and Mrs. Georgia Sylvester Stenniger were organists.

Sunday School

The Sunday School has been one of the most important part of the church and many of our members have given it years of outstanding service. Mrs. D. T. Clarke, Superintendent of the Primary Department, has given most efficient service in that department for thirty years. Likewise has Miss Bernadine Jones who has served for more than twenty years; Mr. Harry Miller, over twenty years as teacher of the High School class; Mr. Frank Turner, General Superintendent for about twenty years; Miss Olivia Garber and Miss Evelyn Woodward have been with the Sunday School many years.

The officers are: Cradle Roll-Mrs. Frank Nickols; Nursery-Mrs. Robert Andrews; Kindergarten-Mrs. James Abbott; Primary-Mrs. D. T. Clarke, Superintendent, Mrs. Frank Turner, Miss Olivia Garber, Mrs. Harold Luebchow, Mrs. John H. Barry, Miss Julia Anderson, Miss Suzanne Sparks, Mrs. James Elliott; Junior-Miss Bernadine Jones, Superintendent, Miss Hazel Holland, Mrs. J. T. Burns, Mrs. Emory C. Gaffney; Junior High and Senior High Department-Mr. Frank Turner, General Superintendent, Mrs. Finlay G. Cameron, Junior High Girls, Mr. Emory C. Gaffney, Junior High Boys, Mr. Harry R. Miller, High School Class, Mr. Clyde Wood, High School Class, Miss Julia Anderson, Secretary, Miss Anne Alvey, Pianist and Assistant Secretary; Miss Evelyn Woodward-Secretary for Youth Budget; Mrs. D. T. Clarke-Treasurer of Local Budget for Sunday School; Adult Class-Mr. Gordon Purdy, Teacher, Mr. Lester L. Wickline, President, Mr. Dominick Guzzardo, Vice-President, Mrs. Lester L. Wickline, Secretary-Treasurer.

Elders

The highest office which the church can confer is that of ordination as an Elder. The records show that the following persons have served as Elders of the church since 1910. This date is selected because the records before this time are incomplete. It is possible there are omissions since 1910.

William Houston, William Hungerford, J. H. McMurray, C. S. Oglevee, Jabez Pierce, J. P. Stone, J. A. Cox, J. J. Wilmert, W. H. Newman, A. C. Boyd, Edward Burton, Harry E. Starkey, David Gillespie, T. C. Harry, J. W. Morrison, T. O. Niewold, Henry Fox, Dr. A. E. Turner, James E. Miller, James Shaw, S. B. House,

D. T. Clarke, E. C. Goff, C. H. Woods, E. E. Ewing, A. K. Denny, D. S. Mowrey, Dr. L. T. Rhoads, H. T. Gale, Jesse A. Starkey, Julius Laube, J. W. Heaton, J. Fred House, H. F. Wilson, W. T. Woleben, Harry H. Shaw, John S. Devanny, C. H. Shiflett, Clarence Bailey, H. F. Hake, Howard Vaughn, T. A. McComb, C. E. Steinfert, Harry J. Wible, George Woodward, W. C. Jackson, Hal R. Akers, B. C. Moore, Marion Sparks, I. G. Pemberton, E. O. Koch, Paul Betz, W. D. Copeland, G. Arthur Browne, Harold Niewold, Frank Turner, Albert W. Arnold, Carl E. Schilz, Harold J. Miller, C. L. Kent, Harry R. Miller, L. H. Summers, J. O. Hodgson, N. H. Anderson, Robert M. Moore, George Wolcott, James E. Sparks, Franklin C. Sparks, Commodore Sparks, Luther Dearborn, C. F. Wolcott, Carl Schreiber, Bernard C. Mayberry, Raymond Dooley, Clyde Boyd, Elon Martin, Marvin Boss, Edward Malerich, Marshall Key, James E. Elliott, William R. Clever.

The Westminster Fellowship

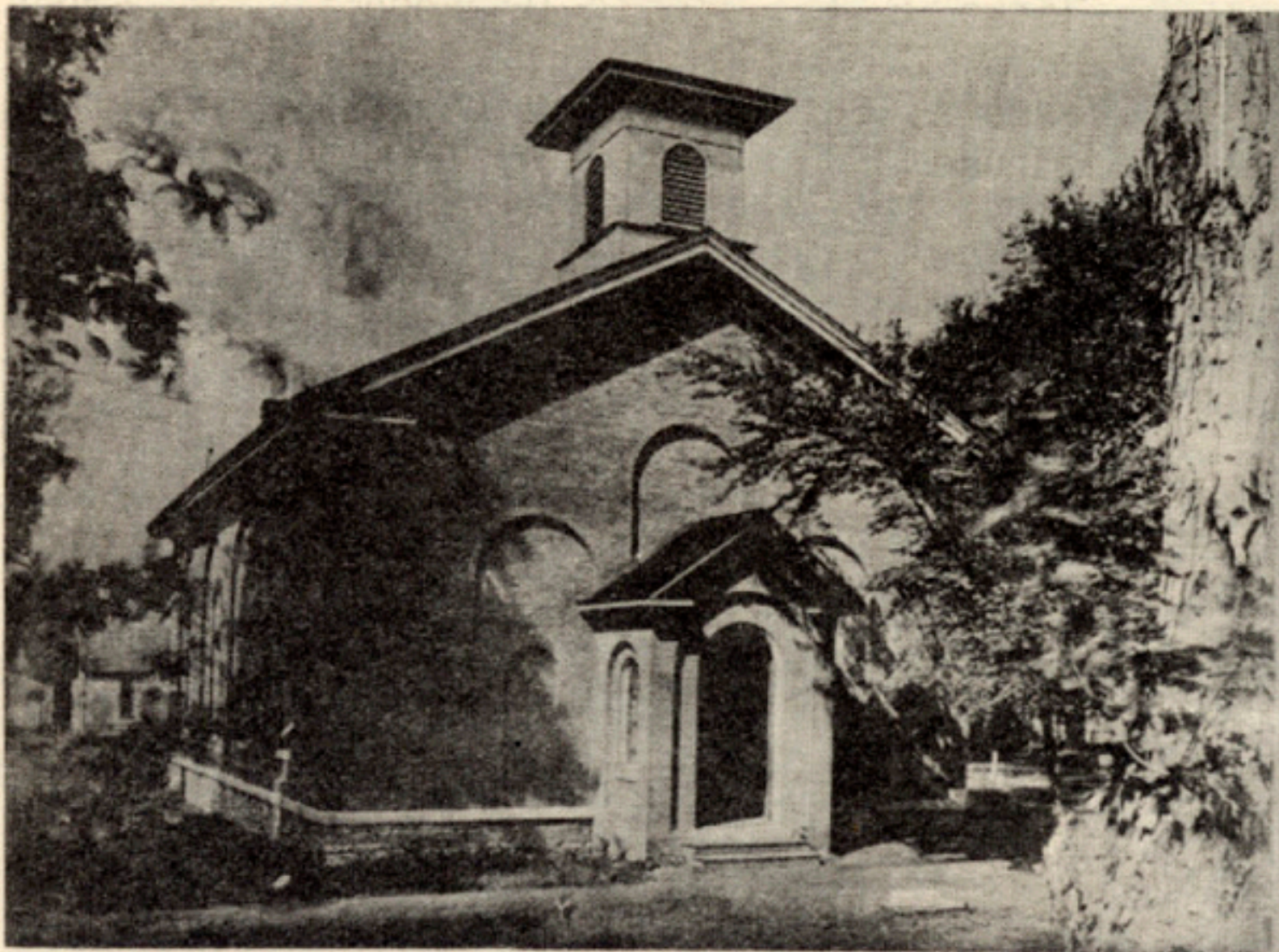
The Westminster Fellowship is an active and enthusiastic group of high school young people. The Junior High Westminster Fellowship is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. William E. Laughlin and the Senior High Westminster Fellowship is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Guzzardo. Each summer, members of these groups attend a camp or conference, sponsored by the Board of Christian Education. Interested individuals and organizations of the church provide scholarships for the delegates, which pays one half the expense to camp. The delegates are officially commissioned and receive their scholarships at an impressive service during the Morning Worship. The attendance at camp usually runs between fifteen and eighteen. They are accompanied by two to five adult leaders. Since Christmas of 1954, these two groups of young people have given the Christmas play.

Religious Education

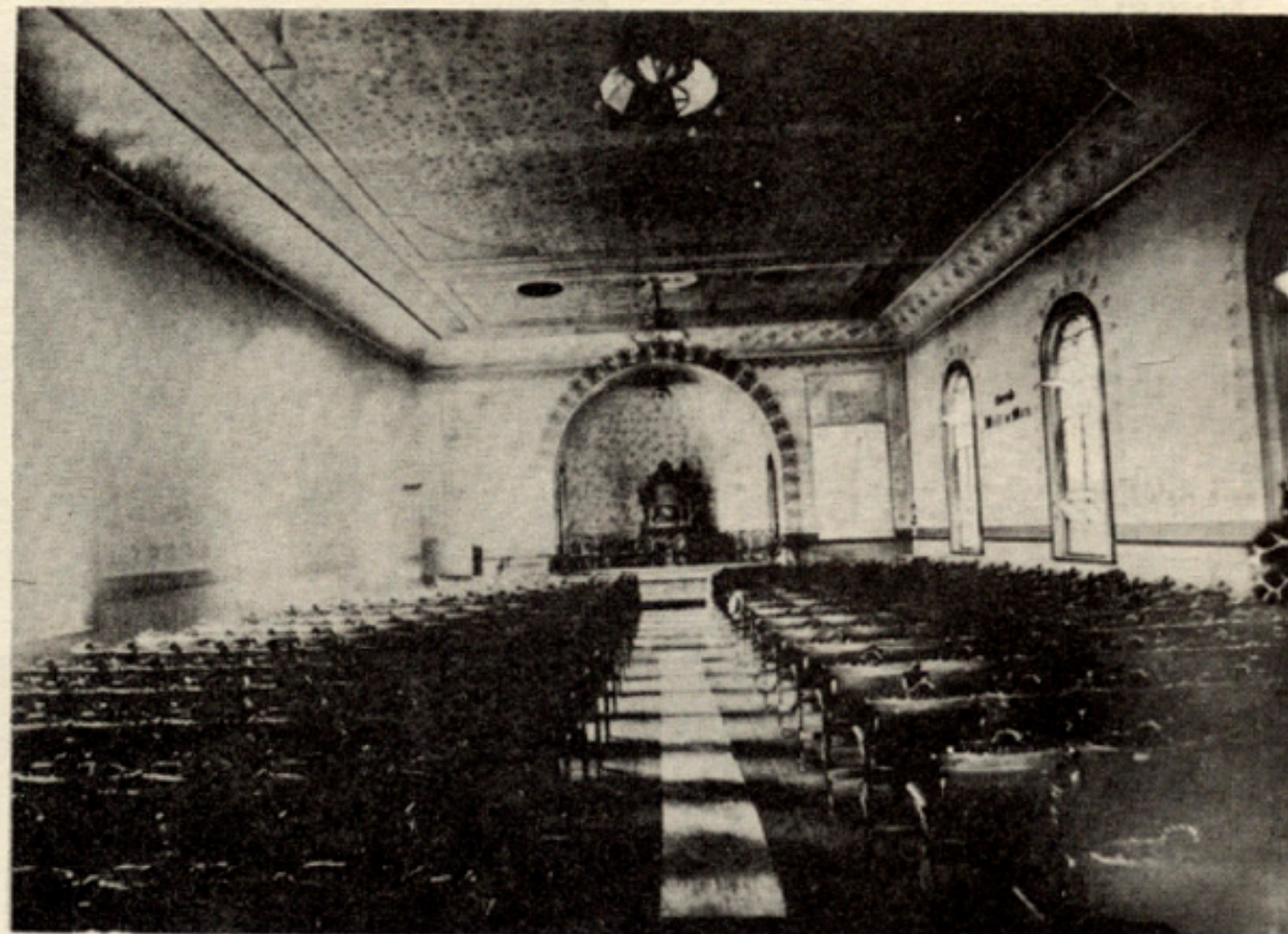
A Religious Education Class is held at the Church each Wednesday morning at 8:00 A.M. Our high school young people attend this class and activity credit is given by the High School. This year the class is studying "What Presbyterians Believe," by Joseph M. Gettys. The class is taught by Dr. Burns and this year numbers twenty-two students.

The Present Missionary Societies

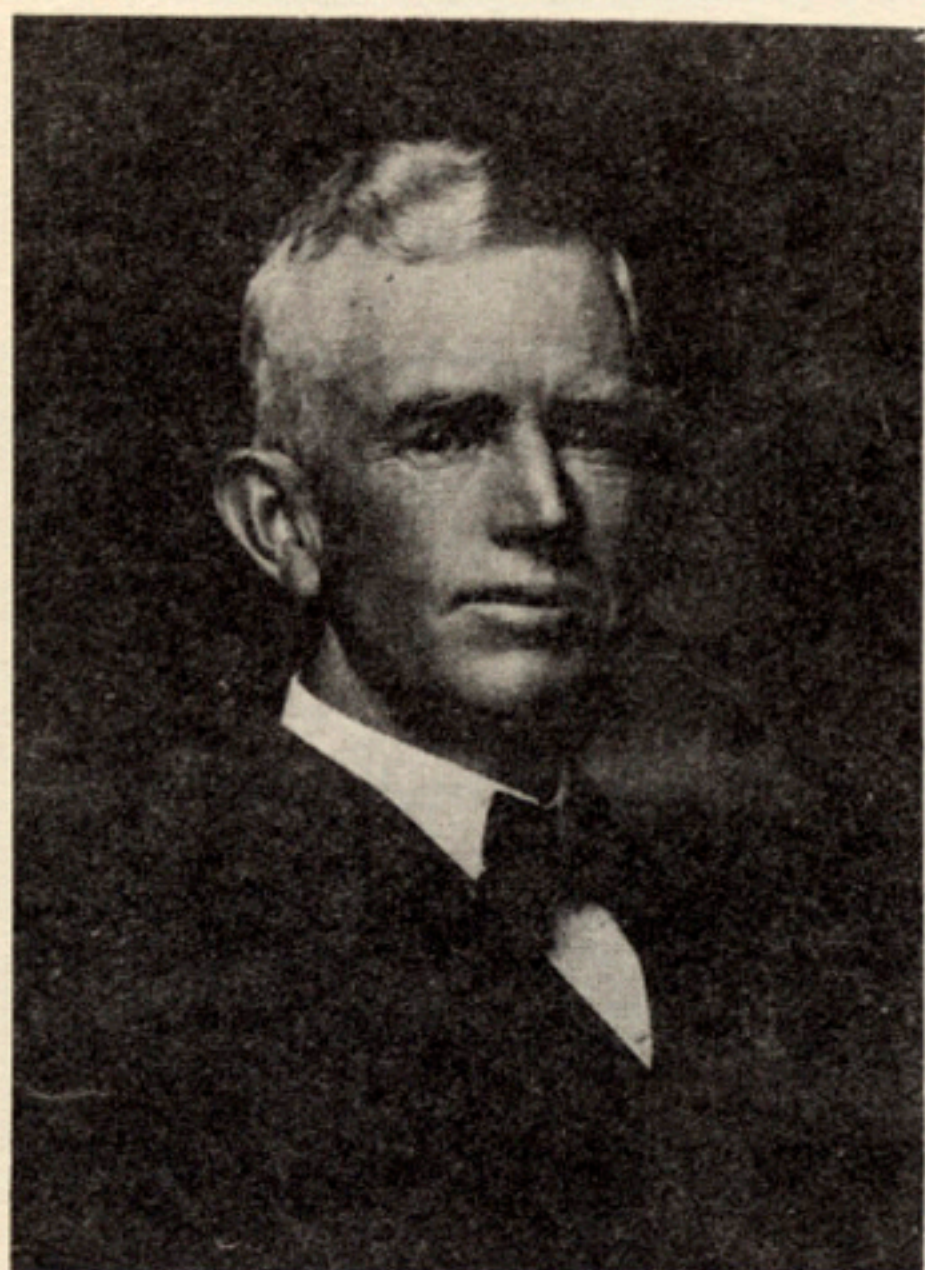
Both the Women's Society and the Ella Brainerd Guild have been active and strong in their responsibility to our National and Foreign Mission Fields. Usually when we think of missions, we have in mind two groups; those in the home churches whose contributions in prayer, time, and money make missions possible; those who go as missionaries. There would be no missions if there were not both the senders and the sent. Our two Societies have realized the responsibility of this two-fold part in the stewardship of prayer, time and money, that others might be sent out as missionaries. In doing this, they have more than met their financial quota each year, also each has given an opportunity gift to one of the Boards.



CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1867-1895



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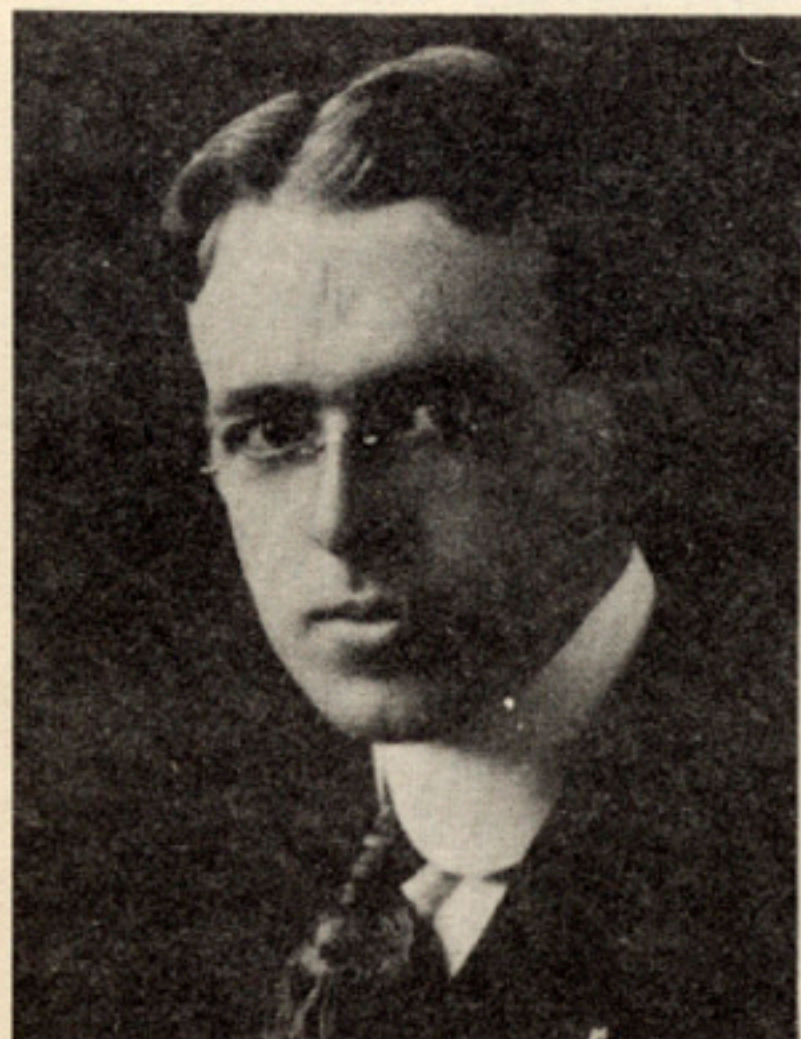


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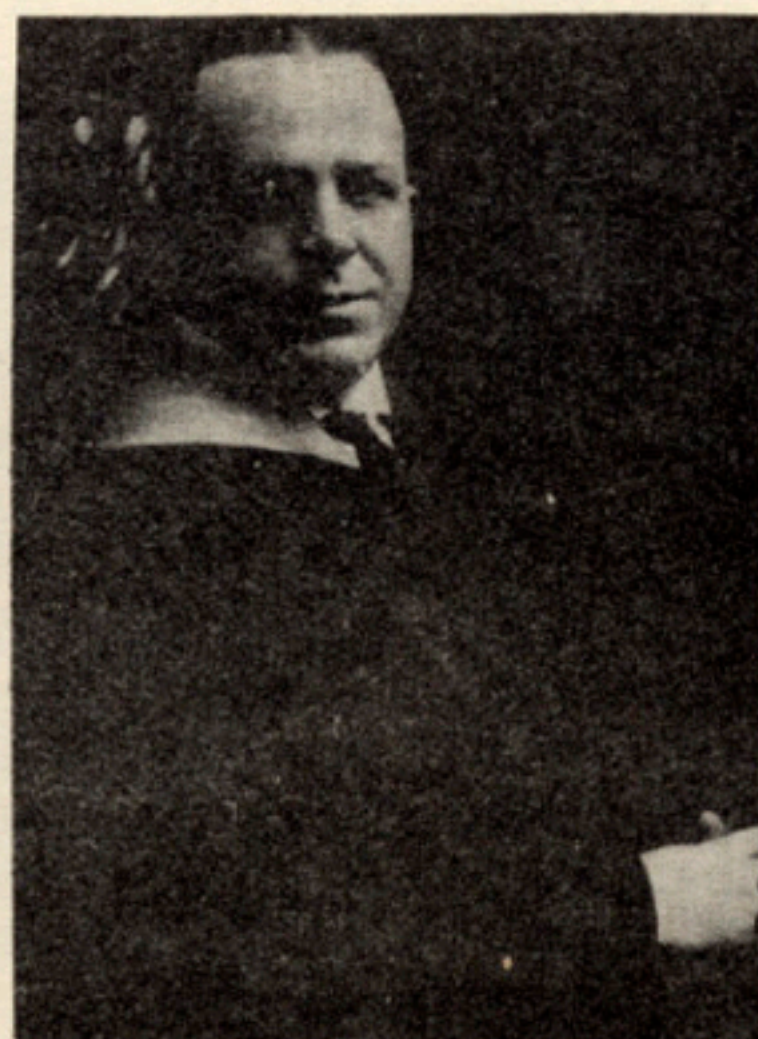


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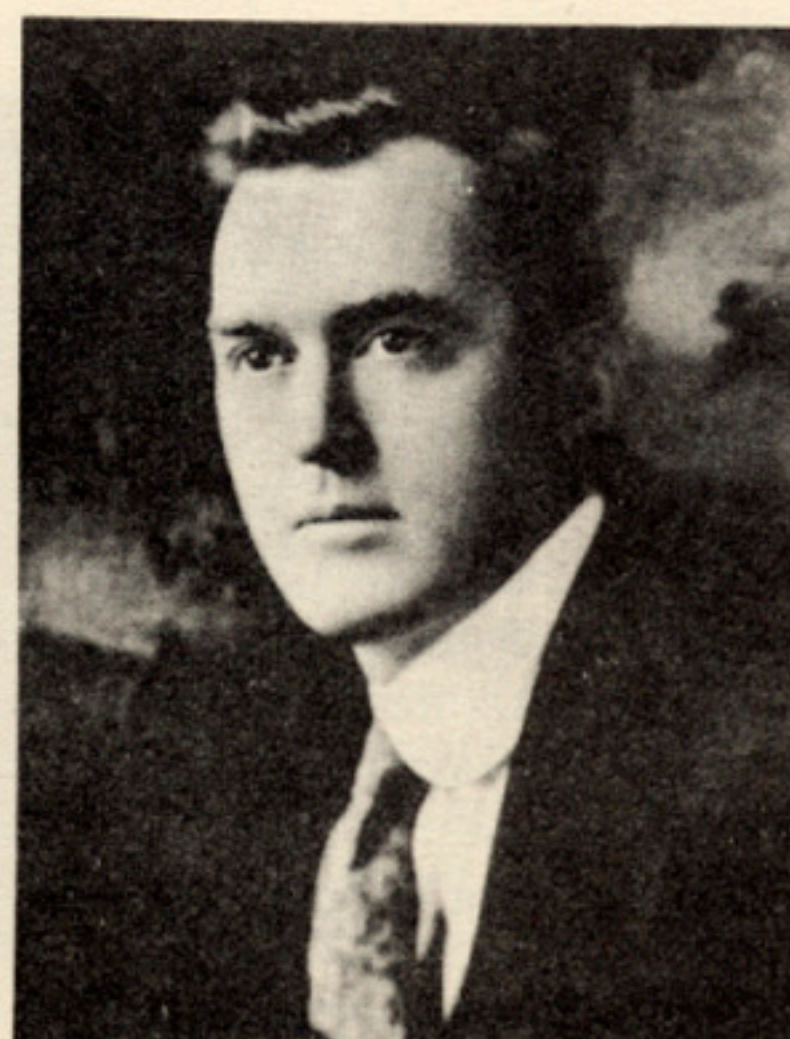
SONS OF THE CHURCH IN THE MINISTRY



DR. BLAIR HARRY



REV. EARL DEVANNY



DOUGLAS T. CLARKE
Elder



G. ARTHUR BROWNE
Elder

Each year the two Societies have held an annual Praise Service in November. Guest speakers have been from the Mission Boards. Beginning with the year 1946, the speakers have been as follows: Mrs. H. W. Brown, Sangli, India; Miss Marie Preston, Puerto Rico; Miss Racheal Benfer; Rev. Ralph Verhaug, Brazil; Mrs. Chester Latta, Sheldon Jackson, Alaska; Mrs. Albert Good, French Cameroun, Africa; Mrs. Ethel Davis, China; Miss Susan Schock, Warren Wilson; Mrs. Harvey Lynn; Mrs. Helen Scott Saulsbury; and Miss Dorothy Foster.

The present officers of the Women's Society are: President, Mrs. Harrison Wilson; Vice-President, Mrs. H. C. Sunkel; Treasurer, Mrs. John Charter, Sr.; Secretary, Mrs. H. H. Henry; Ass't. Secretary, Mrs. Marie Ramsey; Spiritual Life and Stewardship, Mrs. J. T. Burns; Missionary Education, Mrs. Bernard C. Mayberry; Literature, Mrs. George Goetz; Contingent Treasurer, Mrs. D. E. Rhodes; Membership, Mrs. Frank Turner; World Service, Mrs. Theodore Meyer; Nominating Committee, Mrs. J. T. Burns, Mrs. Edward Jones, Mrs. A. J. Reinhardt.

The Ella Brainerd Guild officers are: President, Mrs. D. T. Clarke; Vice-President, Mrs. Dominic Guzzardo; Secretary, Miss Hazel Holland; Treasurer, Miss Olivia Garber; Contingent Treasurer, Mrs. James Elliott; Spiritual Life, Miss Helen M. White.

The women of the Church voted on May 22, 1927 to form one organization of the three societies, namely, the Woman's Missionary Society, the Ione S. Bryant Guild and the Ladies Aid Society. The New Woman's Society is composed of the Missionary and the Parish branches. Mrs. Eliot Porter was elected president, with Mrs. D. T. Clarke chairman of the Missionary Branch and Mrs. A. J. Reinhardt chairman of the Parish Branch. This organization functioned efficiently and brought most of the women of the church into its Groups.

About the year 1945, the Parish society became a separate organization and the re-dividing of the women into the present set-up took place. Mrs. Harold Trapp, Sr. became the first President, an office which she fulfilled capably for several years as did Mrs. Homer Alvey, Jr. who succeeded her.

At present the Parish society is under the direction of Mrs. John H. Barry and Mrs. Franklin C. Sparks. The Group Chairmen at this time are: Mrs. Frank Turner, Mrs. Edward Ginther, Mrs. Harold F. Trapp, Sr., and Mrs. Carroll Wallace.

This organization has been outstanding in its programs and social aspects, in bringing the women of the church closer together in greater interest and understanding; in being able to contribute in a large way financially towards most of the needs of our church.

Presby Weds

The Presbyweds were organized during the pastorate of Rev. Moorehead. Its purpose was to bring young married couples together as a social group as well as to further their interest in the church. The monthly supper meeting is followed by a short program. It is not strictly a religious meeting, however, but the meeting is opened and closed with prayer.

This group has been a very diligent one, taking an active part in church work; has given many gifts to the church and has made substantial contributions to its various

needs. The men have given of their time and labor on the remodeling projects.

The Presbyweds sponsored and have maintained a nursery for young children each Sunday morning. They furnished the personnel and secured the equipment. At present, Miss Julia Pegram has charge of the nursery each Sunday. The Presbyweds have sponsored the fine service of providing Memorial flowers for the Morning Worship. Anyone desiring to give flowers is asked to sign the list at the rear of the sanctuary. If no one has signed for a given Sunday, this group takes the responsibility of providing the flowers.

The officers of this society are: President, Mr. and Mrs. James T. Elliott; Vice-President, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Misselhorn; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rankin.

The Men's Club

The Men's Club is officially affiliated with the National Council of Presbyterian men. It meets once a month with a dinner served by one of the women's groups and is followed by a program. These men have been responsible for much time and labor given to repair and remodeling work in the church. For years this organization of men has planned, prepared, cooked, served and washed dishes for the annual Mother and Daughter Banquet, much to the delight of the women!

The following men are the present officers: President, William R. Clever; Vice-President, James T. Elliott; Secretary-Treasurer, Loren Wood.

Guest Speakers in Our Church

During the pastorate of Rev. John Burns, many guest speakers, not of Lincoln, have spoken at our services. Some have occupied the pulpit on Sunday, while others spoke at Church Family Night or at a special service. These men and women, many of whom have served in other lands, brought to us much of interest and information as well as inspiration.

Beginning in March, 1946, a month after Rev. Burns came to our church, the guest speaker was Rev. W. A. Freidinger, former missionary to Syria. During the following years, other speakers have been: Rev. H. W. Rotz, former missionary to the Southwest; Miss Mary Louise Elder, representing Kemmerer Home; Mrs. Marie Fe Atienza of the Forum of International Understanding; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Millen, former service at Allahabad, India; Mr. Richard G. Browne of State Normal University and brother of the late G. Arthur Browne; Mrs. Hughson from a Mission Board; Dr. Paul N. Poling, Board of Christian Education; Rev. Dale Robb who attended the World Conference of Christians in Oslo, Norway; Miss Clare Pickering, work of restoration by American Youth in Europe in 1948; Mrs. Edward J. Fisher, work in the Southwest and Ecuador; Dr. Walter Malone, President of Millikin University; Dr. E. E. Freed of First Presbyterian Church, Decatur; Mrs. Kirby Page, called the "Circuit Rider of Peace"; Dr. Eliot Porter, former pastor of this church; Rev. J. Edward Dirks of Lake Forest College; Dr. Robert Swanson, Vice-President of McCormick Seminary; Rev. Roy S. Hollomon of United District Temperance Organization; Mr. Phil Morgan of Springfield Y.M.C.A.; Dr. Jay M. Logan, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Decatur; Dr. Sidney Blair Harry, General Pres-



BOY SCOUT TROOP No.1 - First in this Area - Dr. C.S. Oglevee, Scoutmaster



HIGH SCHOOL GIRL'S CLASS
1938
Mrs. Commodore Sparks, Teacher



PIONEER BOYS
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Everett Moorhead, Pastor



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byter for St. Louis Presbytery; Rev. Russell Rice, Synod Director for Christian Education; Mr. Robert R. Pomeroy, Superintendent of Kemmerer Home; Rev. L. Wilson Kilgore, Lakewood Presbyterian Church, Lakewood, Ohio; Dr. James Hine of the McKinley Foundation, Champaign-Urbana; Dr. and Mrs. Chris A. DeYoung, State Normal University; Rev. Roland D. Driscoll, Westminster Foundation, Chicago; Rev. Earl Devanny, Woodbridge, New Jersey; Dr. William W. Kirby, Casper, Wyoming; Dr. Richard P. Grabel, First Presbyterian Church, Springfield; Rev. Edmund Nelson, a pastor with the Pima Indians; Rev. Harold Blake Walker, First Presbyterian Church, Evanston, Illinois.

Sons in the Ministry

There have been several young men of the Church who have gone into the ministry. Dr. Sidney Blair Harry, a grandson of Elder G. I. Harry, and Rev. Earl Devanny, at present pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge, New Jersey, are two who were reared in this church.

Sons of the Church, adopted during their days at Lincoln College, include Dr. William W. Kirby, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Casper, Wyoming; Dr. Walter Cremeans, now retired and living in Florida, and Rev. Franklin Gould, retired and living at Greenvew, Illinois. The latter married the daughter of Rev. James White, the second minister of this church, and their son, Rev. Franklin L. Gould, Jr., is a missionary at Ibong, Africa. Rev. Earl Devanny is the brother of our J. S. Devanny, and Dr. Kirby is a cousin to two of our members, Mrs. E. C. Gaffney and Mrs. N. L. Gordon.

It is possible that there are other sons of the church in the ministry, but the records are incomplete.

Missionaries

During the century of this church history, several members have gone out as missionaries. In the early years were Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Lawyer who served in Aguscalientes, Mexico. Miss Jennie Freeland went to Osaka, Japan; Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Hudson, to Japan. In later years, Misses Agnes and May Morgan went to Osaka, Japan; Miss Minta Ellington to China; and Miss Leada Newman (Mrs. Berst) to China. Rev. Franklin L. Gould, son of Rev. and Mrs. Franklin L. Gould of Greenvew, Illinois, is stationed at Ibong, French Cameroun, Africa.

There may be other missionaries, but again, the records are incomplete.

Memorial Gifts

Across the years it has been the custom to give gifts to the church. The many memorials within the church were given by descendants of the early families, as well as later families of the church, and there have been many tributes to devoted members.

Since February 1, 1946, gifts have been recorded in the Book of Remembrance, placed at the rear of the sanctuary. This book contains a list of memorial gifts made to the First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln, Illinois, since the above date. This date was selected because it marks the beginning of Dr. Burns' pastorate. Many sacrificial and appreciated gifts have been made in the history

of the church, but the records are incomplete and any attempt to list them all would result in omissions. It is thought by limiting the time to the present pastorate, such omissions could be eliminated.

Guest Register

Since 1948, there has been a Guest Register in the main vestibule. Out-of-town visitors may record their name and place of residence in this book.

Presbyterian Life

Our new magazine, Presbyterian Life, is a journal of Protestant Christianity, published by authority of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. It contains religious news as well as articles of information and inspirational nature.

By order of the Session, subscriptions to this magazine have been sent to two hundred homes in the congregation.

News Letter

In October, 1946, there appeared the first issue of our church paper, the Presbyterian News. Its purpose is to give the news of events that have happened, or are going to happen that are of interest to our members. It includes items of interest to the Lincoln Church, the Union Church, and those students of Lincoln College who have a Presbyterian preference. Rev. Burns writes and publishes this letter the first of every month.

Rev. Burns serves the Union Church as stated Supply and conducts services there on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 9:30 A.M. He also teaches six hours of Bible at Lincoln College. So it seems wise to include news items of all three in the news letter.

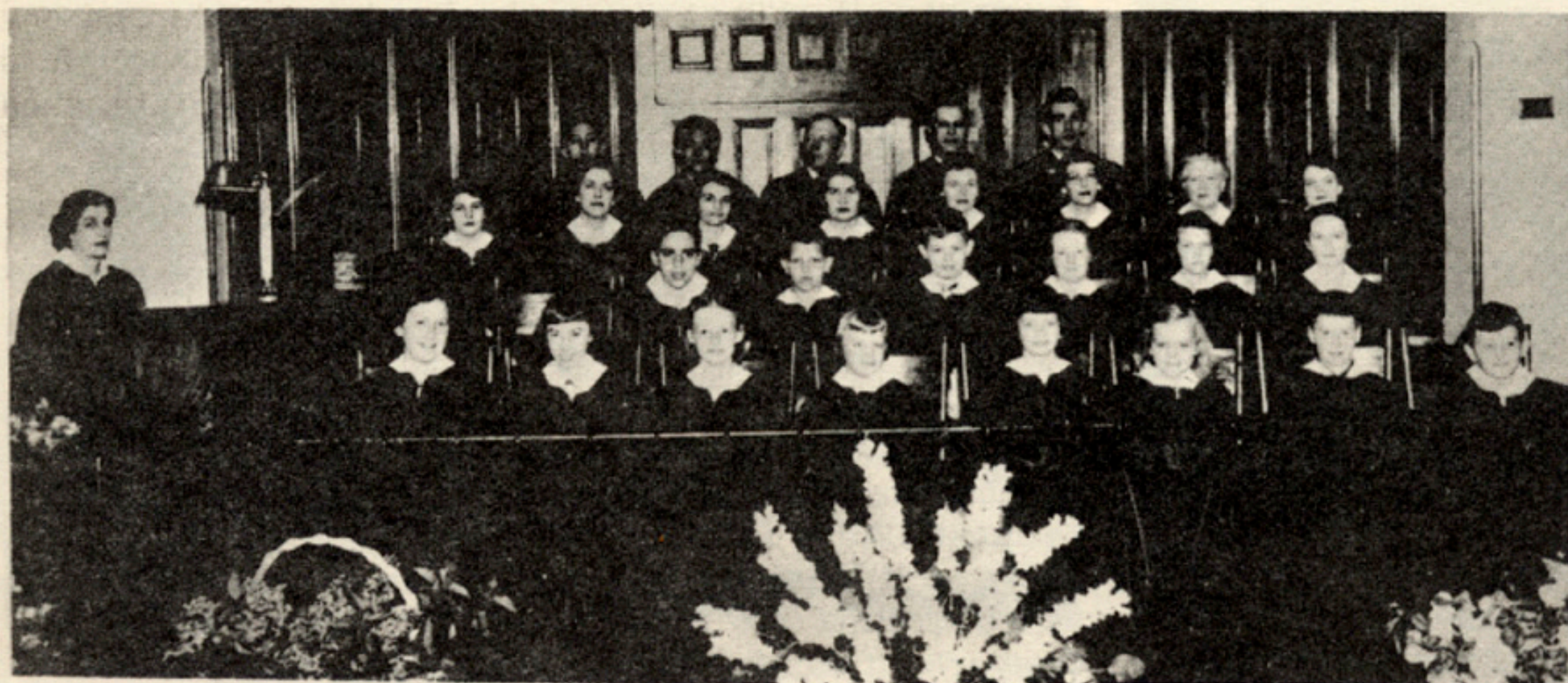
Visual Education

A program of visual education was inaugurated on Sunday evening, October 28, 1951. The first series of film was on the Life of Paul. The first film dealt with the Martyrdom of Stephen. These films were shown at the Sunday School and to adults on Sunday evenings.

The December News Letter announced that more than enough had been raised to purchase the projector, screen and three-speed recordplayer. This included a substantial memorial gift from Mrs. Charles Sparks, gifts from the Young People, Men's Club, Presbyweds, Parish Society and the special "Thank Offering". Later a combination slide and film strip projector was given by Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Boss to complete the visual education equipment.

The Tape Recorder

This equipment was purchased in December, 1952, by the Parish Society, Presbyweds, Men's Club and the Westminster Fellowship. It is useful in a number of ways, among them being the recording of services for broadcasting and for taking the services to our shut-ins.



ADULT and JUNIOR CHOIRS - SPRING - 1951

At Organ, Mrs. David N. Hanger; left to right, back row - Spencer Littleton, Ron Miyakawa, J.A. Starkey, Carl Schreiber, Wm. Tagg, Director' Third Row - Jeanne Littleton, Mrs. R.N. Dooley, Mrs. J.T. Burns, Mrs. Edward Malerich, Mrs. Wm. Tagg, Mrs. Spencer Littleton, Mrs. Ray Gelsthorp, Alice Turner, Paul Dooley, Henry Martens, Roger Boss, Anne Alvey, Judith Littleton, Marilyn Burns; Front Row - Linda Lenz, Julia Anderson, Jane Browne, Janet Trapp, Judy Vickery, Mary Martens, Luther Dearborn, Tom Burns.



THE CHERUB CHOIR - CHRISTMAS 1948

Back Row, left to right - G.F. Wolcott, Judy Vickery, Bill Keys, Mrs. W.R. Obcamp, Dir., John Mayberry, Linda Lenz, Nancy Obcamp, Anne Alvey; Front Row - Jim Mayberry, Geoffrey Harrison, Janet Trapp, Eddie Paul Malerich, Janet Kerpan, Luther Dearborn, Tom Burns, Grace Guzzardo, Bob Goebel, Jack Bingham.



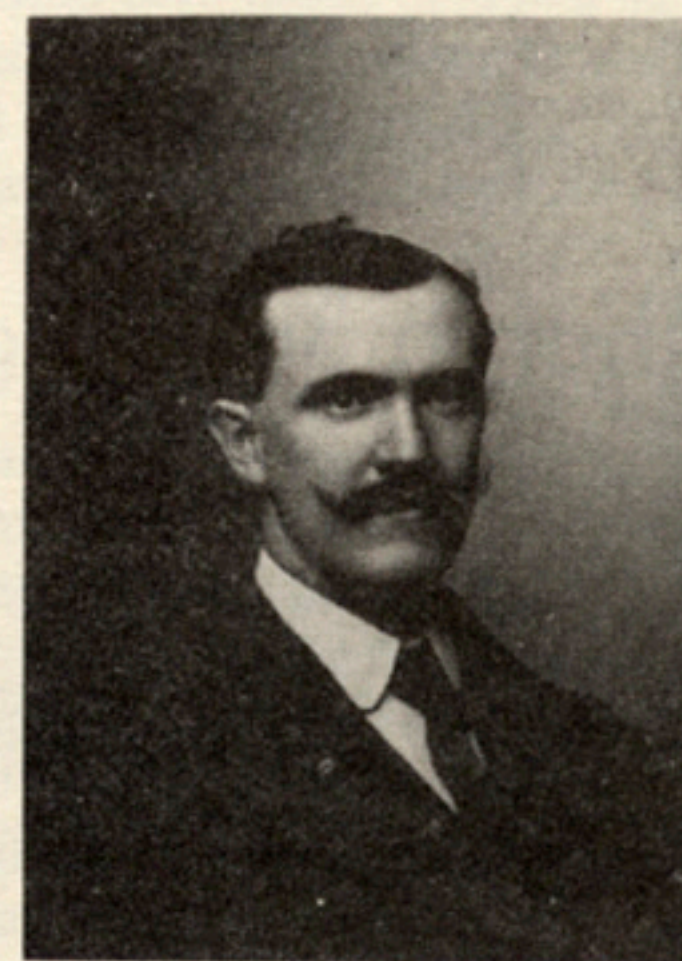
SUMMER CAMP DELEGATES AND LEADERS - 1952

Left to right on platform, Mr. G.J. Bensberg, Judith Littleton, Julia Anderson, Mrs. G.J. Bensberg, Tom Burns, J.T. Burns, Mrs. Mason House, Edward Barry, Robert Goebel, Lora Jane Sparks Ash, Mary House Hadley, Jeanne Littleton, Janet Trapp, Jacquelyn Jones DeYoung, Joanne Sparks, Marilyn Burns; Front Row - left to right, Eddie Paul Malerich, John Mayberry, Raymond W. Dooley, Roger Boss.

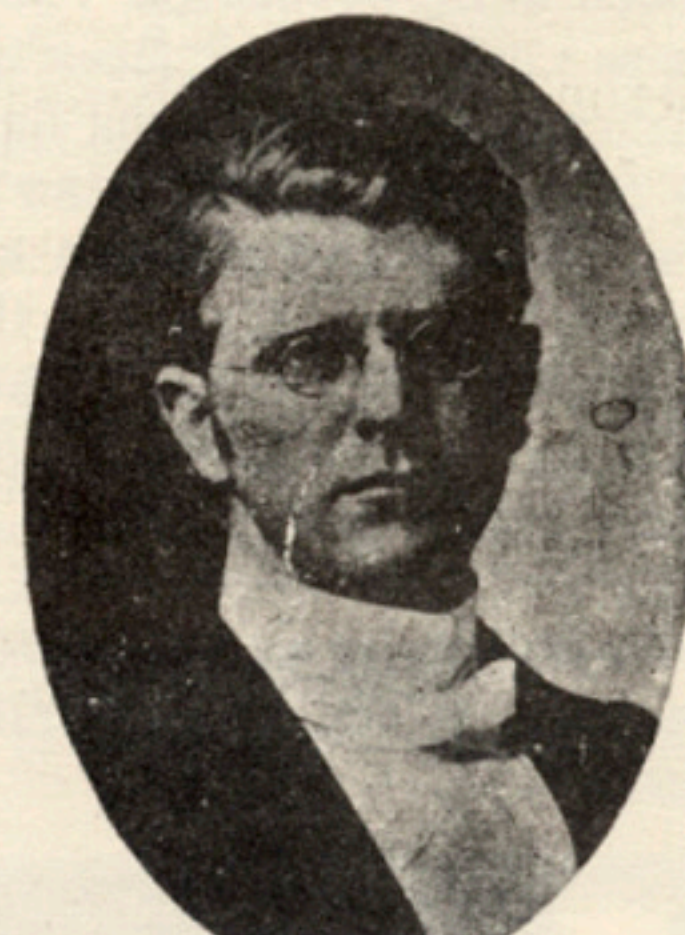
PASTORS OF LINCOLN HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



REV. J.G. WOZENCRAFT



REV. R.B. FISHER



REV. H.B. TUTTLE



REV. A.N. MOORE

The Sunday Bulletins

These are bound each year so as to provide a convenient and attractive history and reference for that year. This idea was one made by the late G. Arthur Browne, a former Elder and Choir Director of this congregation. Copies of these bound bulletins since 1941 are in the Church Library.

Our Displaced Person Family

In July, 1950, a general meeting of the Elders, Trustees and representatives from each organization in the Church met to plan for taking care of our Displaced Person family, Mr. and Mrs. Istavan Bikai, and two sons, soon to arrive from Europe. Arrangements were made for their transportation from New York to Lincoln and for a suitable place for them to reside. Mr. Bikai, a master tailor, works for Malerich and Sons.

Church Building Improvements

Many improvements have been made during the past ten years. The exterior of the church has received a coat of paint on the woodwork and guttering, and repairs on the outside walls. In the Sanctuary, the windows were repaired, new draperies were placed around the choir loft. An asphalt tile floor was laid with the addition of carpet on the aisles, front and back. In the Sunday School room, Modernfold doors were installed. Fluorescent lights were added to all Sunday School rooms and to the kitchen and recreation room. The Primary Department rooms received new flooring and fresh paint.

Extensive remodeling has been made in the kitchen and new china purchased; also folding tables for church suppers. A new and modern kitchen was made in the manse. Alterations took place in the recreation room, a project started by Dr. Kerr. The room was improved by the addition of a tile floor, paneling, storage cabinets, fluorescent lights and gas heat.

Much of this work was financed by the Parish Society, the Presbyweds and Men's Club. A great part of the work was done by volunteers from the Men's Club and Presbyweds.

Outstanding Laymen

As important as the ministers have been the laymen of the church. The first name signed to the charter of the Cumberland Church is that of George W. Edgar, born on the Kentucky frontier in 1819, a son of a Scotch immigrant. He came to Lincoln in 1854, and established the second store in the new town. Later he conducted a farm implement business. He was for twenty years public administrator, was a personal friend of Lincoln, being a cousin of the latter's partner, Mr. Herndon. He was long a trustee of Lincoln University and supported it largely with his means, and served the church as a loved and faithful elder from the day of its organization in 1857, until his death forty-nine years later in 1906.

John S. Metcalf, another of the original elders of the Cumberland church, came from Indiana and was long postmaster here. John Howser, the third elder chosen

at the time of organization, was born in Kentucky, lived some adventurous years freighting on the Mississippi to New Orleans, and was later a farmer and merchant. He gave much money to the University, and sank the first coal shaft in Lincoln.

James and David Gillespie long formed the backbone of the Old School Presbyterian church. James was a dry goods merchant, David a grocer, and they, with their families, were represented in every activity and organization of the church. Together with the Pierces, the Stones and the Hungerfords, they constituted the core of the church, which was at that time a small but close group, "almost like a family," as many of the members still express it. P. B. Hungerford had a planing-mill, in which worked his brother-in-law, Jabez Pierce. Mr. Hungerford was for many years treasurer of the church, and often paid the minister's salary out of his own pocket. Mr. Pierce was the lawyer of the session, insisting on strict adherence to the Book of Discipline. James P. Stone, devout farmer and Civil War veteran, was another influential elder of the eighties and nineties.

A well-remembered deacon of the nineties, in the Cumberland church, was Robert Gilchrist, a very Scotch Presbyterian, whose impressive beard, frock coat, silk hat and gold-headed cane are still recalled with great respect. A retired farmer, he never missed church, Sunday School or prayer meeting.

In the Cumberland Session of the nineties, G. I. Harry was a sturdy, reliable and eminently practical figure. A grocer first, and then a lumberman, Mr. Harry, together with his wife, were particularly influential in persuading the church to build its new edifice. Mr. Harry later shared with Dr. Tinnon the credit for the erection of the library-chapel at the College.

Edward Burton, strenuous supporter of the College, was long a particularly loved elder of the Cumberland Church down through the time of union, and served the Cumberland Church faithfully for years as treasurer. He also served for many years as treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Lincoln College. His wife was a faithful worker in Sunday School. His daughter, Grace, long member of the church, devoted her life to teaching in a school for the deaf in Ohio. She later served as hostess for her father's brother, Senator Theodore Burton of Ohio in Washington, D. C., where she now lives.

A. C. Boyd was another Cumberland elder of this time, one of the longest of all in his faithful service, to which he brought particular business ability. Together with J. B. Paisley, long a trustee of the same church, he formed the partnership of Boyd & Paisley, dealing in dry goods and groceries.

Elder A. H. McKenzie, Scotch Presbyterian from Nova Scotia, was a pillar of strength in the Cumberland Church of the early nineties, superintendent of both the main and the union Sunday School. He was a builder and moved from the city before the erection of the new church.

William Houston, another Cumberland elder of this time, was a quiet retired farmer of deep Scotch piety.

H. T. Stryker was a builder in Lincoln's early days. With Mrs. Stryker he at first belonged to the Cumberland Church, but joined the Old School Church when it was organized in 1866. Mrs. Stryker, who died in 1927, is still renowned in Lincoln for her work among the poor. Before the days of organized charity and county poor relief, she took on her own busy shoulders a veritable community burden.



Dr. A.C. Preston, Dr. Sidney Blair Harry, Dr. J.T. Burns, (Present Pastor) Dr. Eliot Porter, Jesse Starkey.



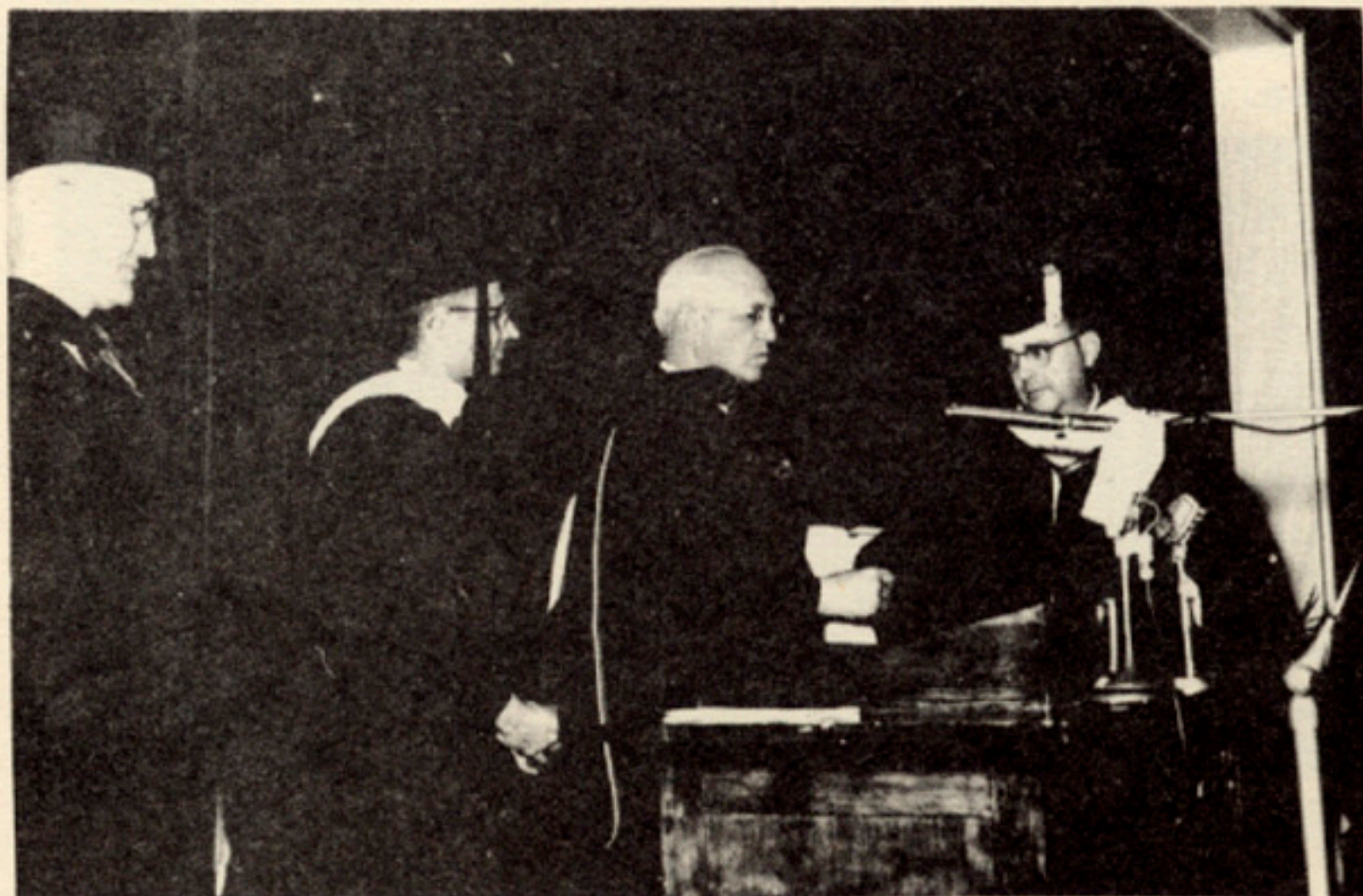
AT THE 95th ANNIVERSARY OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(These people were members prior to 1900)
Seated, left to right, Miss Myrtle Wilson, Miss Mary Forbis, Miss Helen Pierce, (Mrs. A.C. Preston, former pastor's wife), Mrs. Minnie Houser; Standing- Miss Bertha Elbracht, Mrs. D.W. Earl, Jesse Starkey, Miss Ethel McConnell, Harrison Wilson, Not in Picture: D.E. Rhoads, Florence Miller, Miss Mary McMath, Mrs. Ella Jones.



At 95th Anniversary Banquet in 1952: Dr. A.C. Preston, Dr. Sidney Blair Harry, Mrs. Samuel P. Taylor, Dr. J.T. Burns, Dr. Eliot Porter.



Guests at the 95th Anniversary of the First Presbyterian Church of Lincoln, Illinois, held on February 6, 1952 are: seated, left to right, Mrs. Sam Taylor, Mrs. Sidney B. Harry, Mrs. A.C. Preston, Mrs. Franklin Gould and Mrs. J.T. Burns. Standing, Dr. Samuel Taylor of Greenview, Dr. Sidney Blair Harry, Dr. A.C. Preston of Monticello, Rev. Franklin Gould of Greenview, Mrs. Paul Moore and Mr. Paul Moore of Mt. Pulaski. Standing, rear: Rev. J.T. Burns, present pastor, and Dr. Eliot Porter, of Denver, Colorado.



REV. W.W. KIRBY, receiving the D.D. Degree at Lincoln College, September, 1956. Left to right: Dr. J.T. Burns, Elva Bailey, Dr. W.W. Kirby, Dr. Raymond Dooley.

Mrs. Ella W. Brainerd was one of the most loved members in the Old School Church and in the united church which succeeded it, surviving, with her remarkable spirit, to the age of eighty-seven, when she died in 1928. Left a widow of large means at a comparatively youthful age, she virtually gave away her estate to the cause of various mission enterprises. She was a southern gentlewoman of remarkable vivacity until the day of her death. She knew Lincoln well, having occupied with her family the pew behind his in the old First Church of Springfield. For thirty years she headed our Missionary Society, and for twenty years was President of the Presbyterial Society and occupied important offices in the National Women's boards. When she died, letters were received from such leaders of the church as Dr. Robert E. Speer and Dr. J. Ross Stevenson. She was made an honorary member of the Board of National Missions, the highest honor ever given by the Board.

Other Cumberland elders of the nineties were President J. H. McMurray of the College, later of the faculty of Maryville College, Tennessee, who contributed especially to the spiritual life of the church; H. E. Starkey, loved by all the church; Dr. C. S. Oglevee, whose years of outstanding service to the church is elsewhere mentioned; and President A. E. Turner, who, both in his first presidency of the College, from 1888 to 1900, and in his second term, commencing in 1919, contributed an eminent leadership to the church in every way. Between his presidencies of the local College, he served as President of Trinity University, Hasting College, and Waynesburg College.

The "Doublers"

The Doublers Bible class was organized in January, 1920. The name was original with the class; and was based upon the idea that it should be the obligation of each person entering it to secure an additional member. It was a mixed class to which young married folk were especially invited. President Turner was the first and only teacher of the class.

The "Singulars"

Another organized class in the Church School was the one made by combining the young men's and young women's classes, formerly taught by Dean Shiflett and Mrs. Fred House. This class numbered about twenty-five members and was named "The Singulars." The class was taught alternately by Mrs. House and Dean Shiflett.

The North Lincoln Sunday School

This little mission Sunday School for the boys and girls of North Lincoln was started in 1906 during the first year of the pastorate of Dr. Otis Smith. It was not a project of the church and was never supported by the church but by individual members and the Young People's society.

It had been suggested that the Young People's societies from all the Lincoln Churches unite in the organization and work of a Sunday School in North Lincoln. However, such a cooperation did not materialize, but a group of men and women from the Presbyterian Church undertook the work of establishing such a school. This group was

composed of Mrs. McMurray, Mrs. Newman, Miss Leada Newman, Mr. J. J. Wilmert and Dr. C. S. Oglevee. They were aided by the young people of the Christian Endeavor society.

They held Sunday School in a residence for some time, but later were able to erect a small building in which to hold the school. Much of the work on this building was done by several men of the church while money was donated by others and by the Young People's Society. The deed was recorded in the name of the Church organization. Miss Newman, Mr. Wilmert and Dr. Oglevee were faithful workers in this Sunday School for many years.

The Joint Missionary Society Of 1906

The united societies elected officers at the December meeting, 1906, at the home of Mrs. Brainerd. The following were elected to serve: President, Mrs. E. W. Brainerd; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. N. E. Bergen, Mrs. Mary Gillespie; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. L. Hamil, Mrs. Jabez Pierce; Secretaries of Literature, Mrs. J. E. Miller, Mrs. Matt Reinhardt; Treasurers, Mrs. T. A. Cox, Mrs. H. T. Stryker; Organist, Miss Emma Paisley; Chorister, Mrs. Nellie S. Bergen.

Mrs. Brainerd continued as president until December 9, 1920. The society accepted her resignation, but made her President Emeritus. Mrs. D. T. Clarke was chosen as the new president of the society and gave most faithful and prayerful service until 1928 when Miss Paisley became the president.

Life members of the joint society have been: Mrs. C. G. Keown, Miss Emma Paisley, Mrs. Otis Smith, Mrs. Julia Turner and Mrs. D. T. Clarke.

The Brainerd Missionary Society

The Brainerd Missionary Society was organized as the Ella W. Brainerd Chapter of the Westminster Guild on the evening of June 10, 1920, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Moore. The chapter was named for Mrs. Brainerd out of love for her and in recognition of her faithful services in the cause of Missions.

The membership list for the first year of this society contained the following names: Mable Martin, Edith Ryan, Miss Wunderle, Mable Jackson, Mary D. Waldrop, Mrs. Berger, Elizabeth Eberle, Jennie Stone, Yvonne Koehnle, Mrs. Richard Humphrey, Flora Beach, Flora Sheets, Mrs. H. L. Moore, Lavinna Dille, Hazel Sparks, Mrs. Irish, Helen Pierce, Jean Loveland, Minnie DeHass, Marguerite DeHass, Mary Wharton, Mrs. R. E. Stallings, Marguerite Engle, Mrs. Hamil, Mrs. A. J. Reinhardt, Mrs. Matt Reinhardt, Pauline DeHass, Helen Webster, Florence Miller.

Mrs. Brainerd was made an Honorary Member of the Guild and Mrs. Bergen, Mrs. Fox, Mrs. Hamil, Mrs. Hoblit, Mrs. Irish and Mrs. Matt Reinhardt were elected patronesses. In the last years of the society as a Guild, the patronesses were Mesdames: Clarke, Hamil, Bergen, and Mrs. Matt Reinhardt.

The first officers of the Guild were: President, Hazel Sparks; Vice-President, Lavinna Dille; Secretary, Florence Miller; Treasurer, Mrs. Ethel Stallings.



SESSION - 1956

J.A. Starkey, James Elliott, William Clever, Carl Schreiber, Julius Laube, Frank Turner, J.O. Hodgson, Marshall Key, M.H. Boss, Luther Dearborn, J.T. Burns, Franklin C. Sparks, Commodore Sparks.



TRUSTEES - 1956

John Fisher, Dr. Robert Goebel, Harold E. Thomas, Dominic Guzzardo, Carl W. Ey, Finlay G. Cameron (Chm.), James Abbott, M.H. Boss, Jr., Dr. Louis Lenz, Dr. H.C. Sunkel, J.T. Burns. (Marvin Leesman and Emory C. Gaffney absent when picture was taken.)



CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Left to right, Raymond Dooley, Chm., Helen White, M.H. Boss, Mrs. Homer Alvey, J.T. Burns, Harry R. Miller.



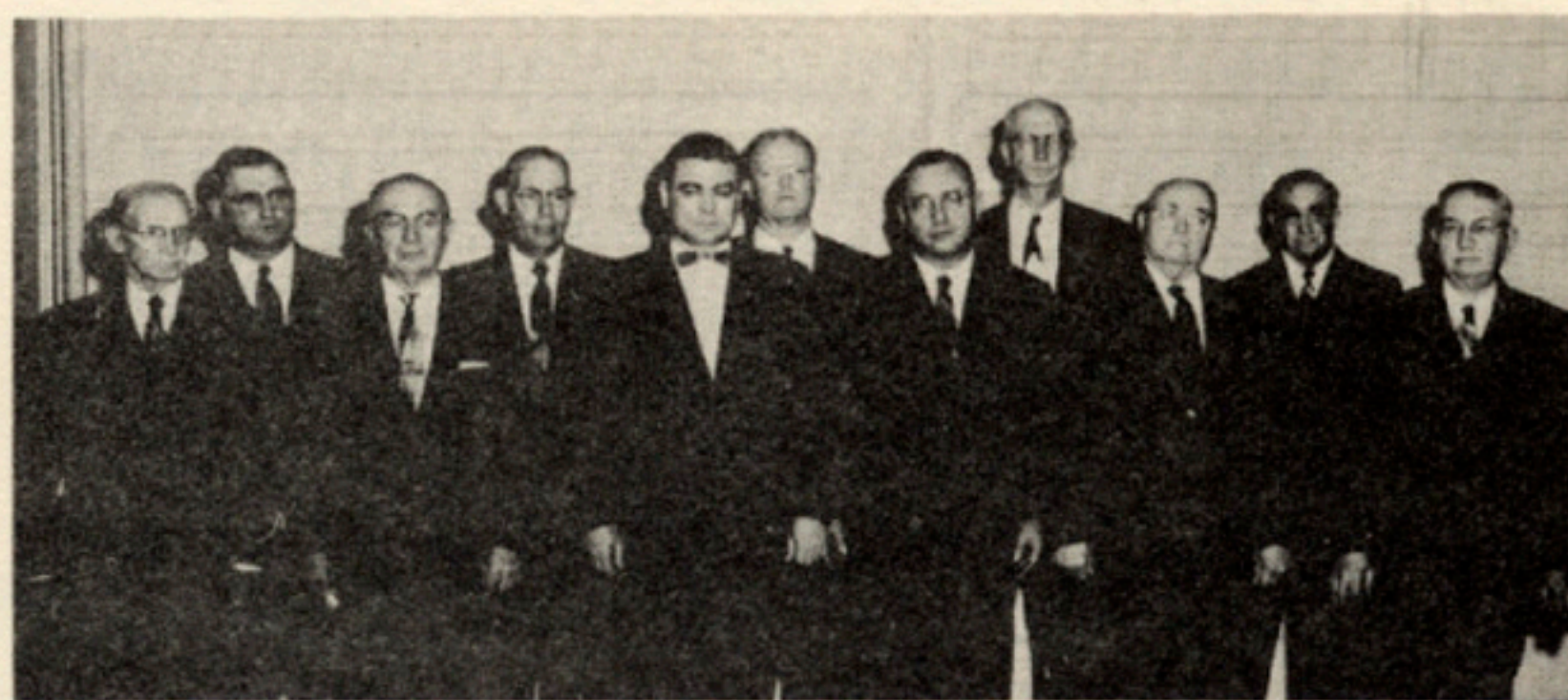
CENTENNIAL ORGAN COMMITTEE

J.A. Starkey (Chm.), Helen White, Paul Rankin, Mrs. H.F. Trapp, M.H. Boss, Mrs. David N. Hanger, J.T. Burns.



CENTENNIAL PAGEANT COMMITTEE

James Elliott, Roger Boss, Mrs. Paul Rankin, Mrs. William Clever, Mrs. D.T. Clarke, Mrs. George Parsons, Mrs. Homer Alvey, Harry R. Miller.



ELDERS NOT IN ACTIVE SERVICE

T.O. Niewold, Elon Martin, Charles L. Kent, Harry R. Miller, Edward Malerich, Clyde Boyd, Raymond Dooley, C.E. Steinfort, Marion Sparks, James Sparks, Harrison F. Wilson.
(Not all elders present for picture.)



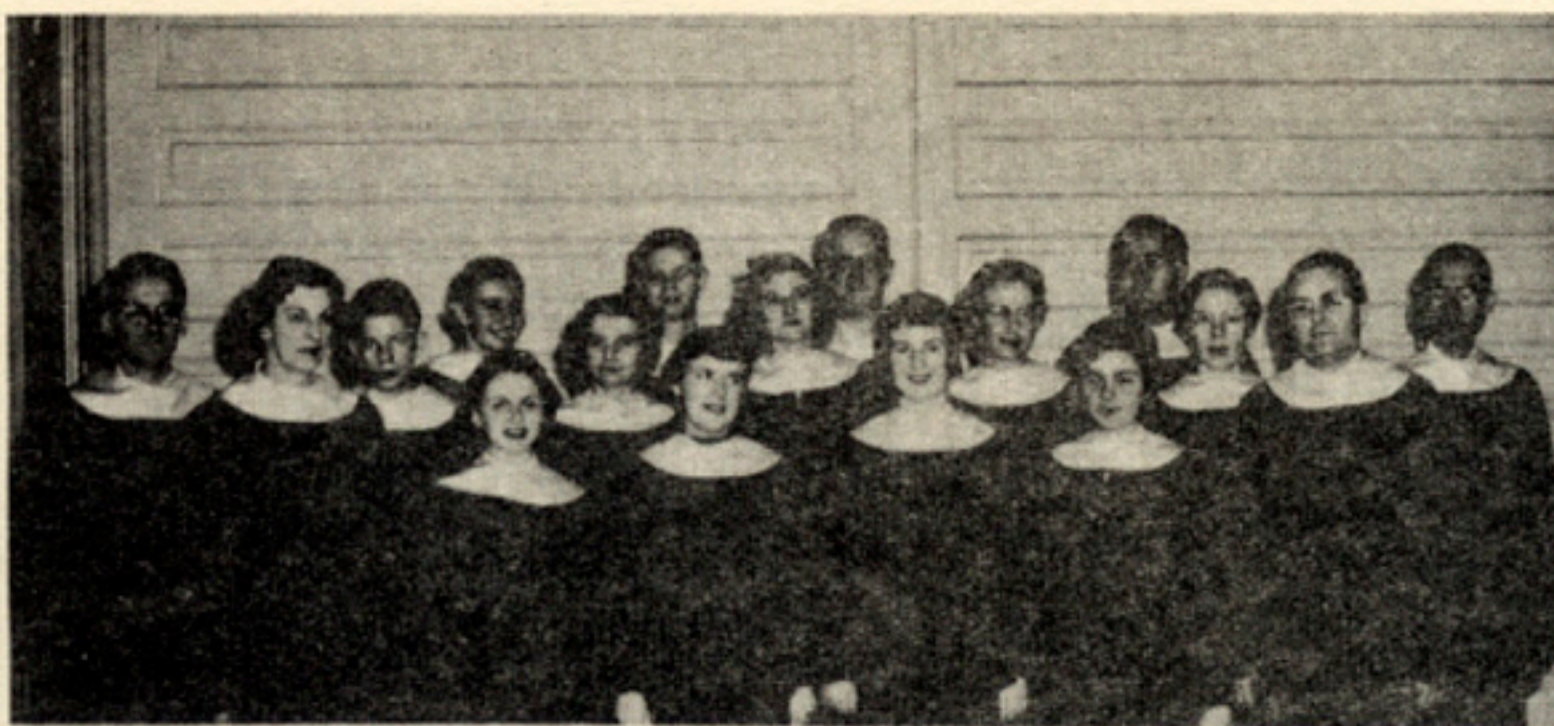
OFFICERS OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND ELLA BRAINERD GUILD

Left to right, Mrs. James Elliott, Mrs. Dominic Guzzardo, Hazel Holland, Mrs. D.T. Clarke, Mrs. Marie Ramsey, Olivia Garber, Mrs. H.H. Henry, Helen White, Mrs. H.F. Wilson, Mrs. H.C. Sunkel, Mrs. John Charter.



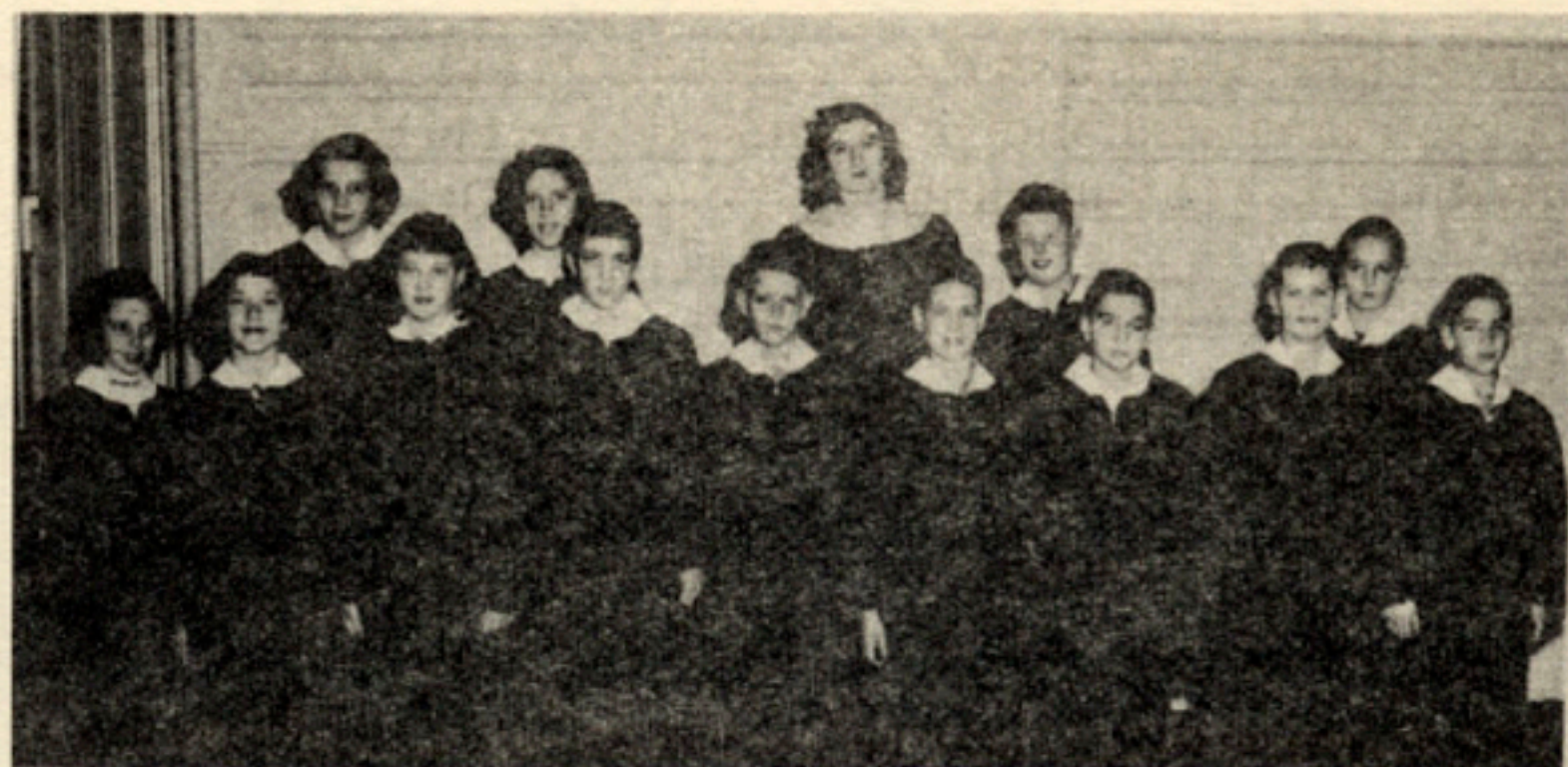
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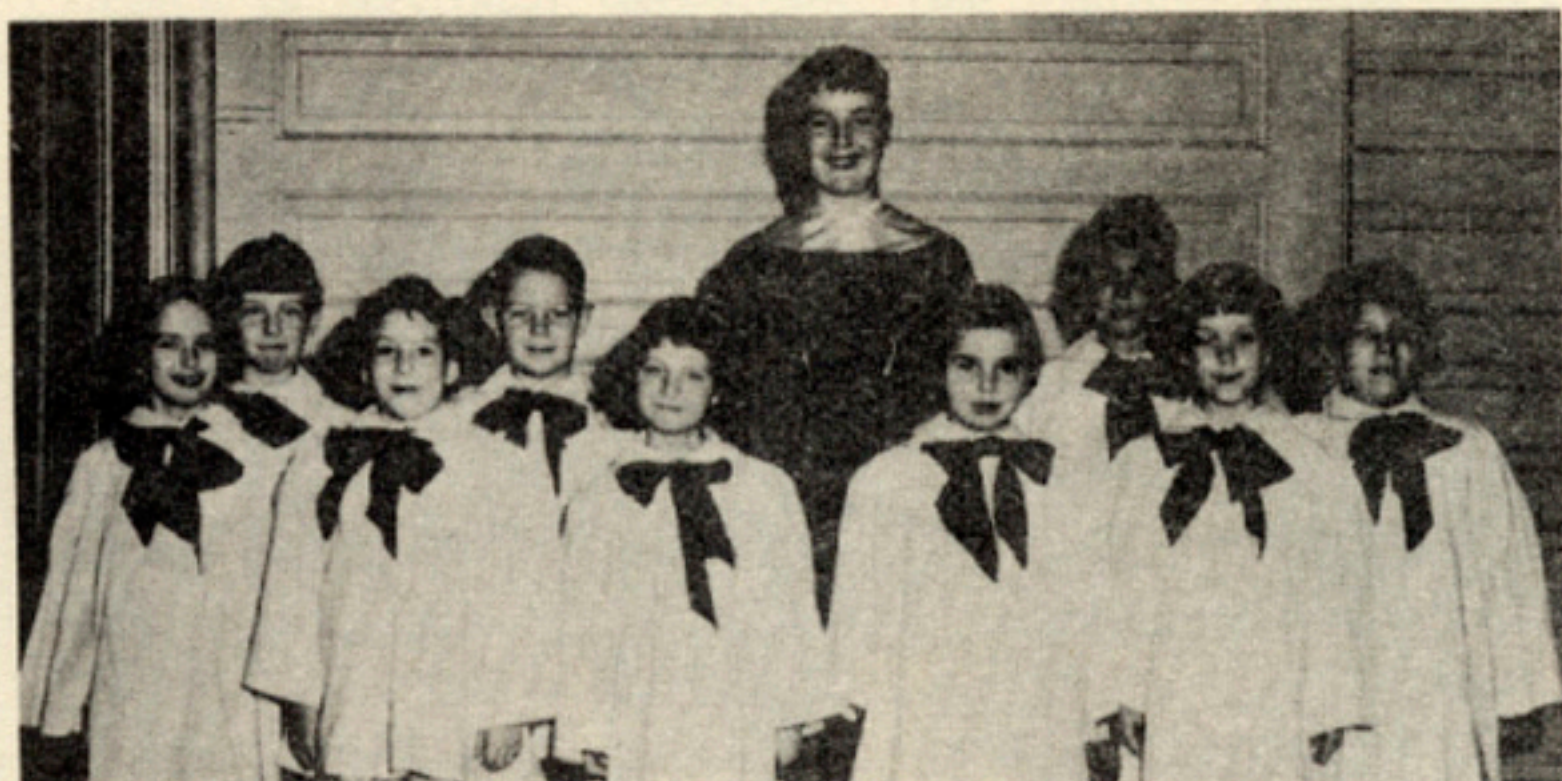
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JUNIOR CHOIR

Carolyn Nickols, Beth Abbott, Diane Clever, Linda Henson, Kathy Abbott, Carol Hodgdon, Robert Jeffries, Mrs. Gilbert Wilson (director), Jerry Bingham, Kenny Bingham, Robert Barry, Jack Malerich, Jack Jeffries, John Guzzardo.



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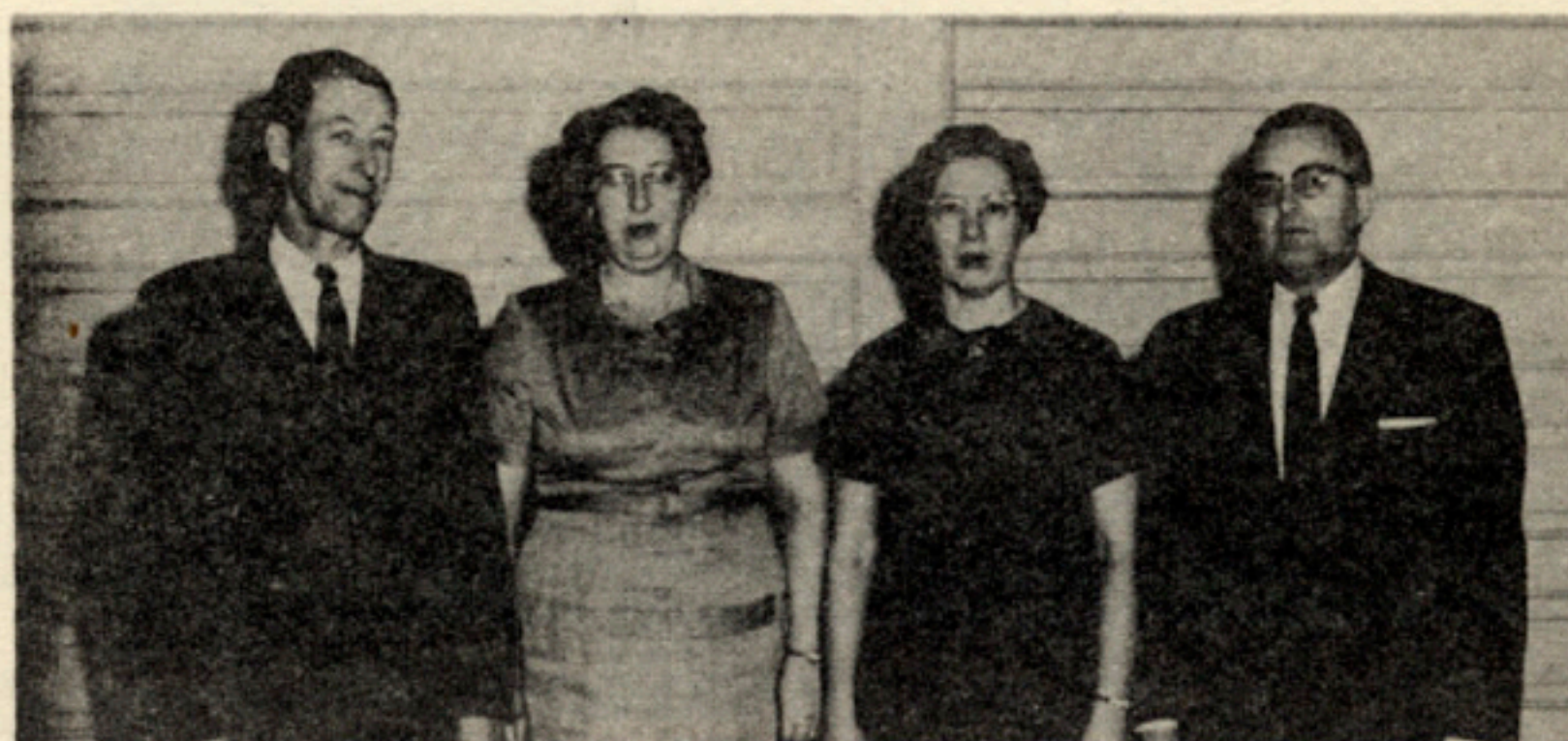
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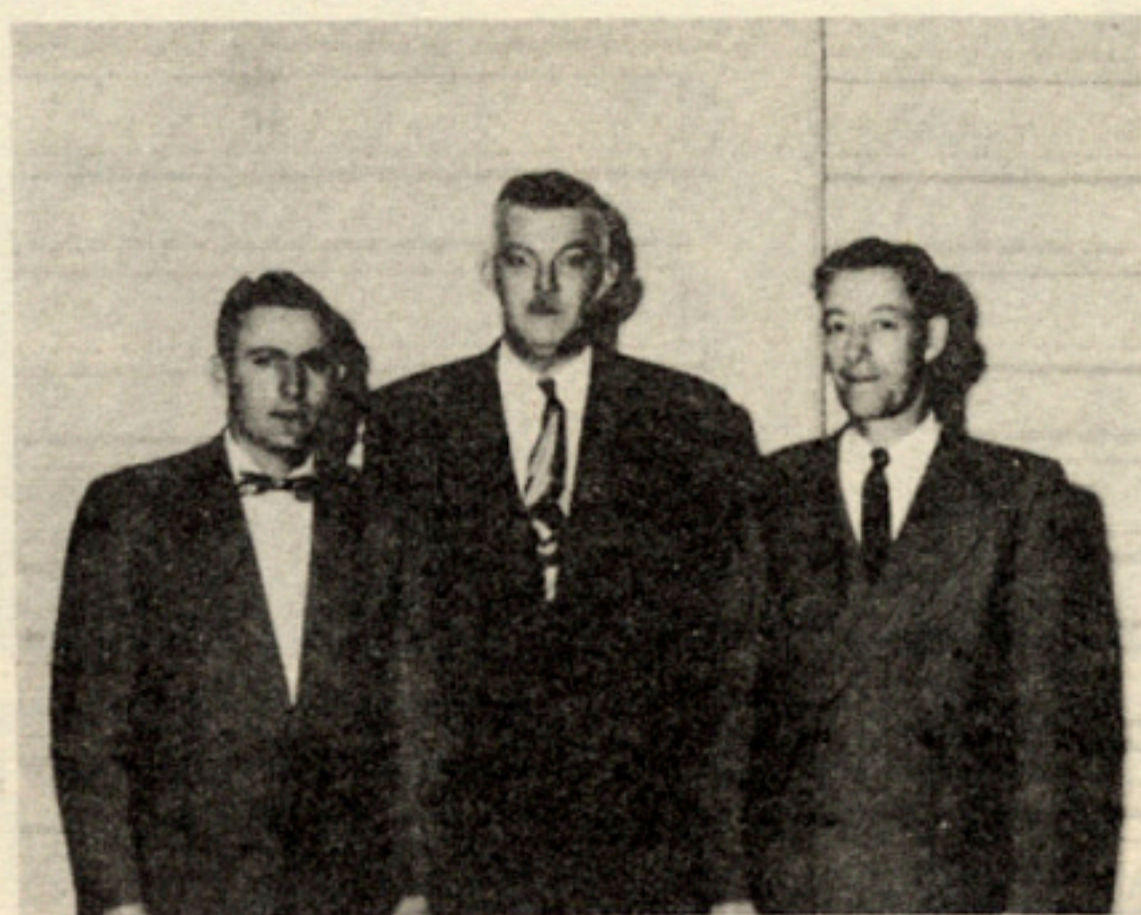
PARISH GROUP LEADERS

Mrs. Paul Rankin, Mrs. Carroll Wallace, Mrs. Luther Dearborn, Mrs. H.F. Trapp, Mrs. James Elliott, Mrs. John Barry, Mrs. J.A. Starkey, Mrs. Homer Alvey, Mrs. Edward L. Ginther, Mrs. Franklin Sparks, Mrs. Marie Ramsey, Mrs. Donald Holland, Mrs. Frank Turner, Mrs. M.H. Boss.



PRESBYWED OFFICERS

James Elliott, Mrs. James Elliott, Mrs. Paul Rankin, Paul Rankin. (Mr. and Mrs. Frank Misselhorn absent when picture taken.)



MEN'S CLUB OFFICERS

Loren Wood, William Clever, James Elliott.



REV. JOHN T. BURNS, D.D. Pastor

In recent years there have been a great number of consecrated and outstanding laymen in our church. Undoubtedly the most outstanding one is the late Dr. O. S. Oglevee.

A Tribute to Dr. Oglevee

Dr. C. S. Oglevee passed away on Monday night, February 17, 1936, after sixty-eight years of a most interesting life, during which he was a scientist, churchman, agriculturist, weather authority and Pioneer Boy Scout organizer and leader.

During his life, Dr. Oglevee was senior vice-president of the Scout council and chairman of the Court of Honor. He was one of the organizers of the Logan County Farm Bureau, a charter member of the Lincoln Kiwanis Club, director and treasurer of the Chautauqua Association, Elder, Clerk of the Session, and Sunday School Superintendent of this church and for many years was manager of the Brainerd farms in Logan County. For twenty-seven years he was local weather observer for the Government.

Dr. Oglevee was a graduate of Lincoln College, class of 1894. After his graduation, he took special work in science at Woods Hole, Mass., obtaining his degree of Doctor of Science. He also did summer school work at the University of Illinois. Until 1920, he was head of the Department of Science at Lincoln College.

Dr. Oglevee was an authority on all matters pertaining to science and was frequently consulted on bird, animal and plant life. Dr. Porter once said of him, "he smiled to himself to hear the crickets chirp more slowly as the night air cooled. He noted the air of the changing wind even as he stirred in his sleep. Star and nuthatch and fungus and fern were all within the circle of his interest. From sun to slightest insect, all was within range of his knowledge."

There was the endless service to his church. In our church records at the time of his passing, there was dedicated a page as a testimonial to his more than forty years of unselfish, unstinted service to the church as Elder, Clerk, Sunday School Superintendent and Choir member; to his life, showing to all men the values of Christian living.

"There was the devoted service to his scouts, his broader service to his community. Was there any good cause he did not serve? Like Phillips Brooks, he could go down the street on a dark and gloomy day and make the whole world bright. He was veritably the salt of the earth. His life may be summed up as 'Service to God, to Country and fellowmen.'"

The Ninety-fifth Anniversary

On February 7th, 1952, our church celebrated its ninety-fifth anniversary. The speaker for the evening was Dr. Sidney Blair Harry whose grandfather was most active at the time the present church was constructed. Dr. Harry, a son of this church, was General Presbyter for St. Louis Presbytery at the time of his death in 1952. Other ministers were asked to send tape recordings as personal greetings if unable to attend.

Guests for the evening were Dr. and Mrs. Sam Taylor of Greenvew, Rev. and Mrs. F. L. Gould of Greenvew, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Preston of Monticello, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore of Mt. Pulaski, all from Illinois.

Dr. Preston was pastor of this church from 1930-35. Mrs. Taylor is the daughter of Dr. R. M. Tinnon, pastor from 1892-1902. Mrs. Gould is the daughter of Rev. James White, the second minister of this church, and Mr. Moore is the son of Dr. H. L. Moore, pastor from 1920-23.

Special music for the occasion was provided by Mrs. Raymond Dooley, wife of President Dooley of Lincoln College. She was accompanied by Mrs. David N. Hanger.

At this anniversary were honored those of our present members who joined the church on or before 1900. They were as follows:

*Miss Emma Paisley	Mrs. Sue Spellman Jones
Miss Bertha Elbracht	*Mrs. David Earl
*Miss Mary Forbis	Mrs. George Parsons
*Miss Ethel McConnell	Mr. & Mrs. Jesse A. Starkey
*Miss Mary McMath	Mrs. Ella Jones
Miss Myrtle Wilson	Mr. Harrison Wilson
*Mrs. Minnie Houser	*Mr. David Rhoads
Miss Florence Miller	

*Deceased

Centennial Observance

In preparation for the observance of its 100th anniversary, the Session appointed a centennial planning committee composed of Raymond B. Dooley, Chairman, Marvin H. Boss, Harry R. Miller, Mrs. Homer Alvey and Miss Helen White.

The beginning of the 100th year was marked with a pot-luck supper on February 8, 1956. Harry R. Miller was master of ceremonies. Paul Rankin provided special vocal music, and the speaker of the evening was Dr. Harold Blake Walker, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, Illinois.

On September 9th, Rev. William W. Kirby, a son of this Church, and pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Casper, Wyoming was the speaker at the Morning Worship Service. That evening he was the convocation speaker at Lincoln College and was awarded the honorary degree Doctor of Divinity from his alma mater.

For the centennial week, Dr. William B. Lampe, presently assistant minister at First Presbyterian Church of Decatur, and a former Moderator of the General Assembly, was the guest speaker at the Morning Worship Service on February 3, 1957.

On Wednesday evening, February 6th, a pageant was presented in the sanctuary depicting the outstanding events of the last 100 years. The pageant was written and was under the supervision of Mrs. Paul Rankin. Using Mrs. Homer Alvey and Mr. Harry Miller as readers, the pageant showed in pantomime the outstanding events of the founding and development of the Church. The committee for casting, directing and make-up included Roger Boss, Mrs. D. T. Clarke and Mrs. George Parsons. Mrs.

William Clever and Mrs. Bernard C. Mayberry were the property committee. J. O. Hodgson and James T. Elliott were the stage crew.

On Thursday, February 7th, the actual date of the founding of the Church, a large crowd met for a pot-luck supper. Special music was provided by the Mixed Chorus of Lincoln High School. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Calvin R. Dobson, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

The repair and renovation of the organ and the remodeling of the choir area of the sanctuary was chosen for the Centennial project. Mr. J. A. Starkey was appointed chairman of the organ committee and his co-workers were, Mrs. David N. Hanger, Miss Helen White, Mrs. H. F. Trapp, Mr. M. H. Boss and Mr. Paul Rankin. After thorough consideration, the group recommended that the rebuilding of the organ be given to the Gratian Organ Company of Decatur and Kenny, and this was approved by the official boards. The organ will be removed after Easter in 1957, and will be returned in September.

Mr. M. H. Boss was appointed as the financial chairman and he and his committee set their goal for \$16,000 for the Centennial Fund. At the time of writing, the committee has over \$14,000 in pledges and is very hopeful that the goal will be oversubscribed.

Fourth Generation Members

There are nine members today who are fourth generation of the Church. They are: Mrs. Jeanne Devanny Vance, Mrs. Jacquelyn Jones DeYoung, Mrs. Ruth Starkey Barkley, Miss Jane Spellman, Mary Lou Martin, Anne E. Alvey, James H. Alvey, Rhoda E. Holland and Edward Paul Malerich.

Mrs. Vance is the great granddaughter of Mrs. Ellen B. Hunnam; Mrs. DeYoung is the great granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Spellman; Mrs. Barkley is the great granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joel U. Starkey; Jane Spellman is the great granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Duff; Mary Lou Martin is the great granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Primm; Anne and James Alvey are the great grandchildren of Mrs. Ione S. Bryant; Rhoda Holland is the great granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Rhoads; and Edward Paul Malerich is the great grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour B. House.

Father, we thank Thee for the century gone
And trust Thee for the coming one.

All pictures of 95th Anniversary
and all Present Groups
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