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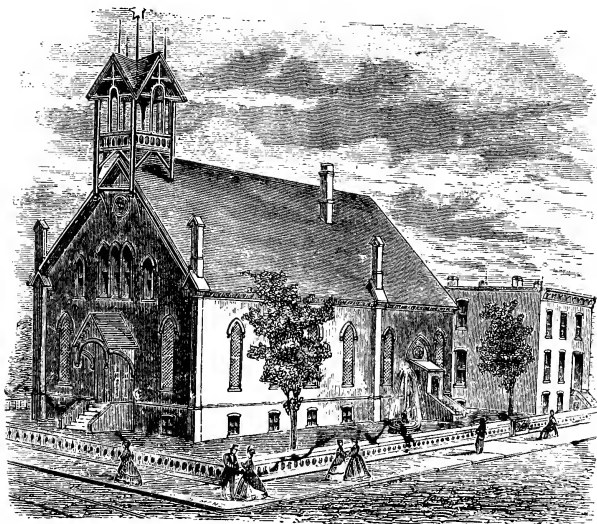
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Page 12.—For Miss Anna “Butler” read Miss Anna Beuter.

Page 14.—After “John Cawthorne” erase the word DEAD.

Page 16.—After “Mrs. Elizabeth Dunlap” erase the words  
NOW DEAD.

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# HISTORY OF THE NORTH STAR BAPTIST MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CHURCH; AND OF THE LA SALLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO.

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In October, 1884, about one hundred persons united to form the La Salle Avenue Baptist Church. Of that number only about twenty remain in the church to-day. Many of the original members have gone to other churches, and about twenty have ceased their earthly labors and gone to swell the throngs of the church triumphant.

Of the original members of the La Salle Avenue Baptist Church nearly all came from the North Star Baptist Church, and it seems to the writer to be a suitable time to write the history of that church while a few still remain to live over in fond remembrance the joys and sorrows, the trials and triumphs, and all the cherished Christian experience of other days.

In 1858, the Second Presbyterian Church organized a mission Sunday school, which was known as the Chicago Avenue Union Sunday School. This school continued under this name until 1860, when it was closed. James M. Plumsted, who had been a teacher in the school, reorganized it under the name of Bremer Street Mission and placed it under the management of the First Baptist Church, of which he was a member. Henry Huntington was the superintendent for that year. The school was located on the east side of Bremer street, now Milton avenue, between Chicago avenue and Oak street. What was known as the forty-acre lot lay to the north between Oak and Division streets, and Sedgwick and Larrabee streets. On the northeast corner of this field, a lot 130x145 feet was leased by the First Baptist Church, and a frame building was erected which was first occupied by the school Thanksgiving Day, 1862. After this time it was known as the North Star Mission. R. M. Graves was then the superintendent, and for several years afterward. To

him, perhaps, more than to any other man, is due the great success which the mission achieved. Mr. Plumsted, lately deceased, M. R. Bortree and D. W. Baker were also superintendents of the school, and contributed largely to its development. Many of the officers and teachers of the school came over from the First Church, many of them from long distances and long before the present days of rapid transit. A half day had to be devoted to the work, but so successful and alluring was it that there was no lack of helpers, and the number of children in the school was from a thousand to fifteen hundred. The North Chicago City Railway issued a special ticket to the teachers and officers of the North Star. This ticket was known as the "North Star ticket," and was sold at a generous rebate. Among those who came from the First Church, special mention should be made of the following for their self-sacrificing spirit in giving their time, services and money to the mission: Mrs. Robert Harris, a teacher for several years, wife of the president of the C. B. & Q. R. R.; Daniel S. Garlick; Nehemiah Hawkins, a prime mover in securing the property of the North Star; Mrs. Alice A. Lyon, wife of Judge Lyon, a most excellent christian woman; Sarah Nicholas, a most faithful teacher, rarely absent, now dead; Naomi Sayles, wife of Prof. Northrop; John E. Sayles, treasurer of the school; Henry Tillinghast, one of the great helpers; Nellie McLean, a teacher in the Franklin school and greatly interested in the mission. She was the first convert baptized by Mr. Wrenn. Mr. George L. Wrenn came as missionary pastor in 1862, and remained seven years. His work was very successful and large numbers were baptized by him. For several years the baptisms took place in the First Baptist Church, then standing on the corner of Washington and La Salle streets, where the Chamber of Commerce building stands. The building was taken down, removed to the west side and re-built, and has since been occupied by the Second Baptist Church. Some years later a baptistery was built in the North Star mission and the baptisms took place there, though the members baptized were members of the First Baptist Church. Mr. Wrenn on one occasion baptized representatives of six nationalities. He was greatly beloved by all.

Some named their children after him. Some gave his name to schooners on the lake, and although he has long been out of the ministry, his services are in constant demand at the weddings and funerals of the families of the old North Star Mission. The admiration for Mr. Wrenn was not confined to his own people, but extended to the general public; even the Catholics had great respect for him, and he and Dr. Butler of the Church of the Immaculate Conception were on very friendly terms. In 1865 a movement was started to purchase the property that the mission had previously leased. Mr. Wrenn proposed the plan just before going to Europe on a vacation. He, with Nehemiah Hawkins and some others, made a list of the friends of the mission, and the amounts they thought it likely each would give, and started out to raise the necessary funds. Some tried to discourage them, believing that so large a sum could not be raised. But to their surprise most of the persons approached gave even more than was expected of them, some doubling the amount. Among others, they had put down the name of Oliver B. Mullin, long an active worker in the mission, as probably willing to give \$100. On laying their plans before him, he said he was heartily in favor of it, had thought and prayed over the matter himself and had saved up some money for that very purpose. Said he, "I will give \$500." This was so much more than they had expected that Mr. Hawkins, unable to repress his emotion, threw his arms around Mr. Mullin and embraced him, as a feeble expression of his delight. They then visited B. F. Jacobs, who told them they were undertaking too much and could never succeed. When he had made all the objections to the plan he could think of, they told him what Mr. Mullin had done. "Is that so," said he, "then I'll give \$100." Mr. Wrenn was obliged to leave before the entire amount needed had been collected, but just before taking the steamer at New York a telegram from Chicago informed him that all the money needed had been raised. Mr. Mullin always believed that the selection of the North Star site was providential. On one occasion, in the early mission days, after he had spent a hard day in working for the infant mission, while crossing the forty-acre lot previously mentioned,

he came to the corner and feeling the burden of the work in which he was engaged, he knelt down under a tree and in fervent prayer asked God to help and direct him. This exact spot was afterward chosen for the location of the new mission building. Mr. Mullin's love for the mission extended to the church, which grew out of it, and he was always one of the first to recognize the needs of the church, and one of the most generous in providing for them.

In 1867, the mission building was raised and a brick basement built under it. This was used on week days for a branch of the Franklin school, and on Sunday for the German department of the Sunday school. This German school afterward became the Second German Baptist Church, now located on the corner of Burling and Willow streets. The Swedes also had a Sunday school in the North Star building. A brick parsonage was also erected on the rear of the lot, fronting on Sedgwick street, about the same time.

In 1868, an important event in the life of the mission took place; a step looking toward the future independence of the mission. The records of the North Star Church begin with this entry bearing the date of Aug. 9, 1868: "At the close of the morning service Brethren Mullin, Atwood and Walker were chosen by ballot to act as deacons, and on Friday evening, Aug. 21, the above action was ratified by the First Baptist Church, and at the same time the privilege was extended us of receiving members at the mission, thus making us to all intents and purposes, a church, though still maintaining organic connection with the First Baptist Church."

The deacons chosen were Oliver B. Mullin, Geo. W. Atwood and Samuel Walker.

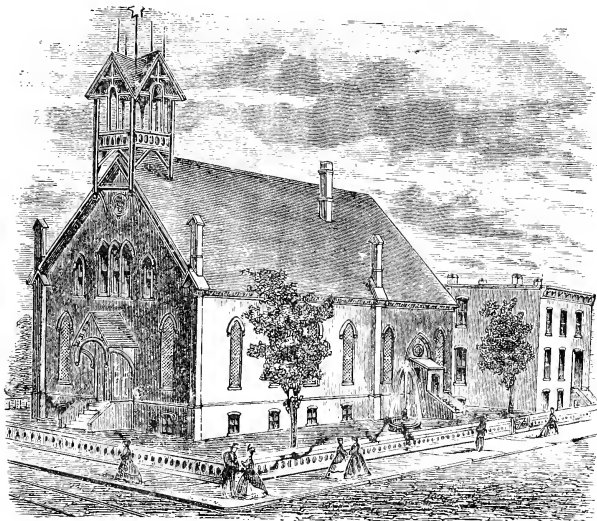
From this time on the feeling that the mission should become an independent church continued to grow. A large number interested in the mission lived on the field, and it was confidently believed that the church would be self-supporting.

In 1869 Mr. Wrenn severed his connection with the mission, after seven years of the most loyal service, to unite with others in forming a new church at Highland Park, Ill., of which he



was pastor for two years, when he removed to Boston, Mass.

His successor at the North Star, Rev. Edward R. Pierce, was ordained at the First Baptist Church, March 10, 1870, and was pastor of the mission for one year. During this year the mission became an independent church, bearing the name "North Star Baptist Church." The exact date of the organization does not appear on the records, but on May 9, 1870, the mission voted to ask the First Church for letters to enable them to form an in-



dependent church, and on June 13, the name was adopted. This failure of the records to show the fact of organization, compelled the church to legally incorporate, in 1884, before disbanding and transferring its property to its successor, the La Salle Avenue Baptist Church.

Rev. James M. Whitehead succeeded Mr. Pierce, coming in March, 1871. A few months after his coming the great fire of

Oct. 9 occurred. The church parsonage, and nearly all the homes of the members of the church were destroyed, and the members widely scattered. Among the few houses left belonging to the members of the church was that of Deacon Geo. W. Atwood. A prayer-meeting was held here, Oct. 14, by a few of the members. Mr. Whitehead made a proposition at this meeting that he should go into the country and solicit aid for the stricken church, to enable it to rebuild a chapel. Those present agreed to this plan, and Mr. Whitehead went to various places in the neighboring States and collected a considerable sum of money. Rev. Dr. W. W. Everts, of the First Baptist Church, and Rev. Geo. L. Wrenn also visited eastern cities and collected a large amount of money, which enabled the church to build on the east half of its lot.

It required a moral hero to continue the work but just begun by Mr. Whitehead, during the trying times immediately after the great fire, and no man more fitting than he could have been found to do it. He was ever ready to lend a helping hand, and by his example cheered and encouraged and brought together most of the scattered members.

Immediately after the fire, the Chicago Relief and Aid Society leased the rear portion of the church lot, and erected a large one story frame building, which was used as headquarters for distributing supplies of all kinds to the sufferers of the fire. On another portion of the lot a temporary building was erected for church services. This was occupied for about two years, until the building on the east half of the lot was finished and occupied by the church. This building was erected with the funds collected by Revs. Whitehead, Everts and Wrenn, and contained three stores on the first floor, and the church hall and tenements above. In 1874, consent of the First Church having been obtained, the trustees of the North Star were authorized to borrow money and build on the west half of the lot. A three story brick building, containing stores and tenements, was built, thus occupying the entire Division Street front. This building was long known as the "North Star Building." After the La Salle Avenue Church came into possession of it, it was sold to

the Phoenix Building Society, and is now known as the "Phoenix Building." For many years after its erection, the First Swedish and Second German Baptist Churches used portions of the building for their services, and after its sale each of these churches was given \$1500 by the La Salle Avenue Church.

In 1874 a number of the members got letters of dismission to unite with others in organizing the Immanuel Baptist Church. This church held its services for some time in the church at the corner of Center and Dayton streets, and then moved to Chicago Avenue and changed its name to "Central Baptist Church." It afterward moved to Orchard Street, near Garfield Avenue, still retaining the name "Central." Still later it purchased the north-east corner of Halsted St. and Belden Ave., and changed its name to "Belden Ave. Baptist Church." From the time of its organization there has been a frequent interchange of members between this church and the North Star and La Salle Ave. Churches.

About the year 1874, the North Star Literary Society was formed, and became a flourishing organization. Though not properly under the control of the church, it was conducted principally by members of the church and Sunday School, and attracted a number of other young people to its meetings. The trustees of the church kindly gave the use of the church hall for the society meetings, and in other ways encouraged the young people in their efforts toward mental improvement.

During all of Mr. Whitehead's pastorate probably no place was more attractive to the young folks of the North Side than the North Star Church and its various musical, literary, temperance and other societies.

Mr. Whitehead remained with the church nearly six years, when he resigned and went to the church at Belvedere, Ill., in November, 1876. He is now in Kansas.

Rev. Robt. P. Allison, a student in the Baptist Theological Seminary, was called to fill the vacancy in December, and preached his first sermon Dec. 31, 1876. He was ordained March 29, 1877.

In January, 1879, a mission school, supported by the North Star and Coventry Street Baptist Churches, was established in the

Aurora Turner Hall, corner of Milwaukee Ave. and W. Huron St., and called the "Milwaukee Ave. Baptist Mission School." Officers, teachers and an advisory board from both churches conducted the school until April, when the Second Baptist Church succeeded the Coventry Street Church in connection with the school.

In September, 1879, Mr. Allison resigned the pastorate, and went to the Baptist church at Barrington, Ill.

In November of the same year Rev. Joseph Rowley of Racine was called to succeed Mr. Allison. He remained with the church until October, 1883. Mr. Rowley graduated at the University of Chicago in 1865. While a student he supplied several of the pulpits in Chicago and vicinity, and when Mr. Wrenn went to Europe in 1865, Mr. Rowley took his place at the North Star Mission for several months, and, by his faithfulness and earnestness, gave great satisfaction to the people connected with the mission. He went to Racine, Wis., in 1867 and was ordained there as pastor of the First Baptist Church, of which he was pastor for nearly thirteen years, when he resigned to come to the North Star. Since leaving the North Star he has held pastorates at Vermillion, Dak., Sioux City, Iowa, and Irving Park, Ill. He has no charge at present, and resides in Chicago.

Rev. Lewis Raymond was then called to take temporary charge of the church. In spite of his great age and physical infirmities he rendered great and valuable services in re-uniting the members of the church, and in promoting the movement which had already begun, looking toward the organization of a new church to better meet the needs of the denomination on the North side of the city. During the ten years which followed the building of the North Star block, the vicinity had become a thriving business center and the church property had become very valuable, but not suitable for church purposes, owing to the encroachments of business. The spiritual interests of the church had not kept pace with its material progress, and it was felt that a new location, a new name, a new man to lead, and an infusion of new members was urgently needed to bring the church up to the true position it should occupy. Accordingly, on June 16, 1884, the North

Star Baptist Church resolved to donate all its property to a new church to be made up of such of its own members and other Baptists of the North Division as would organize and carry on the work. A lot, 75x151 feet, on La Salle Avenue had previously been bought for a new location. During the spring of that year several mass meetings of Baptists were held at various places to further the progress of the new movement, and several of the leading Baptist pastors from this city and prominent men from other places addressed these meetings. The movement prospered; and on Oct. 10, 1884, the new organization was effected under the name of "The La Salle Avenue Baptist Church." Rev. Travis B. Thames of Shelbyville, Ky., was chosen pastor, and Charles S. Waller, Dr. Lafayette W. Case and Robert P. Bates were elected trustees. C. G. Bergstedt was elected clerk, and on Nov. 11, 1884, Charles S. Waller, Ruel D. Russell, C. G. Bergstedt, Roger W. Hardman and John F. Lenox were elected deacons.

The North Star Church was not at this time legally disbanded, though nearly all its members had joined the new church. A quorum of the North Star members, including the board of trustees, remained as the legal church until all the necessary requirements for legally transferring its property had been fulfilled. Some of its members held offices for a time in both organizations. The trustees who transferred the North Star property to the La Salle Avenue Church were John F. Lenox, Wm. Marshall, John E. Bosler, Wm. Copeland, C. G. Bergstedt and Roger W. Hardman. This action was approved and authorized by the First Baptist Church, which, during all these years since the purchase of the ground for the Mission school, had retained a sort of control of the property, and the North Star Church could not legally make any loans on the property nor dispose of it without the consent of the First Church. At a regular business meeting of that Church held Oct. 24, 1884, the North Star Church was authorized to convey all its property of every description to the La Salle Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, which should thereafter have full and complete control of it, and have full power to use, mortgage or dispose of the whole or any part thereof without the

consent of the First Baptist Church of Chicago. This was done by the North Star Baptist Church Feb. 24, 1886, all its real estate being on that date transferred by a quit-claim deed to the La Salle Avenue Baptist Church. The North Star Baptist Church was then disbanded and the La Salle Avenue Church came into full possession of the Division Street property and the ground on which the present building stands.

During the existence of the North Star Mission and Church there were admitted to its membership more than five hundred members. The earlier ones were recorded in the First Baptist Church, and their names do not all appear on the records of the North Star Church. In some instances the names of persons who united with the church later do not appear in the records, through failure of the clerk in recording. The writer of this sketch has been obliged to rely on his memory and upon the memories of several of the older members of the Mission in such cases. Undoubtedly there may be some errors. Again, there are some errors in spelling the names of members, and sometimes the given names of members are not recorded, so that there may be some reduplications of names or confusing of persons of same or similar names. A careful study of the records and comparison of the result with the memories of those who have been members of the North Star since its earliest days, gives the following membership, with date and manner of admission and dismissal, and a brief biographical sketch of many of the members. The writer regrets that lack of data prevents him from doing more ample justice to many very worthy members of the old North Star.

MARTHA A. ADAMS, wife of Charles Adams, joined by letter about 1880; became a charter member of La Salle Ave.; dismissed by letter to Church at Newton, N. Y., 1886.

MARTHA A. ADAMS, widow, joined 1881 by letter, and went to La Salle Ave. at organization; afterwards went to Old Ladies' Home.

JOHN AGAR, Baptized by Mr. Wrenn, 1868; has ever since been prominent in the work of the North Star and La Salle Ave. churches; has been trustee or deacon of both churches for 25 years; for a short time was a member of the Central Baptist

Church, and came from there to La Salle Ave. soon after its organization.

MRS. ELLEN AGAR, wife of John, B. by Mr. Wrenn, 1868; came to La Salle Ave. from Central 1886.

JAMES S. AGAR, B. 1874, by Mr. Whitehead.

WM. G. AGAR, B. 1874, by Mr. Whitehead.

The other members of Mr. Agar's family were members of the North Star Sunday School and afterwards became members of La Salle Ave. Church.

HORACE AMES, Experience, 1874; was captain of a schooner and was drowned in the lake about 1878.

MRS. K. AMES, wife of above, B. 1874; got a letter in 1879.

MRS. ANDERSON, L. 1874.

JENNIE " " B. 1874. The record says, "Sister Anderson and daughter got letters to a church in Kansas, 1880."

MRS. ——— ANDERSON, B. 1874.

" DORA " " L. 1878, from Union Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, and went back there in 1880.

OSCAR ANDERSON, B. 1876; died 1894.

REV. ROBERT P. ALLISON, L. 1877; pastor of church for 3 years.

MRS. JENNIE ALLISON, (wife) L. 1878; letters to Barrington, Ill., 1880.

PHOEBE APGAR, L. 1879, from 4th Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

GEORGE W. ATWOOD, B. 1868, by Mr. Wrenn; elected deacon 1868; S. S. Supt. 1870 and 1871; a most excellent man and a faithful worker in the church; one of the first deacons and Supt. Sunday school at the time of great fire.

MRS. ATWOOD, wife of above, B. by Mr. Wrenn 1868. Mr. and Mrs. Atwood left for New Hampshire in 1873, and still live there.

ANNA MARIA ARNANDER, L. 1871, from Swedish Baptist Church, Chicago.

MR. and MRS. AUSTROM and their son, Oscar, were members, but no record of their admission appears. They got letters in 1872.

H. D. ANDREWS; no record of admission; dismissed by letter in 1873.

SARAH BADERS; no record of admission; got letter to Greenfield, Mo., 1879.

REV. J. K. BARRY, L. 1873, from Norwood Park, Ill.

MRS. MARY M. BARRY, wife of above, L. 1873, Norwood Park, Ill.

MISS KATE BARRY, L. 1878, from Western Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Barry and their daughter Kate got letters in 1883.

HENRY BONNEY, B. 1873; went to La Salle Ave. in 1884.

MRS. CATHERINE BONNEY, B. 1874; wife of Henry Bonney; went to La Salle Ave. in 1884.

MRS. ANNA BOATMAN, L. 1868, from Lockland, O.; died in 1886; one of the faithful ones, and rarely absent from the services of the church.

DANIEL BILLINGS; was a member as early as 1871; excluded 1883.

MRS. BARTHOLMAE, B. 1875; no further record.

MISS ANNIE BARTHOLMAE, B. 1887; no further record.

MRS. EMILY P. BERESFORD; no date of admission; got letter in 1877.

MRS. JENNIE BROWN, B. 1874; letter to Cleveland, O., 1880.

MISS LYDIA " B. 1871; name dropped 1883.

GEORGE BRANARD, L. 1878, from Bridgeport, Conn.; he died the same year.

MISS ANNA BUTLER, B. 1878; to Milwaukee, 1878.

FRED. PRICE BOYDEN, B. 1879; to Grand Island, Neb., 1882.

FRANK M. BUCK, L. 1879, from Fall Creek, Ill.; charter member of La Salle Ave. Church and elected clerk soon after its organization; an active member and officer of church until 1888, when he went to Normal Park Baptist Church.

MRS. NETTIE (RUSSELL) BUCK, wife of above and daughter of Deacon R. D. Russell, B. 1874; was organist at the North Star for some time; died in 1886.

JOHN E. BOSLER, L. 1879, from Oquawka, Ill.; took a prom-



inent part in church work and was a trustee for several years; he purchased in his own name for the church the ground upon which the La Salle Ave. Church stands.

MRS. AQUILLA BOSLER, L. 1879; wife of above. Mr. and Mrs. Bosler came to the La Salle Avenue Church as charter members.

REV. H. O. BATES, L. 1876; licensed to preach 1876; granted letter 1880.

ROBERT P. BATES, L. 1884; one of the first trustees of La Salle Ave. Church.

LARS BLOSS, L. 1881, from Conyers, Ga.; excl. 1883.

MRS. BELLE BLOSS, L. 1881, from Conyers, Ga.

C. G. BERGSTEDT, L. 1881; former pastor of 1st Swedish Baptist Church, Chicago; an active member of North Star from that time to organization of La Salle Ave.; trustee, deacon and clerk of North Star, and deacon of La Salle Ave.; letter to Belden Ave. Baptist Church; 1887, now a member of Lake View Baptist Church.

Mrs. BRAY, an early member, but the records give neither date of admission nor date of her death.

MRS. FANNY BRIGGS,

MISS MARIA       “

“   EVA       “       These were the first members received by the North Star Church. They came by letter from Delavan, Wis., in 1868 and were granted letters to the 25th St. Baptist Church, Chicago, in 1872.

EDWIN M. BRICE, B. 1869; letter to Oberlin, 1874.

MRS. ADDIE   “   B. 1869;   “       “       “

OLIVE BOARD, B. 1870; name dropped 1883.

ALICE       “   B. 1870;   “       “       “

HJALMAR BUCHT, L. 1870.

MRS. MARY BAIND, L. 1870, from Carlinville.

C. C. BARTLETT, B. 1871; a sailor on the lakes; letter 1874.

MRS. T. M.   “   no record of admission; wife of above; letter 1874.

JOHANNA BOOKLUND, no date of admission; received letter to Aurora, 1872.

MARY BOOKLUND, no date of admission; received letter to Aurora, 1872.

MRS. EMILY BOGART, (see Mrs. Emily Young.)

MRS. BLISS, B. 1863 by Mr. Wrenn.

CHARLES BURGESS, B. 1873; name dropped 1883.

MRS. N. BRUSH, B. 1874; letter granted 1874.

MR. BENFIELD, E. 1883; elected trustee in 1883, but did not serve, as he removed soon after to Milwaukee.

MRS. ANN BAILEY, L. 1882, from London, England.

MRS. A. BALLARD, L. 1883; died 1895.

CALVIN        "        B. 1884; now member of La Salle Ave.

MILTON       "        B. 1884;       "        "        "        "        "

MISS NELLIE BOWERS, B. 1870; dead.

JOHN CAWTHORNE, B. 1873; dead.

MRS. ROBERT CAWTHORNE, (see Hattie Mabrey.)

MRS. A. R. CROMLISH, date of admission not on record; granted letter to North Baptist Church in 1871; afterwards a member of Central and came from there to La Salle Ave. soon after its organization; died 1887; a most lovely Christian character, and always very active in church work; her daughter Mary was for many years a member of the North Star Sunday School, and as Mrs. E. E. Bast was one of the charter members of the La Salle Avenue Church.

EDWARD CARLOE, B. 1873.

ELLEN CLIFTON, L. 1873, from Kensington, England.

MISS CARY, L. 1873, from Aurora, Ill.

MRS. MARGARET CHASE, L. 1874; letter to Immanuel Church 1874.

MRS. HIRAM CRAWFORD, a member as early as 1872, but the records give no date of admission; left to unite with others in forming Immanuel Baptist Church in 1874; always a most faithful and active member in both churches; now in State of Washington.

JENNIE CAMERON, B. 1875.

MRS. ELIZA CAMERON, L. 1874; letter granted in 1875.

ALEXANDER       "        B. 1876; got letter in 1879.

MRS. JESSIE       "        wife of Alexander, B. 1876; got letter in 1879.

ALICE CARMINE, B. 1876.

ELIZA " B. 1876.

MRS. CARMAN, B. 1876; name dropped 1883.

WM. COPELAND, B. 1875; active member in North Star; a trustee at time of disbanding, and one of the principal movers in new organization, of which he was treasurer for some time; letter to Fourth Baptist Church, Chicago, in 1889.

MRS. JANE COPELAND, wife of above, B. 1868, by Mr. Wrenn.

THOMAS COPELAND, son of above, B. 1884.

MRS. CARLSON, an old member, but date not recorded; received letter in 1883.

MRS. LILLIE CHAPMAN, L. 1873, from North Baptist Church, Chicago; afterward Mrs. Cheyne, now Mrs. C. G. Bergstedt; charter member of La Salle Avenue Church; letter to Lake View Baptist Church 1890.

C. R. COWELL, L. 1872; got letter before 1883.

MRS. FANNIE COWELL, wife of above, L. 1875; got letter before 1883.

MRS. MATILDA CARV, L. 1877, from South Baptist Church, Chicago; mother of Mrs. Robert P. Allison.

MRS. LILLIE CHEYNE, (see Chapman.)

DR. LAFAYETTE W. CASE, L. 1880; a teacher in North Star Mission in 1868, and for many years after, though a member of First Baptist Church, Chicago; treasurer of the North Star Sunday School for many years; charter member of La Salle Avenue Church; one of the first trustees, and has been a trustee ever since with exception of two years; the writer of this history.

MRS. ELIZA CAMPBELL, B. 1876; letter to Lake View Baptist Church 1890.

MISS BELLE CAMPBELL, daughter of above, B. 1878; letter to Lake View Baptist Church 1890.

MRS. CATHERINE CAMPBELL, B. 1876; sister of Mrs. Jessie Smith.

JAMES CAMPBELL, L. 1878, from Spring Street Baptist Church, Milwaukee.

SAMUEL CLARK, L. 1870; a faithful and much esteemed

member of North Star and La Salle Avenue Churches; died 1889.

MRS. JOANNA CLARK, wife of above, B. 1870; charter member of La Salle Avenue Baptist Church.

JULIA CLARK, daughter of Samuel Clark. B. 1870; died many years ago.

CHARLES L. CLARK, B. 1882; charter member of La Salle Avenue Baptist Church.

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DANIEL CURTIS, L. 1884; letter to England 1884; dead.

MRS. MARY ANN CURTIS, L. 1884; letter to England.

BELLE CLUMPHA, B. 1876; m. Paul Gibson.

J. H. DUNLAP, B. 1870; died 1871; was janitor of church.

MRS. ELIZABETH DUNLAP, B. 1870; wife of above; now dead.

NETTIE DUNLAP, B. 1870; now Mrs. Dyer; name dropped 1882.

BERTHA DAGLIN, B. 1874.

LENA           "       B. 1876.

EMMA           "       B. 1876.

MAGGIE DEFRIES B. 1876; name dropped 1882.

MARY           "       B. 1876;       "       "       "

JOHN DAVIS, B. 1870;

MRS. ELIZABETH DAVIS, wife of above, B. by Mr. Wrenn as Miss Robinson; an active worker in North Star for many years.

GEORGE DAVIS, L. 1877, from Coventry Street Baptist Church, Chicago.

MRS. LIZZIE DAVIS, L. 1877, from Coventry Street Baptist Church, Chicago; left in 1883.

ZOHRAB DIXON, L. 1876, from Bristol, Ill.; charter member of La Salle Avenue Church.

MRS. HATTIE DIXON, L. 1876, from Bristol, Ill.; charter member of La Salle Avenue Church; they received letters to Centennial Church in 1889.

MR. DEPPISH, B. 1878; letter to Western Avenue Church, Chicago, 1880.

MRS. DEPPISH, B. 1878; letter to Western Avenue Church, Chicago, 1880.

MISS A. DEPPISH, L. 1877; letter to Western Ave. Church, Chicago, 1880. They now reside in Chicago.

ROBERT DILLWORTH, B. 1871; letter to Kansas 1871; now in Chicago.

MRS. SARAH " B. 1864, wife of above; (see Phillips family.)

MRS. H. DODD, L. 1875; letter granted 1875.

MISS ELIZA DUFIELD, L. 1878 from Baptist Church of Ingersoll; letter to Kansas City 1880; M. Mr. White.

Mrs. De Mude, L. 1875; letter granted 1875.

MRS. DUNAWAY, B. 1877. name dropped, 1883.

MISS ELIZA DULNIT; no date; name dropped, 1883.

MISS JULIA F. DOLE, L. 1877, from Fourth Baptist Church, Chicago. Always a faithful worker in the church, especially as superintendent of industrial school; now a member of La Salle Avenue Church.

JACOB EBERLEN, B. 1873.

MRS. MARGARET EBERLEN, B. 1870; dead.

MISS MAGGIE " B. 1870; dead.

MISS LOUISA " B. 1880; dead.

MISS SARAH " B. 1870; dead; wife of A. S.

Young.

MISS SOPHIA " B. 1868 or before by Mr. Wrenn; wife of Clarence H. Worrall, first clerk of North Star; she died in 1872.

MRS. MARY ELLIS, L. 1879; mother of Mrs. Joseph Rowley; letter granted in 1883.

MISS ANNA EARNEST, L. 1879 from University Pl. Baptist Church.

J. JAY ELLSWORTH, B. 1879; dropped 1883.

WM. EILERT, L. 1884 from Canton, Ill.

ISAAC EASTMAN, L. 1873 from North Baptist Church.

MRS. " L. 1873 from North Baptist Church.

AILETTA " Ex. 1868; to North Baptist Church 1868; probably same as next above.

MRS. ENGLISH, B. before 1869; name dropped 1871.

JOHN EDWARDS, B. 1884.

JANE EYRE, B. 1868; M. Wm. Copeland.

MRS. SUSAN FURLAND, B. 1866 by Mr. Wrenn; dead.

WM. FURLAND, B. 1873; son of above.

WM. FRANCIS, Ex. 1874; letter to Portland, Ore., 1880.

MRS. JOHANNA FRANCIS, Ex. 1874; letter to Portland, Ore., 1880.

MRS. ABIGAIL FEEKE, L. 1881 from Aurora, Ill.; dead.

DR. JOHN FLOOD, L. 1877; to First Baptist Church, 1878.

HATTIE FISHER, L. 1868 from North Baptist Church; dropped 1883.

MARY FREDERICKSON, B. 1871; dropped 1883.

CAROLINE FLODIN, L. 1871; dropped 1883.

MRS. ABBY M. FARNHAM, L. 1873 from Waukegan, Ill.; to Immanuel Baptist Church 1874; dead; always an active and useful member.

C. W. FRANZEN, L. 1883.

JOHN GILHULY, B. 1874; charter member La Salle Ave. Church.

MRS. JANE GILHULY, L. 1863; one of the first members of the North Star Mission and church (see Phillips).

MRS. ELIZABETH GUDE, B. 1873; dropped.

MRS. AUGUSTA GOODWILLIE, B. 1863; (see Hempseed.)

PAUL GIBSON, L. 1876 from Big Creek, Mo.

MISS KITTIE GAMMELL, L. 1877 from S. Baptist Church, Chicago; sister of Mrs. R. P. Allison.

MRS. GRIFFITH, L. 1877, from Coventry St. Baptist Church; excluded, 1883.

GEORGE D. WEBSTER, B. 1877; letter to Jacksonville, Ill., 1882.

MISS FLORA GARRISON, L. from Twenty-fifth St. Baptist Church, Chicago; dropped, 1883.

MRS. MARION HEMPSEED, B. 1862 or '63; the third person baptized by Mr. Wrenn in North Star Mission. Mrs. H. (Marion McIntosh) was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1824; went to Brazil in 1834, where she married John Hempseed in 1848; came to Chicago in 1854; he died in 1861; she lived on the North Side

nearly all the time, and was one of the first of the North Star Mission, and greatly beloved by all who knew her; she died June 16, 1894.

AUGUSTA HEMPSEED, daughter of above; B. 1863 by Mr. Wrenn; M. Joseph M. Goodwillie in 1868; both were prominent in the North Star Mission and church in connection with musical affairs for many years. He died May 5, 1895.

MARION HEMPSEED, B. 1863; daughter of Mrs. H.; died 1884.

AGNES HEMPSEED, B. 1873; now Mrs. Tate.

ROGER W. HARDMAN, L. 1873, from Martinsburg, O.; a leader of the choir, superintendent of Sunday School, deacon and trustee of North Star, and prominent in the organizing of La Salle Ave. Church, of which he was a deacon for several years; letter to Belden Ave. Baptist Church, of which he was also a prominent member; now lives in Rogers Park.

MRS. GEORGINA HARDMAN, wife of above, B. 1870 (see Phillips family).

THOMAS HUGGETT, B. 1873.

MRS. MARY " B., wife of above.

MISS MARY " B. 1874. daughter of above.

MISS ALICE " B. 1876; daughter of above.

JOHN C. HUGGETT, B. 1876.

JOHN HOPPER, L. 1876; dismissed by letter.

MRS. ELLEN HOPPER, L. 1876; dismissed by letter.

GEORGE " B. 1874.

EDWARD " B. 1874.

MR. HOUGHTON, no date of admission, but mentioned in records of 1868.

MRS. AGNES HARRIS, L. 1874 from Evanston, Ill.

MISS JENNIE " 1874 " "

" AGNES " 1874 " "

" ADA " B. 1883; " "

" LILY HARRIS, B. 1883. Letters to mother and daughters in 1883. They went to California.

WILLIAM HALL, B. 1870; excluded 1883.

CATH. H. IRELAND, B. 1870; name dropped 1883.

T. L. IRVIN, B. 1873; name dropped 1883; also spelled Erving in records.

AUGUST W. JOHNSON, B. by Mr. Wrenn.

CLARA MATHILDA JOHNSON, B. by Mr. Wrenn; died 1877. A lovely Christian character, whose early and unfortunate death by drowning was mourned by many friends.

CHARLES A. JOHNSON, B. by Mr. Wrenn.

August and Charles Johnson were among the earliest members of the North Star Mission, being there as early as 1862. Mr. Bortree, one of the most winning of the early workers in the missions, discovered them, with other boys, one Sunday playing ball, and persuaded them to go with him to the North Star. They became interested and were soon after converted and baptized by Mr. Wrenn, in the old First Church. They have been members of the North Star and La Salle Avenue Churches ever since. They hauled the brick for the basement and parsonage of the North Star before the great fire. They also excavated for the North Star block after the fire. Among the ruins of the old church was found the star which surmounted the steeple, and which in those days shone like a beacon-light all over the north division. This they treasure as a precious relic of their happy mission days.

C. J. JOHNSON, L. 1871.

MRS. MARY JOHNSON, L. 1879 from Malta, Ill.; dropped 1883.

GEORGE A. JACKSON, L. 1877 from Boston.

WALTER JACKSON, no date of admission.

MRS. JENNIE JACKSON (wife), L. 1874. (See Jennie Harris.) Mr. and Mrs. Jackson were granted letters to Leadville, Colo., in 1882.

MISS TILLIE JOHNSON, B. 1878; name dropped 1883.

MARY JONES, B. 1878; dropped 1883.

MRS. MARY JONES, L. 1879.

MRS. MAY " L. 1880 from First Baptist Church, New Britain, Conn.

THOMAS JAMES, L. 1868; dropped 1883.

WILLIAM JACOBSON, B. by Mr. Whitehead; dead.



TOBIAS JACOBSON, L. 1876 from Boston; letter to Cleveland, Ohio, 1879.

FRANK JENKINS, L. 1884 from Cedar Rapids, Ia.

MRS. ADA " L. 1884 " " " "

MRS. KENDALL, B. 1876; dead.

MRS. KIDDER, B. 1877.

MISS " B. 1877.

MOLESWORTH KING, B. 1873.

MRS. POSIE KIMBALL, L. 1873.

JOHN F. LENOX, born in Greenbush, N. Y., 1818; converted under preaching of Dr. Hodge, and united with the Green Street Baptist Church, Albany, when a young man; afterward lived in New York City, where he married Mary Powell; came to Chicago in 1855 and united with the Edinali Place Church, (afterward Michigan Avenue) of which Dr. Boyd was then pastor; moved to the North Side in 1863 and at once became actively interested in the North Star Mission. When the Mission became independent he was elected deacon (Aug. 1870) and served in that capacity continuously during his connection with the North Star, and on the organization of the La Salle Avenue church was elected to the same office there; he was also trustee of the North Star for many years, and was superintendent of the Sunday school for several years. He was always regarded as a pillar of the church, and no important action was ever taken without first finding out his opinion. He was fearless in reproofing wrong-doing in all places, and being sturdily upright and just in all his dealings with others, expected the same treatment from them. He was one of the old-fashioned Christians who believed in and contended for "the faith once delivered unto the saints," and allowed no opportunity to pass without speaking a word for the Master.

He was always willing to work for the cause of Christ, and took no vacations; neither the rigors of winter nor the heat of summer diminished his zeal in the good work, and he was always in his place. "If two or three were gathered together" he was one of them, and the Lord was with him. His pocket-book was converted at the same time that he was, and every demand of the

church or of charity was met to the extent of his ability. On more than one occasion, when the North Star Mission was in dire need, he, with a few others, became individually responsible for the church's debts. He believed God would take care of the church if the church would trust in Him. Shortly after the organization of the La Salle Avenue church, in which he took a prominent part, he moved to Oak Park with his family, taking their letters May 1, 1885. There he at once identified himself with the Oak Park church and was active in the work to the time of his death, which took place July 29, 1895. As faithful in his business as in his church relations he had held for twenty-seven years a most responsible position with the firm of Munger, Wheeler & Co. His widow and two sons survive him.

MRS. MARY (Powell) LENOX, wife of the above, was not connected with the North Star Mission, but at the time of the great fire was a member of the Michigan Avenue Baptist Church. She came to the North Star in 1873; now resides in Oak Park.

JOHN POWELL LENOX, L. 1874 from North Baptist Church, Chicago; prominent in all church work and treasurer of the church when it disbanded; now at Oak Park.

JAMES H. LENOX, B. 1870 by Mr. Pierce.

MRS. AUGUSTA LANGLEY, L. 1873; dropped 1882.

MISS AUGUSTA        "        B. 1873;        "        "

"        ———        "        B. 1874.        "        "

MRS. ELLA LINCOLN, L. 1878 from Indianapolis, Ind.; daughter of Mrs. H. A. Mabrey; letter 1880 to First Baptist Church, Chicago.

MRS. LITTLEFIELD, B. by Mr. Wrenn. Sister of Mrs. Bliss.

SARAH LABRUE, 1879; manner not recorded.

ANNA LEITH, L. 1880 from Port Huron, Mich.

MISS EUNICE LYON, L. 1869 from Lockland, O.; d. 1876; a sister of Mrs. Boatman.

D. B. LOTHIAN, L. 1871 from Jersey City, N. J.; d. 1875.

MRS. M. LAWSON, B. 1871; letter 1874.

MRS. ELLA LINNA, B. 1875; dropped 1883.

MISS ALICE LOVETT, B. 1883; went to Kansas.

MRS. L. LICHTENSTEIN, B. 1883; charter member of La Salle Avenue.

FANNY           “           B. 1883;   “           “           “

BERTHA        “           B. 1883.   “           “           “

(All received letters to Belden Avenue Baptist Church.)

WM. MARSHALL, B. 1868 by Mr. Wrenn; has ever since been actively interested in the welfare of the North Star and La Salle Avenue Churches, and has held office most of the time. He has not only been honored by election to office year after year, but he has always been a large and cheerful contributor to the financial support of the church.

MRS. MARY MARSHALL, B. 1868; charter member of La Salle Avenue Church, and prominent in Church work in both Churches; wife of William; their children are members of La Salle Avenue Church.

JEFF MARSHALL, B. 1868; d. soon after; cousin of Wm. Marshall.

MRS. D. A. MCMINN, B. 1874; got letter 1879.

MRS. SARAH MARGRETT, B. 1873; letter to Denver, Col., 1888.

MISS LYDIA MARGRETT, dau., B. 1873; letter to Denver, Col., 1888.

MARIA MELTZ, E. 1870.

MRS. SARAH METZ, B. 1875.

MR. S. C. MARSTON. (or Marsden,) E. 1877.

MRS. H. A. MABREY, L. 1878 from Indianapolis, Ind.

HATTIE MABREY, L. 1878       “       “       “       now  
Mrs. Robert Cawthorne.

JESSIE MABREY, B. 1883; now Mrs. Col. H. L. Turner.

MISS NELLIE MCLEAN, B. 1868; a teacher in the Franklin School, and a most excellent Scotch woman, was the first person from the North Star baptized by Mr. Wrenn; she died about 1870.

MRS. JEAN MAXWELL, B. 1863; the second person from the North Star Mission baptized by Mr. Wrenn; she is now the oldest member of the Church as regards duration of membership. She and her children went to the old Bremer Street Mission when most of the North Division was an uninhabited waste.

JAMES MAXWELL, B. 1876; a charter member of the La Salle Avenue Church, but now a member of the Second Baptist Church.

HENRY B. MAXWELL, B. 1864 in First Baptist Church, of which he remained a member until 1880, when he brought his letter to the North Star. He was for several years Clerk of the Board of Trustees of North Star and collector for North Star Block. Mr. Bortree, who has several times been mentioned, first brought the Maxwell children into the Bremer Street Mission, and on more than one occasion carried some of the younger ones across the "forty-acre lot" to the Sunday School. He had a faculty of winning the affections of children, and no game of "shinney" or base-ball could hold the boys when he came around, and he rarely came into the Sunday School without a troop of children at his heels.

MRS. RACHEL MCWHIRT, L. 1878 from Galesburg Ill.; for many years a faithful teacher in the S. S.; a charter member of La Salle Avenue Church; granted a letter to Englewood 1891.

MRS. Y. E. McMEEKIN, no date of admission; dead.

MR. Y. S. MALMGREN, L. 1870; dropped 1883.

MRS. WENDELIN MALMGREN, L. 1870; dropped 1883.

MRS. MARY ANN MAGNESS, B. 1871; dropped 1883.

MRS. E. MCGRATH, L. 1868; letter 1874 to unite with others in forming the Immanuel, now Belden Avenue Baptist Church.

MRS. MERTON, B. 1870; dropped 1883.

EDWARD MISTROOP, B. 1873; dropped 1883.

MRS. ANNA MEADE, L. 1876.

JAMES W. MOONEY, L. 1877 from First Baptist Church, Chicago.

OLIVER B. MULLIN, one of the founders of the North Star. Mr. Mullin was one of the earliest connected with the North Star Mission, and always very prominent in carrying on the work there, being assiduous in attendance upon the meetings of the Mission and Church and a very liberal supporter of both in the way of money. An instance of this has been mentioned, but there were many other occasions when he gave largely. A few years after the great fire, when, in addition to a large bonded

debt, he, with Deacon Lennox and Messrs. Agar and Marshall, became personally responsible and for some time carried the burden of the Church. Mr. Mullin died in February, 1890, being then a trustee of the La Salle Avenue Church.

MRS. JENNIE MULLIN, wife of above, also one of the early workers in the Mission and Church, and of the La Salle Avenue Church.

EMILY MULLIN, dau. of above and wife of James Maxwell; baptized in 1869 by Mr. Wrenn. A charter member of La Salle Avenue, but now at the Second Baptist Church.

ALFRED MULLIN, brother of O. B. Mullin, L. 1873 from Western Avenue Baptist Church; clerk of the Church in 1876-77, now at Belden Avenue Baptist Church; an active worker in the North Star Church and Sunday School. The other members of Mr. O. B. Mullin's family were members of the North Star S. S. and are now members of La Salle Avenue.

MR. W. J. MCKENZIE, B. 1870; Clerk of the Church for a time.

MRS. J. W. MCKENZIE, B. 1870; wife of above.

AGNES MCKENZIE, B. 1870; dau. of above.

J. ABBY MACE, L. 1883.

SARAH MITCHELL, E. 1883; baptized in England.

MR. A. Z. NORTON, B.; MRS. A. Z. NORTON B., first mentioned in records in 1869; active workers; they went to University Place Baptist Church in 1871.

MR. NILSON; no record of admission; letter 1872.

MRS. NOBLE, L. 1877; letter to Thirty-seventh Street Church, Chicago, 1880.

MISS DELLA ORCUTT, L. 1877 from Twenty-fifth Street Church, Chicago.

LOUISA OLSON, L. 1871 from Swedish Baptist Church of New York City. Married Mr. C. G. Thelin. (see below.)

MRS. OPTIGROVE (or Updegrove,) L. 1882; dead; was a member of LaSalle Avenue Church.

MRS. JANE Parmelee, L. 1873 from North Baptist Church.

OSCAR PETERSON, B. 1876.

CHARLES PARKER, B. 1874; son of Mrs. Thomas Huggett.

MRS. PATTON, B. 1877; letter to Coventry Street Baptist Church 1880.

OLIVER PATTON, (son) B. 1878; letter to Coventry Street Baptist Church 1880.

MR. C. H. PIPER, B. 1883; letter 1884 to Elkhart, Ind.

MRS. J. PIPER, B. 1878: dead; member of LaSalle Avenue Church, Chicago.

REV. E. R. PIERCE, L. 1870 from Second Baptist Church, Chicago. Mr. Pierce was pastor of the North Star from March 10, 1870, until the early part of 1871, being followed by Mr. Whitehead in March 1871. Mr. Pierce with others, went to Kansas and formed a colony there. Several from the North Star went with him.

MRS. SARAH PIERCE, wife of the above, L., 1870, from Second Baptist Church, Chicago.

JOHN PHILLIPS, B. about 1865 by Mr. Wrenn.

MRS. SARAH PHILLIPS, wife of above, born in Dublin, Ireland, 1817; dau. of James Lynch, a pay sergeant in the British Army. From him she inherited a deeply religious disposition and received a most careful Christian education. She married John Phillips in 1837 and came to America, settling at St. John, N. B., where they remained until 1859, when they came to Chicago. Mrs. Phillips had been brought up an Episcopalian, but was baptized by Mr. Wrenn about 1865 and immediately took a prominent part in the North Star Mission and in the organization of the Rolling Mill Mission. In 1874 she with several others from the North Star took a prominent part in the formation of the Immanuel Baptist Church (now Belden Ave.) of which she was a member at the time of her death, June 1895. All old members of the North Star will bear witness to her faithful earnestness in showing by precept and example the beauties of a Christian life.

JANE PHILLIPS, came to 1st Baptist Church by letter from church at St. John, N. B. in 1863. Has been a member of North Star Mission and Church and La Salle Ave. Church since that time. (See Mrs. John Gilhuly.)

SARAH PHILLIPS, B. 1864; letter to Kansas 1871. (See Mrs. Robert Dillworth.)

BELLA PHILLIPS, B. 1864; letter to Immanuel, 1874; came back to North Star in 1881 and was a charter member of La Salle Ave. Church; letter to Belden Ave. Church in 1888.

GEORGINA PHILLIPS, B. 1870; letter to Immanuel 1874 afterward came back to North Star and from there to La Salle Ave. at its organization; to Belden Ave in 1888; now resides at Rogers Park. (See Mrs. R. W. Hardman.)

ELIZABETH PHILLIPS, B. 1865; to Immanuel 1874; back to North Star and from there to La Salle Ave. 1884; to Trinity Bapt. Mission 1886, where she now is. Her husband, Austin Roberts died 1887. (See Roberts.)

DR. JAMES H. PHILLIPS, B. 1871; clerk of the Church for some time about 1874; now in Prescott, Minn.

JOHN PHILLIPS, JR. B. 1873; died 1894.

The above all belong to one family.

MISS NELLIE POWERS, B. 1870.

AUSTIN ROBERTS, B. 1874; charter member of La Salle Ave.; to Trinity Baptist Mission 1886; died 1887.

MRS. ELIZABETH ROBERTS, wife of above. (See Phillips family.

ISAAC RUSSELL, L. 1878 from Ninth Baptist Church, Cincinnati, O.; afterwards a member of La Salle Ave.; dead.

RUEL D. RUSSELL, one of the most prominent members of the North Star Church, was born 1821, went to Dundee, Ill., 1841, m. 1st, Philinda Sprague 1846: 2nd, Sarepta Ann Wilbern 1855. In 1871 he came to Chicago and at once become prominently identified with the North Star, serving many years as trustee, deacon, and agent of the North Star Block. He was a charter member of the La Salle Ave. Church, and a deacon for some time; removed to Dundee, Ill., in 1888 and died there in 1893.

MRS. SAREPTA ANN RUSSELL, wife of the above, L. 1871; an active worker in North Star and La Salle Ave. Church and Supt. of Infant Dep't of S. S. for some time; now resides Dundee, Ill.

NETTIE RUSSELL, dau. of above; B. 1874; married Frank M. Buck, a member of North Star and La Salle Ave. Churches; died April 14, 1886.

WILLIAM REHILL, B. 1876.

JOHN ROBERTSON, B. 1876; letter granted 1876.

MRS. ELIZABETH ROBERTSON, L. 1872; letter granted 1876.

REV. JOSEPH ROWLEY, L. 1879; pastor of North Star from Dec. 1879 to Oct. 1883, coming from Racine, Wis.

MRS. MARY E. ROWLEY, wife of above, L. 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Rowley now reside in Chicago, he being in poor health and having no pastoral charge.

ISAAC REEVES, L. 1882 from Brooklyn, N. Y. Dead.

MRS. SUSAN E. REEVES, wife of above, L. 1882 from Brooklyn, N. Y. Dead.

VIRGINIA H. RAYMOND, L. 1882 from Sterling, Ill.

MRS. PHOEBE RIEFENSNYDER, B. 1877.

MISS MAGGIE RIEFENSNYDER, B. 1877.

MRS. CLEMENTINE ROGERS, L. 1877; letter to Aurora, Ill., 1879.

MISS JENNIE ROGERS, L. 1877; letter to Aurora, Ill., 1879.

ELIAS RITTENHOUR, B. 1870; letter granted 1871.

MRS. ANNA RITTENHOUR, B. 1870; letter granted 1871.

HENRY RICKER, B. 1874.

MRS. ELIZA RICKER, L. 1874.

MRS. REESE, B. by Mr. Wrenn. Supt. of Infant Dept. in 1869.

MRS. ANNA ROBINSON, letter granted to her to First Baptist Church of Licking, Mo., 1882.

JESSIE ROBBINS, B. 1873; married George Hopper, (see Hopper.)

EDWARD STOPP, B. about 1875.

MRS. ANNA SMITH. E. 1869.

ANNA K. SMITH, B. 1870; H. K. SMITH; WILLIAM SMITH, E. 1870. These were evidently of one family, as they received letters in 1876.

RACHEL C. SMITH, L. 1876; letter to Second Baptist Church, 1883.

MR. L. C. SMITH, L. 1873 from North Baptist Church.



JOHN SMITH SR., B. by Mr. Wrenn.

MRS. JESSIE SMITH, B. by Mr. Wrenn. Among the earliest members of the North Star Mission and Church. Mrs. Smith was always a power for good in the Church, and all connected with the North Star and the early days of the LaSalle Avenue Churches will remember her fervent prayers and exhortations, which came from the heart and always made a deep impression upon those who heard her. She is now in Chadron, Neb., where the family went in 1888.

JOHN SMITH, Jr., son of above, B. 1875.

MRS. FANNIE (MUNN) SMITH, wife of John Jr., B. 1878; she died soon after moving to Nebraska.

MRS. ISABELLA SMITH, B. 1878; a sister of Mrs. Campbell, dead.

MRS. ELIZABETH SAYER, L. 1875.

MISS S. E. SAMBROOK, B. 1871; one of the most faithful of women during her long membership in the North Star and La Salle Avenue Churches. When she knew her death from a painful disease was certain, she made arrangements for the settlement of her worldly affairs and was careful to pay up her subscription toward Church expenses to the end of the year. She died in 1892.

MRS. JOSEPHINE STRAND, B. (no date); letter 1883. A daughter of Mrs. Carlson.

MRS. M. A. STEELE, L. 1877 from Coventry Street Church.

MISS M STEEL, L. 1877 from Coventry Street Church. They went back to Coventry Street Church, 1878.

MISS MINA SCHOTTE, B, 1878; afterwards Mrs. Voigt.

MRS. SUSAN SEARLE, E. 1880; afterward Mrs. Shafer; dead.

MRS. NELLIE SEARLE, (dau. of Mrs. Searle) now Mrs. Buckholtz, charter member of La Salle Ave. Church.

MRS. O. C. SYNESTREDT, L, 1869 from Second Baptist Church, Chicago.

REV. H. C. A. SEGERBLOM, L. 1871 from First Swedish Baptist Church of Chicago, formerly a Swedish minister.

MRS. MARIA C. SEGERBLOOM, L. 1871, wife of above.

WILLIAM S. SWAN, L. 1872; a trustee of North Star for a short time; died 1895.

MRS. WILLIAM S. SWAN, L. 1872, wife of above.

MISS LILLIE SWAN, B. 1873, dau. of above, all received letters to Immanuel Church 1874.

MR. SWANSON, B. 1884.

CHRISTINE SAMSON, B. 1864; letter granted 1872.

LIZZIE SAMSON, B. 1867; letter granted 1872.

MISS ELIZABETH SULLIVAN, L. 1873.

MRS. MARGARET STEWART, L. 1874.

CHARLES SJOGREN, E. 1874.

ERNEST F. STEGING, L. 1874.

MRS. SEMLER, L. 1876; to Fredericksburg, Va., 1879.

M. J. TROYER, L. 1869 from England. He was elected deacon, Nov. 1, 1869 and held that office until his death; was also a trustee and always active in church work; a model Christian character.

MRS. LOUISA TROYER, L. 1869; wife of above; letter granted to her in 1883.

CAPT WM. THULLOCK, B. 1874; dead; was captain of one of O. B. Mullin's vessels.

JAMES M. THOMAS, B. 1875.

MRS. JAMES M. THOMAS, B. 1876.

MRS. ELIJAH TAYLOR, B. 1870.

MR. C. G. THELIN, L. 1871 from Swedish Baptist Church.

MRS. LOUISA (OLSON) THELIN, L. 1871; letters to both granted to Kenosha in 1875.

JOHN TRICK, B. 1867; died soon after the great fire.

MRS. FANNY TRICK, B. 1867; died a few years ago.

ALBRAY TRICK, B. by Mr. Wrenn, date lost.

ALBERT " B. 1865; now a Presbyterian minister.

FANNY " B. 1870; died 1879.

CHARLES " B. 1873.

All the above belong to one family and were all active in the North Star Mission.

MRS. UPDEGROVE (see Optigrove) L. 1882; dead.

MISS VANBROCKLIN, B. 1870; dropped 1883.

MRS. CATH. JANE VANBLACK, B. 1870; dropped 1883.

MRS. MINA VOIGHT, B. 1878; (see Mrs. Schotte) letter granted 1883.

BARBARA VOGEL, B. 1870.

MRS. ELIZABETH VAUGHAN, L. 1874 from Kankakee, Ill.

CHARLES R. VANOSEDELL, L. 1873 from Carbondale, Ill.

MRS. ELLA " L. 1873 " " "

MR. and MRS. VANOSEDELL were very active workers in the church and S. S. during their connection with the North Star. They got letters to St. Charles, Ill., in 1876.

LILLIE VANOSEDELL, B. 1874; daughter of Charles.

HATTIE " B. 1874; " " "

FRANK " B. 1874; brother of "

REV. JAMES M. WHITEHEAD, L. 1871 from Kankakee, Ill. Pastor of church for nearly six years. See pages 5 to 7.

MRS. M. T., wife of Rev. Whitehead, L. 1871 from Kankakee, Ill.

MISS ELIZA WHITEHEAD, daughter of Rev. Whitehead, L. 1871 from Kankakee, Ill.

They all received letters to Belvidere in 1876. Mention has been made in another place of the Rev. Mr. Whitehead, pastor of the North Star for several years.

SAMUEL WALKER, B. by Mr. Wrenn, one of the earliest members of North Star Mission and one of the first deacons, 1868.

JANE WALKER, daughter.

DR. G. B. WALKER, a member of North Star for a short time before 1881; preached occasionally; letter granted him 1881.

HENRY WARD, B.

CHRISTINE WARD, B. 1873; sister of Mrs. O. B. Mullin and wife of Henry Ward.

JOHN WARD, B. 1875.

ANNIE " B. 1873; wife of John Ward.

CHARLES WINJA, B. 1878.

MRS. CHARLES WINJA, B. 1878.

CLARA WINJA, B. 1876.

LOTTIE WINJA, B. 1878.

All received letters in 1879 to Kansas City, Mo. Mr. Winja

was janitor for a short time.

MRS. ABIGAIL WILLIAMS, L. 1870.

ANNIE                    "            L. 1873.

MRS.                    "            B. 1876.

MISS ANNA            "            L. 1877 from Mich. Ave. Baptist.

MARY ANN            "            L. 1883.

MRS. MARION WALLACE, L. 1878 from Indianapolis,  
daughter of Mrs. Mabray.

JOSEPH WOOTTON, L. 1881 from Bellville, Ill.

MRS.            "            L. 1881    "            "            "            Charter  
members of La Salle Avenue Baptist Church.

MR. and MRS. WOOTTON have been very active in church  
work from the time of their connection with the North Star and  
are too well and favorably known to need further comment.

MR. S. WYATT, admitted by letter about 1882, but not on  
the records; was elected a trustee but moved away soon after and  
did not serve; went to Detroit.

MRS. S. WYATT, wife of above, letter to Detroit Nov. 24,  
1882.

MRS. LILA M. WILNER, no date of admission; letter granted  
1882 to Central Baptist, from which she came to LaSalle Ave.  
Church; died in 1887.

MRS. ELIZABETH V. WORRALL, L. 1867; dead.

CLARENCE H.            "            L. 1867; church clerk in  
1868, the first clerk of North Star, prominent in musical matters  
for many years; now in Bepton Harbor, Mich.

EMMA WORRALL, L. 1867; dead.

MRS. E. V. WORRALL, C. H. and Emma got letters to unite  
with others in organizing the Immanuel Baptist Church in 1874.

SOPHIE WORRALL, first wife of Clarence H. (see Sophie  
Eberlen); dead.

MRS. MARY (CAWTHORNE) WORRALL, second wife of  
Clarence H., baptized but date not on record; a member of choir  
and prominent in musical matters.

IDA WIBERG, L. 1871 from Sterling, Ill.

BERTHA WIBERG, L. 1871 from Sterling, Ill.

MR. WILSON, 1872.

ROBERT WRIGHT, B. 1872; baptized in Lake Michigan in March.

ALFRED WESTON, L. 1873 from Western Ave. church. Supt. of S. S. for a short time.

MRS. ABBY J. WESTON, wife of above, L. 1873 from Western Ave. Church.

They got letters in 1878 to Third Baptist church, St. Louis.

MR. W. WIGGINS, L. 1874.

MRS. W. " L. 1873.

MISS B. WINGREN, L. 1873 from Allegheny City; letter granted to her in 1875.

MISS WINGREN, B. 1874.

ELIZA WHITE, L. 1878; letter to Kansas City in 1880, formerly Eliza Duffield.

MRS. EMILY YOUNG, B. by Mr. Wrenn, date not recorded; one of the early and active members of North Star; now Mrs. Bogart and living in Chicago.

MRS. HARRIET YOUNG, L. 1873 from North Baptist church. She and her children were active in church and Sunday School. Died 1895.

ALBERT S. YOUNG, B. 1880; clerk of the church in 1882 and 1883.

MRS. SARAH YOUNG, wife of above; dead; daughter of Jacob Eberlen.

The following names were omitted from their alphabetical place.

MRS. MINNIE HALL, B.

PETER HANSON, L. 1878.

MARY HOYLE, L. 1882; from Galesburg, Ill.

MRS. LIZZIE A. R. HOUSTON, 1882, from Sterling, Ill.

MRS. HURSH, B. 1868; dropped 1883.

JAMES HALL, L. 1871; from Little River, N. S.

MRS. ELIZABETH HALL, L. 1871; from Little River, N. S.

G. N. HOSHELL, L. 1870; from Freeport, Ill.; name dropped 1883.

MISS SELENIA HOWE, B. 1871; went to New Hampshire.

SAMUEL HELSON, L. 1871; dropped 1883.  
 MRS. MARY HELSON, L. 1871; dropped 1883.  
 JOHN HAMMERBERG,  
 MRS. T. F. HAMMERBERG, L. 1871; from Swedish Baptist Church.  
 GODFREY HAMMERBERG, B. 1866; went to Kansas 1871.  
 JENNIE HAMMERBERG, B.  
 MATILDA HAMMERBERG, B. 1865.  
 GEORGE HAMEL, B. 1873; dead.  
 LOVINA HUNGERFORD, L. 1873; dropped 1883.  
 CHARLES HARKNESS, E. 1873; letter granted 1873.  
 THOMAS M. HUGHES, L. 1873.  
 MRS. MAY HUGHES, L. 1873.  
 MRS. HANNIFORD; letter 1874.  
 JAMES HANDLEY, B. 1883; dropped.  
 ANNIE HANDLEY, B. 1883; dropped.  
 MRS. HUGHES, B. 1883; dropped.  
 HENRY HALDEMAN, B. 1884; Letter to Elgin.  
 BELLE           "           "           "           "           "  
 NETTIE         "           "           "           "           "  
 EMMA          "           "           "           "           "

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Members of the North Star Baptist Church who went into the  
 La Salle Avenue Baptist Church, Oct. 10, 1884.

MRS. MARTHA A. ADAMS, wife of Chas.  
 MRS. MARTHA ADAMS, widow.  
 MR. HENRY H. BONNEY.  
 MRS. CATHERINE BONNEY, wife of Henry H.  
 MR. FRANCIS M. BUCK.  
 MRS. NETTIE (Russell) BUCK, wife of Francis M.  
 MR. JOHN E. BOSLER.  
 MRS. AQUILLA BOSLER, wife of John E.  
 MR. CARL G. BERGSTEDT.  
 MRS. ANN BAILEY, widow.  
 MRS. ANNA BALLARD, widow.  
 CALVIN BALLARD, son of Mrs. Anna.  
 MILTON BALLARD, "           "           "

ROBERT P. BATES.  
 MRS. ANNA BOATMAN, widow.  
 MRS. HATTIE (Mabrey) CAWTHORNE, wife of Robert.  
 MR. SAMUEL CLARK.  
 MRS. JOANNA CLARK, wife of Samuel.  
 MR. WM. COPELAND.  
 MRS. JANE COPELAND, wife of Wm.  
 THOMAS COPELAND, son of Wm.  
 MRS. LILY CHEYNE, widow.  
 MRS. MATILDA CARY, widow.  
 MRS. ELIZA CAMPBELL,  
 MISS BELLE CAMPBELL, dau. of Mrs. Eliza.  
 DR. LAFAYETTE W. CASE.  
 MR. CHARLES L. CLARK.  
 MRS.       "       "       "       "       " wife of Charles L.  
 MR. ZOHRAH DIXON.  
 MRS. HATTIE DIXON, wife of Zohrab.  
 JOHN EDWARDS.  
 MRS. ABIGAIL FEEK, widow.  
 MR. JOHN GILHULY.  
 MRS. JANE GILHULY, wife of John.  
 ROGER WM. HARDMAN.  
 MRS. GEORGINA HARDMAN, wife of R. W.  
 MISS MARY HOYLE.  
 JAMES HANDLEY.  
 MRS. ANNIE HANDLEY, wife of James.  
 MRS. F. HUGHES.  
 HENRY HALDERMAN.  
 MRS. BELLE HALDERMAN, wife of Henry.  
 NETTIE HALDERMAN, daughter of Henry.  
 EMMA       "       "       "       "  
 MRS. M. HUGGETT.  
 AUGUST W. and CHAS. A. JOHNSON, brothers.  
 MRS. L. LICHTENSTEIN.  
 FANNIE       "       "       "       "       " daughter of Mrs. L.  
 BERTHA       "       "       "       "       "  
 JOHN F. LENOX.

MRS. MARY LENOX, wife of John. F.  
 JOHN P. LENOX, son of John. F.  
 MRS. H. A. MABREY.  
 MISS JESSIE MABREY, daughter of Mrs. H. A.  
 MRS. J. A. McMICHEN, widow.  
 WM. MARSHALL.  
 MRS. MARY MARSHALL, wife of Wm.  
 MRS. JEAN MAXWELL, widow.  
 JAMES               "               son of Mrs. Jean.  
 EMILY             "               wife of James.  
 HENRY B.         "               son of Mrs. Jean.  
 MISS RACHEL McWHIRT.  
 MRS. J. PIPER.  
 MISS BELLA PHILLIPS.  
 AUSTIN ROBERTS.  
 ELIZABETH ROBERTS, wife of Austin.  
 RUEL D. RUSSELL.  
 MRS.             "               wife of R. D.  
 JOHN SMITH, SR.  
 JESSIE         "               wife of John Sr.  
 FANNIE       "               "       "       Jr.  
 ISABELLA SMITH.  
 MISS S. E. SAMBROOK.  
 MRS. SUSAN SHAFER, formerly Mrs. Searles.  
 NELLIE SEARLES, daughter of       "       "  
 MRS. F. M. TRICK, widow.  
 MRS. UPDEGROVE.  
 MRS. MARIAN WALLACE, daughter of Mrs. H. A. Mabrey.  
 JOSEPH WOOTTON.  
 MRS.             "               wife of Joseph.  
 MRS. MARY ANN WILLIAMS.  
 ISAAC RUSSELL.  
 JOHN C. HUGGETT.  
 MRS. MARGARET EBERLEN.

The thirteen members of the North Star who remained until  
 the disbanding of the church are included in the above as char-  
 ter members of the La Salle Ave. Church.



With the above, the following, not members of the North Star, united to organize the La Salle Ave. Baptist Church:

REV. TRAVIS B. THAMES, Pastor of La Salle Ave. Baptist Church.

MRS. SARAH THAMES, wife of the pastor.

CHARLES S. WALLER, one of the first trustees and deacons.

MRS. NORAH " wife of Charles S. Waller.

GEO. F. WESSELLS, first Superintendent of the S. S.

MRS. " wife of Geo. F. Wessels.

FRED. " son " "

MRS. MARY BAST, wife of E. E. Bast.

MRS. M. BYRON, (Mrs Amorette,)

MRS. JANE E. WOOD, widow.

MISS IRENE " daughter of Mrs. Jane E. Wood.

MRS. SUSAN WALDO, wife of J. A. B. Waldo.

Several others were actively interested in the organization of the church but did not present their letters until a later date.

Among these were the following:

K. B. MILLER.

JOS. H. SMALLEY.

MRS. SARAH MILLER, wife.

MRS. SMALLEY, wife.

MRS. A. R. CROMLISH.

MRS. R. F. REDELL

WM. A. CLARK.

E. P. VINING.

MRS. CLARK, wife.

MRS. VINING.

MRS. MARY R. PRATT.

O. B. MULLIN.

HIRAM N. COLVIN.

MRS. MULLIN.

MRS. MARY E. GOULD.

E. E. McMILLAN.

EDWIN F. HEYWOOD.

MRS. McMILLAN.

MRS. ANNA HEYWOOD.

MISS JULIA F. DOLE.

MRS. NYMAN.

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### The La Salle Avenue Baptist Church.

Immediately after the organization of the church, steps were taken to provide a house of worship. A temporary building was put up on the rear of the church lot, during the building of which the church held its services in the chapel of the New England Congregational Church. The first service was held in

the temporary building, Jan. 18, 1885, and the last one in June, 1886, when it was vacated to build the present structure. Though an unpretentious barn-like building, scantily provided with the comforts of modern church buildings, there are many who look back upon the days spent there as among the happiest ones in their experience. During the erection of the present building the church again held its services in the New England Congregational church. The North Star property had been sold to the Phoenix Building Society in March 1886, for \$70,000. Of this amount \$1,500 was given to the 2d German Baptist church, a like amount to the 1st Swedish Baptist church, and after paying all the mortgages on the church properties, there remained a little more than \$30,000 in cash, which added to the value of the ground upon which the building stands, exceeded \$50,000 donated by the North Star to the La Salle Avenue Church.

The building was erected by John Woollacot & Son, according to plans by S. S. Beman, at a cost of about \$35,000, including furnishing. At a later date the organ was put in at a cost of \$3,000, and the basement was finished and some other changes made, making the total cost of the property belonging to the church about \$60,000. The house was dedicated Feb. 27, 1887.

Special mention should be made of a large accession of members in one body in the early history of the La Salle Avenue Baptist Church. They came from the Central Baptist Church (formerly Immanuel, previously mentioned), and were about fifty in number. Forty-seven came on a general letter and a few others shortly after. These members added great strength to the church, not only in numbers, but in the active part that many of them took in all matters relating to the church's welfare. Many of them are still with us, and among the most influential members of the church. Though coming a little too late to be called charter members, they deserve mention on account of the prominent part they took in the early history of the La Salle Avenue Church. The list is as follows:

M. E. Holton and wife Sarah M. Holton; Chas. R. Hough, wife and daughter Lillian; Wm. S. Livingston and wife Susannah Livingston; John M. Green and wife, Elizabeth Green; J. Fred

Metzgar, wife and sons J. F. and Arthur; John R. Jones; Mrs. Maria Dustin, sons and daughter-in-law; Mrs. M. D. Winslow; Mrs. Harriet D. Dye, her daughters Minnie A. and Alma H. and son Geo. M. Dye; Wm. M. Farrar and wife E. L. Farrar; Nettie Fraser; Lydia Ford; C. E. Robinson; John Agar and wife, Mrs. Ellen Agar [and sons James S., William G., Woodbury S. and daughters Minnie H. and Nellie Agar; Irven Marshall; Mrs. C. E. Wilner; P. A. Russell and wife; Mrs. D. Rawlins and daughter Lou M. Rawlins; A. Wineberg and wife; W. S. Bartholomew; W. S. Aikman; Geo. W. Marsden; Mrs. C. T. Parkes, Mrs. E. P. Brown.

Mention should also be made of Mr and Mrs. H. O. Nourse, who came during the first year. He was Superintendent of the Sunday school, and they were both very active and useful members during their stay with us. Also of Malcolm McNeil and family, who came early and have taken a very prominent part in the church work ever since. Also Elmer L. Corthell, an active member and liberal supporter of the church.

During the early history of the church no man took a more active interest in its welfare than Mr. Joseph H. Smalley. He was born in Lebanon, N. H., in 1840, and came to Chicago in 1861. Being the son of a Baptist deacon he naturally sought a place to work for the cause of Christ, and went into the North Star Mission, being one of its earliest teachers, and an active worker for several years. Soon after the organization of the La Salle Avenue Church he came with his family and at once became one of its most useful members, holding the offices of deacon and member of the finance committee, and in other ways always being untiring in his devotion to the interests of the church. His purse was always open to any demands the work of the church made upon it, and his time was given unsparingly to all branches of church-work. Even failing health did not diminish his zeal, and up to the time of his death, which occurred in April, 1888, his first thought seemed to be for the church.

Travis B. Thames, the first pastor of the Lasalle Ave. Baptist Church, was born in Claiborne, Monroe Co., Alabama, August 18, 1854. His childhood was spent at Selma and Mobile, in

his native state. At the age of sixteen he united with the Siloam Baptist Church of Marion, Alabama, where he was attending college. He completed his college course at Howard College, the denominational college of his state, taking the degree of B. S. He graduated at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1879. Immediately thereafter he was called to the Baptist Church at Shelbyville Kentucky, where he remained until he was called to the LaSalle Ave. Church in 1884. During his five years pastorate here the church increased largely in members and influence and had come to occupy a leading place in the denomination in this city.

Mr. Thames resigned his charge in October 1889, and accepted a call to succeed the Rev. Dr. Geo. B. Eager as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Danville, Virginia, one of the largest and best churches in the south, and which has been served by a noble line of Baptist preachers. He began his ministry there the first Sunday in Dec. 1889 and his pastorate there of seven years duration still continues with every token of mutual content and satisfaction on the part of pastor and people. Not only his own people have delighted to honor him, but the denomination generally have appreciated his talents and he has served upon the leading committees and boards connected with the denominational enterprises of the state and at the recent meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia at Richmond he preached the introductory sermon which was generally regarded as a master effort. In 1892 at its annual commencement, Richmond College, the leading denominational College of the South, conferred upon Mr. Thames the well merited degree of D. D. Mr. Thames is editor of the Baptist Union.

Mr. Thames married Miss Sallie E., daughter of John S. Long, of Louisville, Kentucky, in 1879. They have had four children, Mamie, born in Kentucky, John, born in Chicago, and two others born in Virginia, Lydia and Sarah, the former of whom died at the age of eight months.

Twice since removing to Virginia he has revisited his old charge in Chicago, where a cordial welcome always awaits their warm-hearted first pastor who retains an unabated interest in

their work and an undying affection for the old flock and field.

Shortly after the resignation of Mr. Thames, the LaSalle Ave. Church extended a call to the Rev. Dr. H. O. Rowlands, the talented pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Ill., which he accepted. He began his labors here in Feb. 1890. He was born of Welsh parentage near Waukesha, Wis., in 1845 and spent a considerable part of his boyhood in the west. He was brought up in the Presbyterian faith, but was early led to independent investigation of the question of Baptism which resulted in his joining the Baptist Church. His preparatory training was at Beaver Dam, in Wayland Academy. In 1867 he entered Madison University, graduating with the class of 1872, and from the theological department in 1875. Dr. Rowlands ranked among the foremost students, and gave unmistakable evidence early in his course of the scholarship, thoroughness and ability characterizing his subsequent career. He was active in Christian work, supplying feeble churches and was notably successful in South New Berlin, N. Y., where his labors were honored by one of the most wonderful and far reaching revivals that ever occurred in the state. He enjoyed pleasant and profitable pastorates, in Whitesboro, N. Y., and in Oshkosh, Wis., where his labors were especially owned of the Master and the people greatly endeared to him. His long and successful pastorate in Elgin, Ill., demonstrated his power as a winner of souls, a wise Christian teacher, and a discreet, consecrated pastor.

During his pastorate of nearly five years in the LaSalle Ave. Church he repeated measurably the large success attending his labors elsewhere. About 250 were added to the church, many of them by baptism. He was especially faithful in the matter of pastoral visitation and endeared himself to the members by his love and sympathy. He enjoyed in a large measure the confidence and respect of his brother pastors and was honored by being chosen to fill important positions in connection with denominational work. When he resigned to accept the important position of pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln, Neb., there was a general and genuine regret that so good and earnest a workman should be taken away from Chicago.

Dr. Rowlands has traveled extensively both in this country and in Europe, always seeing with the eye of the scholar and poet. He has written extensively for the religious press and his literary work has been of a high character. In 1888 he followed Drs. Armitage and Peddie in the annual "theological lectures" at Colgate, and was honored with the degree of D. D. from his Alma Mater. He resigned the LaSalle Ave. pastorate in Oct., 1894, and went to Lincoln, Nebraska, where he now is.

On Jan. 7, 1895, the Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, D. D. of the First Baptist Church of San Francisco, Cal., was unanimously called to the pastorate of the LaSalle Ave. Church and he began his work here March 31, 1895. Previous to going to San Francisco he had held pastorates in Portland, Oregon and Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Henry enters upon his new work with the hearty and united support of a strong church of about five hundred members favorably located in a field which promises much if pastor and people labor together faithfully in the way the Lord marks out for them. Profiting by the experience of the past may they avoid the faults and emulate the virtues of those who have laid the foundations of the church. May it be the privilege of the future historian of the LaSalle Avenue Baptist Church to record that success which awaits those who unhesitatingly and valiantly follow the Master and do his bidding!