



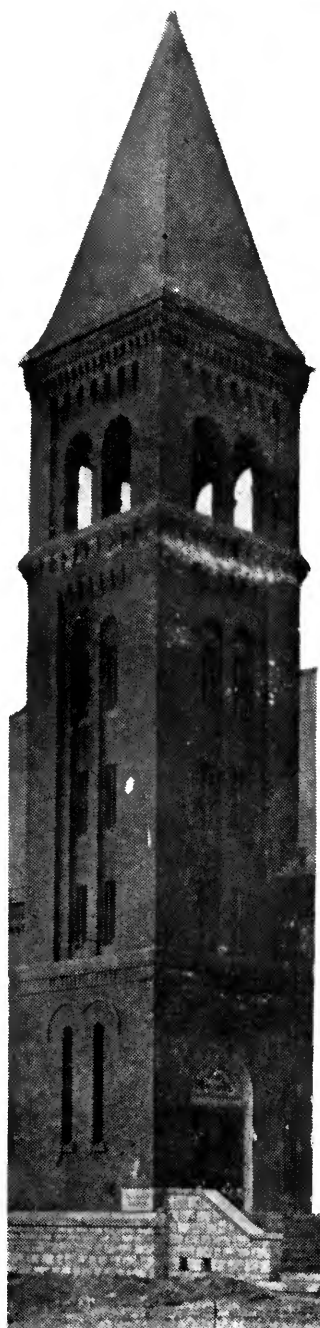
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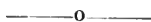




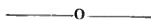
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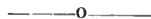


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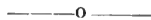


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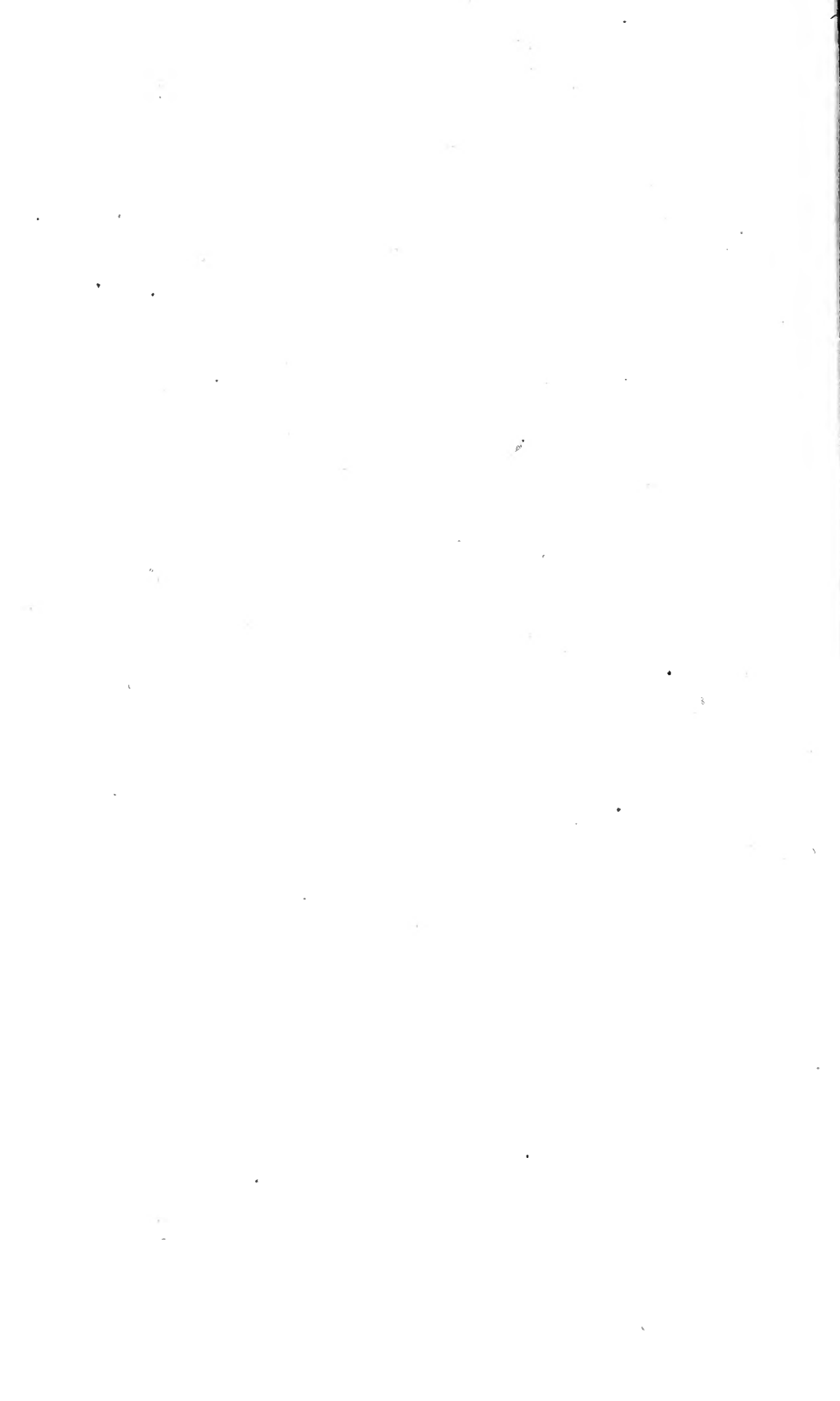


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## PREFACE

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The Historical Committee was appointed to write the history of the First Baptist Church of Urbana, for the period of 75 years, from September 21st, 1838, to September 21st, 1913. Our task would have been comparatively an easy one if the material had been collected. On the other hand it has been a difficult task on account of the scattered condition of the meager material at hand. Historians are not supposed to be poets with cultivated imaginations, and it has been very difficult to put in the proper filling to make the book symmetrical. All has been done that is reasonable, to gather and arrange the material, and the result is hereby presented to those who will appreciate the personality of the people of whom your committee writes so inadequately. The Committee has sought by every ordinary means to avoid mistakes, and will regret the appearance in these pages of anything that is not correct, or does not reflect full credit upon the people, or the work of the past. For this reason we have given you as many pictures as we could, that their dear faces might speak the message we cannot fully utter.

“He being dead, yet speaketh.”  
Historical Committee.



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## INTRODUCTION

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We have an idea that Baptists would do well to look a little more carefully to their history. Details of great importance are lost to the future because at the time they are not thought to be of importance, or the actors are too modest, or too indifferent to give them permanence. Finding that the oldest and most important book of records in our church has been lost, and most of those who knew anything of the early days fast passing away, it seemed best that all the materials that were available, had better be put in some permanent form. Details that in themselves may not seem important to us just now may be of vast importance later on. It may be when the history of One Hundred years is written, that the task of this writing will show the wisdom of the undertaking. It is also very important that the church should look backward sometimes to see the stages through which God has led it. The opening chapter takes us back more than one hundred years. The next three chapters cover a period of nearly a quarter of a century each. The rest of the book is arranged as nearly in natural order as possible. Pictures have been freely used because we had so many, and some others were easily obtainable. It has been impossible to give

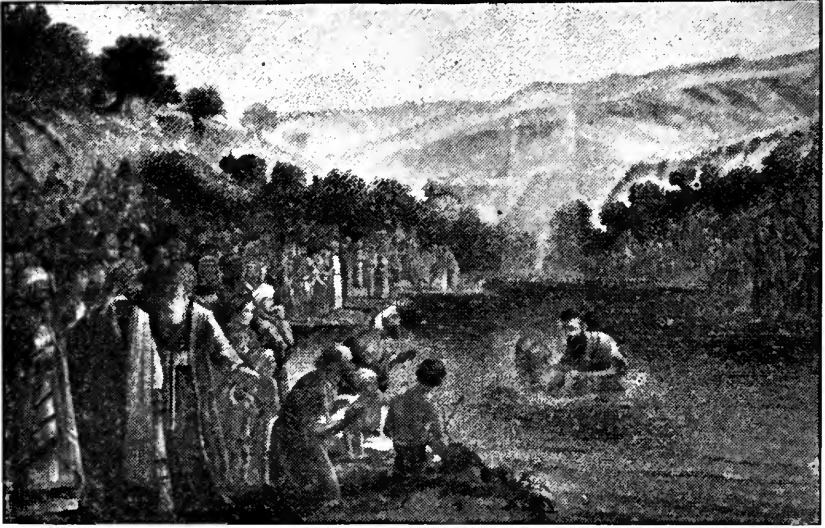
pictures of any more pastors, or constituent members.

The book is not printed to make any more money than the cost of printing, and advertising, and other necessary expense, which has been reduced to a minimum by the pastor giving his time to arrange the pages, and adjust the cuts, etc. The Historical Committee has done all its work as a service of love and hence saved much expense. Most of the parties for whom new cuts were made, paid for them themselves, thus saving extra expense. If the book appeals to you it would be a happy thing if you would mention it favorably to others who will buy, and thus save the Committee any personal debt. No church debt is to be incurred by this history and it need not interfere with any department of giving. In the hope that it may serve the purposes for which it was intended, and lead many to think more of their church, and be willing to do more for it, this book is introduced to its readers.

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L. A. M'LEAN—MEMORIAL.



"THUS IT BECOMETH US TO FULFILL ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS."

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"Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death: That like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also should walk in newness of life."

"The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,"

## CHAPTER I.

# ABORIGINAL HISTORY

"Look now abroad! Another race has filled  
Those populous borders—wide the wood recedes,  
And towns shoot up, and fertile realms are tilled;  
The land is full of harvest and green meads."

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Twenty-two years before Illinois became a state, and was admitted into the Union, Elder David Badgley organized a Baptist Church at New Design Monroe County, on the 29th day of February, 1796, with 28 members. This was the first evangelical church organized in Illinois territory.

Greed for gold, led the Spanish to discover, and religious enthusiasm led the French to settle the Mississippi valley. George Rogers Clark went to Virginia, and presented plans for the occupancy of Illinois by Americans, to Patrick Henry, Governor of the state. Illinois was then under the jurisdiction of Virginia. Clark received his instructions in January, 1778, and in February set out for Pittsburgh. He gathered four companies of men, and captured Kaskaskia without shedding a drop of blood. This signal victory owed its bloodless triumph to the fact that the people of Illinois County had a wholesome dread of the Virginians, whom they called "long knives."

October, 1778, the Virginia assembly called this territory the County of Illinois. Since that date five large states have been formed out of this county. For some time the contentions of Brit-

ish, French, and Virginians made the administration of government very difficult. The seat of government was at Marietta, Ohio. In 1800 the Territory of Indiana of which Illinois was a part, was formed with the seat of government at Vincennes. In 1809 the Territory of Illinois was constituted with the seat of government at Kaskasia. In 1818 Illinois was received as a sovereign state into the union. It was stipulated that Vandalia was to be the Capitol for 20 years, after which Springfield was chosen as Capitol. The aborigines of this land rapidly perished before the march of civilization.

There are evident signs that one, if not two or more peoples, lived, and loved, and died on this rich soil before the Indians, whom it is customary to regard as first. And yet these remote peoples lived such a simple life that no art works, or implements, are left to us except the most primitive sort, to tell of their degree of advancement in the scale of civilization. They used only stone implements, which in the manufacture, required infinite patience, These early occupants of the soil dispised labor, and imposed it as

a degradation upon their women. Indian corn and tobacco are all of their contributions to the world progress. The Pottawotamies and Kickapoos roamed these great prairies and many of their representatives were still scattered through this county at the time of the beginning of churches and schools. As late as 1832 Indian corn mills could be found among the hazel brush around the court house square. "Old Soldier" Shemanger, a Pottawotamie chief, claimed this location as his birthplace, and said he loved the spot, and hated to leave it. Amos Johnson, who remembered encampments of Red Men in 1830, says, "The braves amused themselves by cutting mortices with their tomahawks through two trees that stood near each other, into which they inserted the ends of poles laid horizontally, one above the other at convenient distances, making a large living ladder of great height. Up this ladder the Indians would climb when the weather was warm and sultry to catch the higher breezes, and escape the annoyances of the mosquitos. He has seen them comfortably reclining and asleep in the tops of the trees while their squaws were engaged below in domestic duties."

"In the winter of 1852 or 1853 a company of braves came from the West through Urbana on their way to visit the President in Washington. While stopping here one of their number sickened and died, and was buried in the old cemetery of Urbana. His companions greatly mourned him and placed at the head of the grave a board with divers cabalistic signs, and also a pole which for several years supported a flag, and other ornaments. After committing his body to the grave his comrades blazed a road with their tomahawks, from the grave to the "Bone Yard" branch, to guide the dead man's thirsty spirit to the

water."

"And we have built our homes upon Fields where their generations sleep."

The honor of being the first white settler belongs to Runnel Fielder, who "squatted" on what was afterwards known as the Roe farm. He built the first mill for the grinding of grain about 1828.

The first minister to hold religious services in the county was Rev. John Dunham of the United Brethren Church. Next to him was Rev. ——— Mahurim, a Baptist, and next to him Alexander Holbrook, a Methodist exhorter who sometimes rode a steer to his appointments. Among the eccentric ministers of that time was Rev. Samuel Mapes, who rode on a steer which was usually ornamented with a bell. He rode barefoot and carried a gun." Next to these adventurous pioneers came a class with the love of home, and school, and church, and as one has said, "the wilderness, and solitary place was glad for them, and the desert rejoiced, and blossomed as the rose." They fought against the melancholy ravages of malaria, the pestiferous mosquito, the prairie fly, and faced and fought the terrible but sublime prairie fires. They ushered in that hospitable period when every "latchstring hung outside," when every house was an inn, and every loaf was baked to share.

We, have entered into their hard earned possessions and will never be able to repay a tithe of the gratitude we owe to these sturdy pioneers who fitted this country for the habitation of vast multitudes of people. These were the kind of people of which our historic church was organized. Many of their descendants are among us till this day, and names familiar to the traders and trappers at Runnel Fielder's store are among our most familiar names, while we plan our seventy-fifth anniversary.



## CHAPTER II. ORIGINAL HISTORY

“ It is to be all made of sighs and tears;  
It is to be all made of faith, and service;  
It is to be all made of fantasy—  
All made of passion, and all made of wishes:  
All adoration, duty, and observance;  
All humbleness, patience and impatience;  
All purity, all trial, all observance.”

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The First Baptist Church of Urbana, Champaign County, Illinois, was organized under the preaching of Elder Isaac Newell. The denomination has been identified with Champaign County ever since its organization.

The Rev. ——— Mahurin, a Baptist preacher, was the first minister to proclaim the gospel in the county. He enlisted in the Black Hawk war, and went as chaplain of a regiment raised in this part of the state.

Father John G. Robertson, a Baptist layman, entered land in section 10 in Urbana township in 1830. He was a zealous Christian worker, and no doubt to him is due the credit of sowing the seed which afterwards resulted in the present Baptist church. He is said to have held the first religious meetings ever held in Urbana after it became a town. He removed near Mahomet, where he raised a family from which descended some of the best people of that vicinity. In the records of the old lost book of Minutes—which Brother L. A. McLean took the precaution to copy many years ago—is the opening statement that the church was organized in the Old Court House in Urbana. In a copy of the Champaign County Herald of August 22nd, 1888, it stated that the church was organized in the house, or in the grove of Samuel Brumley, about one mile and a half east of town. Of this, however, we are assured that the date is right and the names of the constituents correct.

Rev. Isaac Newell was a missionary sent out to Central Illinois by our

Am. Bap. H. M. So.

Elder Newell has a record for much work as a missionary of the society. It was while he was at Bloomington that he came over, and worked in this place. In 1832 there were but 131 miles of operative railroads in this country. Travel was entirely by private conveyance.

The Chrisman Church in this Association was organized in 1832, and Indianola in 1837. Urbana church was organized by Elder Isaac Newell, the third Sunday in September, 1838. In 1839 the County Commissioners ordered the County Clerk to convey to the Baptist church of Urbana a town lot to be selected by the Trustees on the condition that they erect a house of worship on the same within twelve months. The financial condition of the church was such that the offer was not complied with. Among the converts of Elder Newell was Mrs. Malinda Bryant, converted in 1834. Four years later she united with the Urbana church, and held her membership there for many years. She was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, in 1812, and came to this county with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bussey, in 1831. She was united in marriage with John Bryant in 1833, about the time of the organization of this county, and was the first bride in the county. She made five horseback trips to Kentucky to visit the scenes of her childhood.

The names of the original constituents of the church are thirteen in number, as follows:

1834

Matilda Bixler  
 Samuel Brumley  
 Lia Brumley  
 John Brumley  
 Nancy Cook  
 David Cox  
 Phoebe Cox  
 Ivan Jones  
 Elizabeth Jones  
 Eda Porter  
 James T. Roe  
 Lillie Roe  
 Elizabeth Truman



Mrs. Matilda Bryant.

#### Deacon James T. Roe

We are fortunate in having a brief notice of one of the constituent members, Deacon James T. Roe, also a cut. He was one of the first Deacons elected in 1839. He and his wife were constituent members. He was a good organizer and did much to help in the organization of the new church. He was born in Oregon County, New York, August 4th, 1793. He was united in marriage June, 1831, to Lillis Busey, daughter of Isaac Busey, one of the pioneers of this county. He

and his wife purchased the farm of Runnel Fielder and made the first improvements in the county. He is prominently connected with the City of Urbana, having made four additions to the town site. Mrs. Roe died in November, 1860, and Mr. Roe survived her until August 23, 1866, when



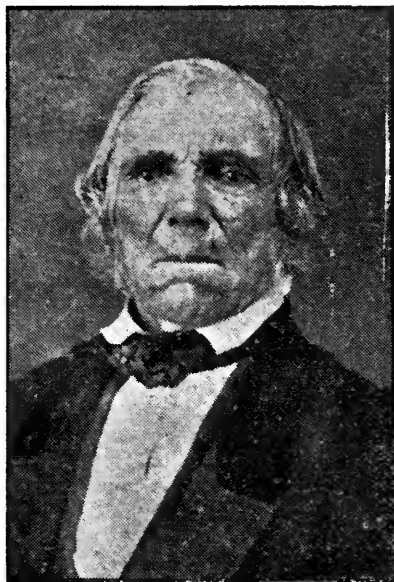
James T. Roe

they were united above. Two sons survive them, John B. Roe, who resides in Kansas, and Isaac B., who resides near this city. All these have long since been called to their reward, and history has not been left to give us the knowledge of their trials, and successes, when to be a Christian was not so easy a task as some now think it is.

#### Deacon Matthias Rinehart

Deacon Matthias Rhinehart. He was the first Deacon of the church, being elected in March, 1839. He came from Chester Co., Pennsylvania, to this county, in the fall of 1829, and bought the farm once owned by A. M. Fauley in Somers Township. He was

highly respected by the community, and those who survived him spoke well of him to the end of their lives. He was alike a good neighbor, citizen, and church member. He ably filled



**Matthias Rinehart**

the office of Deacon for several years. He died in this County about 1863 at a good old age.

**Matthias Rinehart.**

The honor of making the first settlement in Somers County is conceded to Matthias Rinehart. He came from Ohio in 1827. He married Elizabeth March. Mr. Rinehart used to relate many stories concerning "ye olden times." He relates that the year 1831 was without a summer. Frost delayed in the springtime, and returning prematurely in September, destroyed the crops and a long season of suffering followed. December, 1836, a deep snow fell and was followed by a heavy rain, which was succeeded by a severe freeze, and many persons who were not prepared for it froze to death. Two men named Hildreth and Frame, were

out, and became confused and wandered from their way. They killed their horses, and Frame entered the body of his horse for protection against the cold, but it proved to be his grave, where he was found frozen to death by a searching party, and Hildreth lost his toes and fingers from the excessive cold he endured while wandering around all night. Mr. Rinehart was very successful in business, and spent his closing days in plenty. When he came to this neighborhood he was a Dunkard, and there being no church of his faith near by, he sought, and gained admission into the Baptist church, and was one of its earliest members, and was elected Deacon on the same night with Deacon J. T. Roe. March, 1839,. Deacon Rinehart died in 1863.

Up till 1850 services were held in the homes of the members except on regular preaching days, when the school house across the road from Mr. Samuel Brumley's house in Sol Nox's wood pasture was used. This school house is known in history as the place where A. Bruer, the school master, smoked the scholars out.

In 1850 the church was dismissed from the McClain Association, and joined the Bloomfield Association, August 8, 1851. Urbana having become a good sized town, and the church having been strengthened by a number of Baptists moving to the



**Brumley's School House**

City, it was decided to build a suitable house of worship.

In November, 1851, John White, William Gill, D. O. Brumley, Colonel Busey, and James S. Busey, were appointed as a Building Committee to superintend the new church building which was completed and paid for in 1856. At the same time James Myers, D. O. Brumley, and T. L. Truman, were elected trustees of the church. The ladies who have always contributed largely to the church, raised money, and purchased a church bell, which was the first bell in the county, and was hauled here by teams from the east. Many people who had never heard a church bell ring, came many miles to hear this one, which has tolled the death knell of hundreds, and called thousands to worship, and pray during its half century and more of continuous service. Was it not sweet and musical still as it called us to our 75th Anniversary on September 21st? On March 30, 1852, the church asked the American Baptist Home Mission Society to assist them in the support of a pastor, to the extent of one hundred dollars per year, which request was granted. May 6th, 1854, the church passed a resolution thanking the society for their timely aid, and declared themselves able to support themselves. This is the only instance on the church records where outside aid was asked. In January, 1849, the church had grown to 43, and May 1st, 1854, it was 72. July 1st, 1856, it was 95. August 15, 1857, it was 77. August 20th, 1858, it was 69. From 1848 to 1871 the church scarcely ever missed a regular church meeting, which was invariably preceded by a sermon by the pastor. The church looked after the welfare of its members regularly, as a sample resolution will show, that was passed by the church in their June meeting, 1858, as follows: "Resolved, that any

members who absent themselves for three successive regular meetings shall be looked after by a Committee." This resolution has never been repealed. The first deacons were Matthias Rhinehart and James T. Roe, elected March, 1839. On the 31st of August, 1851, J. P. Ireland was elected deacon. On the 5th day of April, 1856, James S. Busey and William Gill were elected deacons. June, 1858, E. S. Packard, J. N. Wilson, and James Myers were elected to the same office.

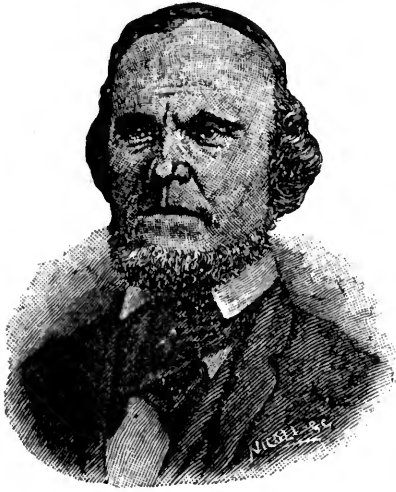
The pastors who served up to this time were Elders Isaac Newell, Freeman Smalley, Daniel J. Porter, Rual Dotson, G. W. Dare, D. S. French, ——— Taylor, Ira H. Reese, G. M. Carter, John A. Pool, G. W. Riley and A. L. Farr. The brethren who had served as church clerks were David Cox, James Myers, T. J. Newport, Jephtha Truman, David Quick, and A. J. Allan.

(For length of service, time of election, for all the above, see table).

We are fortunate in having the pictures of some of these old worthies, and the biographies of some, for whom we regret we have no pictures.

#### Rev. D. S. French, D.D.

Rev. David S. French was one of the early pioneer preachers, and served the Urbana church as Pastor, from August to December 6th, 1851. He was a sound and positive preacher, and very successful in his ministry. He preached the gospel in this association, and in Indiana, for nearly forty years. From a memorandum made not long before his death we learn that he had baptised about 1,500 persons. He graduated from Granville College in 1840. He continued preaching till his health failed him, and then went to Brookston, Indiana, and in company with his son, Chester C., ably conducted a newspaper, which was edited by his son



**Rev. D. S. French**

for many years after the father's death. In 1877, the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him, of which he was worthy. Many in this Association in days that are now gone remembered him for leading them to Christ. His works follow him.

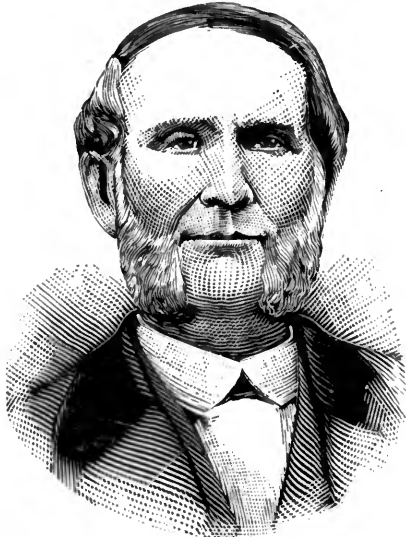
**Deacon James Myers**

Deacon James Myers. He was certainly one of the founders of the church and bore the burdens of its infancy with much patience and faith and he was permitted to watch its growth for nearly forty years, and see the fruits of his toil. It was he who prevented the splitting of the church and the organization of a Baptist church in Champaign instead of Urbana. He was born in Scott county, Kentucky, February 22, 1813. His parents moved to Indiana when he was 14 years of age. He came to Urbana in 1835. He was married to Miss Anna Cook, and raised a large family. His wife died. He was married to Mrs. Julia Chandler in the spring of 1871. He died February 22, 1883. He was deacon for twenty-five years, a position which he faithfully filled to

the very last. He was clerk of the church for eleven years from May, 1844. He was faithful to the services of the church, never missing a service if it was possible for him to attend. He bore his part in every department. He took an active interest in the formation of the Centennial Church, and labored hard in securing funds for the building. His death took place on his 70th birthday when surrounded by his family. What a meeting that must have been when he joined those who had gone before.

**Deacon James S. Busey**

Deacon James S. Busey. Mr. Busey was another member whose name was closely associated with the history of the church, and to whom the church is indebted more than to any one man for the church building. He was appointed in 1851 as a member of the Building Committee, and was the responsible member financially of the Committee. He gave freely of his time and money, till the building was completed. He was born in Shelby county, Kentucky, January 24, 1824,



**James Myers**



**J. S. Busey**

and came to this county in 1846. He was made a deacon of the church, April 5th, 1856, and served until 1858, when he removed to Arbela, Missouri, where he resided till his death. January 7th, 1888, he had a stroke of apoplexy, which deprived him of speech and made it difficult for him to walk. What sweet memories of work well done must have comforted his closing hours.

**Deacon William Gill**

Deacon William Gill was a man whose name will always be remembered in connection with the Urbana Baptist church. His house was ever open and in the early days he was the host of the church, and never better pleased than when his table was surrounded by his brethren. He was elected Deacon, April 5th, 1856, and was ordained soon after, and held the office till the day of his death. He officiated in the communion service of the church only a short time before



**William Gill**

his death. He also was a member of the building committee, and was active in the erection of the meeting house. He doubtless made as many sacrifices for the church as any member in it. He was always at his post of duty, sickness alone seemed to prevent his attendance at the worship, and services of his church. He was born in Shelby county, Ky., April 3, 1819. He was married in Franklin county May 19, 1842, to Miss Elizabeth Hodges. They lived happily together for twenty-four years, when God called Mrs. Gill to be at rest July 17, 1866. The result of this union was two children, Mrs. Mattie Branes of Alpha, Missouri, and a son who died in infancy. Mr. Gill united with the Baptist church at the age of twenty-one years, and continued a member until his death, which took place April 19, 1885. He was recognized by church and community as a good man. He came to Urbana in 1850.

**Deacon Dudley McClain****Dudley McClain**

Deacon Dudley McClain was one of the most efficient and well known members of the church. He was elected Deacon, January 2nd, 1870, and ably filled that important office until his death, which took place November 17th, 1880. He was born in Harrison county, Ky., April 28th, 1817. He was united in marriage October 19th, 1837, to Miss Rebecca Hannah. He was converted under the preaching of his brother-in-law, Elder G. W. Riley, in 1840, at Bloomfield. He was elected Deacon when only 28 years of age. He removed with his family to Urbana in 1864. He was loyal to his church, his pastor, and to his brethren, and his counsel was always highly prized. He always had a word of encouragement for his brethren, and no weak Christian ever talked with him without thanking the Lord for such Christians as Dudley McClain. He was a man of few words, but his face literally glowed with the love which was within. He stood high in

the community as well as in the church, and the expression could be frequently heard that, "if there was ever a christian, Dudley McClain is one." The church deeply felt the loss when the Lord called him home. He left surviving him his estimable wife and son, Judson, and one daughter, Mrs. Fannie Dicken, who is still a member of the church and is with us to celebrate this diamond Anniversary.

**Deacon Jackson M. Everett**

Deacon Jackson M. Everett was born in Lewis County, Ky., July 20th, 1820. He was converted when about twenty-one years of age, and united with the Baptist church. He came to Champaign, Illinois, in 1859, and to Urbana in 1860. He at once placed his membership here, where it remained till his death, which took place February 11th, 1870. He was elected as Deacon, June 1st, 1860, and served faithfully the rest of his life. He was a man of deep conviction on religious subjects, and was fearless in his expression of them. He was loyal to God, his pastor, the church, and the brethren. The two children for whom this godly man so earnestly prayed have found their father's Saviour. Miss Kate Everett was prominently connected with the Youths' Christian Association, which had much to do in preparing the young people of the church for the great revival of 1883. Rev. Charles T. Everett has done excellent work in Chicago and elsewhere in the ministry.

**Edward Ater**

Edward Ater was born June 6th, 1815, near Clarksburg, Ohio. During his boyhood his father moved to Perrysville, Ind., and settled on a farm. He was married to Miss Lydia Green at the age of 22. He moved to Illinois in 1837, in what is now Piatt County. Thence he moved to Urbana

and entered into mercantile pursuits and helped in the development of the city and county. He was mayor, sheriff, judge and commissioner. His wife died March 16th, 1857, and he was subsequently married to Miss Margaret Cramer. In the spring of 1859 he united with the Baptist church under the late Elder G. W. Riley. He was an ardent church member, serving as treasurer and deacon for many years. He moved from Urbana to Monticello, where for the last ten years of his life he was a great sufferer. His summons came November 8th, 1893. He was buried with Masonic honors in Mt. Hope cemetery.

#### Robert Slater

The Historical Committee is fortunate to have in its possession an autograph church letter written to the Bloomfield Association in its meeting in Paris in 1863. Robert Slater was clerk from 1857-1865. The paper is yellow with age, but the ink is almost as perfect as the day it was written. The letter is a very fine sample of the kind written for many years. It is dated carefully, which shows the accuracy of the habits of the writer, and it is written with evident care. The character of the writer shows through the splendid lines. It is a pity that it cannot be presented exactly as it is in the original. It is as follows:

The First Baptist Church of the City of Urbana to the Bloomfield Baptist Association when convened with the church at Paris, sendeth greeting:

Dear Brethren:

Through the tender mercies of our Heavenly Father we are once more permitted to send you our annual message by our delegates whom we have chosen to sit with you in council, to aid devising the best means to carry forward the work of our di-

vine Master, whose smiles and blessings we trust will be with you through all your deliberations.

Dear Brethren:

We feel truly grateful to God for his blessings bestowed upon us as a church, during the year that is just past, and we live in peace, and still enjoy the labors of our beloved Pastor, G. W. Riley, who ministers faithfully to his people in word and doctrine. The meetings of the church are well sustained, our Sabbath school is well attended, and still growing in interest, and promises much good. In conclusion, brethren, pray for us, and the prosperity of Zion, and may the united prayers of all God's people go up to the "God of Battles" for the success of our armies, and for the restoration of peace to our bleeding country." The usual statistics of membership (see Membership Table 1863) are then given, and some pencil notes which are not clear enough to read, and then the signature, Robert Slater, Church Clerk.

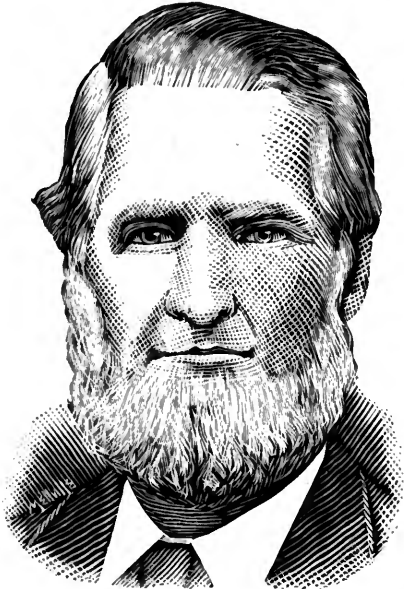
This letter contains one reference to the war that was then waging between the states. Little did these men then dream of the far-reaching results of that awful civil strife on the history of our country and church.

In June, 1860, the spire of the church was struck by lightning. There was a fair prospect for the destruction of the church, which was noted by George W. Flynn and J. O. Cunningham, who were passing by. Mr. Flynn climbed the bell rope, and pulled buckets of water up by the same means, and saved the building from destruction.

#### Elder G. W. Riley

In October, 1858, Elder G. W. Riley was recalled, and served as pastor until April 7th, 1867. From that time the church rapidly grew in numbers





Rev. G. W. Riley

and in strength, and at the end of his pastorate about 300 persons had been received by baptism, and 200 by letter. During the same time about 200 members were dismissed by letter, excluded or died, leaving the number at his resignation, about 300. During the next three years the church was supplied by Rev. S. B. J. Bryant, and A. L. Seward. During this time the church suffered greatly from indiscretions of Rev. S. A. Bryant. The church vindicated her honor and standing by excluding Rev. Mr. Bryant, and a council being called by agreement, the action of the church was approved, and the Elder was suspended from the ministry for one year. The ministry of Elder Seward only tended to keep up discord in the church.

This well-known man of God was born in Clermont County, Ohio, September 2, 1813. He was converted at Bethel, Ohio, in 1833, and in June, 1833, married Miss Bethire McClain. Shortly after this he moved with his parents to Bloomfield, where h was

on November, 1836, licensed to preach, and August 13th, 1838, he was ordained by the Bloomfield church, and became its pastor for one-half time. January, 1837, he rode horseback to Upper Alton to pursue study to supplement his inadequate common school education. Finding the expense too great for his meager means, he returned home after one month. He was a cabinet maker, and worked at his trade, using all leisure moments to read, and prepare himself for his calling. In the autumn of 1839 he took his wife in a buggy, and drove to Granville, Ohio, for the purpose of attending College there, but his people at Bloomfield were so persistent he returned to them after a short time, and remained 12 years. In a memorandum he says he traveled an average of 1,200 miles per year, and preached 200 sermons per year. He built nine meeting houses. In 1848 he retained one service per month at Bloomfield, and accepted the call to Paris for the rest of the time, moving to Paris to live. In 1858 he came to Urbana as Pastor, and remained eleven years. Then he moved to Champaign, where he built their first house of worship, raising most of the money himself, and giving largely of his own means. He returned to Urbana in 1872, remained two years, then went to Indianapolis two years, then to Paris till 1879, then back to Urbana, where he spent the sunset of his life. His summons came August 18, 1881.

Over the entire field of the Bloomfield Association, which he organized, his influence is still felt, though it is 100 years since he was born, and a generation since he "fell on sleep." He was honored by his brethren with the office of Moderator, 25 years in all. He was elected for 15 years consecutively (1846-1861).

He was also appointed to preach the Association Sermon on 8 different occasions. His two sons, N. A. and

Ozias, are still with us with prospects of many years to remain. His noble wife did not leave the scenes of her long term of life until her 92nd year. Your Committee take delight in presenting her picture as it was taken on her 92nd birthday.



Mrs. Bethire Riley

### Mrs. Bethire Riley

The wife of Elder G. W. Riley was born in Harrison County, Ky., July 23, 1812. At ten years of age she moved to Clairmont, Ohio, and lived there till 1833, when she was married to Elder Riley. They moved to Paris, Illinois, where he was Pastor. In 1859 they came to Urbana. She was in her 92nd year when her summons came, and was the oldest member in the church. Her judgment in church matters was always safe and good. N. A. and Ozias Riley, her sons, still survive her. She was a woman of fine intellect, and kept storing her mind with useful knowledge to the very last. Her home was the stopping place of every traveling Baptist among the old settlers, in the olden time. Her later days were surrounded by every luxury and care, and yet she often reverted to her early life in the little old log house, in which she began building her home, as her happiest days. Even these sweet old memories are now eclipsed by her present "house not made with hands eternal in the heavens."

## CHAPTER III. MEDIAN HISTORY

"A nameless man amid the crowd  
That thronged the daily mart,  
Let fall the words of hope and love,  
Unstudied from the heart,  
A whisper on the tumult thrown,  
A transitory breath,—  
It raised a brother from the dust,  
It saved a soul from death,  
O germ! O fount! O word of love!  
O thought at random cast!  
Ye were but little at the first,  
Yet mighty at the last."

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On February 2nd, 1870, Elder G. W. Riley was again recalled for a third time as Pastor, and during his ministry the church was harmonized and

united, and a considerable number added. On the 10th day of November, 1872, Elder D. F. Carnahan was called as pastor, who did much to build

up, and indoctrinate the church in the fundamental principles of the Bible, and during his ministration, which continued until August 30th, 1874, many souls were added to the church. The church parted with Elder Carnahan and his estimable wife with great regret.

**Rev. D. F. Carnahan**

The Historic Committee delights to be able to perpetuate his memory and present his genial face to the church of coming generations.



**Rev. D. F. Carnahan**

Born in Pennsylvania in 1825 and buried from his home in Champaign, Ill., Sept. 16th, 1894, on his 69th birthday. Such is the beginning and ending of one of God's noblest men. He began his work as a teacher. He was baptized March 14, 1847, at Whitehall, Pa. He was licensed in 1849 and ordained Sept. 25th, 1852, at Bridgeport, Pa. He began with 15 members, and in a short period left 135 members, and in 1856 went to Calvary Baptist church, Philadelphia, Pa., November, 1856 he went to Ohio, and for

three years was agent of the Ohio Baptist convention. In 1859 he became pastor at Zanesville, Ohio. He then entered military service, became major of the 79th Ohio Vol. Inf., and saw some active service. A part of this time he was in command of his regiment. He entered the army hoping to be able to do a good service by preaching to the soldiers, but his expectations were not realized and he resigned. Dayton, Ohio; Burlington, Iowa, and Aurora, Ill., enjoyed his labors as pastor. He was Superintendent of Missions in Illinois (1868).

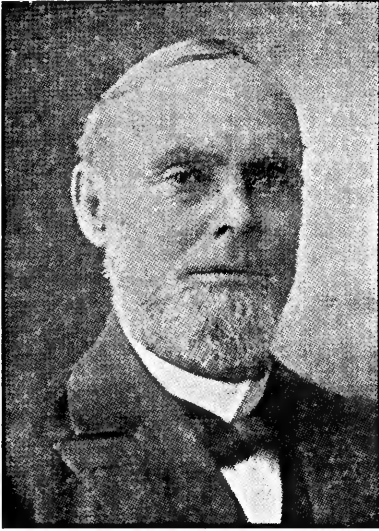
Springfield, Urbana, Nov. 10, 1872-Aug. 30, 1874, Dixon, Streator, Illinois and Appleton, Wis., were also blessed by his labors among them. In 1887 he began what proved to be his last labor of love and service. He engaged in the work of the "Children's Home Society," helping to bring "childless homes, and homeless children together." In connection with this work he made over 2,500 addresses, often making five, or six on a Sunday. He was a peacemaker in all the churches with a peculiar aptness to harmonize conflicting elements.

His last illness was for fourteen long, painful months, during which for a part of the time his sufferings were acute. His faith was unclouded, his resignation was uncomplaining. In a private letter to a friend soon after beginning the work of the Children's Home, he says, "I never missed preaching but three times in 35 years on account of sickness. I have been favored with excellent health. Life has had but few trials. My brethren have showed me from the beginning, especial honors, really more than I deserve, and my heart clings to them with very tender Christian love. I am ready when the Master calls, and most gladly would I welcome his coming for his saints."

I would that thus when I shall see  
The hour of death draws near to me,  
Hope, blossoming within my heart,  
May look to heaven as I depart."

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**Rev. W. H. Stedman, D.D.**



**Rev. W. H. Stedman, D.D.**

February 10th, 1875, Rev. W. H. Stedman was called as pastor, and began his work by developing the energies of the church, and by making out a list of all available active members, which scarcely reached one hundred, regarding these as the church, and relying on the power of God, he went forward in the work, and God owned, and blessed their united efforts in the salvation of many souls.

Up to the fall of 1878 one hundred and ninety were added to the church. One hundred and thirty by baptism, and sixty by letter. The strong point in his ministry was the indoctrination of the members in Bible teaching, with a view to practical work. L. A. McLean, Ozias Riley, Allen McClain, William Hawker, and others went to Centennial, Blackberry, Somers, Lev-erett and Star school houses, and conducted services. The services in the Centennial school house resulted in the

year 1876 in what is now known as the Centennial church. At the Star school house more or less regular services were held, and some valuable accessions came from that work into the First Church. In 1878 Elder Stedman, ably assisted by Deacon Allen McClain, held a meeting in the Centennial school house, when about 60 were united to the church, nearly all by baptism. During the winter of 1879 the school house was closed against the brethren, and Rev. Stedman, Deacon Myers, F. P. Apperson, Deacon Allen McClain, and others, at once set to work and succeeded in building and paying for a comfortable church building, capable of holding about three hundred. Deacon Allan McClain took charge of this work, and under his administration several revivals were held, and a large number were added to the church. On the 5th day of February, 1876, he was elected Deacon, and the Lord blessed him in his office as Deacon, and also gave him power to preach the gospel. In the home church the congregations grew too large for the seating capacity of the house, and in 1876 a vestry was added to the meeting house, costing about \$850, which added greatly to the convenience of the church, and Sunday school. Elder Stedman has through the church appointed Missionary Committees who do the collecting, saving the expense of representatives of the different societies visiting the church. Tract and Visiting Committees have been appointed, and the energies of the church being thus developed souls were saved and much good done.

On January 8th, 1879, a committee consisting of Amanda M. Allen, Mrs. Glasgo, and Mary L. Perry reported that they had visited 123 places and distributed 143 tracts. March 15th, 1879, twenty-three were present at the prayer meeting and nearly all participated in the Covenant Services. At

that meeting a day of fasting and prayer was recommended, and a committee appointed to see every member. April 5th, 1879, the Tract Committee reported 90 places visited, and 252 tracts distributed. This committee also reported the salvation of some souls as a result of their Tract work. September 3rd, 1880, a member was excluded for two reasons (1) persistent failure to keep her covenant, and (2) keeping company with depraved characters.

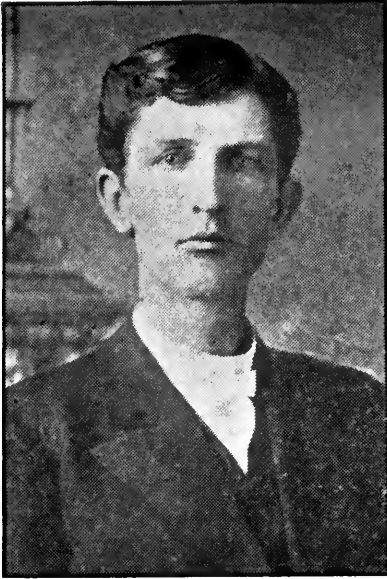
February 4th, 1881, the salary of pastor was increased to one thousand dollars per year. April 1st, 1881, a committee reported active members, 234; delinquent, 16; non-resident, 45; total, 295. July 7th, 1881, the Lords' Supper was observed in the evening. March 5th, 1882, Elder Steadman resigned and the church accepted the resignation. His resignation was greatly regretted by the church, and the whole community. He has remained in the state, holding important pastorates, and is a frequent, and welcome visitor at the old First church, and he is now a citizen among us, and will have a part in the observance of our Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

In 1867, while a student at Shurtleff College, Elder Steadman began to develop his building specialty, by organizing the First Baptist church of Shelbyville, Ill., and in 1869 building their present meeting house. While in Detroit, Mich., his church established two mission Sunday schools, each soon becoming an independent Baptist church, and each was provided with good, substantial buildings. While he was pastor the home church secured its present site on Grand River avenue, and erected its splendid house. February 10, 1875, he was called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Urbana, Ill. In connection with his work here he built the Centennial Meeting house in

1879, and added a large vestry to the building of the First Church. In 1894 he became pastor of the First Baptist church of Champaign, Ill., and while there built their present splendid house of worship, and also the parsonage. After leaving Champaign he organized the Villa Grove church, and built its meeting house, and at Arcola, and Arthur he built substantial churches, and paid for them. In the year 1885 Shurtleff College conferred upon him the honorary title of Doctor of Divinity. His old friends in and around Urbana, and Champaign, delight to do him honor, and are ever interested to hear him, when he is present in any of the churches. He has never lost his interest in Centennial, and the other Missions of his ministry. The Historical Committee will anticipate the program of our 15th Anniversary to record that Dr. W. H. Steadman will have a large and prominent share in its exercises. What a joy it must be to him to stand by the side of the road, and see the old procession file slowly out, and the new file hurriedly in, to take the reins and direct the affairs of the church in which he has put so much red blood, and careful teaching, and prayers. May he not be called away till a new and better day than any of us have ever seen, dawns on the old church, and her great and scattered membership. Dr. Steadman has been honored by his brethren of the Bloomfield Association, preaching its annual sermon in 1876 and 1897. He was elected moderator in 1878, 1879, 1881, 1903 to 1911. He also saw considerable service in the civil war.

#### Rev. G. M. Shott

Sunday, April 6th, 1882, the church voted a unanimous call to Rev. G. M. Shott of Newport, Ky., to become pastor for one year, dating from May 1st at a salary of \$800 and parsonage. Elder Shott was young and inexperi-



Rev. G. M. Shott

enced, and delicate in health. He was an eloquent speaker possessed of more than ordinary push, and enterprise, and soon had the church crowded at each service. He was an earnest worker, his sermons were filled with love, as well as the gospel, which awakened sinners, and made it exceedingly uncomfortable for the easy-going class of Christians. The result was that the hand of the Lord was soon visible, and a revival of his work was begun, and a large number added to the church. The members became wide-awake, and active in church work, and by discipline brought the standards to a very high pitch.

August 2nd, 1882, a proposition was made by the Pastor to remodel the church, and on December 4, '82, the cost was reported at \$385.71. August 30th, 1882, a motion was carried to commune once per month. September 27th, 1882. John Carman was licensed to preach the gospel and preached his first sermon. About the same time Augustus Carman returned from

Rochester, and preached his first sermon. December 4th, 1882, a committee was appointed to raise the salary of the pastor. Twenty persons constituted that Committee, and pledged themselves to give, or raise \$50.00 apiece.

The salary was raised to \$1,000 beginning with January 1, 1883. January 7th, 1883, a special meeting was begun, the pastor doing most of the preaching. Rev. R. E. Carney of Tolono, an old college mate of the pastor, was called in to help during the most exacting part of the meeting. This meeting continued with two, and three meetings per day, until April 15th, 1883. February 15th, the pastor was given power to appoint committees to aid in the examination, and indoctrination of candidates for baptism. Nearly four hundred persons (including duplications) were used during the meetings, with a powerful reflex benefit to the whole church. Of course, the deacons and some of their wives were in almost all the committee meetings. Deacon Knowlton of the Champaign church was frequently in the services, and was asked to give his counsel, and help in this work.

During this period 158 professed a hope in Christ, and all united with the church by baptism. A few not counted in the above made profession and united elsewhere. Most of these converts were carefully taught before they were brought into the church. A special fund was provided to purchase Keat's catechism for converts. June 27th, 1883 the "Star Book" was adopted as the Manual of the church. There has never been a change made in the Manual. Resolutions have been passed which clearly set forth the same principles though couched in different phrase. The Manual seems to have been forgotten during many long periods of the life of the church. June 13th, 1883, it was learned that the Rantoul church, which had invited the

Bloomfield Association to meet with them could not entertain it, and the Urbana Church immediately sent an invitation to meet with them. Some new features were introduced in this meeting and will be noted at the proper place.

By action of the church August 22nd a corrected list of members was printed, and sent out to all members.

October 3rd, 1883, a committee was appointed to devise a systematic plan for meeting the expense of the coming year, and when it reported November 28th, the third point in their recommendations read, "the Pastor's salary shall be advanced in proportion to the increase of membership, and subscription, by reason of revival, or otherwise." "Their eighth point reads "The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account with each member subscribing, and shall on the first of each quarter send a statement to all who are in arrearage." The ninth point reads, "We recommend the plan of weekly payments as far as possible." The tenth reads, "Every member of the church shall be expected to make a subscription." January 2nd, 1884, it was significant of the times that we should find a young brother rising in the Covenant Meeting, and making a statement to the effect that "a short time since he had allowed himself to yield to his temper and was sorry that by so doing he had brought reproach upon the church." On motion he was restored to full fellowship, and the confidence of the brethren. In the same meeting another well-known brother offered a written confession of considerable length detailing his misdoings and asking the church for forgiveness. He also was restored to full fellowship and confidence by a special vote. A third person made similar statements, and was restored. February 6th, 1884, a young sister confessed her sorrow on account of attendance, and participation in a dance.

The church by motion accepted her confession, and restored her to fellowship in the church. At that meeting differences of opinion in the church were very frankly confessed as shown by a ballot which had to be taken the sixth time before a full Board of Deacons could be elected.

When the full complement was elected the Pastor gave the hand of fellowship to the new Board. March 5th, 1884, the principle of taking an offering at each Communion service was established. May 7th, 1884, the Communion service was changed back to once in two months.

May 22nd, Rev. G. M. Shott offered his resignation, giving as his reasons the sickness of Mrs. Shott and the two children. During his Pastorate 165 were baptized, 33 taken in by letter and experience, leaving the roll 378. Much of his work was done among the young people, who were receiving a good training in Bible study through the work of the Y. C. A. established by John Carman, and the excellent work of Elder Steadman. However, the average age of the converts of Elder Shott's ministry was 23 years. Many thought he ought to stay longer, and take care of this large body of young members. He removed to Wheeling, W. Va., where for some time the health of Mrs. Shott and the children was improved.

Mrs. Shott never completely recovered from the malarial effects of this climate, which gave rheumatism, and heart trouble, from which after eight years of invalidism she went to her reward, October 31st, 1891, loved and honored by all who ever knew her. Three daughters survive her and one went ahead to welcome her home. The last service of the ministry of Elder Shott was the ordination of Deacons S. S. Hall, G. A. Walker, N. A. Riley, F. M. Snyder, J. W. Cushman, and J. P. Blue. The ordaining prayer was offered by Elder S. F. Gleason,

the charge to the deacons by Elder R. E. Carney, the charge to the church by Elder G. M. Shott. The service of laying on of the hands of the presbytery was very impressive and left a higher ideal of Deaconship. At the close of this service accompanied by many of the congregation Elder Shott and family took the train for the scenes of their labors in the "Little Mountain State," little thinking that after a period of nearly thirty years he would return to take up his unfinished work.

He was born in Staunton, Virginia, and received his first impression of a religious character from the Episcopalians. His family were all Baptists with few exceptions. Later, he was greatly influenced by Rev. G. B. Taylor, D.D., the great Baptist missionary to Rome. He took his high school course in Staunton. Baptized January 2nd, 1874. Licensed to preach, September 13th, 1875. Attended college at Richmond, Va. Preached his first sermon in Staunton, July 23rd, 1876. Studied theology in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., under the famous Dr. Broadus, Dr. Boyce, Dr. Toy, Dr. Whitsitt. While a student in the Seminary he was employed as city missionary in Louisville, where was organized the first Sunday Schools that have now become such a net work of missions, and churches. His first pastorate was a brief one on the banks of the Ohio at Hawesville, Ky. This church asked for his ordination, which was held in the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. July 31st, 1876, he was married to Miss Kate J. Knight of Louisville, Ky. From Hawesville he was soon called to become the pastor of the First Church of Newport, Ky. From Newport, Ky., he came to Urbana. From Urbana he went to Wheeling, W. Va. At Hawesville he held a great revival meeting greatly strengthening the old church.

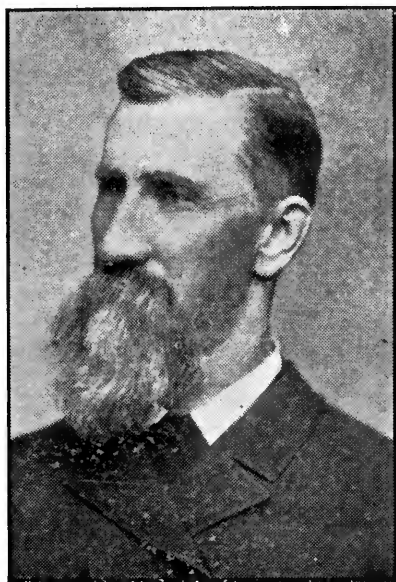
At Newport he secured a new and commodious church building in the center of the town, where it still remains. A new parsonage and freedom from state convention support. The chief thing done here in Urbana was to lead in a great revival. At Wheeling a heavy debt was paid. At First Church, Zanesville, the church was thoroughly repaired and renovated. At Dayton street, Cincinnati, O., a new church was organized and made independent. At Madisonville the church house burned, and a new fireproof house was built. From Madisonville he was called to Fairmount, W. Va., to undertake the task of organizing a new local church, and building its edifice. This was accomplished in less than three years. Much of the house was built by his own hands. Scarcely had the Fairmont work been launched when a flattering call came from North Church, New York City, where he had wide experiences in preaching and lecturing in almost all the great churches of the city, and many of the noted churches in New England. He left as his memorial in the North Church an endowment that ensures a church there forever. Thence to the Old Historic Scotch Plains church, where he had his longest, and most tedious Pastorate. It was an endowed church with great wealth, and a small membership with limited population. From this church he was called to Lyons Farms Church, Newark, N. J., a daughter of Scotch Plains, where he held a very successful revival, removed the old church building, and erected a new one of splendid dimensions, doing much of the work with his own hands. A break down of nerves, and a siege of chills drove him back to the mountains of West Virginia, to Mannington, where in a few months his usual powers of endurance were recovered, and he held meetings in his own, and many neighboring churches with great ac-



ceptance and in most cases success. Oakmont, Pa., made him a flattering offer, and after considering it for a few weeks, he accepted a call, and was succeeding admirably, having paid off all debts and led in a great neighborhood revival of very wide influence and power when he was recalled to Urbana, August, 1912. The last service at Oakmont was the burning of the last notes, and mortgages and the freeing of the church from debt for the first time in its history. He will observe his 37th ministerial anniversary July 23. He has preached 5,406 sermons, and written much for the press. June, 1913, Ewing College conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

L. A. McLean.

Deacon G. A. Walker



George A. Walker

This well-known and highly respected citizen was born of Scotch-Irish parents in Deering, New Hampshire, December 13, 1832. Early in

life he came with his parents to Tremont, Illinois, where he spent his early years. He had a common school and academic education, but the death of his father threw the care of the family upon him at a very early age, and his further improvement of mind must be done on his own resources. He always found time to read, and store his active mind with useful knowledge. He knew his Bible well, and became a very accurate and helpful teacher, and many are teaching now who had their first lessons from him. He was married to Miss Experience Drake of Delavan, Illinois, in 1868. She was a true and devoted helpmeet of deep piety and unselfish life. She died July 19th, 1884. He married Miss Margaret J. Porter of Urbana, June 9th, 1897. He was a man of unusual balance, and had a strong capacity for enduring friendships. In his public career he valued his trusteeship of public funds as a sacred trust. He was a great lover of his church, and was an honored Deacon for many years. In 1871 he moved to his farm south of Urbana, where he lived till July 12th, 1910, when he moved to his magnificent High street house, expecting to have time for a larger usefulness to his church. July 18, he was stricken with paralysis, and the death angel hovered till he was released November 7th, 1910. His widow still survives him, and is a member of this Historical Committee seeking in the sunset glow to honor his memory, and that of many others, whom she has known and loved in the long ago.

"Think of me as withdrawn into the dimness,

Yours still—you mine, remember all the best

Of our past moments, forget the rest,  
And so to where I wait, come gently on."

**Rev. E. C. Sage, Ph.D.**

June 15th, 1884, a formal call was extended to Rev. E. C. Sage of Geneseo Falls, Illinois, to become Pastor. July 9th we find Elder Sage presiding as moderator of the meeting for business. June 14th, 1885, a meeting was held at the Centennial Mission for the purpose of organizing a separate church. August 2nd, a council for recognition was called to recognize the Centennial Baptist church. August 9th, 1885, the Trustees were authorized to deed the property to the Trustees of the Centennial Church. This motion was rescinded January 4th, 1886. December 6th, 1885, the finances, both on Pastor's salary, and incidentals, were found in a deplorable condition, and a motion was passed recommending that an apportionment be made to each member subject to his, or her approval. January 13th, 1886, the Finance Committee re-instructed to proceed according to their own judgment. April 4th, 1886, it was determined to observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper once per month, instead of quarterly. Monday, April 5th, 1886, Pastor Sage made a report of work done, which it is good should be reported in part." A large number will ever look back to this winter as the date of their birth into the kingdom of Christ. Family altars that had been broken down, have been repaired, and many hearts and homes made bright by Him who is the Light of the world. While these things give us joy our hearts are saddened by the continued apathy of not a few. The habitual absence of strong men and women living but a few blocks from the church sitting at home within the sound of the bell, and apparently unconcerned for the salvation of dying souls around them—these things cause sadness of heart." At the close of this excellent report Elder Sage reports the to-

tal membership of the church to be 357. July 5th, 1886, the motion concerning the observance of the Lord's Supper was rescinded and its quarterly observance recommended. September 29th, 1886, Pastor Sage presented his resignation to take effect December 31st, 1886. Elder Sage was an earnest Christian man, a good speaker, and labored faithfully in the Master's cause. He was a man of fine scholarship, and an expert Hebrew student. When he resigned it was to take a position in President Harper's School of Hebrew, and to take a post graduate course in Yale College, New Haven. During his pastorate 56 were added to the church. This left the number of church enrollment at the close of his work, 355.

My Dear Mr. Shott:

Your letter of June 20th has just now reached my hand, and I hasten to reply. I regret that it will be impracticable for me to comply with your request for an extended review of my pastoral experiences. Mrs. Sage and I start for Europe tomorrow, and the few hours which remain before sailing must be given to preparation for our long journey.

At the time of my pastorate in Urbana there was in the church a large body of strong, mature, and influential men and women, whose devotion to the Christian cause through many years had made the church what it was, and whose consecrated services resulted in its permanence and growth. I cannot speak too highly of their noble lives. Many of the children of those influential families have developed into like-minded, and efficient Christian workers, and are now holding important positions in the business and educational world.

Mrs. Sage and I have pleasant recollections of the cordial reception given to us in the homes in and about the city, making our pastoral visits a

constant joy and a sweet remembrance.

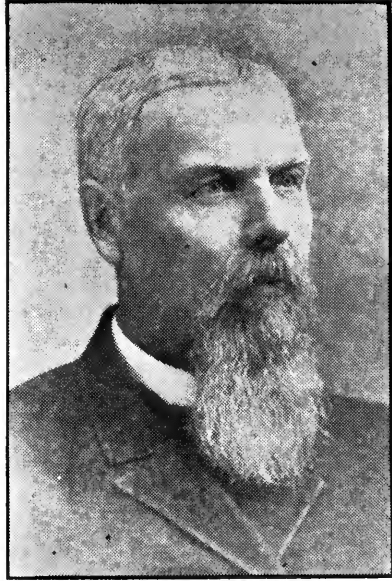
Our relation to the other Christian churches of the city and community was most cordial. In my long experience I do not know of any place where I have lived in which the spirit of co-operation has been more delightfully manifest than in Urbana at the time of our residence there.

I wish you would convey to the Committee in whose behalf you have written and also to the entire church membership the cordial greetings of Mrs. Sage and myself and extend to them our sincere wishes for the continued usefulness of the church to the community and to the greater world.

Very truly yours,

E. C. SAGE.

Dr. Sage is abroad, and it is impossible to get a cut.



Rev. F. J. Leavitt

December 1, 1886, a letter was granted to Burritt A. Cushman to the North Baptist Church, New York City. It was through him that Rev. G. M. Shott was introduced to the North Church, and was at once called to take charge of that old historic church. During his stay in and around New York he was secretary of the Baptist Ministers' Conference of New York City for twelve consecutive years, and became well-known throughout the denomination as well as in New York. B. A. Cushman was in the Y. C. Association when Elder Shott was Pastor of Urbana. What influences one exerts is never known, and may not be known till it is seen in the undimmed light of the glory-land. If the endowment of that great old church during the Pastorate of Elder Shott is of any special value to the kingdom of our Lord it must be shared with B. A. Cushman in the final reckoning, and also with this church.

June 1st, 1887, a call was extended to Rev. F. J. Leavitt of Plattsburgh, Mo., to become Pastor. He accepted August 1st, 1887. Elder Leavitt was an earnest and interesting speaker, evidencing the truth of his teachings by his daily life, and possessed the unanimous esteem of the church, and community. The church by judicious discipline reduced the number of its members about 50, leaving the membership 298, although the active working membership would not exceed 175. May 4th, '89, Pastor Leavitt resigned. June 5th, 1889, the Advisory Committee requested the Pastor to withdraw his resignation. June 19th, 1889, the resignation of Pastor Leavitt was accepted.

Rev. F. J. Leavitt writes from Leavenworth, Kansas, where he is State Prison Chaplin: "So many years have gone by since I left your city that it is difficult to recall my experience with the church as I would like.

My pastorate there began in August,

1887, and continued two years. The church was united, hopeful, enthusiastic; the membership large, composed of many excellent people. The pastor's leadership was recognized and a disposition to follow him shown. The Sunday services brought out good congregations, generally speaking.

The teaching service, or Sunday School was in the hands of good officers, and faithful teachers. The teachers' meetings were the best I have seen anywhere. Quite a goodly number attended the prayer meetings, several usually taking part. The young people were loyal to the pastor, and church.

The first year saw progress, several being added to the church. A meeting developing considerable interest was held either the first or second year, which resulted in several additions to the church, mostly young people. I was assisted in that meeting by Rev. William Bilbro, then of Missouri.

My brief stay with that people was in the main very pleasant, and I always read with much interest anything I see concerning the church. The body of our little boy lies in the cemetery there, and this makes Urbana very dear to us.

Sincerely yours,

F. J. Leavitt.

## CHAPTER IV. PRESENT HISTORY

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" Not enjoyment and not sorrow,  
Is our destined end or way,  
But to act, that each tomorrow  
Find us farther than today.  
Act—act in the living present!  
Heart within and God o'er head."

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### Rev. W. W. Smith

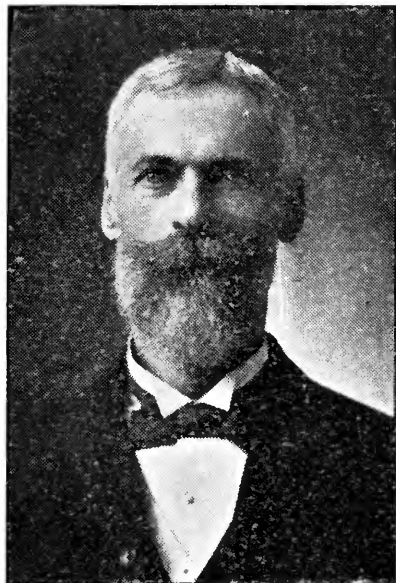
August 28th, 1889, a call was extended to Rev. W. W. Smith to become Pastor. He accepted the call. December 4th, 1890, revival services were begun by Evangelist Dillard, and continued till the 19th of same month. February 25th, 1891, a resolution was passed in reference to some humiliating trials to which the Pastor had been subjected. "Whereas, Our beloved Pastor, Rev. W. W. Smith, has recently become the victim of malicious slander at the instigation of \_\_\_\_\_, who on the 23rd day of January, 1891, was dismissed from the church for violation of her covenant obligations, and Whereas, he has been compelled to take his place as defendant during a most critical investigation of the charges preferred

against him, and from which he emerged without a stain upon his character as a gentleman, and Christian; therefore, be it Resolved; that the First Baptist Church of Urbana regard this persecution of its Pastor as a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end, emanating only from a vile, revengeful heart, having but one thought, viz., seeking to bring reproach upon the Pastor, the church, and the cause of Christ. Resolved; that this church holds in utter contempt this proceeding against Mr. Smith, and heartily join with the Court, and the public at large in his thorough vindication. Resolved, that we will stand by our Pastor as a church and give him a hearty and united support in his Christian work." These resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

June 3rd, 1891, Pastor Smith resigned, and his resignation was accepted. Wednesday, August 12th, 1891, Elder G. M. Shott, a former Pastor, being on a visit, was asked to administer the ordinance of Baptism, which he did for Brother Charles Mullendorf.

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**Rev. J. W. Primm**



November 1st, 1891, Rev. J. W. Primm was called as Pastor, and began his work November 15th, 1891. December 30th, 1891, the Communion was changed to first Sunday in each quarter. October 2nd, 1892, Rev. J. W. Primm resigned in words expressing the highest type of Christian gentleman and scholar. Things had entered into the relations of his work that had materially affected his work, and he sincerely thought he ought to sever his connection as Pastor. His resignation is as follows, "When I came among you a few months ago I hoped for brighter days, but instead the darkening cloud has grown more dense, and has now burst in fury upon

me. "The heart knoweth its own bitterness," and I would not have you suffer with me or on my account. For myself and family I ask your most earnest prayers. May God grant to you all, the guidance of his Spirit and the riches of his grace."

The resignation was accepted, and the following resolutions passed:

"Whereas, Rev. J. W. Primm has tendered his resignation as Pastor of this church to depart for another field, therefore, be it resolved, that we recognize in Brother Primm an earnest Christian man, and an able Pastor, and that it is with regret that we accept his resignation. That we tender him our prayers, and best wishes for abundant success in whatever field of labor he may be called."

This honored servant of God was born in Belleville, November 17, 1848, He was for some time vice-president of the Beekeepers' Association, in which business he was an acknowledged authority. He was pastor of the First Baptist church of Urbana for a short time, and afterwards also of Herald of Hope for a short time. Towards the latter part of 1912 he began to fail, and slowly yielded to his last enemy, April 16, 1913, at the age of 65, having been in the ministry 45 years.

He was scholarly and exact in his preaching, and an able preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

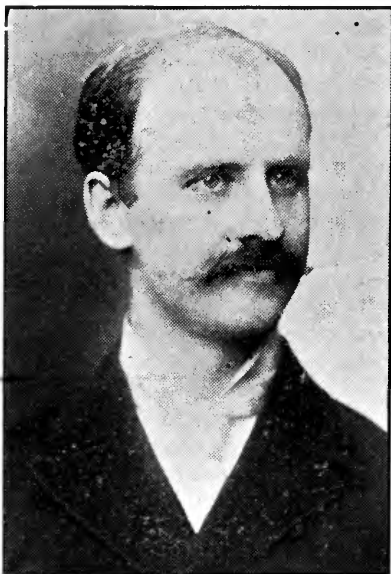
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**Rev. J. F. Mills, Ph.D.**

December 18th, 1892, Rev. J. F. Mills was called to the vacant Pastorate, and on December 1st, in the evening, we find him at work on the field. January 13th, 1893, an ordaining Council met to advise in reference to the ordination of Brother Mills to the gospel Ministry.

A splendid programme of a very high order of exercises was carried

Rev. J. F. Mills



out with Dr. Galusha Anderson of the Divinity School of Chicago as examiner, who conducted a rigid examination, and all questions were answered by Brother Mills in a most satisfactory way. In the evening when the Ordination programme was carried out Dr. Anderson preached the ordaining sermon from the words, "and the common people heard him gladly." Matthew 12:37.

After the sermon, Dr. Anderson offered the prayer of ordination, while the hands of the Presbytery were laid upon the head of the candidate. The charge to the Pastor was given by Rev. E. J. Beardsley. The charge to the church by Rev. R. W. Bell; the right hand of fellowship by Rev. E. A. Stone. Benediction by Rev. J. F. Mills. September 13th, 1893, N. A. Riley presented his resignation as Chorister, (See resolutions), and nominated George M. Bennett as his successor. He was elected and leads the music of this Anniversary with great acceptance to all the people in

the church and in the community. In November, 1893, beginning the 27th, special services were led by Rev. Riley of Fairbury, Ill., and J. W. Tanner of Normal, Ill. December 27th, special meetings closed.

In February, 1885, a motion to take steps to build a new house of worship during the present year was passed, and a committee consisting of Rev. J. F. Mills, George Bennett, and M. D. Busey, was appointed to solicit funds.

This sentiment was brought about by a very passionate sermon preached by the Pastor, Rev. J. F. Mills, from the text "Lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes." March 21st the church ordered the committee to proceed at once. April 3rd, 1895, shows the following classified report of amounts pledged to that date:

No.	Pledge.	Amount.
4	\$1000.00	\$4000.00
5	500.00	2500.00
1	350.00	350.00
3	250.00	750.00
4	200.00	800.00
2	150.00	300.00
1	125.00	125.00
15	100.00	1500.00
2	75.00	150.00
4	60.00	240.00
19	50.00	950.00
3	40.00	120.00
2	30.00	60.00
4	1.00	4.00
55	\$25.00	\$1350.00
1	24.00	24.00
15	20.00	300.00
17	15.00	255.00
3	12.50	37.50
4	12.00	48.00
42	10.00	420.00
1	9.60	9.60
1	8.00	8.00
1	7.00	7.00
1	6.00	6.00

45	5.00	225.00
1	2.00	2.00
Grand total.....		\$14,541.10

May 8th, 1895, plans were presented by J. E. Hall for the new house and were adopted. During the process of building the Congregation met in the Universalist meeting house and also a part of the time in the Hall. October 1st, 1895, an invitation was extended to the State Convention to meet here October 14th, 1896. March 8th, the first meeting in the new church house was held in the Sunday School room of the new building.

Rev. J. D. Porter was invited to hold meetings. No record of results of that meeting are to be found. March 29th, 1896, the new house was dedicated. January 27th, 1897, \$2500.00 was borrowed on security of church property to pay off debts against the church. September 15th, 1897, a recommendation of the Deacons was passed that the entire membership together with a statement of the subscription of individuals to current expenses, be printed and sent out to each member. October 29th, at the Annual Roll Call the membership was 385, of which 222 were present, or accounted for. Non-residents, 71, with 15 responses, making a total membership of 456, with 237 responses. December 1st, 1897, a recommendation was passed that Deacons and Trustees shall be ineligible to reelection for one year. August 3rd, 1895, Rev. J. F. Mills resigned to take place September 1, 1898.

During the fall of 1902, while completing my work at the Divinity school of the University of Chicago, I was led to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Urbana, Ill., agreeing to preach every two weeks and send supplies in the interim. Held

some special services during the Christmas holidays and came to Urbana to stay the following June. There were three factors which led me to accept this call. First, I saw that there was a large number of young people in the families of the church who had grown up and remained unconverted, here was a great and a good work to be done; a cursory glance at the old building was convincing that if much progress was to be made, a new church would be necessary soon; I believed it was possible to greatly enlarge the constituency of the church. An active evangelistic work during the first three years brought into the church most of the young people and many of the boys and girls of our Baptist families. This was mainly carried on through the regular services of the church. The call to the building movement came to the pastor with sudden and convincing revelation. A previous thoughtful and very earnest conference with certain church officers had led us to decide that with so many new converts to train and feed with the Word, that it would not be wise to go forward with the building movement at that time. But God's message came to the pastor, "Go Forward." He gave this message to the church. The officers met the following evening and said, "Pastor, we do not believe it is possible now, but we do not dare to stand in the way of such seemingly strong convictions, go ahead for one month and see what you can do toward a building fund, but we cannot consider building unless \$12,000 is pledged. At the end of the month the pastor asked for ten days' extension of time to complete the canvas, and then reported \$16,000 in subscriptions. At once preparations were made for building.

"The walls were builded because the people had a mind to give." Many

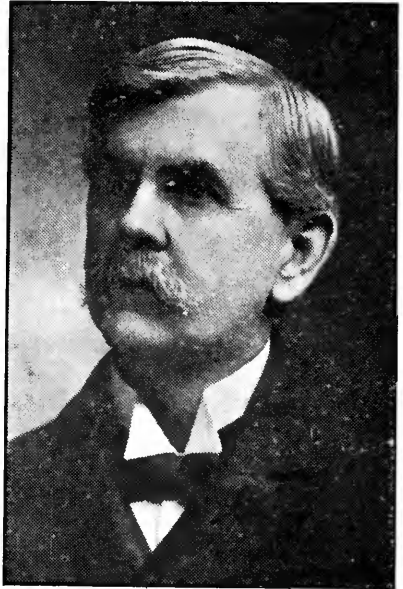
gave to the point of great sacrifice, for which we devoutly thank God today, for it enabled us to build a church not only suited to the needs of that day, but one that will continue to be a splendid workshop for many years to come. Many wondered if we should ever see that same fervent evangelistic spirit in the new building that had characterized the work of the last three years in the old, that same spirit was manifestly present in the fall of 1897, and during the first six months of 1898. Then we were permitted to enlarge the place of our habitation, to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes, to gain a place in the hearts of many new families in the community, for most of those baptized at this time were from families not previously connected with the church. The building movement was successfully completed without friction, leaving us in good condition to go forward with the building of the greater spiritual temple. The work of the Ladies' Church Extension Society deserves to be specially commended, for they laid the foundation for the building fund, and helped to create a growing sentiment which at last enabled the church to unanimously unite in the erection of a new temple of worship. We were permitted to see our membership nearly doubled in six years.

J. F. Mills.

**Rev. M. L. Rugg, D.D.**

October 12th, 1898, Rev. M. L. Rugg was unanimously called to the Pastorate. March 5th, 1892, after the Trustees had made their final report on church building, the church heard an address from Deacon J. S. Hall on the church building, including the raising of funds and the planning and erection of the building.

Professor C. H. Hopkins spoke on the support of the church as coming from those who are loyal, and inter-



**Rev. M. L. Rugg, D.D.**

ested in the welfare of the church. N. A. Riley spoke of some historical incidents relating to the church, and Mrs. J. M. Lewis spoke of the Ladies' Church Extension Society, and the fact that this Society has contributed \$2891.00 towards the church building, and furnishing fund. Brother W. O. Connor spoke for the Young People, and Geo. M. Bennett spoke of the choir, and the need for more hymnals, and a pipe organ to help the efficiency of the musical services of the church. Brother L. A. McLean spoke of the development of the church, Brother Fred C. Hubbard presented the final report of the Trustees on the Building Fund.

All cancelled papers in connection with the building were burned, and the day went down as a red letter day in the history of the church.

September 4th, 1901, the Building Committee reported finances as fol-



lows:

**Receipts.**

General subscription .....	\$22,254.91
Ladies Society .....	800.00
Memorial Window Fund.....	790.18
Stanford Hall subscription....	373.54
Ladies' Society, Aug. 10.....	198.00
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Total receipts.....	\$24,416.63

**Contracts.**

Paid out to Aug. 1, '01.....	\$23,989.63
Paid on note.....	400.00
Interest on note.....	27.00
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Total paid out.....	\$24,416.63
Amt. due on subs.....	\$1188.00
Amt. due on deed.....	464.50
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Total amount due.....	\$1652.50
Bal. of debt .....	500.00
Leaving a balance of.....	\$1152.50

if pledges were paid.

October 12th, 1902, roll call, to which 213 members responded. December 3rd, 1902, a Pipe Organ Committee was appointed to raise funds and were given conditions.

December 21st, 1902, Evangelist Tera Smith was invited to assist Pastor Rugg in holding special meetings to begin January 11th, 1903. October 19th, 1904, Pastor M. L. Rugg resigned, to take effect December 1, 1904.

I send my greetings and best wishes to the First Baptist Church of Urbana, Ill., on this her seventy-fifth anniversary. I congratulate pastor and people on the blessings which have attended them and made it possible to celebrate under such pleasant conditions this auspicious occasion.

After being in the pastorate over thirty years, I can truthfully say that the six years I spent as Pastor of the Urbana Baptist church count, in every way, among the most pleasant and prosperous of my ministry. After a personal acquaintance as pastor of dif-

ferent churches from the east to the far west in our country, I have yet to find one in which the personal relationship of pastor and people was more harmonious and cordial. During the six years I served the church as pastor, extending from November, 1898. to the last of 1904, I have not recorded upon memory's tablet a single instance in which unpleasant words or actions marred the perfect pastoral relations.

To state that there were never differences of opinions regarding church work among so many members of such varied conditions of living and thinking would be to declare a unity of conclusions impossible among those with such differences of viewpoints. But though differences might arise, the tie of christian love bound the hearts of pastor and people in such unity of purpose in carrying them out that the different pieces became one building in the finished work. This unity of thought, and purpose, and action was well expressed in the verse of that hymn we so often sung at communion service: 'Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love, The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.'

My impressions regarding the church, as already mentioned would in many ways apply to my relationship to those without. Especially did I find the fellowship of Christian love in those who bear another name. And those who worshiped with us in kindred faith from the university. I knew them only a few years, yet I came to look upon many of them, not as guests, but as members of our church home. In with the review of these relationships are the many social and friendly ones with those I met in the business and society ways of the city. I can wish for my successor no more pleasant review than that which rises to

my own mind as I write. For such pleasant relationship in the future as have marked those of the past is the wish and prayer of one of the old pastors.

M. L. Rugg, D.D.

**REV. J. A. BROWN.**



Rev. James A. Brown was called to the Pastorate April 5th, 1905. The new parsonage, 205 West High street, was decided upon by the Trustees, and consented to by Mrs. Busey, to which she gave \$4,000.00, and the church ordered the Trustees to close the deal at once, the purchasing price being \$6,800.00. December 6th, 1905, the Trustees recommended that a Financial Agent be employed at a salary of \$100.00 per year, and the church adopted the recommendation, appointing Miss Anna Webber as the first and only paid agent. August 15th, 1905, Pastor Brown resigned to take effect October 31st, 1906. The church accepted the resignation.

**Letter of Rev. J. A. Brown.**

There is little to be said about my short pastorate in the Urbana church. I was there only one year and six months. At the beginning of my work

"Mother Busey" gave the money by which the present fine parsonage was made possible to the church. The weekly system of giving to Missions was introduced, and pushed to such an extent that there was complaint that more gave to Missions, than to our regular church expense. The Sabbath Schol was changed from the noon hour to the morning. We remember our Urbana friends with tender regard, and affection. My work at Bloomington, Indiana, was eminently successful six years, and my work here in a great educational center is succeeding admirably, with every seat taken, and constant additions to the church. I will mail you my "cut" whenever you want it.

Yours truly,  
James A. Brown.

Emporia, Kan.

**Rev. Robert Van Meigs**



October 24th, 1906, a call was extended to Rev. R. V. Meigs to the pastorate of the church. Only a few had heard him, or seen him. After lengthy specifications had been presented by him, and accepted by the church, he

was installed as pastor. November 7th, 1906, 28 names were dropped from the roll for delinquency. June 5th, 1907, the church was the recipient of an Individual Communion set from Sisters S. H. Busey and Augusta Morgan. A vote of thanks was extended to them for this thoughtful gift. October 6th, 1907, the Deacons were instructed to use one-fifth of the Communion offering for other objects, and purposes, than usually this fund is used. December 4th, 1907, it was decided to elect a Moderator, whose duty it shall be to preside over all business meetings, and whose term of office shall be one year. By unanimous vote Deacon J. S. Hall was elected to that position, which he has held with honor, and acceptance to this day. In this meeting a motion was passed requesting the heads of each department to present an annual report of work done by that department for the year closing with December 31st. September 8th, Rev. R. S. Mackey, pastor of the "Church of God," presented himself for membership in this church, and after examination by Deacons and others he was received as a member, and the hand of fellowship extended to him. At the same meeting it was moved and carried, that the church request the Bloomfield Association in its meeting at Arthur, to examine Rev. Mr. Mackey as to ordination, to the gospel ministry as a Baptist. October 6th, 1909, the Trustees reported the gift of \$300.00 by Miss Myra Silvers to the church. December 2nd, 1909, the Deacons reported that there were 49 conversions as a result of the Herald of Hope work in the north part of the city. They recommended the formation of a mission branch of the First Church. For further history see Herald of Hope Baptist church. September 18th, 1909, the Deacons recommended that the Rev. Edgar Wool-

house be called as Assistant Pastor of the First Church with a view to taking charge of the work at Herald of Hope Chapel. December 7th, 1910, the Pastor, R. V. Meigs, was requested to take charge of Finances for the year 1911. June 7th, 1911, it was moved and carried that one service every two months be devoted to the Communion service. September 23rd, 1911, the Rev. Edgar Woolhouse was called to the Herald of Hope Mission. January 3rd, 1912, the plan of financing the church was left as last year, in the hands of the Pastor. February 4th, 1912, Revs. R. S. Kirkland and F. F. Leonard began a special meeting. There is no further record of that meeting as to results, or time of continuance. July 17th, 1912, Rev. R. V. Meigs presented his resignation as Pastor, and it was accepted to take place September 1st, 1912. Resolutions were passed on the resignation of Rev. R. V. Meigs. Brother Meigs was a very magnetic man with a passion for additions, and a persistent method of working to that end. His history in the church, page after page, is that of gathering in. There were some periods of discipline, and some names were dropped, but the whole work of his five years, and eight months of service was along the line of accretion to the church. Several times his health was in jeopardy, and the church always came to his relief, and did the handsome thing to his help, and to her honor. During his ministry in 1910 the Church entertained the State Convention. During this Pastorate a class in the Sunday School was organized, and called the "Tri-mu Class." This class might be made the strongest organization in the church, and will be so, when they give the emphasis of their work to the spiritual side of the church.

**Letter of Rev. R. V. Meigs.**

Mrs. Meigs and I began our work with the church January 1, 1907, and closed Sept. 1, 1912. At the beginning of my pastorate I declared that the First Church of Urbana should have a membership of one thousand strong. The first year the clerk reported 133 additions. The trustees reported a deficit of \$929.19 wiped out. The second year there were 122 additions, and the building was renovated, credit for which was duly given to the various departments by Chairman N. A. Riley, the Clerk L. A. McLean saying in his report, "The year has been one of the most prosperous in the history of the church." During the year the benevolences increased more than 25 per cent. The Sunday School attendance had almost doubled that of January, 1907, the average being 356, with offerings \$8.92 per Sunday. In 1908, in the afternoons the pastor held a catechetical class for the younger members of the church, out of which the Junior Church grew in 1909, and in 1910 the Junior, and Intermediate C. E. In 1910 a splendid Bible Class was conducted by Deacon E. S. Hall at Mrs. Artemesia Busey's home. In the midst of large plans which were being carried out successfully came the sickness which enforced a vacation of three months and won my undying gratitude to the church for its kindness. In the year 1911 a finance committee of men was organized, which succeeded in meeting current expenses, and also reducing the deficit more than \$200.00. An attack of appendicitis in 1911 made another three months' vacation necessary, and the church cared for me. Mrs. Meigs and I enjoyed our work with the church, and Association, and University people and also our church choir. It is our prayer that the Urbana church may grow in spirituality, and membership, and interest in

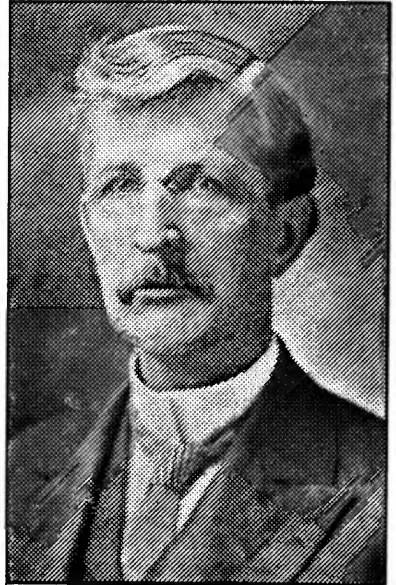
missions among all its people.

Cordially yours,

R. V. Meigs.

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Rev. G. M. Shott, D.D.



By a singular providential dealing, Rev. G. M. Shott had been invited to visit here on his return from the Northern Convention at Des Moines, Iowa, but it so transpired that he could not attend the meetings at Des Moines, and cancelled his engagement. A little later he was requested to pay a vacation visit to Urbana and visit with old friends and members, and preach as a supply for Elder Meigs. The arrangement had been made, and the dates set for July 21 and 28. On Thursday, July 18th, in a letter from Pastor Meigs, making final plans for the visit he informed Elder Shott of his resignation.

At his first interview with Elder Shott, Elder Meigs said, "Why cannot you come back, and take up the

work again." The matter was looked upon at first as a passing complement, and pleasantries, but after the first Sabbath of services old friends who had been in Mr. Shott's former Pastorate met in groups, and at once began to discuss the possibilities of his return to a second Pastorate, and so that by Wednesday of the first week of his visit it was practically settled that a call would be extended. On quickly the the sentiment spread. Sunday, August 4th, 1912, the Pulpit Committee reported a recommendation to call Rev. Gideon M. Shott to a second Pastorate to begin September 1st, 1912. He immediately accepted, and was on the field in time to attend the Bloomfield Association at Sidell.

The first work which has not yet been quite finished has been to find, and as far as possible line up the large, and scattered membership of the church. The organization of the University Baptist Church, and a little later the organization of Herald of Hope as a separate church, and soon after that the organization of Cunningham Avenue Mission into a separate Baptist church, has made some drafts upon our membership, but at this time as this history goes to press the membership all told is 664.

Rev. G. M. Shott was asked to teach the "Agoma" Student Class and has been teaching a Teachers' Class also, besides taking a full hand in all the other services, doing some outside work besides. He expects, and has already begun to do work in the Association, and at other points, and has many calls for addresses, and funerals, and other services.

During 1913 the Trustees are responsible for the financing of the church. The church has been carefully districted, and visitors located in each district to look after each de-

partment of church work, and report results. This method has not yet had a good chance to reach results, but its influence has already been very widespread, and if the members of the committees on the districts will do the work asked of them it will revolutionize the attendance, and finances of the church. The Pastor relates almost daily little pleasant surprises of finding people who were either acquainted in the first Pastorate, or were related in some way, making each day a joyful day of service, and surprises.

L. A. McLean.

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#### FOURTH QUARTER CENTURY.

With the close of these pages our church will be entering upon the Fourth Quarter Century of its history. May not the experiences of the Three Quarters through which it has come teach patience and perseverance and strict adherence to Covenant? Would it not be a fine ambition to strive to exalt the standards of our church, and denomination? At the time this book goes to press it is being prophesied by those who ought to know, that there are many signs of a return to more conservative standards, and deeper spiritual ideals. The Bible is being read as it never has been read in all the years. It has passed successfully through decades of the most destructive criticism possible to the judgments of men. Every advantage has been taken of its many translations, and the consequent errors that have crept in from careless usage, and yet the integrity of the Word of God stands secure.

Let us all begin at once to make this generation tell on all successive generations.

## CHAPTER VII.

### PASTORS—DEACONS—CLERKS—LICENSE

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"And he gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists and some Pastors and some teachers."

Pastor.	Elected.	Resigned.	Duration.
Rev. Isaac Newell	September, 1838..	June, 1839.....	9 months.
Rev. F. Smalley..	October, 1839.....	June, 1840.....	8 months.
Rev. Dan'l Porter	July, 1840.....	March, 1842.....	1 year, 8 months
Rev. Dual Dotson	May, 1842.....	September, 1843..	1 year, 4 months.
Rev. G. W. Dare	..... 1847 .....	May 3, 1849.....	2 years.
Rev. Rual Dotson	March 3, 1849 .....	July 5, 1851.....	2 years, 4 months.
Rev. D. S. French	August 30, 1851....	December, 1851....	4 months.
Rev. Mr. Taylor..	March 6, 1852.....	March 5, 1853.....	1 year.
Rev. Ira M. Reese	May 21, 1853.....	May 6, 1854.....	1 year.
Rev. G. W. Carter	July 1, 1854.....	March 3, 1855.....	8 months.
Rev. John A. Pool	December 1, 1855	January 1, 1856....	1 year.
Rev. G. W. Riley..	April 5, 1856.....	September 1, 1856	5 months.
Rev. A. L. Farr..	January 1, 1857....	March 1, 1858.....	1 year, 2 months.
Rev. G. W. Riley	October 16, 1858..	April 7, 1867.....	9 years, 5 months
Rv. A.B. J. Bryant	October 2, 1867....	July 3, 1869.....	1 year, 5 months.
Rev. A. L. Seward	July 25, 1869.....	July 1, 1870.....	11 months.
Rev. G. W. Riley..	February 2, 1870..	Nov. 10, 1872.....	2 years, 9 months.
D. F. Carnahan....	Nov. 10, 1872.....	August 30, 1874....	1 year, 9 months.
W. H. Stedman..	May 10, 1875.....	March 5, 1882.....	7 years.
Rev. G. M. Shott..	August 1, 1882.....	June 8, 1884.....	1 year, 10 months.
Rev. E. C. Sage..	July 1, 1886.....	June 8, 1887.....	11 months.
Rev. F. J. Leavitt	August 1, 1887.....	August 1, 1889.....	2 years.
Rev. W. W. Smith	September 7, 1889	September 1, 1891	2 years.
Rev. J. W. Primm	November 8, 1891	October 2, 1892....	11 months.
Rev. J. F. Mills....	December 18, 1892	September 1, 1898	5 years, 8 months
Rev. M. L. Rugg..	December 1, 1898	November 1, 1904	5 years, 9 months
Rev. J. A. Brown	March 22, 1905....	October 31, 1906..	1 year, 6 months.
Rev. R. V. Meigs	December 9, 1906	September 1, 1912	5 years, 8 months
Rev. G. M. Shott	September 1, 1912	.....	.....

The average of all the pastorates is 2 years, 7 months. The longest single pastorate was that of Elder G. W. Riley, 9 years and 5 months. The second longest is that of Rev. W. H. Stedman, D.D., 7 years and 1 month.

To Elder Riley came the unusual experience of a third call to the pastorate while Elder Rual Dotson and Rev. G. M. Shott were each honored with a call to a second pastorate.

"For they that have used the office of a deacon well, purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness of the faith which is in Christ Jesus."

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### DEACONS

Matthais Rhinehart, March, 1839.  
 James T. Roe, March, 1839.  
 William Gill, April 5, 1856.  
 James S. Busey, April 5, 1856.  
 J. N. Wilson, June 1, 1858.  
 E. S. Packard, June 1, 1858.  
 James Myers, June 1, 1858.  
 Joseph T. Everett, December 5, 1861.  
 William P. Sweet, February 4, 1863.  
 J. W. Everett, February 4, 1863.  
 Edward Ater, December 19, 1863.  
 Dudley McClain, January 2, 1870.  
 S. S. Hall, January 2, 1870.  
 Allan McClain, February 5, 1876.  
 George Walker, July 1, 1881.  
 P. Richards, March 19, 1884.  
 N. A. Riley, February 6, 1884.  
 J. W. Cushman, March 19, 1884.  
 J. P. Blue, March 19, 1884.  
 F. M. Snyder, February 6, 1884.  
 L. G. Hubbard, December 7, 1887.  
 J. S. Hall, October 1, 1893.  
 C. A. Tufts, December 5, 1894.  
 George Walker, December 5, 1894.  
 M. D. Busey, December 4, 1895.  
 N. A. Riley, December 4, 1895.  
 G. H. Clark, December 1, 1897.  
 George Walker, December 7, 1898.  
 John Ross, January, 1898.  
 M. D. Busey, December 6, 1899.  
 E. M. Knowlton, December 6, 1899.  
 James I. Butler, December 5, 1900.  
 J. S. Hall, December 6, 1911.  
 William Gardner, December 3, 1903.  
 M. D. Busey, December 7, 1904.

J. S. Hall, December 5, 1906.  
 E. S. Hall, May 1, 1907.  
 F. J. Clark, Sept. 1, 1907.  
 D. L. Scroggins, May 1, 1907.  
 J. V. Riggs, December 4, 1907.  
 J. W. Primm, December 2, 1908.  
 M. D. Busey, December 2, 1908.  
 J. I. Butler, December 2, 1908.  
 F. M. Wardall, December 5, 1900.  
 Joseph M. Roberts, Dec. 5, 1900.  
 N. A. Riley, December 14, 1901.  
 John Ross, December 3, 1903.  
 Hiram V. Jones, Dec. 7, 1904.  
 W. B. Clark, December 5, 1906.  
 John Ross, December 4, 1907.  
 J. P. Blue, May 1, 1907.  
 C. A. Tufts, January 5, 1907.  
 L. G. Hubbard, December 4, 1907.  
 William Gardner, December 4, 1907.  
 J. W. Peacock, December 4, 1907.  
 F. C. Hubbard, December 2, 1908.  
 George Schiff, December 2, 1908.  
 J. W. z Primm, December 2, 1909.  
 H. V. Jones, December 2, 1909.  
 F. M. Wardall, December 2, 1909.  
 Edward Lee, December 2, 1909.  
 H. P. Stinespring, Dec. 7, 1910.  
 E. S. Hall, December 7, 1910.  
 D. H. Goodspeed, December 6, 1911.  
 Edward Lanham, March 1, 1911.  
 E. P. Barnhart, December 6, 1911.  
 L. A. McLean, December 4, 1912.  
 Hiram Jones, December 4, 1912.  
 W. I. Roberts, December 4, 1912.  
 J. S. Hall, December 6, 1912.  
 E. T. Strong, December 4, 1912.  
 W. L. Bennett, December 4, 1912.

A faithful Deacon is a blessing to any church or pastor. There is more than ordinary opportunity in this church for the office of Deacon to be of special help to the Pastor and

church. A spiritual Deacon will stand as a peacemaker between contending parties. He can smother flames started by wagging tongues before a great fire is kindled.

## CLERKS

"Write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for time to come, forever and forever."

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## F. M. Snyder



F. M. Snyder

Among the clerks we find that F. M. Snyder held the longest continuous service. His term of service lacked three months of eleven years. L. A. McLean had two terms as clerk, one of two years and another of nine years continuously. F. M. Snyder was born November 19th, 1834, at Hometown, Pa. He became a printer's apprentice at the age of 16 and after coming to Urbana in 1850 he was employed by the Urbana Union and set the first type for a newspaper in Urbana. He has followed some form of the business for most of his life as editor, publisher, or journeyman. He edited and published the Urbana Republican, which afterwards was merged into the Champaign County Herald, for ten years. He suffered three disastrous fires, but rose each time,

and continued to publish a newspaper. In 1882 he took the place of compositor on the Herald, and held that position for a long time. June 21st, 1860, he married Miss Clara Goodspeed, who is still living. A large family gathered about their hearthstone, and still live with one exception to cheer their declining days. Mr. Snyder had three years of war service from which he came home in '65 badly broken in health. He at once addressed himself to his chosen calling, and made headway against difficulties formidable enough to have discouraged even a stronger man. He is a man of persistent will power, and at present is Justice of the Peace, doing business without much loss of time.

He is an enthusiastic Odd Fellow, and a member of the First Baptist church of Urbana since March 3rd, 1883, when Rev. G. M. Shott in his first pastorate baptized him and Mrs. Snyder. His minutes are orderly, and fairly full, and withal show care, and neatness. He handled "the pen of a ready writer."

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- David Cox, 1838-May, 1884.  
 James Myers, May, 1844-Apr. 2, 1853.  
 T. J. Newport, Apr. 2, 1853-May 6, 1864.  
 Jephtha Trumann, May 6, 1854-August 5, 1854.  
 David O. Quick, August 5, 1854-May 31, 1856.  
 Andrew J. Allan, May 31, 1856-June 1, 1857.  
 Robert Slater, July 12, 1857-July 1, 1865.  
 Allen McClain, July 1, 1865-June 3, 1871.  
 Henry Steele, June 3, 1871-January



12, 1872.  
 Jephtha Truman, Jan. 1, 1872-May 4, 1873.  
 Robert Webber, May 4, 1873-March 6, 1875.  
 L. A. McLean, March 6, 1875-March 31, 1877.  
 M. D. Busey, March 31, 1877-Jan. 8, 1879.  
 Mrs. Hattie Gere, Jan. 8, 1879-Jan. 1, 1881.  
 E. H. Cunningham, Jan. 1, 1881-Dec. 28, 1881.  
 W. B. Carman, Dec. 28, 1881-June 28, 1882.  
 W. H. Dickerson, June 28, 1882-August 15, 1883.  
 F. M. Snyder, August 15, 1883-Apr. 4, 1894.

Burt Webber, April 4, 1894-Dec. 5, 1894.  
 John Herrigan, Dec. 5, 1892-Dec. 2, 1896.  
 C. G. Hopkins, Dec. 2, '96; July 5, 1899.  
 F. C. Hubbard, July 5, 1899-Dec. 14, 1901.  
 C. G. Hopkins, Dec. 14, '01-Dec. 3, 1902.  
 L. A. McLean, Dec. 3, 1902-Dec. 6, 1911.  
 C. A. Tufts, Dec. 6, 1911-Dec. 4, '11.  
 Horace Ingalls, Dec. 4, 1912—  
 Twenty-six clerks in all; an average of three years apiece for "25 of them that handled the pen of the writer."

#### LICENSE

"As ye go, preach."

While the church has sent out hundreds of members to take up work elsewhere, it has not been prolific in Ministerial results. So far as records show only four persons have ever been licensed to preach, and not one has gone to the Foreign field. November 2, 1872, Henry Steele was licensed and September 27, 1882, John Carman was licensed, and August 5, 1895, W. G. Spurgin was licensed, but his license was revoked July 5th, 1899, he having chosen a secular calling instead. February 14, 1883, Deacon Allen McClain was licensed to preach. The church should not only "pray the Lord of the harvest that he would send laborers into the harvest, "but it should seek out promising young men and women, and lay the burden of responsibility upon them to prepare themselves for the many-sided phases of presenting the gospel both at home, and abroad. Our Young People's Society has been paying about seventy-five dollars per year towards the support of Gaula Sayanna, a native Missionary in Han-

amakonda Deccan, India.

We have one member of our church, Rev. W. H. Stallings, who is at Hamilton, N. Y., preparing himself for work on the foreign field. He was not licensed by this church, but represents it as a student for the Ministry.

The supply of ministers depends largely upon the home life, and the church life of boys who come from Christian homes. If they are properly taught in Missions, and the great privileges of serving Christ at home and abroad, we shall never lack ministers. The ministry demands the best that any man can bring into its service and the finest intellect cultured to the limits of utmost ability is none too small to consecrate to Him who gave himself for the world. The new minister of the next twenty-five years will be more manly and natural.

Let all who read this book pray that the old church may send out many a herald not only into the home field, but abroad as well.

## CHAPTER VIII.

### FINANCES—TREASURERS—TRUSTEES

"On the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store as the Lord hath prospered."

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#### FINANCES

From the time the church failed to secure the lot granted to them by the county in 1839, the financial problem has been an unsettled one. All sorts of plans, and ways and means have been instituted to put the church on a good financial footing, but none of them have been worked up to the point of absolute success. The minutes swarm with constant references to incomplete finances. (See chapter on Resolutions). As the membership increased the difficulties of the finance part of the work seemed to increase. There seems to be a sort of special tenderness about the matter of finance, all through the church. The fear of infringing on the personal

prejudices of members who range along a wide difference of opinions about the matter of giving, seems to be at the bottom of the whole matter. The Bible is specially explicit in the matter of the Stewardship of God's people for finances. Your committee would urge a campaign of persistent effort along the line of the individual, proportionate, and systematic giving through the envelope, weekly, till we get this matter out of the ruts. It is not a good advertisement to the world to see the church run on such a cheap basis, with all other things, including the homes of its people, run on a high finance basis.

#### TREASURERS

"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury."

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From the earliest times in the church the collecting and handling of money seems to have been by a Finance Committee, and sometimes by two such committees. A single treasurer was not elected as far as records at hand show till December 31st, 1880, when Brother B. S. Lanham, whose name is frequently seen on Finance Committees, becomes the Treasurer. November 8th, 1883, John Ross was elected to that office, which he resigned September 10th, 1884, when Ozias Riley was elected and filled the office till April 6th, 1885, when E. M. Knowlton was elected to fill out the unexpired year, and has remained the continuous Treasurer for more than 28 consecutive years.

No one knows the harrassing details of handling money for church purposes, where so many do not contribute regularly and through envelopes. Many little misunderstandings are sure to result requiring explanations which are not often accepted in a sweet spirit. No man in the history of the church could have brought more patience into the work than he has done, and the years of his constant service are the highest proofs of his abilities and the confidence the church reposes in him. The Contributors might make the work less irksome by regularity and using the envelopes so that he can take his own time to make credits.



Everett Knowlton

#### EVERETT M. KNOWLTON.

Everett M. Knowlton was born in Stratton, Vermont, and took a course of study in Leland and Gray Seminary in Townsend, Vermont. He came to Urbana in 1877, and engaged in business for a few years. He then formed the firm of Knowlton & Bennett, which has been doing a thriving business at the old corner, for more than twenty-six years. The store is also a sort of Baptist Headquarters for Baptists from far and near. Brother Knowlton was married to Miss Hattie Bennett, and though she is as staunch a Presbyterian as he is a Baptist, yet they have an ideal plan by which each one

remains loyal to the church of personal choice with a delightful "right of way" for visiting each other's church. Brother Knowlton is closely related to Missions on the Foreign field on account of Rev. M. J. Knowlton, who was our missionary to Ning Po, China. After twenty years on the foreign field, Rev. M. J. Knowlton returned to this country for rest, and then returned to China, where he died in 1872. Treasurer Knowlton has been treasurer so long that he is the most thoroughly posted man on the financial spirit of our church, and his advice is very valuable on any financial problem. His reports for detail, and accuracy, are models, and the minutes for many scores of business meetings would be barren indeed if it were not for these carefully made reports. He has long since learned to patiently endure the carelessness and forgetfulness of members, who throw an unnecessary strain upon him. It is certainly "a means of grace" to him. Let us use the church envelope to pay our subscriptions in, and thus avoid errors and save his valuable time. I am sure no effort to show our appreciation of his long, and accurate service would be more acceptable to him than a constant balance in the Treasury.

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#### TRUSTEES

"Give an account of thy stewardship."

James Myers, Nov. 1851.

T. L. Truman, Nov. 1851.

Daniel Brumley, Nov. 1851.

George Brumley, July, 1856.

Alonzo Stearns, April 5, 1856.

E. S. Packard, Feb. 5, 1858.

James Myers, Dec. 10, 1873.

Dudley McClain, Dec. 10, 1873.

N. A. Riley, Dec. 10, 1873.

G. A. Walker, Feb. 6, 1881.

M. D. Busey, 1888.

B. S. Lanham, March 19, 1884.

L. A. McLean, March 19, 1884.

Patrick Richards, June 6, 1883.

M. D. Busey, March 19, 1884.

B. S. Lanham, 1882.

M. W. Kaucher, Dec. 30, 1891.

John Lewis, January 2, 1895.

L. G. Hubbard, Jan. 2, 1895.

Robert A. Webber, Dec. 1, 1891.

N. A. Riley, Dec. 7, 1898.

J. S. Hall, Dec. 7, 1899.

William Schiff, June 7, 1899.  
 W. O. Connor, Dec. 6, 1899.  
 Mrs. R. A. Webber, Dec. 6, 1899.  
 Mrs. Melissa Carson, Dec. 31, 1900.  
 F. C. Hubbard, Dec. 2, 1901.  
 M. D. Busey, 1881.  
 George Schiff, Dec. 2, 1901.  
 James I. Butler, Dec. 2, 1901.  
 M. D. Busey, Dec. 2, 1901.  
 C. G. Hopkins, Dec. 14, 1901.  
 C. A. Tufts, Dec. 14, 1901.  
 D. L. Scroggins, Sept. 9, 1903.  
 Walter S. Ware, Dec. 3, 1903.  
 Mrs. R. A. Webber, Dec. 3, 1903.  
 Geo. M. Bennett, Dec. 7, 1904.

F. C. Hubbard, Dec. 7, 1904.  
 Frank L. Busey, May 3, 1905.  
 Otis M. Percival, May 3, 1905.  
 Wm. Schiff, Dec. 5, 1906.  
 Mrs. C. L. Van Doren, Dec. 5, 1906.  
 Frank L. Busey, Dec. 4, 1907.  
 H. P. Stinespring, Dec. 4, 1907.  
 N. A. Riley, Dec. 2, 1909.  
 Wm. Dietrick, Dec. 2, 1909.  
 C. J. Johnson, Dec. 7, 1910.  
 E. A. Winchester, Dec. 7, 1910.  
 C. D. Gulick, Dec. 6, 1911.  
 F. C. Hubbard, Dec. 6, 1911.  
 W. R. Barnhart, Dec. 4, 1912.  
 George Douglass, Dec. 4, 1912.

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Owing to the fact that the Budget of the necessary expenses of this church is always more than the people are willing to subscribe at the beginning of the year, the church has always been in debt to a greater, or less extent, except at brief intervals. The pastor was informed that there was no debt that was not provided for in good pledges. We cannot collect these pledges, and the debt has been growing, and would soon be unmanageable. F. C. Hubbard, President of Board of Trustees, feeling the sense of responsibility resting upon the fin-

nance committee, and trustees, proposed a plan by which two thousand dollars has been pledged, to meet the present deficit, and also to pay coal bill, so that no deficit will ensue because of this special strain. A plan will be put on foot at once to keep out of debt. As you read these pages they will not show the hard work necessary to get the money, but they will record all bills paid, and no deficit. Will not all interested in the church help to keep up this high ideal? Thank God and Fred C. Hubbard and take courage.

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## HOSPITALITY

"Given to hospitality."

The Urbana church has not been lacking in hospitality. The people of this church have ever been delighted to entertain the ministers, and also the state convention, and the Bloomfield Association. The following is the record of such entertainment.

The church entertained the state convention in 1879, 1886, 1910; the Bloomfield association, 1885, 1862, 1868, 1873, 1883, 1888, 1913.

As this book goes to press the church is preparing to entertain the Bloomfield Association. An important programme is in preparation, and anticipations are running high that we will have one of the best meetings ever held. A Council is called to meet Monday night to recognize three new churches, organized in Urbana during 1912.

## BENEVOLENCE TABLE

This table begins with the first record of Mission money in the Bloomfield Minutes. None of the minutes of an earlier date contain any reference to Mission money at all. Sometimes a collection was taken in

bulk at the Association, but no credits were given to any local church.

The only record of finance of any kind is money for minutes which began to be recorded in 1860, and may be seen in the membership table;

Year.....	State.....	Home.....	W. H. M.....	Foreign.....	W. F. M.....	Pub.....	Educa.....	Min.....	Grand Total.....
1877 .....	32.00			20.00					52.00
1878 .....	55.00			33.90		25.85			114.75
1879 .....	35.08			36.15	7.00				78.23
1880 .....			30.00						30.00
1881 .....	75.00			71.95		32.95	17.00		196.88
1882 .....	65.50			99.54		15.00	10.00		190.04
1883 .....	21.85			67.75		17.50	11.50		118.60
1884 .....	13.68	51.81		68.20		7.55	3.21		144.51
1885 .....	5.00	71.31	53.00	72.94		18.77	31.78		252.80
1886 .....			42.95	87.75		23.50	33.04		107.24
1887 .....		14.00		52.68	35.00	26.45			128.13
1888 .....	80.00	18.23		61.15	35.00	32.65	22.00		249.03
1889 .....	42.04	38.64	29.69	54.80	93.38	73.94	43.73		376.22
1890 .....	9.00	59.00		31.15	39.70		32.50		171.33
1891 .....	4.80	19.70		3.35	29.70		21.00		78.55
1892 .....	50.37	58.53	3.07	41.05	23.00	11.89	6.00		193.95
1893 .....	39.30	38.50	47.04	94.85	36.35	11.60	29.25		296.87
1894 .....	10.50	51.35	7.32	42.25	19.73	10.07	23.95		165.15
1895 .....	17.10	11.17	14.25	11.00	25.98				77.50
1896 .....		63.85	35.00	40.45	31.39		12.00		182.69
1897 .....	12.56	34.40	14.25	53.18	25.32				139.71
1898 .....	16.10	52.87	26.64	37.90	29.50	226.38	31.40		420.79
1899 .....	15.00	58.30	34.50	45.75	25.75	22.35	27.40		229.05
1900 .....	79.03	56.68	30.54	49.58	28.15				243.98
1901 .....	54.55	54.21	32.29	67.00	21.75	13.35	13.35	5.00	261.50
1902 .....	86.44	102.51	63.25	88.41	20.75	20.00			381.36
1903 .....	74.98	73.06	26.00	66.50	27.00	20.00	19.70		307.24
1904 .....	59.98	68.06	28.40	49.40	31.00	11.75	36.70		285.29
1905 .....	29.00	10.00	30.00	44.00	26.00		8.75		147.75
1906 .....	63.22	43.97	30.00	104.12	30.00	8.79	35.11		315.21
1907 .....	88.24	42.32	35.00	81.07	25.00	16.38	12.75	6.59	307.35
1908 .....	155.33	95.34	40.00	114.17	46.00	60.12	30.11	11.29	552.36
1909 .....	110.76	95.78	54.50	114.72	52.50	85.27	30.29	11.36	555.18
1910 .....	101.87	62.64	50.00	198.31	37.00	23.37	73.37	8.77	555.33
1911 .....	97.42	64.35	57.00	218.69	47.00	54.72	11.75	6.81	557.74
1912 .....	148.96	104.62	50.00	215.67	95.00	86.61	30.80	135.00	866.66
1913 .....									
Tot. ....	1749.66	1515.02	871.69	3349.35	943.95	956.81	2228.44	184.82	9382.97

This table has been prepared with great care and yet it is not absolutely correct. Each clerk had his way of counting the finances of the church

and some did not report the same way twice in succession. It is the best we can do.

## CHAPTER V. PAST MEMBERSHIP

"Not one of them is forgotten before God."



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| <p><b>A.</b><br/>Adams, G. Clarence<br/>Adams, Mrs. Amanda<br/>Adams, Annie M.<br/>Adams, Ellis<br/>Aiken, Frances<br/>Allison, Roy<br/>Alverson, C. G.<br/>Allen, Mrs. Stephen<br/>Alverson, Mrs. C. G.<br/>Alsen, Albert<br/>Alberts, Jesse<br/>Alberts, Lavada<br/>Albright, Mary<br/>Allen, Andrew<br/>Allen, Amanda<br/>Allen, Mrs. Elizabeth<br/>Alper, Mrs.<br/>Amsbary, Bertha<br/>Ammerman, D. R.<br/>Anderson, Helen<br/>Anderson, S. B.<br/>Anderson, Frank.<br/>Apperson, Maria<br/>Apperson, Maria<br/>Apperson, Virgil<br/>Apperson, Francis<br/>Apperson, Mary<br/>Applegate, Myrtle<br/>Aper, Dr.<br/>Aper, Julia<br/>Arms, Martha<br/>Askew, James N.<br/>Atkinson, Mrs. Annie<br/>Ater, Mr.<br/>Ater, Mrs.<br/>Aterton, Elizabeth<br/>Ater, Edward<br/>Ater, Mrs. Margaret<br/>Ater, Abraham<br/>Ater, Mrs. Abraham<br/>Atherton, W. C.<br/>Atherton, Mrs. W. C.<br/>Austin, C. M.<br/>Austin, Mrs. L. M.<br/>Austin, Pearl M.<br/>Austin, Lulu S.<br/>Austin, Maria<br/>Ayres, Frank<br/>Ayres, Mattie</p> | <p>Brownfield, Mrs. Laura<br/>Baird, Frank<br/>Barker, J. J.<br/>Barker, Nora<br/>Barnhart, Charles<br/>Baird, Lillie<br/>Baird, William<br/>Bayne, Frank<br/>Bailey, Kate<br/>Bain, William<br/>Bain, Mrs. William<br/>Barton, Frank<br/>Barton, Mrs. Frank<br/>Baker, C. J.<br/>Bane, Mrs. Martha<br/>Bass, William<br/>Bass, Mrs. Rachel<br/>Bagley, Anna<br/>Bailey, Mrs. J. J.<br/>Barnes, Mrs. Mattie Gill<br/>Beasley, Mrs. William<br/>Beatty, F. M.<br/>Beard, Charles<br/>Beasley, William<br/>Beasley, Ora<br/>Beatty, Owen<br/>Beardsley, Arvilla N.<br/>Beaupre, William<br/>Becker, Mrs. Wave<br/>Beebe, Ruth<br/>Beebe, Nellie<br/>Beeby, Mrs. Frank<br/>Beebe, Rev. W. H.<br/>Beebe, Frank<br/>Beebe, Mrs. W. H.<br/>Beeker, Lillie<br/>Beechman, Mrs. Mae<br/>Beck, John<br/>Beebe, Louis<br/>Beebe, Florence<br/>Beechman, Loretta<br/>Behrens, Mrs. Anna<br/>Bell, Elizabeth<br/>Bell, Nancy<br/>Benton, Ethel<br/>Benefiel, Edaline<br/>Benedict, Mrs. Mary<br/>Bennett, Charles<br/>Benedict, Leo<br/>Benedict, Ollie<br/>Bennett, Clara<br/>Benedict, Otis<br/>Benedict, Mary<br/>Baird, Grace</p> | <p>Bennett, Annie<br/>Bennett, Lillie<br/>Benedict, ertha<br/>Bingham, Hester<br/>Birney, S. H.<br/>Bixler, Matilda<br/>Blaydes, Grace W.<br/>Blue, Mrs. Minnie<br/>Blue, Mrs. Estella<br/>Blackburn, C. H.<br/>Blizzard, Mrs. Peter<br/>Blackburn, Mrs. Marion<br/>Blue, Peter<br/>Blue, Nellie<br/>Blue, Fredericka<br/>Blue, Edith<br/>Blue, J. P.<br/>Blue, Alice<br/>Blackwell, Anna<br/>Blackstone, Mrs.<br/>Blue, M. C.<br/>Blizzard, Peter<br/>Boyd, S. M<br/>Boley, Katie<br/>Bond, Walter<br/>Booker, Mrs. A. J.<br/>Boys, Mrs.<br/>Boggs, Jamcs<br/>Boyd, Mrs. Elizabeth<br/>Bonsson, Mrs.<br/>Booker, Clinton.<br/>Boone, Hugh T.<br/>Bond, Mrs. Walter<br/>Bond, J. M.<br/>Bonar, Katie<br/>Boley, Jennie<br/>Boner, Libbie<br/>Bosson, Mrs.<br/>Bond, William<br/>Bradrick, Mrs. G. E.<br/>Braman, Martha J.<br/>Braman, Mary D.<br/>Brash, Mrs. Charles<br/>Brackney, Mrs. Emma<br/>Brash, Charles<br/>Bridge, Glenn<br/>Brill, John<br/>Brown, Arthur A.<br/>Brown, Mrs. Hattie<br/>Brown, Rev. J. A.<br/>Brown, Mrs. Helen M.<br/>Brown, DeWitt<br/>Brothers, Goldie<br/>Bennett, Thomas A.</p> |
| <p><b>B.</b><br/>Baird, Mrs.<br/>Baird, Arthur<br/>Baird, Hattie<br/>Brown, Stella B.</p>   |  |  |

- Benefield, Eva  
 Bradford, Albert  
 Brash, Hannah  
 Brash, David  
 Brash, Wesley  
 Brash, George  
 Bryant, Lillas  
 Britton, Gertrude  
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 Brown, Peter  
 Brown, Lafayette  
 Brown, Albert  
 Brownfield, Mrs. Robert  
 Brown, Mary  
 Bromley, Merby  
 Bronson, James  
 Brown, Henry  
 Brown, Sarah  
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 Brown, Arthur  
 Brown, Ham.  
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 Bruley, Lucy Ann  
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 Brumley, Elizabeth  
 Brumley, John  
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 Butts, Mrs. Gertie  
 Bullock, Willie.  
 Burke, W. C.  
 Burnett, Elizabeth  
 Burke, P. E.  
 Burke, Isabella.  
 Burke, Willie.  
 Burklow, Mrs. Alcy.  
 Burke, Eugene.  
 Busey, Mrs. Elizabeth  
 Busey, Samuel  
 Busey, Simeon H.  
 Busey, Minnie  
 Busey, Robert O.  
 Bush, John K.  
 Butler, Charles  
 Buterfield, Mrs. C. E.
- Butler, Richard  
 Butler, Annie  
 Busey, James S.  
 Browning, George  
 Byrd, Arthur  
 Busey, Mrs. James S.
- C.
- Catlett, Roland  
 Cadwell, H. S.  
 Carnahan, W. E.  
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 Carter, Mrs. S. S.  
 Carpenter, Mary  
 Carey, Mrs. Pearl  
 Campbell, Mrs. M. P.  
 Campbell, Mary  
 Call, John  
 Call, Levica  
 Carman, Ella  
 Carman, Mrs. Julia  
 Carman, W. B.  
 Carmna, John  
 Carman, Rev. I. N.  
 Carman, David  
 Carson, Anna  
 Call, Ada  
 Carpenter, Mrs. L.  
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 Castor, Miss S. A.  
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 Carnahan, Mrs. D. F.  
 Carle, Ruth  
 Campbell, Quintin.  
 Campbell, Elizabeth.  
 Carter, Rev. G. W.  
 Call, Samuel.  
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 Calhoun, Laura.  
 Campbell, Malinda.  
 Cassell, Benjamin C.  
 Cassell, Vina.  
 Carr, Sarah.  
 Carey, Elwood.  
 Carey, Elmer.  
 Cast'e, Martha.  
 Carey, Mrs. Mary.  
 Canada, Mrs. John  
 Call, N. M.  
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 Canada, Mrs. John  
 Chapman, Warren S.  
 Chapman, Mrs. W. S.  
 Chambers, Margaret  
 Chenowith, Grace  
 Cloud, Ida Mae  
 Campbell, Gladys  
 Clark, Mrs. W. B.  
 Clark, Bert.  
 Clark, F. J.  
 Clellan, Anna.  
 Clements, Flossie
- Clark, Mabel.  
 Clark, W. B.  
 Clark, Mrs. F. J.  
 Clark, Miss Rose.  
 Clark, Myrta.  
 Clark, Mrs. G. H.  
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 Claybourne, Mrs. E. S.  
 Clements, Sarah.  
 Clift, P. P.  
 Cliff, Albert.  
 Cliff, Sarah.  
 Cloyd, Millie.  
 Cloyd, Frank.  
 Courtney, William.  
 Cox, Mrs. Henry.  
 Cooper, Mrs. Alice  
 Cooper, Mrs. Ella  
 Comstock, aDaniel.  
 Comstock, Mrs. E.  
 Conklin, Mrs. W. A.  
 Coughlin, Theodore  
 Connor, Mrs. Bell.  
 Cox, Mrs. J. (Frank).  
 Coughlin, Mrs. B.  
 Coffey, Walter.  
 Cooper, Anna B.  
 Coverdale, Mrs. Rosa.  
 Cox, Brother.  
 Cox, Mrs. Miranda.  
 Cox, George.  
 Cooper, Margaret.  
 Courtney, Frances.  
 Collins, Amelia.  
 Collins, E. W. G.  
 Collins, Mrs. E. W. G.  
 Courtney, Anna.  
 Cook, Nancy.  
 Cox, David.  
 Cox, Phoebe.  
 Courtney, Mrs. Alice.  
 Conkle, Willie.  
 Cooper, Mrs. Amanda.  
 Cox, William.  
 Cox, Julia.  
 Cunningham Brother.  
 Cunningham, Sister.  
 Cunningham, Minnie.  
 Cunningham, Naaman.  
 Cunningham, Grace.  
 Cunningham, Lulu.  
 Cunningham, E. H.  
 Cunningham, Mrs. E.H.  
 Cushman, Mrs. Ruth.  
 Cushman, E. H.  
 Cushman, Orinda.  
 Cushman, Elwin.  
 Cushman, Mrs. M. Ware  
 Cushman, Lucian.  
 Cushman, eLicester.  
 Cushman, Grace.

Cushman, Clara.  
 Cushman, Mother.  
 Cutshall, Ida.  
 Clark, G. H.  
 Clark, Mrs. G. H.  
 Clark, Mytra.  
 Cheney, Charles  
 Connor, Will O.  
 Cox, Frank.  
 Comstock, Laura.  
 Comstock, Mrs. A.  
 Conkle, Miranda.  
 Coogler, Emma.  
 Crow, Amanda.  
 Creiger, Lizzie.  
 Creech, William.  
 Curtz, Mrs. Ida.  
 Cutler, Charles.  
 Cutler, Mrs. Charles.  
 Curts, William.  
 Cushman, Burritt.  
 Cunningham, Alfie.  
 Cushman, J. W.  
 Cushman, Maude.  
 Cushman, Mrs. Lizzie.

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Davidson, John.  
 Davidson, Mrs. John.  
 Davis, Nellie.  
 Davison, Mrs. Lulu.  
 Davis, Forest.  
 Dare, Rev. G. W.  
 Dare, Flora.  
 Dass, John.  
 Darling, J. C.  
 Darling, Harry.  
 Davison, Frank.  
 Davison, Caroline.  
 Danney, E. C.  
 Danney, Mrs. E. C.  
 Davidson, Albert.  
 Davidson, Mrs. Alice.  
 Davis, Howe.  
 Davis, Mrs. N. M.  
 Davis, Hazel.  
 Dale, George.  
 Davison, Mrs. Hannah.  
 Darby, Harry.  
 Davis, Minnie.  
 Davis, Dorsey.  
 Dexter, Henry Y.  
 Defenbaugh, Samuel.  
 Deck, Rachel.  
 Deck, Louisiana.  
 Depuy, Louisa.  
 Dempsey, Mollie.  
 Deputy, Miss Emily.  
 Depuy, George.  
 DeAtley, Ed.  
 Depuy, Mrs. eGorge.  
 Defenbaugh, Mary.  
 Defenbaugh, William.

Defenbaugh, Daniel.  
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 Dietrick, Mrs. William  
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 Dickerson, Mrs. Wm.  
 Dickerson, Carrie.  
 Douglas, Josephine  
 Douglas, Mrs. Samuel.  
 Dougan, Sarah C.  
 Dougan, Mrs. L. (Porta  
 Dodge, Mrs. Isabella.  
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 Douglas, Frank.  
 Downs, John.  
 Dodge, Mary.  
 Douglas, James.  
 Dougan, John H.  
 Dodge, Albert.  
 Doss, William.  
 Dotson, Rev. Rual.  
 Dougan, Clara.  
 Dougan, Grace.  
 Dougan, Mrs. M. J.  
 Donahue, Mrs. Merby.  
 Drago, Vina.  
 Dreese, Marie.  
 Drury, Alice.  
 Durman, eBenjamin.  
 Dudley, Ella.  
 Dudley, Mrs. Cora.  
 Dunn, Phoebe.  
 Duncan, Mrs. James.  
 Dunn, Minnie.  
 Duff, Mary.  
 Duff, Alice.  
 Dudley, Miss Ella.  
 Dudley, Clara.

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 Eads, Lettie.  
 Easterbrook, P. H.  
 Ebert, Evan.  
 Ekborn, Mrs. aDisy.  
 Ely, Miss Daisy.  
 Elliot, Omar.  
 Elliott, James.  
 Everett, Mrs. J. T.  
 Euripides, Fijaro.  
 Elliott, Mrs. Minnie.  
 Everett, Joseph T.  
 Everett, J. W.  
 Ermentrout, Daniel.  
 Everett, Charles.  
 Everett, Kate.

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 Ferris, Stanley.  
 Farrow, Rilla.  
 Fenner, Edith.  
 Fenner, Margaret.

Fiscus, Cora.  
 Fijardo, Euripides.  
 First, Mrs. Maude.  
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 Fitzgerald, Nettie.  
 Fluke, Mrs. Eva.  
 Fleck, Mrs. N. J.  
 Flick, Nancy.  
 Ford, Merle.  
 Ford, Mabel H.  
 Fox, Mrs. Amanda.  
 Francis, Charles L.  
 Franklin, Harvey.  
 Framm, Wallace.  
 Framm, Mrs. Mary.  
 Frame, Sim.  
 Franklin, Reisin.  
 Frame, Charles.  
 French, Rev. D. S.  
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 Gardiner, Arthur.  
 Gardiner, Lulu Green.  
 Gardiner, J. J.  
 Gallagher, Louis.  
 Gardner, Charles Roy.  
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 Gere, Lucindas.  
 Gere, Warren.  
 Gere, Eliza.  
 Gere, Harriet.  
 Gere, Louisa.  
 Gere, Frank.  
 Gere, Mrs. E. A.  
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 Gibbs, Edith.  
 Gill, William.  
 Gill, Mrs. Elizabeth.  
 Gilliland, Elizabeth E.  
 Gibbs, J. R.  
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 Gibbs, Alice.  
 Gibbs, Mabel.  
 Gibbs, Clark.  
 Gibbs, Willet.  
 Glover, Allen.  
 Glenn, Iona M.  
 Glascock, Kate.  
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 Goodspeed, William.  
 Goodspeed, Lute.  
 Good, Nancy J.  
 Good, Peter.



Goodspeed, Clarence.  
 Groucher.  
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 Gere, Mary.  
 Gere, Nettie.  
 Goodspeed, Isadora.  
 Golden, eJinnie.  
 Goodman, Mrs. Mac.  
 Grant, William.  
 Groom, J. K.  
 Grant, Amelia.  
 Grant, Lida.  
 Creech, Mrs. William.  
 Grant, Fred  
 Grant, Isaac.  
 Griffith, Mary.  
 Griffin, Mrs. Cora.  
 Granberry, Miss.  
 Griffith, Herbert.  
 Gremberg, Clara.  
 Griffith, John.  
 Grosvener, Mrs. Nancy.  
 Grimes, D.  
 Griffith, Frank.  
 Griffith, Mrs. Ella.  
 Graham, Mrs. J. F.  
 Groom, Frances.  
 Groom, William.  
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 Gulick, H. Earl.  
 Gulick, Mrs. Hattie.  
 Gunthorpe, James M.  
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 Hagan, Charles.  
 Hall, Julia.  
 Hall, E. S.  
 Hall, Grace.  
 Hall, Mrs. Emma.  
 Hall, Mrs. ohn.  
 Hall, Lottie L.  
 Hall, Ellis B.  
 Hall, Mrs. Viola R.  
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 Hall, Lydia.  
 Hale, Roy J.  
 Hall, S. S.  
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 Hall, Walter.  
 Hall, E. P.  
 Ham, W. H.  
 Ham, Willard  
 Ham, Jacob.  
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 Hanes, Mrs. Eliza.  
 Hamilton, Cecil.  
 Haney, Mrs. Bell.  
 Haney, James.  
 Haney, Della Iva.  
 Haney, Alice.  
 Haney, Anna Myrtle.  
 Harmison, G. A.  
 Harrison, Donald.  
 Harrison, Jeanette.  
 Harvey, Mary E.  
 Harmison, Rebecca.  
 Harding, Lucinda.  
 Harland, Louisa.  
 Harmison, Samuel B.  
 Harland, Charles.  
 Harvey, Charles O.  
 Harvey, Lucy M.  
 Harris, Dora M.  
 Hargis, W. I.  
 Hart, Maud.  
 Harmison, Rosetta.  
 Hawk, Isaac.  
 Hawk, Mary F.  
 Hawker, William.  
 Hawker, Mattie.  
 Hawk, Russel.  
 Hawk, Frank.  
 Hawker, Charlie.  
 Hawker, D. W.  
 Hawker, Frank.  
 Hawn, Mrs. Luella.  
 Hawker, Stephen.  
 Hawley, Emma.  
 Hawley, Lucy A.  
 Harris, Charles.  
 Harvey, Libby.  
 Hawley, Frank.  
 Hayworth, Emma.  
 Hays, Fred.  
 Harvey, Mary E.  
 Hawk, Merl.  
 Hawkins, P. E.  
 Hawn, Nellie.  
 Hawn, Albert E.  
 Hays, C. C.  
 Hays, Mrs. C. C.  
 Hays, Eva.  
 Head, Augustine.  
 Hedges, Emma.  
 Hendricks, Nellie.  
 Heller, Mrs. ohn.  
 Henning, Daisy.  
 Heller, Marion.  
 Henderson, Daisy.  
 Hensing, Jeronimo.  
 Heckler, Alonzo.  
 Heller, John.  
 Heller, Mary.  
 Hedges, Samuel B.  
 Hedges, rMs. S. B.  
 Heller, James.  
 Heller, Florissa.  
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 Herrigan, John.  
 Heckler, Charles.  
 Heckler, Mrs. R. M.  
 Herrigan, Guy.  
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 Herrigan, Mrs. John.  
 Herriott, Mrs. Viva.  
 Herrigan, Mary.  
 Hews, A. H.  
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 Higgins, Charles.  
 Higgins, Calvin.  
 Higgins, Amanda.  
 Higgins, Lewis.  
 Higgins, Sarah.  
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 Higgins, Effie.  
 Higgins, Charles.  
 Hinckly, Emma.  
 Hines, Mrs. Laura.  
 Hills, F. C.  
 Hills, Annie.  
 Hill, Joseph.  
 Howard, William.  
 Howard, Mrs. Mary A.  
 Hopkins, Robert E.  
 Howser, eGorge.  
 Howser, Ethel.  
 Horton, Clyde.  
 Hodge, Jennie F.  
 Howard, rMs. Clara.  
 Hopkins, Myrtle.  
 Hodge, Thomas.  
 Hodge, Mrs. Drusilla.  
 Howser, Anna Esther.  
 Hopkins, C. G.  
 Hopkins, Mrs. Emma.  
 Howser, Mrs. Emma E.  
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 Hovey, Nettie F.  
 Hovey, Selden P.  
 Holmes, Polly.  
 Hollister, Flora T.  
 Howser, Louisa.  
 Houchins, Huldah.  
 Howser, Minnie.  
 Howe, Hattie.  
 Howe, Grace.  
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 Holmes, Mrs. C. B.  
 Howser, David.  
 Howser, Mary.  
 Howser, Jennie.  
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 Howard, Silas.  
 Hogge, Mrs.  
 Horn, Luster A.  
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 Hunt, Mrs. E. Green.  
 Hutson, Eugenie.

- Hubbard, Geo. D.  
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 Huxley Sister.  
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 Hurd, Mrs. Martha.  
 Huhn, Katie.  
 Hubbard, Charles.  
 Hull, John.  
 Hughes, Martha.  
 Hurd, Clinton.  
 Hurd, Joseph.  
 Hurd, Jarvis.  
 Hurd, Simpson.  
 Hull, Antonia Gill.  
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 Innes, Stella.  
 Innes, Dorothy.  
 Innes, Mrs. Emma.  
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 Jackson, Letitia.  
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 Jarrett, ohn.  
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 Jackson, Lavinia.  
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 Johnson, Harry B.  
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 Johnson, Wilbur.  
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 Johnson, Mrs. W. C.  
 Jones, Ivan.  
 Jones, Elizabeth.  
 Jones, Mrs. Amy.  
 Johnson, Mrs. Julia.  
 Jones, Frank.  
 Jones, Orin.  
 Jones, Kersey.  
 Jones, Lewis.
- Jordan, Lizzie.  
 Jones, Amy.  
 Jones, Samuel B.  
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 Jutton, Mary Busey.  
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 Julian, E. W.  
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 Kirkland, Mrs. Maggie.  
 Kirkland, Monnie.  
 King, Mrs. Anna.  
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 Kimterlin, Nettie.  
 Knight, Ida.  
 King, Lillie.  
 Kirby, Rebecca.  
 Kirby, Francis.  
 Kirkpatrick, Mrs. V.  
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 Knowlton, Lizzie.  
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 Koch, Florence.  
 Koch, Loyde.  
 Koch, Edna.  
 Koch, Mrs. Florence.  
 Kaisal, Lewis.  
 Kaucher, Martin.  
 Kaucher, Mrs. Mary F.  
 Kemmer, John.  
 Kellar, Scott.  
 Kennedy, Mrs. John.  
 Keeler, eLna.  
 Kesler, Lola.  
 Kennedy, C. F.  
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 Lanham, B. S.  
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 Lanham, George.  
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 Lackey, Mrs. Ell.  
 Lackey, Maud.  
 Landis, John.  
 Landis, Mrs. A.  
 Lawrence, Sister.  
 Lawrence, Minnie.  
 Lawrence, Mrs. Emma.  
 Lackey, E.  
 Leavitt, Rev. F. J.  
 Leavitt, Mrs. Fannie.  
 Leavitt, Mrs. Lillie H.  
 Leavitt, Rev. J. A.
- Leavitt, Hallie.  
 Leavitt, Lulu.  
 Leavitt, Elgin.  
 Leavitt, Ralph.  
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 Lee, Lillian.  
 Lee, Mrs. J. A.  
 Lemon, Mrs. aMtilda.  
 Lemmen, Susie.  
 Leney, Mrs. Etta.  
 Leib, Harry E.  
 Leming, Mrs. Mary.  
 Lesure, Mrs. C. S.  
 Lewis, Ida M.  
 Lewis, Ralph.  
 Lewis, Stanley.  
 Lewis, Lucy.  
 Lewis, John M.  
 Lewis, Fannie.  
 Lewis, Hannah.  
 Lewis, Mrs. C. A.  
 Linch, Bessie Mae.  
 Littler, Frank.  
 Lindley, Clara.  
 Littler, Mrs. Laban.  
 Litler, Samuel.  
 Littler, Sarah.  
 Lloyd, D. H.  
 Lloyd, Mrs. D. H.  
 Lloyd, Frank.  
 Lochrie, Addie.  
 Lott, Mrs. Susan.  
 Lowe, Amanda.  
 Long, Miss Cora.  
 Lund, Exerett.  
 Lumley, Mrs. Nellie.  
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 Maguire, Morley.  
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 Majors, Mollie.  
 Malone, Mrs. Emma.  
 Manney, Mary J.  
 Manson, Mrs. F.  
 Manning, Hannah.  
 Mansfield, Jessie.  
 Mapes, Charles.  
 Mapes, Mrs. Della.  
 Mapes, Edgar.  
 Mapes, Fred.  
 Mapes, Mrs. Phoebe.  
 Martin, J. L.  
 Martie, Elmer.  
 Martin, Sarah.  
 Martin, Margaret.  
 Martin, Eunice.  
 Martin, Hugh.  
 Markley, Fannie.  
 Markley, J. H.

- Mathews, Harvey.  
 Maxwell, Charles.  
 McBlenne, Mrs. R.  
 Markley, Flora.  
 Merchant, Mrs. Emma.  
 Mitchell, Mrs. Effie.  
 Moody, Mrs. W. M.  
 Moore, Mrs. Lou.  
 McCord, Margaret.  
 McCloskey, Mrs. Mary.  
 McCloskey, Thomas.  
 McCloud, Gus.  
 McCool, E. H.  
 McClurg, Ernest.  
 McCool, eParl.  
 McClain, Frank.  
 McClain, Sallie.  
 McClain, Clara.  
 McCurnes, Kittie.  
 McCurnes, Mabel.  
 McClain, Mamie.  
 McCloud, Emma.  
 McClelland, Alexander.  
 McClelland, Geneva.  
 McClain, Charles.  
 McCoy, Martha.  
 McClain, J. H.  
 McClain, Mrs. J. H.  
 McClain, Dudley.  
 McClain, Rebecca.  
 McClain, Allan.  
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 McClain, Elizabeth.  
 McClain, Addie.  
 McClelland, Anna.  
 McCullough, Maggie.  
 McClain, Bessie.  
 McDonald, Florence.  
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 McFarland, Frank.  
 McGilleland, Nellie.  
 McLennen, Duncan.  
 McIntyre, Curtis.  
 McIntyre, Jennie.  
 McIntyre, Hattie.  
 McLennen, Mrs. D.  
 McLennen, Alexander.  
 McLennen, Mrs. Alex.  
 McLennen, Jessie.  
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 McLaughlin, Jarrett E.  
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 Mills, Rev. J. F.  
 McLaughlin, Mrs. E.
- McLennen, Emma Ross  
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 McLennen, Katie.  
 McLennen, Aggie.  
 McWilliams, Emma.  
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 Merrick, Harry.  
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 Merrifield, Leonard.  
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 Mix, Martin.  
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 Miner, James H.  
 Miner, Mrs. Mary D.  
 Miner, Fred G.  
 Miller, Riley.  
 Miller, Elizabeth.  
 Miller, Lena.  
 Mitchell, Maud.  
 Miner, Mrs. P. B.  
 Michs, Sister.  
 Mitchell, Jane.  
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 Miller, Ona.  
 Miller, Walter.  
 Miller, Joseph.  
 Miller, W. K.  
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 Morrison, Minnie.  
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 Morris, Mary.  
 Moore, Clementine.  
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- Myers, James M.  
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 Myers, Mrs. ames.  
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- Nelden, George.  
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 Nolan, Miss Bell.  
 Nolan, Thomas.  
 Nolin, James B.
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 Oburn, August.  
 Oburn, Letita.  
 Oburn, William.  
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 O'Bryant, Clara.  
 Ogden, Charles L.  
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 O'Harra, Arthur.  
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- Parris, Beulah.  
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 Parker, W. W.  
 Parker, Mrs. Adeline.  
 Patton, A. S.  
 Patton, Mrs. A. S.  
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 Palmer, Landon.  
 Page, Sarah.  
 Parnell, Guy.  
 Paris, Ethel.  
 Patton, Mrs. Minnie.  
 Parnell, Charles.  
 Patterson, Matilda.  
 Palmer, Laura B.  
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 Peacock, J. William.  
 Peacock, Emma L.  
 Perry, Cora.  
 Perry, Mary L.  
 Peshing, W. L.  
 Pershing, Mrs. W. L.  
 Perry, E. S.  
 Potts, Ethel.  
 Packard, E. S.

Pool, Rev. John A.  
 Perry, Mrs. E. S.  
 Phillips, Wheeler.  
 Phillips, J. S.  
 Phillips, Miss.  
 Phillips, Sarah.  
 Parris, Hazel  
 Pilcher, G. Wiley.  
 Pilcher, Bliss A.  
 Pilcher, Mrs. Lennie.  
 Pickard, Ada.  
 Pilcher, Gleason.  
 Pitman, Clara.  
 Pickerell, Lawrence.  
 Pittman, Frank.  
 Poley, Mrs. Sadie.  
 Porter, Lewis.  
 Porter, Rev. aDniel T.  
 Platt, Mrs. E.  
**Porter, Eda.**  
 Porucas, Mrs. H. M.  
 Porter, Ambrose.  
 Powell, Mrs. Matilda E.  
 Powers, H. M.  
 Porter, Delilah.  
 Prim, Rev. J. W.  
 Primm, Mrs. J. W.  
 Prim, Pauline.  
 Primm, Clara.  
 Primm, Phillip.  
 Prim, James.

## R.

Radley, Amanda L.  
 Radebaugh, Grace.  
 Radebaugh, S. B.  
 Radebaugh, Olive.  
 Ramsey, Mrs.  
 Ramsey, Hattie.  
 Ramsey, Eliabeth.  
 Radley, Sarah Ann.  
 Radebaugh, Ina.  
 Radebaugh, Addie Mae.  
 Radebaugh, Clarence.  
 Radebaugh, Otis.  
 Reeves, S.  
 Reeves, Mrs. Florence.  
 Reid, Leonard.  
 Reid, Lena.  
 Reid, Charles.  
 Reeves, Mrs. J. C.  
 Reinhart, Matthias.  
 Reeves, Edson.  
 Reeves, Mason.  
 Reeves, Howell.  
 Reeves, Fannie S.  
 Reynolds, H. S.  
 Reynolds, Addie F.  
 Retzolk, Mrs. Mary.  
 Rehberg, Fred.  
 Rehberg, Mrs. Fred.

Reynolds, J. A.  
 Reynolds, Mrs. J. A.  
 Reynolds, H. S.  
 Rea, Mrs. Sarah P.  
 Reeves, William.  
 Renfrew, Delia.  
 Reese, John.  
 Reese, Rev. Ira H.  
 Richter, Ralph.  
 Riley, Ozias.  
 Riley, Mrs. Ozias.  
 Rittenhouse, Mrs.  
 Riley, Annie.  
 Riley, Emma.  
 Riley, Maggie.  
 Riley, Rev. G. W.  
 Riley, Mrs. Bethire.  
 Richter, H. A.  
 Richter, Mrs. H. A.  
 Richardson, W. B.  
 Richardson, Cecil.  
 Richards, Patrick.  
 Rice, Miss.  
 Richardson, Z.  
 Richardson, Mrs. Z.  
 Roach, Mrs. Flora.  
 Roughton, Stokey.  
 Roberts, Lovida.  
 Robertson, James.  
 Robertson, Mrs. James.  
 Roe, J. W.  
 Romine, Mrs. Maggie.  
 Rcss, C. N.  
 Roach, David.  
 Roach, Carrie.  
 Robert, Sadie.  
 Rogers, Henry B.  
 Rogers, Margaret.  
 Romine, James.  
 Romine, Mrs. James.  
 Roach, John.  
 Romine, W. H.  
 Romine, Mrs. W. H.  
 Roach, Mrs. S.  
 Roughton, Samuel.  
**Roe, James T.**  
**Roe, Lillie.**  
 Roberts, Lydia.  
 Romine, Mrs. Louisa.  
 Roberts, Mrs. Sadie.  
 Roberts, Joseph M.  
 Russell, H. T.  
 Rugg, Rev. M. L. D.D.  
 Rugg, Mrs. Lillie A.  
 Rugg, Arthur E.  
 Rugg, Herbert.  
 Ruggles, Jennie F.  
 Russell, Hugh.  
 Ruggles, Ernest.  
 Ross, Mrs. Eva.  
 Rugg, Mrs. Edna.

Sargeant, Mrs. Laura.  
**S.**  
 Sampson, John.  
 Sampson, Clarence.  
 Sadorus, Hattie.  
 Sage, Rev. E. C.  
 Sage, Mrs. E. C.  
 Sanderson, Sarah.  
 Saulsberry, Miss.  
 Sayers, Miss Emma.  
 Sampson, Ed.  
 Seaman, Ed.  
 Scott, Mrs. Susan.  
 Scott, Melissa.  
 Schuppel, Charles H.  
 Schoon, John.  
 Schoon, Mrs. Jessie.  
 Schiff, Querin.  
 Scott, Johanna.  
 Schlorff, Mrs. May.  
 Scott, Joanna.  
 Scloan, John.  
 Schiff, William.  
 Schiff, Anna.  
 Schiff, Mary.  
 Schiff, John.  
 Schiff, Sarah.  
 Schiff, Mrs. Mae.  
 Scleik, Mrs. Maggie.  
 Scott, Mrs. Anna Lee.  
 Scott, Mabel.  
 Shaw, Earl.  
 Shaw, Nellie.  
 Shaw, Mrs.  
 Shepherd, W. A.  
 Shroyer, Mrs. Margaret  
 Shott, Mrs. Kate J.  
 Shrei, Freeamn.  
 Shannon, Mary E.  
 Shepherd, Charles.  
 Shannon, Amy.  
 Shepherd, Mrs. Cyrus.  
 Shepherd, Miss.  
 Smith, Mary.  
 Shepherd, E.  
 Slater, Peter.  
 Slater, Elzabeth.  
 Smith, Mrs. Mary.  
 Smith, Elzabeth.  
 Sides, D. A.  
 Sidez, Mrs. M. J.  
 Smith, Arthur W.  
 Shannon, Olie.  
 Slade, Mrs.  
 Silkey, J. P.  
 Silkey, Mrs. Catherine.  
 S Shannon, Mertie.  
 Slater, Robert.  
 Smith, Paul.  
 Smith, Margaret.  
 Smith, Mrs. Aggie.

- Smith, Mrs. Margaret.  
 Smith, Lafayette.  
 Smith, George.  
 Skidmore, Mark.  
 Silver, Raymond.  
 Sloan, Minerva.  
 Slater, Emma.  
 Slater, Francis.  
 Slater, Lydia.  
 Slater, Mary.  
 Slater, Eleanor.  
 Roberts, Marlon.  
 Shaw, Willie.  
 Stevens, R. H.  
 Surbaugh, Ida.  
 Surbaugh, Charles.  
 Shepherd, W. A.  
 Shaffer, Mrs. Flora.  
 Sipes, Daniel A.  
 Sites, Mrs. N. J.  
 Simms, Etta.  
 Slade, W. S.  
 Slade, Mrs. America.  
 Slade, Henry.  
 Slade, Amelia.  
 Sloan, Mrs. Minerva.  
 Smalley, Rev. Freeman  
 Smith, Rev. W. W.  
 Smith, Blachley.  
 Strak, George.  
 Stevens, Katie A.  
 Straight, Mrs.  
 Straight, Charles.  
 Steerens, Franklin.  
 Stark, Charles.  
 Stark, Mrs. Amanda.  
 Strale, Charles.  
 Steadman, A. B.  
 Stanard, Burt.  
 Stevenson, Lizzie.  
 Stout, Irene.  
 Stamp, Mrs. Anna.  
 Sutherland, G. Fred.  
 Sullivan, Mrs. Mary.  
 Surbaugh, Mollie.  
 Surbaugh, Mrs. Louise.  
 Seward, Rev. A. L.  
 Sweet, Wm. P.  
 Stearns, Alonzo.  
 Stevenson, Arthur.  
 Stovel, Mrs. Annie.  
 Smith, Rosa S.  
 Snyder, John.  
 Snyder, E. M.  
 Sprouse, Mrs. M. A.  
 Snyder, Wm. H.  
 Snyder, Charles.  
 Slade, Lucy E.  
 Snedaker, Abraham.  
 Snedaker, Mrs. A.  
 Smith, James S.
- Snideman, Laura.  
 Snyder, John.  
 Snyder, Mrs.  
 Smith, Mrs. R. S.  
 Smith, G. W.  
 Snider, Drusilla.  
 Smith, Sarah.  
 Somers, Mrs. Ada.  
 Somers, Mabel.  
 Somers, Charles.  
 Somers, Mrs. C.  
 Spencer, Mrs. C. A.  
 Sparks, John.  
 Spence, Ina.  
 Spooner, Mrs. Dr.  
 Spencer, James.  
 Spencer, C. A.  
 Spencer, Newton C.  
 Spencer, Julia.  
 Spurgion, Susanna.  
 Steadman, Rev. W. H.  
 Steadman, Belle K.  
 Steadman, Mrs.  
 Steadman, Fannie.  
 Stidham, Mary.  
 Stidham, John D.  
 Stidham, Joseph P.  
 Stidham, Sarah.  
 Stemfield, Mrs.  
 Steele, Henry.  
 Stubbe, Hamilton.  
 Staley, Mrs.  
 Stallings, W. I.  
 Stark, Mrs. Mattie.  
 Stevenson, Arthur.  
 Stidham, Emma.  
 Stovel, Mabel.  
 Strover, Mrs. Mary.  
 Stevens, R. H.  
 Stearns, Mrs. Delia.  
 Sturkins, James.  
 Sturkins, Mrs. Annette.  
 Stevens, A. Woodward.  
 Stevens, Mrs. A. W.  
 Stamey, Nancy D.  
 Stanfield,  
 Starkey, Mrs. (Wood)  
 Starks, Mrs.  
 Stralght, Grace A.  
 Steele, Mrs.  
 Stevens, Sybil.  
 Swain, Sarah E.  
 Swartout, Mrs. L.
- T.  
 Tackey, Amelia.  
 Taylor, William.  
 Taylor, Henry.  
 Taylor, John.  
 Tanner, Mary.  
 Taylor, Phillip.  
 Taylor, Rev. Mr.
- Taylor, Amanda.  
 Temple, Mrs. Stella.  
 Terry, Mrs. E. A.  
 Tenbrink, Mrs. Emma.  
 Telford, Mrs. Fred.  
 Terrill, Mrs. Lucia.  
 Teters, Mrs.  
 Thayer, Mrs. Lottie.  
 Thomas, Frank.  
 Thomas, Mrs. Ida.  
 Thornton, A.  
 Thorpe, Mrs. Carrie.  
 Thomson, Belle.  
 Thompson, Mrs. Mollie  
 Thomas, J. F.  
 Throckmorton, Mrs. E.  
 Titus, E. S. G.  
 Titus, Mrs. Laura.  
 Terrain, Annie.  
 Terry, E. A.  
 McClain, Annie.  
 Tips, Mrs. Minnie.  
 Tillbrook, Anna.  
 Timmons, Lura.  
 Timpson, John.  
 Todd, Belle.  
 Towel, Mrs. Maria.  
 Toy, Frank.  
 Trauer, Mrs. Lottie B.  
 Truman, J. L.  
 Tracy, Marv  
 Truman, Pepathah.  
 Truman, Mrs. Jephthah  
 Trenary, Evander.  
 Truman, T. L.  
 Trenary, Lizzie.  
 Trenary, Charles.  
 Trenary, Elizabeth.  
 Truman, Elizabeth.  
 Trenary, Randolph.  
 Trenary, Mary A.  
 Tumelson, Mrs. Ruby.  
 Tufts, J. S.  
 Turnipseed, Mrs.  
 Turner, Charles.  
 Tucker, Mrs. Eunice.
- U.  
 Underhill, Maud.
- V.  
 Van Buskirk, Julia.  
 Van Doren, Dora Ann.  
 Van Doren, Robert.  
 Vandevort, Jamieson.  
 Van Zandt, J. G.  
 Van Zandt, Mrs. J. G.  
 Vickers, William.  
 Vickers, Mary.  
 Vaughn, Mrs. Addie.
- W.  
 Wade, Benjamin.  
 Walker, Maggie B.

Ware, Walter S.	Westburg, Mrs. Emma.	White, S. C.
Watson, John.	West, Amanda L.	Wigner, G. H.
Walker, H. E.	Wheelock, Clifford.	Wigner, A. J.
Walker, Mrs. H. E.	Wheelock, George.	Wiley, Francis R.
Walker, Staunton.	Wheaton, Mrs. Clara.	Wills, Mrs. Nancy.
Wagner, Viola.	White, Miss.	Wills, David.
Wascher, Frank.	Whiteneck, Emma.	Wills, Mrs. David.
Wascher, Mrs. Frank.	Williamson, Amelia.	Wills, Nancy.
Ward, Robert.	Williamson, Mary.	Wilcox, Jane.
Warren, Fannie.	Williamson, William.	Woodworth, Howard.
Walters, Mrs. Ellis.	Williamson, Mrs. Wm.	Woodworth, Mrs. M. C.
Wardall, Lillian N.	Williamsey, Mrs.	Woolf, A.
Walker, Experience.	Williams, Arthur.	Woodworth, M. C.
Walruth, A.	Wills, Charles.	Wright, Harold.
Washington, Mrs. M.	Wills, Millie.	Wright, Thyrl.
Wall, Mrs.	Wilson, J. W.	Wright, Frances.
Watch, Angie.	Wilson, Mrs. J. W.	Wright, Helen.
Waller, Rev. J. C.	Wilcox, Rev. Nathan.	Wright, Earl.
Waller, Mrs. J. C.	Wilcox, Mrs. Jane.	Wright, Julius.
Waldt, Emma.	Wiseman, Mrs. Mary.	Wright, Ruth.
Waldt, Charles.	Wingler, Nellie.	Wright, Allen.
Ward, Uriah B.	Wingler, Walter.	Wright, Mrs. E. R.
Watson, Lovida.	Wingler, Mrs. Mary C.	Wright, Mrs. Ella.
Watkins, Sloan.	Winkley, Ed. C.	Wright, Marietta.
Walker, G. A.	Winger, John H.	Wright, Lindley A.
Ware, Mrs. Mae.	Winters, Bessie.	Wright, Mrs. Taylor.
Walters, Mrs. Martha.	Winters, Sarah.	Wright, Effie.
Webber, Robert A.	Winters, Harry.	Wright, Emma.
Warrick, Theron.	Winters, John.	Wright, Mattie.
Webber, Mrs. Anna B.	Winters, Stella.	Wright, S. C.
Webber, J. Clay.	Winchester, Effie.	Wright, Edward.
Webb, Mrs. Minnie.	Woody, W. N.	Wright, Mrs. Edith.
West, Mrs. E. N.	Woolhouse, Rev. E.	Y.
Webber, Lois E.	Woolhouse, Mrs. E.	Yant, William A.
Webber, Geo. W.	Woolhouse, Lolela.	Yant, Mrs. W. A.
Webber, Mrs. Alice. E.	Woolhouse, Jennie.	Yanos, Mrs. Maggie.
Webber, Fred.	Woolhouse, Dwight.	Yanos, Edward.
Webber, Sallie.	Woolman, Mrs. Zenia.	Yeo, Hael Bird.
Weeks, Carrie.	Winchester, Effie.	Z.
Wellman, Laura.	Woods, Mamie.	Zimmermann, Simeon.

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### Membership of the Past.

The Historical Committee greatly regrets the loss of all records of membership back of 1872. In so far as names were carried into the new records beginning January, 1872, they are included here. It is absolutely impossible to get these lost names in any way. The loss covers a period of 34 years. Brother L. A. McLean copied the general history from the old book that is lost, and the Committee hereby expresses its gratitude that we have that part which estab-

lishes beyond doubt the time, and peculiar circumstances under which the church was organized. A complete list of thirteen constituent members are mentioned in the general history, and the official directory is almost perfect. Every inducement has been offered to search for the old book, and yet no trace of it can be found. However a very large number of people are named above who came in during the time covered by the lost book. It has been possible to establish how most of that early date went out of the church, but to publish that,

with how they came in, and went out since 1872, would exceed the limits of our space, and not be of any special value except to a few. This list of 1540 is given above, with the assurance that it is the best that can be done, but is by no means correct.

In view of the usual carelessness of clerks of that early day, and also the fact that this church has had an unusual history in the addition of many persons to her membership, who moved away, and were never heard from afterwards, also many married, and the change of names was not noted, and they were thus lost to the cause by lapse of address. It is possible that the membership, if we could re-establish it from the lost book, allowing for usual imperfection in records of the times, would easily reach 2,000.

If any reader of these pages can supply any names of persons certainly members of the First Church, Urbana, at any time during its history, and not found on these lists, the Historical Committee will file any such reports in shape for the writing of the 100 years history, which will doubtless be the next attempt. Everything in reason has been done in the way of advertisement, and public notice to get as nearly correct as possible.

How carefully all clerks of all departments ought to be to preserve every item with its day, month, and year, so that it will be of value in future writing. Where it has been known only the maiden name or the married name is given, but many mistakes have been made because no one knows the change.

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## THE OLD GUARD.

" Our life is nothing but a winter's day,  
Some only break their fast and so away;  
Others stay to dinner and depart full-fed;  
The deepest age but sups and goes to bed;  
He's most in debt who lingers out the day;  
Who dies betimes has less and less to pay."

Every army has its "Old Guard" and the country seeks to show its appreciation for them in various ways. The Historical Committee takes this plan of showing our appreciation for those who remain from a former generation and who have been longest in the membership of this church.

It is a coincidence that the church began with thirteen and at the close of three-quarters of a century there are only sixteen who can show a continuous membership of from 48 to 55 years. These are given in the order of their union with the church as nearly as can be ascertained: N. A. Riley, January, 1858. Mrs. Margaret (Porter) Walker, 1861. Mrs. H. M. Palmer, 1861. L. A. McLean and Mrs.

Jennie McLean, 1863. Mrs. M. A. Carson, 1863. M. D. Busey, 1863. Mrs. Phcebe Goodspeed, 1863. Mrs. Mary (Carr) Silver, 1864. Mrs. Cornelia Johnson, 1864. Mrs. R. A. Webber, October, 1865. Mrs. Anna Busey, 1865. Mrs. Mary Benedict, 1865. Mrs. Artemesia Busey, 1865.

Since writing the above list it has been discovered that Mrs. Mary Silver came into the church in 1863, and Mrs. Betty Thomas, 1865.

In addition to the above there are some who are conspicuous for their long membership in the kingdom though not in this church who justly deserve a place in this chapter on account of their faithfulness to the church.



M. D. L. Sellers.



Mrs. Rebecca Sellers.

It is a common thing to see M. D. Sellers, and Mrs. M. D. Sellers walking with their canes to almost every service. They are members of classes in our school, and they are as regular as those who are many years their Junior. He has been a church member here and elsewhere fifty years, while she has been a member 63 years. Uncle 'Jimmie' Butler, as he is affectionately called, is quite regular in his attendance, although the years are wearing heavily upon him. His employers at the Court House have pensioned him as an expression of their high appreciation for him, and the life he has lived among them. J. V. and Mrs. J. V. Riggs are also regular in their attendance at Sunday School and prayer meeting, and church. They

are enjoying their closing years, although afflictions have visited them recently. The next in age is too large a list to be published, and they must be contented to be the old guard of the next quarter century history.

We are really setting the pace now for the progress of the next quarter of a century. Changes are taking place around us and within us. Old things are giving way to the new and this is as it should be. In the spiritual world similar things are taking place. Men and women are readjusting their faith and reasserting old things that abide and insisting on new and untried things. Let us not give up that which is distinctly declared in God's word, but learn to adapt it to the new life of luxury and self interest.

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"They shall bring forth fruit in old age."



## CHAPTER VI.

### PRESENT MEMBERSHIP

"Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is."

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#### A.

Adams, Helen, 611 Eureka St. (C).  
 Adler, C. J., 907 E. Green.  
 Adler, Mrs. Anna, 907 E. Green.  
 Adler, Emily M., 907 E. Green.  
 Adler, Hulda L., 907 E. Green.  
 Alberts, Mrs. Emma, 105 E. High.  
 Alberts, Joe, 105 E. High.  
 Alberts, Wiley, 106 E. Illinois.  
 Allen, Rolla, 207 E. Illinois.  
 Allison, Carl, 337 Y. M. C. A.  
 Ammerman, Mrs. Lennie, 801 E. Main.  
 Ammerman, Charles, 801 E. Main.  
 Ammerman, Howard, 206 E. Main.  
 Ammerman, Mrs. Howard, 801 E. Main  
 Andrews, Cortland, 212 W. Nevada.  
 Archdeacon, Will., R. F. D. 12 (U).  
 Archdeacon, Dolly, 804 E. Green.  
 Arledge, Mrs. Grover C., 710 E. Park.  
 Artman, Callie, R.F.D. 5 (C).  
 Artman, Josephine, R.F.D. 5 (C).  
 Auton, William, 304-5 Market.

#### B.

Barnhart, E. P., 209 W. Calif.  
 Barnhart, Mrs. Sarah, 209 W. Calif.  
 Baird, S. D., Bainbridge, Ind.  
 Baird, Mrs. S. D., Bainbridge Ind.  
 Barnhart, W. R., 709 W. Main.  
 Barnhart, Emma, 709 W. Main.  
 Barnhart, Elsie, 709 W. Main.  
 Barnhart, Flossie, 709 W. Main.  
 Basye, Mrs. Mary, 803 E. Green.  
 Basye, Helen, 803 E. Green.  
 Beeker, Mrs. Earl, 505 S. North.  
 Bennett, W. L., 402 S. Vine.  
 Bennett, Mrs. Phoebe, 402 S. Vine.  
 Bennett, Mrs. Lydia, 204 S. Vine.  
 Bennett, Juanita, 204 S. Vine.  
 Bennett, Geo. M., 209 W. Green.  
 Bennett, Mrs. Emma, 209 W. Green.  
 Eenedict, Ruth, Kenosha, Wis.  
 Beverlin, Wm. H., 704 W. Elm.  
 Beverlin, Gladys, 704 W. Univ.  
 Beverlin, Mayme, 704 W. Univ.  
 Birdsell, Ruth, 208 S. Market.  
 Blaisdell, Mrs. Minnie, 506 S. 3rd (C).

Blake, Ethel, 212 S. Neil (C).  
 Blue, T. F., 310 N. Race.  
 Blue, Mrs. Elizabeth, 310 N. Race.  
 Blue, Mrs. Sarah, 406 N. Race.  
 Booker, A. J., 702 E. Calif.  
 Booker, Sylvia, 702 E. Calif.  
 Booker, Gall, 702 E. Calif.  
 Borden, Mrs. Sarah A., 914½ Calif.  
 Boyd, Bert, 112 S. Lynn.  
 Boyd, Arch., 115 N. Webber.  
 Bradford, Mrs. Emma, 401 E. Green.  
 Bradford, Will, Springfield, Ill.  
 Bradford, Earl, Springfield, Ill.  
 Braman, J. A., St. Louis, Mo.  
 Brash, James, Indiana Ave.  
 Breakfield, W. Walter, Paris, Ill.  
 Brownfield, J. W., 903 W. Illinois.  
 Brownfield, Mrs. Sarah, 903 W. Illinois.  
 Brown, Howe, 605 S. Market.  
 Brown, Mrs. Mattie, 605 S. Market.  
 Burlison, W. L., 1104 S. 3rd (C).  
 Burlison, Mrs. W. L., 1104 S. 3rd (C).  
 Busey, Mrs. Artemesia, 602 W. Univ.  
 Busey, M. D., 201 W. Green.  
 Busey, Mrs. Anna, 201 W. Green.  
 Butler, J. I., 506 S. Urbana.  
 Busey, Allan, 705 N. Coler.  
 Busey, Mrs. Iva, 705 N. Coler.  
 Busey, Frank, 354 Franklin, Buffalo.  
 Busey, Mrs. Lillian, 354 Franklin, C.  
 Burke, Lillie, R. F. D. 8.  
 Busey, Delbert, R. F. D. 5 (C).  
 Busey, Mrs. Maude, R. F. D. 5 (C).

#### C.

Cady, Mrs. Rose, 701 W. Stoughton.  
 Campbell, Mildred, Freesoil, Mich.  
 Campbell, Mrs. Jessie, 604 Spring. (C).  
 Cannon, Mrs. F. L., 202 S. Busey.  
 Carpenter, Lizzie, 105 S. Vine.  
 Carson, Melissa, 310 W. High.  
 Cassell, Mrs. Sarah, 405 S. Market.  
 Chadwick, Harry, 406 S. Race.  
 Chadwick, Mrs. Nettie, 406 S. Race.  
 Chadwick, Frances, 406 S. Race.  
 Clements, Charles, 711 W. Clark.  
 Clift, Mrs. Emma, R. F. D. 8 (U).  
 Coffey, Joel, Lafayette Ind.

Cole, Davis, 403 N. Lake  
 Cole, Mrs. Davis, 403 N. Lake.  
 Combest, W. P., 812 W. Church.  
 Combest, Mrs. W. P., 812 W. Church.  
 Comstock, Mrs. Bertha, 508 E. Green.  
 Condit, Esther, 302 W. High.  
 Connour, Janey, 704 W. Park.  
 Connour, May, 704 W. Park.  
 Conkwright, Dewey, 206 W. Nevada.  
 Conoway, Mrs. Myrtle, 410 W. High.  
 Conklin, W. A., 508 S. Market.  
 Conklin, Roscoe, 508 S. Market.  
 Conklin, Glenn, St. Petersburg, Fla.  
 Cook, Mrs. Cora, 606 E. High.  
 Coppenberger, Mrs. Lulu, 505 N. Coler  
 Coppenbarger, Etta, Loda, Ill.  
 Corbin, Mrs. Ada, 509 W. Univ.  
 Corbin, Bonnie, 509 W. Univ.  
 Corray, H. M., R. F. D. 8 (U).  
 Corray, Mrs. H. M., R. F. D. 8 (U).  
 Corray, Mrs. Angeline, R.F.D. 8 (U).  
 Cottrell, Mrs. Flora, 205 W. Illinois.  
 Courtney, Albert, 407 S. Webber.  
 Courtney, Mrs. A., 407 S. Webber.  
 Courtney, Lottie, 407 S. Webber.  
 Cox, Harry, R. F. D. 33, Dewey, Ill.  
 Cox, Mrs. Opal, R. F. D. 33, Dewey.  
 Cox, Henry, R. F. D. 8 (U).  
 Cox, Mrs. Anna, R.F.D. 8 (U).  
 Creek, Mrs. May, 115 W. Wash.  
 Crouch, Clyde, R. F. D. 10 (U).  
 Crouch, Mrs. Ida, R. F. D. 10 (U).  
 Cunningham, Mrs. N., 608 E. Calif.

## D.

Daniels, Mrs. Edith, Butler, Mo. 8.  
 Day, Mrs. Anna E., 1307 Church.  
 Day, Mrs. Lettie, 129 N. Race.  
 Deason, Mrs. Elva., Murphysboro, Ill.  
 Denton, John, Chicago, Ill.  
 Denton, Mrs. Lou, 603 S. Market.  
 Denton, Marie, 603 S. Market.  
 Desmore, W. H., 206 E. Green.  
 Desmore, Mrs. Margaret, 206 E. Green  
 Dexter, E. G., San Juan, P. R.  
 Dexter, Mrs. E. G., San Juan, P. R.  
 Dicken, Mrs. Fannie, 302 W. Elm.  
 Dickerson, Esther, 903 W. Univ.  
 Dickerson, Mrs. Margaret, 903 W. Uni.  
 Dodson, Mrs. Jennie, R F. D. 12.  
 Dolph, Mabel, 806 E. Hudson.  
 Douglas, George, 604 S. Market.  
 Douglas, Mrs. Jennie, 604 S. Market.  
 Douglas, Roy, R. F. D. 10.  
 Doyle, Mrs. Nettie, 503 E. Elm.  
 Dunn, Mrs. Hazel, Ralph, Iowa.

Dunn, Raleigh, Ralph, Iowa.  
 Dunn, Bertha B., 1003 W. Clark.  
 Dunn, Ida May, 509 W. Calif.  
 Dunn, Adelaide, 509 W. Calif.  
 Durman, Kathleen, Little Rock, Ark.  
 Dyson, Chester, R. F. D. 9 (U).

## E.

Edwards, Grover C, 702 S. Market.  
 Edwards, Mrs. G. C., 702 S. Market.  
 Ellis, Amella D., 405 W. Main.  
 Ervin, J. C., Kankakee, Ill.

## F.

Faust, Otto, 1011 E. Main.  
 Fallon, Vallie, 613 W. Stoughton.  
 Ferrand, Olive, Kankakee, Ill.  
 Ferrand, Walter, Chicago, Ill.  
 Fleck, Louis, 903 E. Green.  
 Flexman, C. G., 906 Stoughton.  
 Flexman, Mrs. C. G., 906 Stoughton.  
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 Franklin, Gladys, 407 N. Busey.  
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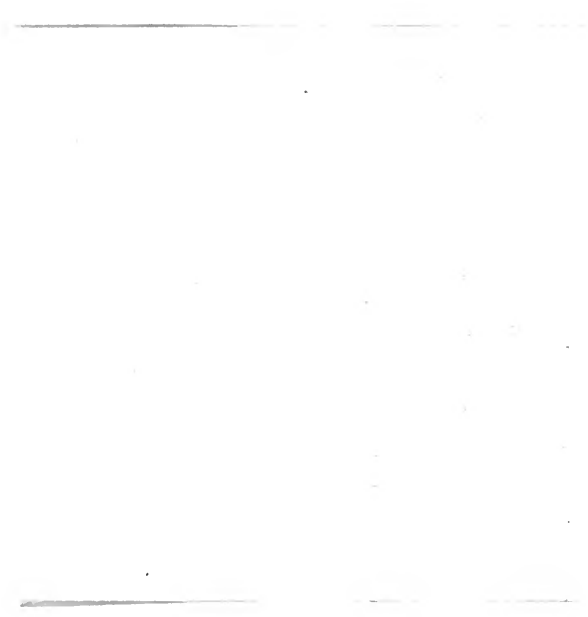
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 Gleason, Mrs. Dorothy, 910½ S. Water.  
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 Hacker, Mrs. Mattie, 705 E. Calif.  
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 Handley, Mary, Potaskali, Ohio.  
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 Jones, Sadie, 109 W. Illinois.  
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 Jones, Marie, 710 S. Race.  
 Jones, Arthur, 710 S. Race.  
 Jones, Wm., 710 S. Race.  
 Jones, Edgar, 710 S. Race.  
 Jones, Mrs. Anna, 710 S. Race.  
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 Parker, Leota, 402 W. Illinois.  
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 Pearson, Wilbur, 810 W. Springfield.  
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 Pittman, Daisy, 608 S. Cot. Gr.  
 Pittman, Clyde, 608 S. Cot. Gr.  
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 Rice, Irl, Clarksdale, Miss.  
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 Roberts, Wilbur, 407 E. Calif.  
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 Roberts, Harry, 108 E. Calif.  
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 Ross, Eva, 203 E. Illinois.  
 Ross, Charles, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Ross, Will, 812 W. Healy (C).  
 Roughton, Harold, 401 S. Grove.  
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 Scroggins, Frank, 707 W. Wash.  
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 Schilling, Ralph, R. F. D. 12.  
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 Shaffer, Willard, 112 N. Central.  
 Shaffer, Bernice, 112 N. Central.  
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 Shaffer, Glenn, 407 W. Calif.  
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 Shaffer, Florence, 112 N. Central.  
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 Webber, Laura, 605 E. Main.  
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 Williams, Mrs. May, 207 W. Ind.  
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### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP.

Because of the different modes of securing membership in the diverse denominations of our times and the easy method of securing union, real membership is not regarded as highly as it ought to be. The church is the representative of Christ, and is designated as the "body of Christ." Each member ought to understand that as a part of the body, he weakens or strengthens the body. If some of the cells of the lungs fill up, and do not perform their natural functions it throws more of the work of breathing upon the cells that are active. If too many cells become atrophied, and as a consequence too much is thrown on the healthy cells, they will some day break down with overwork, and lose their power of giving vitality to the body. If you do not pay as much as you ought some one else will have need to pay more than he ought. This church is carrying a great number of nominal members who do not give because they say they cannot. They do

not attend, and as a consequence do not get the inspiration of being present when others interested in kindred things, are studying, or working, and as a natural consequence they lose interest. Why not wake up, and take hold and learn to enjoy the work, and worship.

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### BAPTIST PROPORTION.

"According to the American Baptist Yearbook, in six states—Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia—one out of every five of the population is a Baptist; in Kentucky, one out of every ten is a Baptist; in Arkansas and Texas, one out of every eight; in Tennessee, one out of nine. In the District of Columbia, Missouri, and Louisiana, the proportion is one to eleven. Then the ratio jumps to one out of twentyone in Oklahoma; twenty-eight in West Virginia, and thirty-one in Kansas. In the United States the average is one to seventeen.

## CHAPTER IX.

## MEETING HOUSES—DEDICATIONS—PARSONAGES

"The groves were God's first temples."

"Who am I then that I should build an house, save only to burn sacrifice in."

In the seventy-five years of the history of the Urbana Baptist Church it has had but three meeting houses, if indeed we may consider the little log school house at Brumley's as its first meeting place.

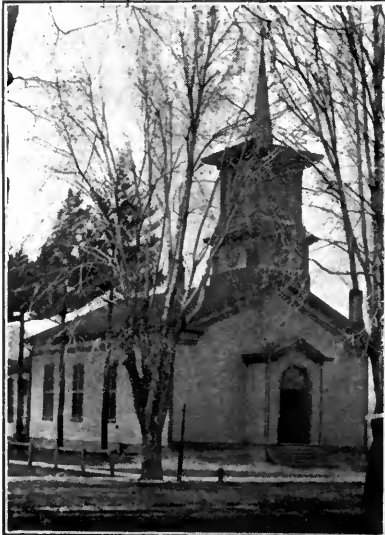
The Brumley School House, located about a mile and one-half east of Urbana was the first place that sheltered these early worshippers, with perhaps an occasional appointment in the Old Court House, which was also a log house.

From 1838 to 1850 these meetings were thus held from place to place with no certain abiding place. The Brumley school house was known for many years as the place where Mr. A. Bruer, the schoolmaster, smoked the scholars out at Christmas time. In

this house many of the early settlers received all their education. In November, 1850, the church appointed John White, William Gill, D. O. Brumley, Col. M. W. Busey, and James S. Busey as a building committee. The committee discharged its duties and the house was erected and paid for in 1856. The following quotations from the Urbana Union edited by J. O. Cunningham, will give some idea of the times and perhaps give the date of the first organization of women for church work. "The Ladies of Urbana desirous of aiding in the purchase of a bell to be placed upon the Baptist church now in process of construction in this place, are invited to meet at the court house next Tuesday at 2 p. m., for the purpose of forming a society with the above purpose in view." April 5, 1855.

"The Ladies of the Urbana Sewing Society held in the court house yard, Friday afternoon, September 7th, a festival for the purpose of getting money to buy a bell for the new Baptist church." Sept. 14th, 1855.

"The bell for the new Baptist church has arrived, and will soon send forth its mellow peals to vibrate over the prairies, as often reminding us of the persevering and noble hearted efforts of the ladies of Urbana, through whose efforts alone the purchase has been made. The bell is one of beautiful tone, and will tend much to enliven the place, especially on Sabbath mornings, when we shall henceforth be greeted by the "church going bell." Sept. 27th, 1855. January 3rd, 1856, "Last Sabbath the Baptist church in this place was dedicated—by Rev. Mr.



Old Church Erected 1856

Thomas of Bloomington. His versatility of talent was made use of in this instance. A debt of \$1,134.81 for material and work on the church remained unpaid, with no perceptible means of paying it. The whole amount, however, was assumed by individuals, placing the church out of debt at once. Much credit is due Mr. Thomas, who will long be remembered by our people."

a time has the cry, "what shall I do to be saved," been lifted up from penitent hearts. Many a time has the fiery and dogmatic teachings of the scriptures been rung out over the heads of the waiting crowds, "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

Repairs and some changes have somewhat changed the original appearance of the house, but have added



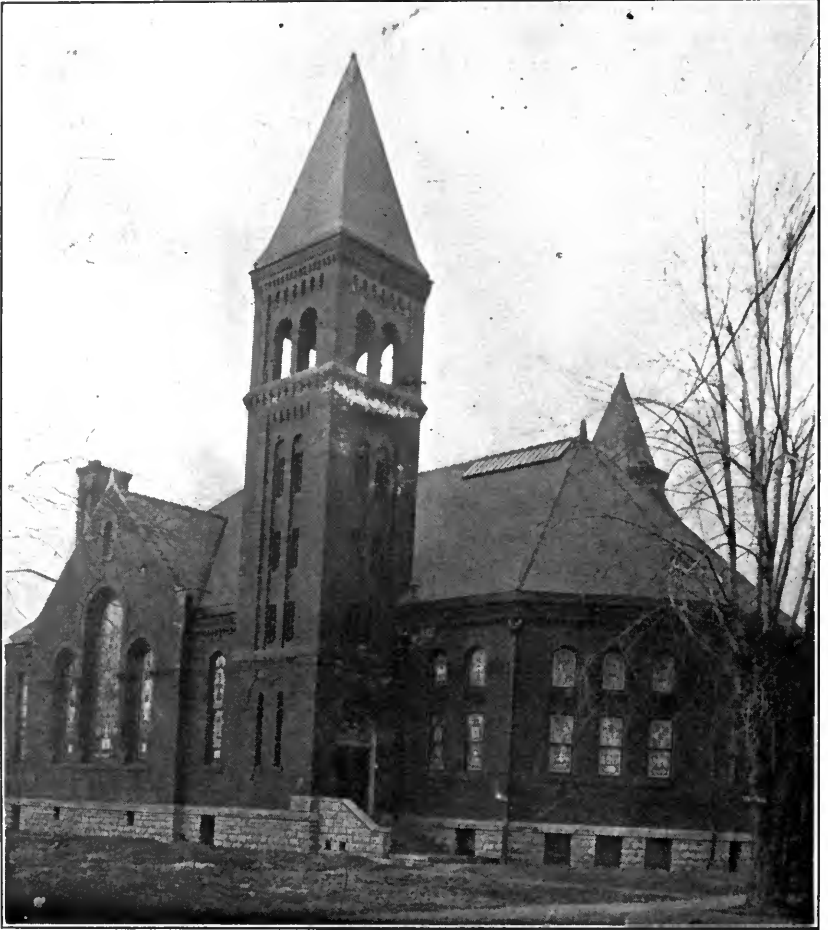
Interior of Old Church

For forty-one years that building stood and housed the multitudes who have worshiped there during the busy days of western settlement, and war readjustment. By glancing at the long list of members who for longer or shorter periods have passed through the membership of the church that has been worshipping in this place you will see what an influence centered in that old historic building. Many

to its efficiency and usefulness, without detracting from its simplicity. During the ministry of Elder W. H. Steadman the congregations grew too large for the seating capacity of the house, and in 1876 a Vestry with two rooms was added to the back of the meeting house costing \$850, which added greatly to the convenience of both church and Sunday school. During the ministry of Elder Shott a

Baptistry was also added to the platform of the building. At some period in the history of the building two doors of entrance were made where

was probably the greatest personal triumph in which the church ever engaged. On February 21st, 1895, Rev. J. F. Mills preached a memorable ser-



SECOND BUILDING.

one had been in the original entry. These features have been perpetuated in pictures in the glass windows of the present house as seen on the north side central window and the south side central window.

With unexpected suddenness the records announce in terse phrase what

First Baptist Church, Erected 1896.

mon from the words, "lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes." It was this passionate sermon that excited the people to a splendid frenzy of work and sacrifice. The membership of 400 had now quite outgrown the old meeting house of 1855. The officers met on Monday night, and

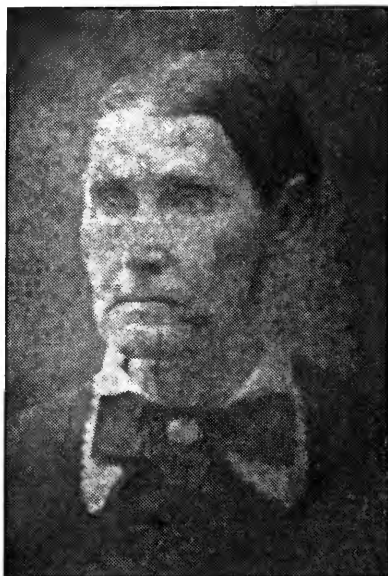


Stanford Hall

perfected plans which were presented to the church on Wednesday night, and Rev. J. F. Mills was appointed to undertake the raising of the necessary funds for the new building. He was also empowered to call in any help he might see fit.

L. G. Hubbard set the pace and gave \$1,000.00, which led the following to subscribe a like sum: M. D. Busey, Patrick Richards, E. M. Knowlton, and Geo. M. Bennett. The following subscribed \$500.00 each: R. A. Weber, J. M. Lewis, George A. Walker, J. S. Hall, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith and family, N. A. Riley, and Querin Schiff and family. Other numerous subscriptions from two hundred dollars down were made. In one month from the start the Committee reported \$5,000. J. S. Hall was appointed chairman of the Building Committee with M. D. Busey, L. G. Hubbard, R. A. Webber, E. M. Knowlton, J. M. Lewis and L. A. McLean. Stanford Hall of the University Class of 1895 was elected as Architect and later as Superintendent of the building. The dimensions

of the building are 114x72, with a bell tower 98 feet high. It is of German-Romanesque architecture in brick and gray stone. Memorial windows of tasty designs make permanent the names of many beloved members. It was found necessary to raise an additional \$2,600.00 and to leave off some ornaments in order to make the subscription cover the bids. Mr. S. H. Busey and wife, General Busey, and Mrs. J. C. Kirkpatrick contributed this amount, and a tablet to their mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Bush Busey, perpetuates their generosity as well as their mother's love for children.



MRS. M. W. BUSEY.

Born in 1800. Maiden name, Miss Elizabeth Bush of Washington Co., Indiana. Became a resident here in 1833.

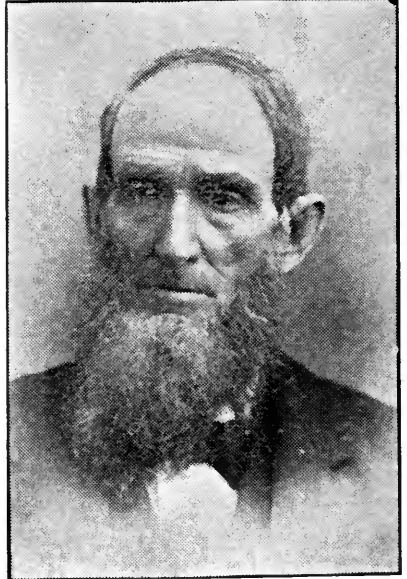
Many of those who had given largely at the first stages increased their gifts from \$100.00 down. Special mention should be made of J. Stanford Hall, upon whom the great responsibility of seeing his plans carried out

to execution rested. The construction of the roof to support the great weight is a marvel of architectural and mechanical skill. L. M. Moore and Son, the contractors, are lavish in their praise of the perfection of detail in the Architect's plans. The Building Committee had their share of well-earned praise during the various stages of the work, and their faces are perpetuated in a cut in this volume. To the Rev. J. F. Mills more than to any other single person, is due the honor, and praise for the great building. His pastorate was not only successful, for three years previous to the building enterprise, but he broke the record of men who build churches, and stayed two years after his heroic task had been finished, to enjoy the fruit of his incessant toil.

#### Deacon S. S. Hall.

Samuel Stillman Hall was born at Sumner, Maine, November 30th, 1808. He was the son of Rev. Zenas Hall, a Baptist pioneer preacher in Maine.

January 1st, 1833, he was married to Lydia Ring, who died a year later. In 1835 he married Elizabeth Ring, who bore him eight sons, and proved a good and faithful wife and mother, till her death, which came in 1852. In 1857 he moved from Maine to Illinois, on a farm near Tonica. Here he lived for 22 years, honored and respected by all. Here he met with his second great sorrow, the death of his wife in September, 1852. She left him with a large family, some of which were quite small. In 1853 he married to Harriet Mitchell, who bore him one daughter, Miss Ella E. Hall, who is a member of our church at this writing, and furnishes the committee with the data of this biography. In 1869 he

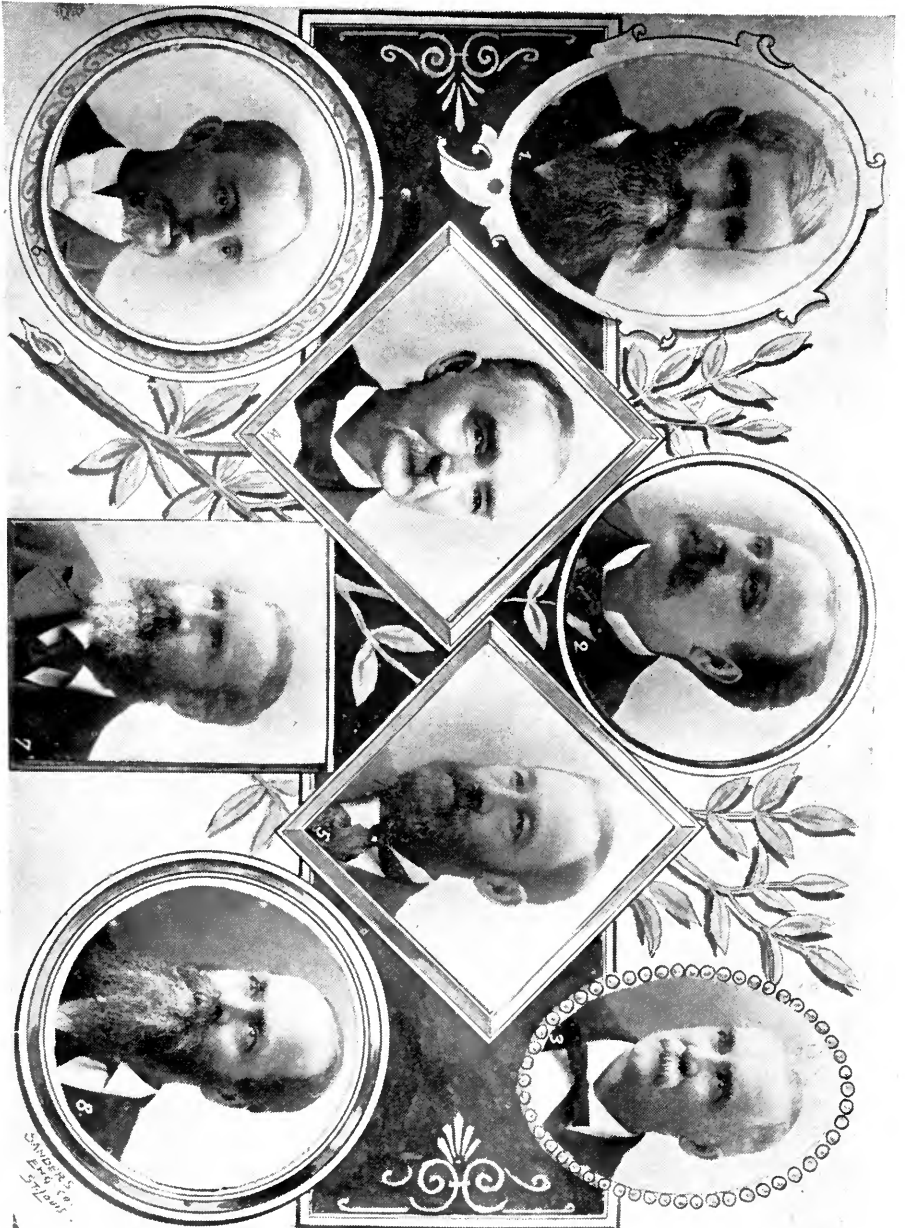


moved to Urbana, where he spent the rest of his life, blameless, comforting, and helpful. He gave five sons to the civil war, and one sleeps in the cemetery at Chattanooga, Tenn. His third wife died August 14th, 1887, leaving his daughter to comfort and care for him in his declining years. He was baptized at Parkham, Maine, January 1st, 1832, and walked in "newness of life" for more than sixty-three years. He was Deacon, and Sunday School Superintendent for a number of years at Tonica. He was Deacon of the Urbana church for twenty-five years, receiving ordination with a number of others on the last night of the first pastorate of Rev. G. M. Shott, June 9th, 1884. His death came May 19th, 1895, at the advanced age of 87 years.

There are many still in the church to "rise up and call him blessed."

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Reading from left to right: M. D. Busey, E. M. Knowlton, N. A. Riley, R. A. Webber, J. M. Lewis, L. A. McLean, L. G. Hubbard, E. S. Hall.



"All the people dedicated the house of the Lord."

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#### Dedication of the First Building.

From the files of the Urbana Union of January 3, 1856, the following notice is taken: "Last Sabbath the Baptist Church in this place was dedicated by Rev. Mr. Thomas of Bloomington. The services were made very interesting throughout by the presence of Mr. Thomas, who is a gentleman, eloquent in the pulpit, and affable among the people. His versatility of talent was made exceedingly useful in this instance. A debt of \$1,154.81 for material, and work on the church, remained unpaid, with no perceptible means of paying it. The whole amount was assumed by individuals placing the church out of debt at once. Much credit is due the exertions of Mr. Thomas, who will long be remembered by our people." This church building was the first of any pretensions in the county. It was the only church building with a belfry for many years. Many scenes of blessed spiritual reaping have been seen within those old historic walls. Many a hundred souls were born within those walls, and many an anthem of high praise to God has been echoed back by them. The first baptistry indoors in the history of the church was built during the pastorate of Rev. G. M. Shott, by Mr. Martin Kaucher, who was the first, or nearly the first to enter its waters.

#### Dedication of the Second Building.

May 29th, 1896. By actual count, 1,350 people crowded into the new meeting house to participate in the dedication exercises. Rev. Myron W. Haynes, D.D., of Chicago, preached the dedication sermon from Luke 5:11: "And when they had brought their ships to land they forsook all, and

followed him."

Among the duties of the consecrated life he emphasized the privilege of giving, and then asked for \$3,000 to pay the balance of debt on the church. In a few minutes \$3,237 was pledged. Deacon Hall spoke of the harmony that had prevailed during the erection of the building. N. A. Riley, treasurer, reported that a total of \$23,784.94 had been raised leaving \$3,000 to complete the payment of all bills. Of this amount Mrs. J. C. Thomas of the Ladies' Extension Society reported that the Society had paid \$888 on the building fund. In the afternoon at 3 o'clock the auditorium was crowded to the limit, 1,500 people being in attendance.

Ministers of the various denominations of the Twin Cities were on the platform, and some of them made representative speeches congratulating the church upon its splendid achievement. President Draper of the University of Illinois was one of the speakers, and made an excellent address, portions of which only can be given here. "You have passed a gracious compliment upon the University in giving it a voice on this auspicious occasion. The toleration of creed, not the absence of it, is an element in the state, and in the University. It is appropriate that the state in which toleration has reached its fullest fruitage should offer amends to the denomination which has suffered most from religious intolerance, and persecution. It has been true of the Baptist denomination that the blood of the martyrs has been the seed of the church. The state congratulates this church today. The University is very dependent upon the virility, and strength of the religious life of the Twin Cities. We have 900 young men,



and women brought here each year, and it is a great charge. The University is proud today that the planning of this beautiful structure was done by one of its worthy sons, Stanford Hall, architect. Many added children gather around its knee; may its influence count, forward, not backward, up not down, out, not in, and all lend a hand."

Dr. M. W. Haynes then engineered another collection and subscription covering all the needs of the new edifice, making the total subscriptions for the day from over 200 subscribers, \$4,235. At night another full house was gathered in the dim light of the side lights of the building, and waited with great expectancy to see the electric lights turned on the great central chandelier. Rev. W. H. Steadman, D.D., offered the dedicatory prayer, and many will never forget the tender pleading of that prayer, for God's blessing to rest upon the new building as a means towards the efficiency of the church, and its work. Dr. Haynes then preached another impressive sermon. The events of this great day in the history of the church mark the beginning of a new condition of things.

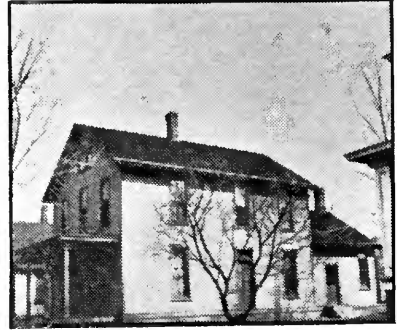
With such splendid facilities for the propagation of the gospel to multitudes, the responsibility of the church to so live, and teach as to draw the needy people under the influence of the teaching of this great pulpit is very evident. Recording angels may well hover over this scene of many tears and triumphs, to carry back the tidings of repenting souls.

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#### PARSONAGES.

Half the battle of long settlement in the pastorate is won when the church provides a comfortable home and keeps it in good repair for the pastor. During the pastorate of Rev.

D. F. Carnahan the church took its initial step in this necessary enterprise. May 4th, 1873, a committee of



Old Parsonage Erected 1873

21 persons was appointed to take steps toward securing a parsonage.

The next record concerning the parsonage is December 10th, 1873. "The Trustees were instructed to borrow \$450 for the purpose of paying the debt on the parsonage and to mortgage the church property to secure the same. April 3rd, 1875, shows the next record, the committee on ways and means of meeting the dues to the loan association and discharging the parsonage debt asked for further time. June 5th, 1875, the church agreed to pay in 60 days from date without interest, \$25 in full of all demands for "rodding" the parsonage. This small debt caused no end of needless confusion, and was a wet blanket to many a subsequent enterprise in the days while the memory of it lasted. The parsonage was paid for, costing about \$2,500.

March 22nd, 1905, the trustees reported a gift from Sister Artemesia Busey of from \$3,500 to \$4,000 as a parsonage fund on condition that the church would furnish a suitable lot. This generous gift was accepted and the entire congregation proceeded to visit Sister Busey, and personally



Mrs. A. S. Busey

thank her for her generous and timely gift. It is highly fitting that a brief biography of "Mother Busey," as she is affectionately called, should be handed down to the successive generations in the church, who will read this history. At the time of writing this sketch she is in her 87th year, and while she suffers somewhat on account of impaired sight, she is otherwise remarkably active, and at-



New Parsonage, 1905.

tends her church services with consistent regularity. She is quite sure that she came into the church under Elder G. W. Riley in his second pastorate, which would be between 1858 and 1867, and she is certain that she was baptized in what is now called Crystal Lake. She is close on the heels of the oldest living members of the church, and may yet outlive them. She certainly took a fine way to make her gift one that would bring out the thanksgiving of all who shall ever live in the splendid new parsonage.

GEORGE BRASH.



George W. Brash is one of the best known men around town, as well as in the church. It is probable that he is one of the oldest members of the First Baptist Sunday school, having joined it fifty years ago. He was born March 17th, 1858. He has been all these years more or less interested in the church and its work. When the new church was dedicated he became its janitor, and with the exception of about two years he has had charge of the church for 18 years. It is perfect-

ly natural to see him in and around the building, and the trustees give him a wider latitude of freedom than is usually allowed. As to how he has done his work the years of observation on the part of the multitudes that

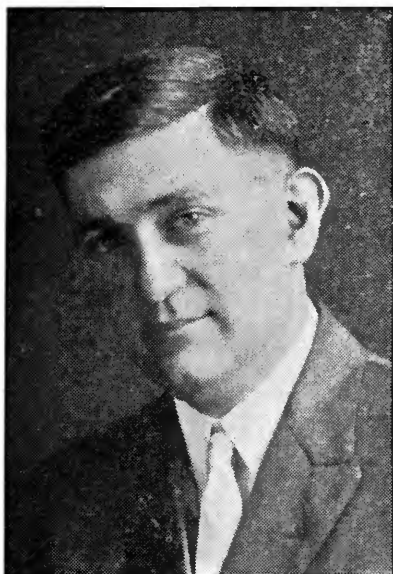
have passed in and out of the building will testify as well as his long years of continuous service. While practically a young man he will rank with those of longest recollections of the early days of the church.

## CHAPTER X. FIRST BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL

"So they read in the book of the law of the Lord distinctly and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading."

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### URBANA BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.



**C. W. Richards, Superintendent.**

As far as can be ascertained from records the Baptists took part in a union school till the church building was completed in 1856, when a Baptist school was organized. This school has always flourished, and large numbers have been gathered into the church through its teaching. The ef-

fect of a weekly teachers' meeting for most of the life of the school, cannot be estimated. The church is the head of the school, and elects the leading officers, and holds the balance of power, when the school needs advice, and special help. Early, this school felt the influence of the work of B. F. Jacobs, our great Sunday School worker, and organizer. B. F. Jacobs is the father of our International system of lessons, which have stood the test as no other plan has so far. In connection with this international idea of similar lessons have grown up many other institutions such as institutes, interdenominational meeting for groups, and neighborhoods, that have done incalculable good for our cause. Early in the progress of this new idea came that of organized classes and the Urbana school can boast of such an organization as early as any. Our school is well organized, as the following list of names will indicate:

The following is a list of the organized classes with their names and the teachers who are now teaching them. There are but few classes in the school not organized. The oldest in point of history is first given and the rest in the order of their rooms, from right to left of the school room.

## ORGANIZED CLASSES

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### LOVE AND SERVICE.

"She chose his service for the Lord of Love  
Had chosen her, and paid the awful price  
For her redemption! and sought her out,  
And set her free, and clothed her gloriously,  
And put his royal ring upon her hand,  
And crowns of loving kindness on her head."

This class began with the history of the first church building in 1856, when the Sunday School was first organized. At the first it consisted of both men and women. The following are some of the teachers of the class: Rev. D. F. Carnahan, Rev. W. H. Steadman, D.D., Deacon Dudley McClain, Deacon Allen McClain, Deacon James Myers, J. P. Blue, Mrs. Hattie Gere, Mrs. Amanda Allen, Mrs. L. G. Hubbard, Mrs. Francis Renfrew, Deacon E. S. Hall, and Deacon J. S. Hall. Mrs. Nettie Hunt is the teacher at present.

The class was organized in 1909 by J. S. Hall, and called the Ladies' Bible Class. Mrs. Waller was elected president, and Mrs. Mary Lee, secretary, and treasurer, both serving two years. In 1911 Mrs. Nettie Hunt was elected teacher; Mrs. Ella Sutton, president; Mrs. Mary Lee, secretary and treasurer. May 20th, 1912, the class met in the church and reorganized, changing the name to "The Love and Service Bible Class of the First

Baptist Church." The class adopted the geranium as the class flower, and the name of the class is its motto, "Love and Service." One of the works of this class is to give flowers to the sick, and "shut ins."

The present enrollment of the class is 41, and its average attendance 20.

The officers for 1912 were as follows:

- Mrs. Nettie Hunt, teacher.
  - Mrs. Fred Hubbard, assistant teacher.
  - Mrs. Ella Sutton, president.
  - Mrs. Dora Van Doren, vice-president.
  - Mrs. Alice Freeman, secretary.
  - Mrs. Mary Lee, treasurer.
  - Mrs. Margaret Walker, librarian.
  - Mrs. Fred Hubbard, reporter.
  - Mrs. Elsie Sharp, entertainer.
- June 17th, 1913, the class met with Mrs. Artemesia Busey for a picnic supper and for the election of officers. The officers of 1912 were elected as a whole for 1913.

### "OUR CLASS"

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"One by one."

#### OUR CLASS.

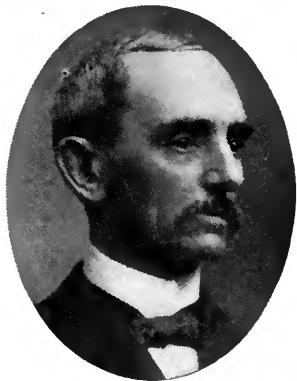
In 1868 Mrs. Kate Glasgow organized a class of girls and taught them until January 1st, 1874, when on account of her age she asked L. A. McLean, then superintendent of the school, to take it, which he did.

This was the first class to organize, and was the beginning of class organiz-

ation in the school. Mr. McLean has taught the class ever since, with the exception of several months this year while sick when the work was carried on by Mrs. L. A. McLean with excellent success, and she is and has been for about two years and over recognized as the assistant teacher, and while Mr. McLean does the teaching she

does the "Mothering," and is the adviser of the girls, a position which she is so able to fill.

The prime object is to lead the



L. A. McLean

members to Christ, and then build them up in Christ, and the fundamental principles of right living and

of preparing for the time when they shall take charge of homes of their own and of making the burdens of life lighter for their parents. This is the fifth generation which has been taken in the class, and as fast as they are prepared they are graduated out as teachers, or workers. Over two hundred and twenty-five girls have passed through the class. Over fifty heads of families in Urbana have been members. One of the graduates not long since said to Mr. McLean, "Did you know that out of the large number of the girls of the class who have been married, there has not been a single divorce?"

The teacher found that this was true with only one exception. The teacher is very proud of his work done in the past thirty-nine years, and regards this as his life work.

### "AGOMA"—STUDENT CLASS

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AGOMA.

"The heart of the righteous studieth to answer."

A student class was organized September, 1906-1907 by Dr. E. G. Dexter. In the summer of 1907, he moved to Porto Rico. In 1907-1908 the class was taught by E. S. Hall. During this period the class grew in numbers, due largely to the efforts of Rev. Roy G. Merrifield, student pastor for 1907-1908. He divided his time between this and the Champaign church, urging students to attend the church, and Sunday School services. It was during this term that the class was organized as the "Agoma" class. In 1910-1911 the class was taught by Prof. J. G. Van Zandt. International Lessons were used as before with special emphasis on what was called laboratory work. He was always careful to make present day applications to the lesson truths. Every Sunday he gave the

class some practical work to do during the week.

In 1911-1912 the class was taught by Dr. C. S. Wilson, who was not in favor of the International Lessons for adult classes. He led the class in a study of the "Life of Christ," by Burton and Matthews, with a harmony of the Gospels, by Stevens and Burton. He urged the reading of an entire book at one sitting before taking it up in parts for study.

The class is made up almost entirely of students, though during the year 1912-1913, the "old men's class" has been somewhat disbanded for want of a teacher, and frequently sit with the "Agomas." It is a "co-ed" class and cordially invites students, especially to its meetings every Sunday morning. It is an organized class with

George Mahn as president, and Miss Elsie Shott as vice president, Miss Bertha Dunn as secretary, and Miss Nora Parker, treasurer. Since September, 1912, the pastor, Rev. Gideon M. Shott, D.D., has been the teacher, and much attached to his class. He teaches by lecture, and aims to take the widest possible range of instruction in order to prepare each member of the class to become a teacher, here, or elsewhere

The enrollment is about 35, with the attendance about the same as the enrollment. A special rally will be made about the time this book gets into the hands of its readers, to make that class up to one hundred. A most delightful evening was spent by the class at the parsonage at the closing of the school year. These class meetings may be held quarterly with the beginning of the school year in September.

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### TRI-MU.

"For it's something to start; it's something to bring  
Your brain, soul, and muscle to strive in the ring;  
It's something to fall, when the foeman is stout,  
But it's "nothing" to stand at the plate and "strike out."

J. S. Hall.



On April 18, 1907, a class in the Sunday School was organized for the younger married people of the church, by Mrs. Ida Meigs. Its first name was, "New Movement Adult Bible

Class," changed to Tri-Mu, May 8, 1907. It was organized with a membership of 8. Mrs. Ida Meigs was its first president, which position she held till she removed from Urbana, September 1st, 1912. Mrs. Maud Miller has been its president since that time. The first secretary was W. W. Bond, the following occupying that office for longer or shorter terms: Mr. ——— Merrick, Minnie Hubbard, Verne Smith, and its present secretary, E. T. Lanham. The first teacher was Miss Wenona Benefiel, the next, Professor Woolman, the next Prof. William Dietrick, and the next Deacon J. S. Hall, its present teacher. The class meets monthly on Tuesday night for business, and sociability, and the ladies of the class meet a part of the year weekly for social entertainment. Its present enrollment is 60. Its name implies, "Muscle, Mind, and Morals." Its motto is: "I am only one, but I am one; I cannot do everything, but I can do something; what I can do, I ought to do, and by the grace of God, I will do."

### INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

Class. organized.	Teacher.
Love and Service—1856.....	Mrs. N. Hunt
Our Class—1868.....	L. A. McLean
Tri-Mu—April 18, 1907.....	J. S. Hall
Agoma—Sept. 1906.....	Rev. G. M. Shott
Baptist Boosters.....	Howard Ammerman
Baptist Volunteers.....	Mark VanDoren
True Blues.....	Miss Elizabeth Webber
The Baptist Club.....	Mrs. Emma Bennett
Willing Workers.....	Mrs. C. Hissong
Royal Leaders.....	J. L. Hissong
Judson Mission Class.....	Elsie Shott
Golden Rule Class.....	Ferne Mitchell
What I Can Class.....	Mrs. Flora Cottrell
Buds of Promise.....	Ethel Stevenson
Dorcas Club.....	Miss Lura Parker
Excelsior Club.....	Miss Stella Renfro
Willing Workers.....	Miss Grace Roney

### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

"A little child shall lead them."



**Miss Anna Webber**

As far as can be learned, Mrs. Amanda Allen was the first primary teacher, being followed by Mrs. Hollister and the Misses Mayme McClain, Alice Fugate and Maggie Riley. Miss Nellie McLean, now Mrs. Nellie Lumley, took charge of the work in 1882, and continued until 1889. Mrs. J. A. Leavitt and Mrs. Smith, the latter the wife of the pastor, had charge dur-

ing the next two years. Mrs. Fannie Dicken followed in '92 and '93 and was succeeded by Mrs. J. F. Mills, in '94. Mrs. Belle Conner followed and taught till the summer of '02. Miss Myrta Clark taught from '02 till June, '05 when Miss Anna Webber took up the work and is still in charge. In the old church the primary met in the little room at the northwest end of the church, using the little red benches so well remembered by those who attended at that time. After the new church was built the primary occupied the rooms in the basement known as the dining room and ladies' parlor. The Department teaching force now includes the superintendent, secretary and seven teachers. The records show that since June, '05, 640 children have been enrolled in this department, and 131 have been promoted. The present enrollment is 125, 25 having just been promoted. Since 1905, two teachers have passed to the great beyond, namely: Miss Grace Hall and Miss Effie Winchester. There have been no deaths among the children enrolled during this time. A great many have come into the Primary from the Cradle Roll since the organization of the Cradle Roll, in April, 1913.

## HOME DEPARTMENT.

"Thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

The Home Department of our Sunday School was organized January 1, 1901, by Miss Nelle Hubbard, who was made its first superintendent, and held that office till January, 1913. In 1907, Branch Sunday School No. 1 was organized on East California street, and many of the Home Department members gave regularly to its support. It then numbered about 75 members. At the beginning of 1913, Miss Nelle Hubbard became superintendent of the Cunningham Avenue School and resigned the superintendency of the Home Depart-

ment, and Mrs. G. M. Shott was appointed superintendent.

This department is calculated to bring the Bible back to the home and create a desire on the part of parents to teach and help their children to understand its precious truth. Every sincere believer will welcome and help forward this great work. Every member of the church should be enrolled in it, and take the readings, and report to the visitors of the Home Department so that a perfect report can be made for each Annual Directory.

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## CRADLE ROLL

" Only a tender flower  
Sent us to rear,  
Only a life to love  
While we are here.  
Only a baby small,  
Never at rest,  
Small, but how dear to us,  
God knoweth best."

This department was organized April, 1903, by Miss Nelle Hubbard, with 203 members. No graduation exercises into the Beginners Department have been held, but when a child enters the main school, a certificate to that effect is given.

Miss Nellie Hubbard was its first Superintendent and Mrs. Mae Creek is its present superintendent. Twenty-four have just been graduated from the Beginners department to the main school. The enrollment at present is 104.

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Extreme age and tender childhood meet in this Sunday school. The little child clinging to another's hand and the old man and woman leaning on the staff, are common sights. An orchestra takes a very prominent part in the musical part of the Sunday School. At the head of the Sunday School music department on most Sunday mornings one may see Mr. N. A. Riley wielding the baton, and leading the singing with as much of his old time energy as the whitening

years will admit. He stands as straight and steps as light as when in 1865 he began to lead the old choir. It was about that time that he began leading the music of the Sunday school. Fifty years of song!

The following superintendents served at a time when no records were kept or they have been lost: 1856-1860, J. N. Wilson; 1861, A. J. Allen; 1862, E. S. Packard; 1863, George Browning; 1864-1868, A. J. Allen; 1869-1870, L. A. McLean. The follow-



ing table shows the rest of the superintendents up to the present time, together with all the statistics that are available.

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"The branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified."

#### **BRANCH SUNDAY SCHOOL NO. 1.**

Branch Sunday School No. 1 was organized October 27th, 1907, in a small dwelling house situated at 806 East California street. Deacon William Gardner was the first superintendent, and he continued in office till his removal from the city, about seven months later. Walter Bond, Rev. E. E. Gulick, T. L. Warrick, W. E. Carnahan, and Joel Coffey followed as superintendents. In connection with this school, Mrs. Catherine Hisson, one of the teachers, organized a "Mother's Club," which helped very

much socially and financially. From the first there was a good interest, and good feeling in the neighborhood toward the school. Several professed conversion from the school and many came into the home school, some joining the church. After three years' work the school was abandoned for lack of interest on the part of the church, and not on the part of the neighborhood. During the whole time the school paid all its regular expenses, paid some on the rent, and gave something each year for missions. What a power that work might have been if it had been kept up.

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"Each one resembled the children of a king."

#### **CHILDREN OF THE KING.**

Sunday, October 8th, 1888, a meeting was held in the church for the purpose of organizing a society to be known as "The Children of the King." Twenty-nine persons united in the formation, and elected Nellie McLean as president. George Hubbard, secretary; Flora Ross, treasurer; Rev. T. F. Leavitt, instructor. Meetings were held with regularity from the organization till January, 1890, when the only records in the possession of your committee suddenly stop, leaving all the rest of the pages in the book blank.

The society had one special good thing in its make-up, and that was the study of the Word of God under competent instructors. Concerts and committees on various subjects enough to confuse older heads must have had something to do with its sudden death. The pages of this society will very clearly show why there are so many people who think social work is all the church work there is to do. Too much care cannot be taken in the starting of new societies to put them on a high and safe basis, and teach them the right relations of the church and kingdom of Christ.

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#### **BAPTIST BOYS' BRIGADE.**

February 28th, 1903, the Baptist Boys' Brigade was organized by Will Groom and Glenn ridge. The age line was set from 10-17, and by May of the same year the enrollment was 70.

Col. R. J. Lewis of the Iowa State College, assisted in drilling the brigade for special entertainments. No further records can be found except a reference in the Association Minutes of 1904, "an excellent Boys' Brigade is maintained."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL TABLE

	Year.....	Officer and Teacher.....	School.....	Average Attendance..	Baptisms.....	Home Dept..	Missions.....	Expense.....	Total.....	
L. A. McLean.....	1871		17	200	120					
L. A. McLean.....	1872		10	136	114			75.00	75.00	
L. A. McLean.....	1873									
L. A. McLean.....	1874		17	175	95	10		63.00	63.00	
L. A. McLean.....	1875									
L. A. McLean.....	1876									
L. A. McLean.....	1877		17	250	155			60.00	60.00	
L. A. McLean.....	1878									
Allen McClain.....	1879									
Allen McClain.....	1880									
Ozias Riley.....	1881		18	300	210					
J. P. Blue.....	1882		20	215	200			100.00	100.00	
J. P. Blue.....	1883		28	350	273			96.65	96.65	
J. P. Blue.....	1884		26	300	240					
J. P. Blue.....	1885		26	300	182					
L. A. McLean.....	1886		23	310	178					
L. A. McLean.....	1887		23	250	174	3	20.50	98.00	118.50	
L. A. McLean.....	1888		22	250	164	2	22.70	79.25	101.95	
L. A. McLean.....	1889		18	250	160	23	28.90	75.00	103.90	
J. P. Blue.....	1890		22	250	160		25.00	75.00	100.00	
Mrs. M. L. Julian.....	1881		22	250	160	10	12.50	97.50	110.00	
C. A. Tufts.....	1892		22	255	152		6.21	116.18	122.39	
C. A. Tufts.....	1893		26	166	133	6	17.20	94.22	111.42	
C. A. Tufts.....	1894		28	192	170	50	11.59	104.53	116.12	
C. A. Tufts.....	1895		29	189	157	36	20.00	120.36	140.36	
C. A. Tufts.....	1896		31	250	231	6		134.50	134.50	
C. A. Tufts.....	1897		30	232	172	15	9.08	124.95	134.03	
C. A. Tufts.....	1898		29	287	195		3.40	101.27	104.67	
J. S. Hall.....	1900		34	348	225		15.00	106.00	121.00	
J. S. Hall.....	1901		34	225	168	10	35.37	125.00	160.37	
J. S. Hall.....	1902			258	159	8	20	16.50	108.59	125.09
J. S. Hall.....	1903			299	150	8	20	163.22	163.22	
J. S. Hall.....	1904			277	162	35	12.39	179.00	191.39	
J. S. Hall.....	1905			275	175	48		191.63	191.63	
C. W. Richards.....	1906			301	180	45		190.71	190.71	
C. W. Richards.....	1907			280	194	5	65	184.89	184.89	
C. W. Richards.....	1908		32	406	350	45		250.00	250.00	
C. W. Richards.....	1909			555	385			450.00	450.00	
C. W. Richards.....	1910			425	370	115	66.36	450.00	516.36	
C. W. Richards.....	1911			575	387	100		450.00	450.00	
C. W. Richards.....	1912			500	300	105	50.00	450.00	500.00	
C. W. Richards.....	1913			490	350			275.00	275.00	

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## CHAPTER XI.

### BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES

"We study that we may serve."

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Pres. S. A. Rowland.



About the year 1878 the Carman family came to Champaign, where Rev. I. N. Carman was pastor for several years. John C. Carman, then a mere lad, caught a vision of a young people's organization that should become state wide, and perhaps world wide. It was called Youths' Christian Association. It was organized in Indianapolis in 1876. Its distinguishing principle for which it was organized was Bible reading, and interpretation, and the application of the things they learned to personal work. A more earnest and serious company of young people it would be hard to find. Brother John C. Carman was the acknowledged leader, with officers under him in the various departments.

B. A. Cushman was the first president in the society in our church. While it was interdenominational, and other churches had similar organizations, the Baptist young people had the largest, and indeed some of other denominations were members in the Baptist society. Miss Jennie Monett (Burton) was the state representative. Miss Nellie Carman, and Miss Nellie McLean taught children's meetings along somewhat the same lines as the Juniors of today are taught. Part of the training of the Y. C. A. was how to conduct business meetings, make motions, organize deliberative bodies, and conventions. Some of the best workers in the First church, and in the community, were able to take a higher place in the history of the churches of the community because of the high standards sustained at that time. Many of the older members who are active in the First church today were members of that early society. About this time, February 2, 1881, the Christian Endeavor society was organized, and soon eclipsed, and in 1885 absorbed the Y. C. A., though at its best C. E. has never laid out such a field of work, nor prosecuted it in as close, and careful way, as the earlier, and smaller society. As was natural, and to be expected, most of the societies of our Baptist young people, went into this new Endeavor movement, and it was pushed with such vigor that it seemed to be drawing all our youth away from our distinctive church doctrines, and work. In self-defense of the denomination it was necessary that another organiza-

tion should be effected that would be as wide in its scope as the former society. Dr. F. L. Wilkins and others met in the Second Baptist church of Chicago July 7th, 1891, and organized the Baptist Young People's Union of America. Launched in great prayer, and caution, it soon became a strong force in the field, and rallied from 5,000 to 10,000 people at its annual gatherings. Many Baptists who went into the Endeavor movement came out of that, and took up the distinctly denominational work, and added some features in the way of special Christian culture studies that have been, and are still, without a peer in any of the other movements.

The tides of interest in our local society has ebbed, and flowed from one position to another, and while it has profitted by some of the best things in all these forms, it has never seriously set itself to the business of largest efficiency in any of them. As nearly as possible the dates will be given, and such statistics as are available, as to its officers and what money was raised, and other special matters of history.

It is to be regretted here that many of the dates that are on some of the books are only partial dates, and no orderly manner of keeping records has ever been adopted. One advantage in writing this history is to create in all

clerks and secretaries a desire to keep records for the sake of the future historian.

No records of any Young Peoples organization can be found from 1880 or earlier till 1892. Burritt A. Cushman was the president of the earliest society. In 1892 Clara Lee was secretary, and from 1896 to 1900 F. C. Hubbard was secretary, and no name of president is given since 1892-1903. Lulu Gardner was secretary and in 1905, Ombra Herriott and 1906, Pearl Webber. The presidents since 1907 have been as follows: 1907, J. C. Thorpe; 1908, J. C. Thorpe; 1909, Howard Ammerman; 1910, F. W. Garrett; 1911, Joel Coffey; 1913, Earl Strong; 1912, S. A. Rowland; secretary for 1909, Horace Ingalls; 1910, Flora M. Parker; 1911, Edna Wardall; 1912, Ruah Loveless; 1913, Sadie Jones. The average membership during the years where any record can be found for the work of the Young People in —6 in all—is 72. Money given to missions, \$684.65. Current expenses, \$310.45. Total money reported on records found, \$995.10. This amount includes the pledge to Dr. Timpany, in India. As this history goes to print the B. Y. P. U. of America is in session at Brooklyn, New York, where doubtless many good motions will be carried in view of greater efficiency the kingdom.

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## JUNIOR SOCIETY

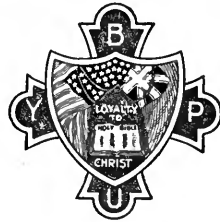
"Wist ye not that I must be about my father's business?"

The earliest report of a Junior C. E. society in the minutes of the Bloomfield Association was in 1895. Miss Clara Granberry was leader. A table of membership is given in last two columns of Senior Society table. Miss Lucia Hall was leader in 1896. No leader is reported for 1897. Miss Edith Fenner was leader for 1899 and

1900. There is no report in minutes for any year since. The church directory for 1902 contains some items. The society collected some fruit and jelly, and the girls dressed dolls for Miss McKean of New York City. Twenty-three took C. C. C. work and three completed the four years' work. Total amount raised during the year,

\$1.06. In 1903 the Junior boys showed much interest in distributing good literature and the girls dressed dolls for Miss McKean. The Juniors planted nasturtium seed, whose flowers were brought to the church during the summer. In the autumn interesting graduation exercises were held for eleven Juniors, who graduated into the Senior society. Twenty-two Juniors successfully passed the C. C. C. examinations. Total amount of money raised, \$31.21. Margaret Fenner, leader. In 1904 it was noted that the boys and girls met separately in the study of the C. C. C. and 22 examination papers were sent to headquarters. Fourteen Juniors have been received into the church by baptism. Amount raised, \$31.57. Margaret Fenner, leader. There are no reports again till 1909, when it is noted that a Junior Baptist church was organized, April 4th, 1909. Meetings were held each Sunday afternoon except in August, with an average attendance of about 30. Amount raised, \$7.77. 1910, no report. In 1911, mention is made of

special mission studies, but no statistics are given except the enrollment of 40. 1912 the Junior Society of C. E. was re-organized as a Junior B. Y. P. U. Mrs. Catherine Hissong, leader. Enrollment, 38; amount raised, \$8.19. No examinations in C. C. C. work taken this year. Society adjourned for the summer, June 1st. Among the leaders for whom dates are uncertain are Mrs. Pilcher, Miss Nettie Roberts, Mr. Miller, Miss Verne Mitchell, Mrs. F. F. Leonard, and Mrs. Burt Hays. The membership is referred to nine times, making an average of active members, 20; associate, 30. The highest active membership reported is 40 and highest associate is 40. It is to be regretted that the records have not been kept.



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“Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?  
By taking heed thereto according to thy word.”

### INTERMEDIATE SOCIETY

February, 1911, cards were sent out to a number of the young people, asking them to meet for the organization of an Intermediate Society of C. E. March 12th, 1911, sixteen met, and were organized by Mr. Quist and the pastor. Mark Van Doren was the first president. Fifteen charter members soon increased to 45. The new society met each Sunday night at 6:15. The vacation of the first summer, practically suspended the society for three months. September 6th, 1911, the society reorganized with

Dudley Kirkland as president. They raised some money, and pledged \$5 for church support, and proposed to make a similar gift to missions.

No further records can be found, except the very lamentable fact that only a very few of the Intermediates ever attend the Senior Society to which they are eligible, and many of them are members of the church. Many efforts have been made to get them to line up with the Senior Society without avail. Only a few have so identified themselves. There was no disposition to reorganize this society in the autumn of 1912.

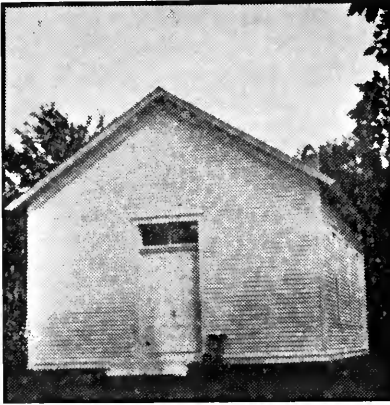
## CHAPTER XII. MISSIONS

### CENTENNIAL

"Weep not that the world changes—did it keep  
A stable changeless state, 'twere cause indeed to weep."

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#### CENTENNIAL BAPTIST MISSION.



Centennial Erected 1876

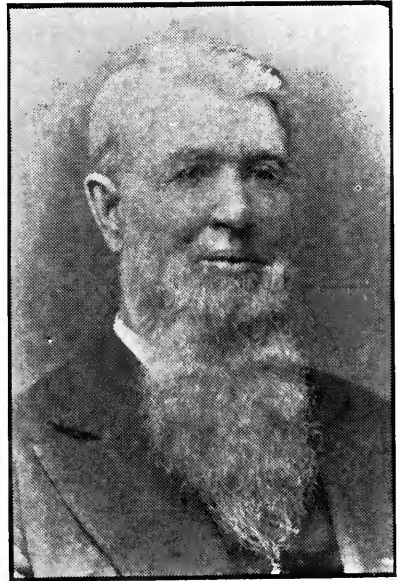
Elder W. H. Steadman, early in his ministry with the First Church began Bible readings, with a view to trained evangelistic services. Many of the brethren caught the idea, and went out into the neighboring school houses, and reproduced, with their own personal comments, the practical things they had learned in the pastor's class. The Centennial School House was one of the strategic points for such a service. Very successful meetings were held there. In 1878 Elder Steadman ably assisted by Deacon Allan McClain, held a meeting in the school house, when about 60 were united with the First church, nearly all by baptism. During the winter of 1879 the school house was closed against the work. Elder Steadman, Brethren Myers, Apperson,

McClain, and others, set to work, and soon had a comfortable building paid for, holding about 300 persons. Brother Allen McClain took charge of this mission, and held several successful revivals, and added a large number to the church. Pursuant to a previous announcement, a meeting was held in the Centennial meeting house, July 12, 1885, for the purpose of organizing a church. Letters of dismission from the First church had been granted to the following: F. P. Apperson, S. M. Boyd, Elizabeth Boyd, Patience Apperson, Katie Boley, Susan Brown, John Griffith, May Griffith, Martha Hughes, William D. Slade, John Watson, Louisiana Deck, Mary E. Shuman, Daniel Grimes, Jennie Brown, Ebert Brown, Uriah B. Ward, Peter Good, Lorinda Watson, Lucy Slade. An advisory committee consisting of Deacon G. A. Walker, Deacon J. W. Cushman, F. M. Snyder, and James I. Butler were sent from the First Church. John Watson was chosen moderator, and Miss Nettie Fitzgerald, clerk. William Slade and F. P. Apperson were elected deacons. F. P. Apperson, William Slade, Daniel Grimes, and G. A. Walker from First Church, were elected trustees. The New Hampshire Covenant and articles of faith were adopted. On October 10th, 1885, at business meeting, a difference of opinion on the matter of financing the church was warmly discussed. The decision was to take up a collection whenever the money was needed.

Deacon Allen McClain was spoken of as Pastor, and money was paid to

him for such service, but there is no record of his call. November 28, 1885, they decided not to take up a collection on Sunday evenings. A motion was made to adopt "foot-washing" as an ordinance in the church but action was deferred, and the matter is never referred to again. December 10, 1887, it was decided to close doors to outsiders, on business meeting nights. January 16, 1888, the following was adopted, "It is the one that leads meeting to move the stand about over the church, to try to get the people to keep order, if that won't do they are to try them by the law." It was also decided that "it is the duty of the clerk to count the money, and put it on the lap of the treasurer. August 20, 1889, the membership was 30. At that time they paid \$30 for missions, and the Sunday school expense was also \$30. January 31, 1897, a Young People's Society was organized. John Archdeacon was elected president. Several references are made between the years 1897 and 1898 to the presence, and service of Rev. J. F. Mills of the First Church. February 29, 1899, a motion was adopted to pay Brother Campbell \$300 per annum as pastor. On account of inadequate records it is impossible to continue the history. The work is being kept up, however, by Rev. Edgar Woolhouse, who held a very helpful meeting there in December of 1912, with considerable encouragement. The property is still held in trust by the trustees of the First Church, Urbana, and cannot be disposed of on account of terms of donor. Permission was given February 2, 1878, to the members of the church living at Centennial, to observe the Lord's Supper. A flickering interest has been kept up here, since the work was started, veering between unionism and denominationalism. They

have not been exempt from times of trial, and discipline, and deep feeling. They have proven themselves very human, but have enjoyed many rich seasons of reviving grace. The proximity of the church to the new inter-urban car line, with a consequent increase in the value of property in that neighborhood, would seem to justify a special effort to hold the field against a greater day of prosperity. The cut shows the building freshened up with a new coat of paint, and other improvements.



Deacon Allen McClain

**ALLEN M'CLAIN.**

Allen McClain was born in Harrison County, Ky., May 4th, 1823. Joseph and Mary McClain, his parents, moved to Bethel, Ohio, when he was four years old. He came to this state in 1833, and settled in Edgar County, Illinois, where he and his brother Dudley and brother-in-law Elder G. W. Riley worked at the cabinet makers' trade. In 1864 he located in Urbana, where

he continued to reside till his death, November 28th, 1899. He was married to Elizabeth Busey, January 28th, 1864. He professed conversion in 1848, and was baptised the same year by his Brother-in-law Elder G. W. Riley, into the fellowship of the old Bloomfield Baptist church. He gave himself to church work from the time he was 20 years old. He was one of the most familiar figures in the Urbana church for many years. He was a man of strong will, but pessimistic at times. He believed himself called to preach the gospel, and recited his evidences of it oftentimes to his friends, and in the experience meetings of the church, and to his Pastor Elder Shott.

February 14th, 1883, the Pastor advised the church to license Deacon Allen McClain to preach the gospel, which the church did by a unanimous vote, and Deacon McClain took charge of the Centennial work.

Several meetings of special interest

were held at Centennial with good results, and quite a number united with the First church as a result of the work done there. His home was always open to the preachers, and was often the scene of hospitality. His table was always well loaded, and his guests urged to partake liberally of his bounty.

His residence was between the Twin Cities, and he had many acquaintances in Champaign as well as in Urbana. In 1883 he took letters for himself and family to the Champaign Baptist church, where he continued to attend church up to the time of his death in November 28th, 1899.

The Historical Committee is delighted to be able to present such a fine cut of his patrichal face, and splendid beard. The men of his times are fast passing away. Only a few of the Old Guard are left to tell the story of the early days.

"The old order changeth."

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## HERALD OF HOPE

"Ye Christian Heralds go proclaim  
Salvation sent in Jesus' name."  
"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for."

### Herald of Hope.

In the summer of 1909 the missionary committee of the First Baptist church of Urbana, composed of Rev. R. V. Meigs, F. C. Hubbard and J. S. Hall, drove over that part of Urbana lying north of the Big Four railroad to see the needs of that field.

They found no church or Sunday school north of the track. More than 1,000 people were living in the northwest part of Urbana, and among them many children.

The committee was unanimous in feeling that something ought to be done.

In October following, Rev. Meigs

was in attendance at the state convention at Galesburg. He telegraphed F. C. Hubbard that the chapel car, "Herald of Hope," Rev. Sparks and wife in charge, would be in Champaign the next Saturday, and to make arrangements to sidetrack in Urbana.

### Visit of the Chapel Car.

Arrangements were made to place the car on side track put in at Romine street. Meetings opened in the chapel car, Sunday, October 24th, 1909.

From the first success attended all meetings. Meetings were held every night and a Sunday school was organized, and held at 9:30 a. m. each Sunday, and preaching at 11 a. m. and at



7:30 p. m. The Sunday school started with 43, and increased to 73. A Junior C. E. soon had a membership of fifty. The car remained until January 1, 1910. The last few weeks Rev. Sparks and helpers solicited subscriptions for a new building. Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Busey offered to give a lot east of the Hays school building. Rev. Sparks, feeling that the corner lot, where the church now stands, would be a better location, he, with Mr. Busey, asked Mrs. Sim to give the lot, which she most cheerfully did, Mr. and Mrs. Busey giving their lot for a parsonage. Subscriptions were taken for nearly \$3,100. Two-thirds of this amount was given by members of the First Baptist church.

The matter was laid before the board of deacons, and it recommended the church to carry forward the work and appoint a building committee, which the church did, appointing J. S. Hall, chairman; F. C. Hubbard, secretary and treasurer; M. D. Busey, W. R. Courtney, J. J. Johnson, Howard Woodworth.

June 30th, 1910, the corner stone was laid by Brother Dunham, who donated it. Rev. J. W. Primm led in prayer, and Dr. E. B. Rogers delivered an address. The first service of prayer was held in the new building August 10th, and the dedication took place the 23d day of October. Subscriptions were taken on dedication to cover all indebtedness, but did not cover the heating. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Primm, Dr. Brand, Rev. Sparks and Rev. Meigs, conducted the dedication exercises.

#### School Building Used.

After the chapel car left, through permission of the school board of Urbana, the use of the Hays school building was granted for meetings and Sunday school until the church

building was completed.

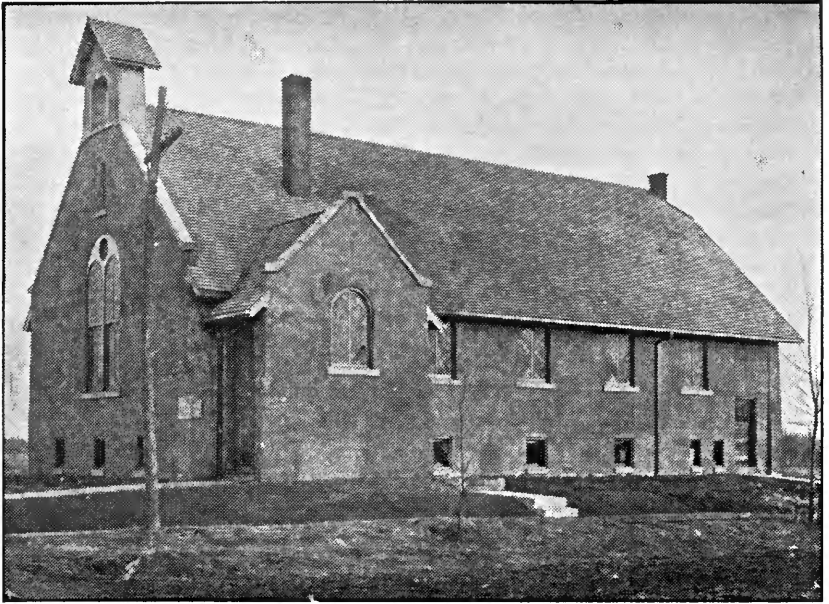
E. H. Renner of Urbana furnished the chairs without rent until those purchased arrived. Rev. J. W. Primm was employed to preach and help in the work.

A Sunday school was organized in the school house with Mr. Stephens as superintendent. The work grew in interest and numbers until the church building was ready for use. After the dedication of the church the work took on new life under the leadership of the pastor.

Rev. J. W. Primm was called to the pastorate of Herald of Hope Mission February 9, 1910. In the winter of 1910-11 several services resulted in a number of conversions and additions to the church. In the summer of 1911, one obstacle after another arising, Rev. Primm and others became discouraged and it was seen that a change must be made. Through the efforts of F. C. Hubbard, Rev. Edgar Woolhouse and wife, who had been in a similar work at South Danville and Grape Greek, were secured to take up the work, Mr. Hubbard standing security for their support. They entered upon the work October 1, 1911, Rev. Woolhouse continuing his work a part of the time near Danville. They proved to be the right persons.

#### Progress of Movement.

By their wise methods and very earnest, constant and untiring work the field was developed and interest increased until at the end of the year, October 1, 1912, the Sunday school had over 100 members, a young people's union, very prosperous prayer meetings well attended and full of interest, the people united and ready to work and all bills paid or provided for. Since that time it has been thought best that an independent organization be effected.



### Herald of Hope

To this end Rev. Woolhouse and wife canvassed the field and found about 70 persons ready to go into the new organization as charter members,

each one making a subscription for support. Letters have been granted to these from the First Church.

Ater, Mr.  
 Ater, Mrs.  
 Applegate, Myrtle.  
 Beeby, Rev. W. H.  
 Beeby, Mrs. W. H.  
 Beeby, Ruth.  
 Beeby, Lois.  
 Beeby, Nellie.  
 Beeby, Florence.  
 Benedict, Mrs.  
 Blue, J. P.  
 Courtney, William.  
 Davis, Miss Nellie.  
 Durman, Benjamin.  
 Davidson, Mrs. John.  
 Davidson, John.  
 Farrow, Rilla.  
 Hawk, Russell.  
 Hawk, Frank.  
 Herrigan, Mary.  
 Herrigan, J. W.  
 Herrigan, Mrs. Celia.  
 Hill, Edward.  
 Hill, Mrs. Mary.

Howard, William.  
 Howard, Mrs. Mary A.  
 Johnson, Mrs. J. J.  
 Johnson, James J.  
 Johnson, Mrs. Edith.  
 Kinnear, S. D.  
 Kinnear, Mrs. Anna.  
 Koch, Florence.  
 Koch, Edna.  
 Koch, Lloyd.  
 Koch, Mrs. Florence.  
 King, Mrs. Anna.  
 Kesler, Lola.  
 Lee, Mrs. Lillian.  
 Lemmon, Susie.  
 Mechling, L. M.  
 Mechling, Mrs. L. M.  
 McClain, C. F.  
 McClain, Mrs. C. F.  
 McClain, Lena.  
 McClain, Vivian.  
 Merrick, Mrs. Harry.  
 Merrick, Harry.  
 Martin, Elmer.

Martin, J. L.  
 McFarland, B. T.  
 Parris, Hazel.  
 Shaw, Earl.  
 Sturkins, James.  
 Sturkins, Mrs. James.  
 Smith, George.  
 Smith, Mrs. Sue.  
 Smith, Paul.  
 Smith, Margaret.  
 Shafer, Mrs. Flora.  
 Walker, Mrs. H. E.  
 Walker, H. E.  
 Walker, Staunton.  
 Wagner, Viola.  
 Wascher, Frank.  
 Wascher, Mrs. Frank.  
 Woolhouse, Lolela.  
 Woolhouse, Rev. E.  
 Woolhouse, Mrs. E.  
 Woolhouse, Jennie.  
 Woolhouse, Dwight.

Members added to Herald of Hope Church since the organization:

**From First Church, Urbana.**

Bailey, Mrs. Emma.	Moore, Mrs. Lou.	Shaw, Willie.
Benedict, Bertha.	Parnell, Guy.	Stevens, R. H.
Framm, Wallace.	Richardson, W. B.	Surbaugh, Ida.
King, Mrs. Emma.	Richardson, Mrs. W. B.	Surbaugh, Charlie.
Mitchell, Mrs. Effie.		

**From Other Sources.**

Carlock, Robert.	Snyder, Mrs. E. M.	Traxler, Ivan.
Parris, Charles.	Susdorf, Mrs. Elsie.	Traxler, Dolly.
Ray, Mrs. Laura.	Traxler, Mrs. Eva.	Walworth, Edward.
	Traxler, Ellen.	

Miss Nora Walti of East Urbana has been a constant worker since the start. She has served as teacher, superintendent of Sunday school, president of Young People's society, superintendent of the primary, and as church treasurer. The First Church has stood by this work faithfully. Business men and citizens of the two cities have been most liberal and encouraging.

The Herald of Hope mission was formally organized as a regular Baptist church with Rev. Edgar Woolhouse as pastor, and with deacons, trustees, clerk, treasurer, superintendent and ushers, Dec. 15, 1912.

George F. Righter of Champaign, and moderator of the Bloomfield association, was invited to preside during the organization. He made congratulatory remarks in the opening of the meeting and introduced happy references through the various parts of the program.

While the motion to call Rev. Woolhouse was preceding, Mr. J. S. Hall, who has been identified with this work from the beginning brought the felicitations from the First church, and highly recommended Rev. and Mrs. Woolhouse as in every way adapted to the work. Mr. Hall and Fred C. Hubbard have been closely identified with the enterprise from the beginning and will continue their

support and sympathy.

Rev. Dr. Steadman, a former pastor of the First Church, made the first address to the new organization, urging unity and peace. Rev. M. S. Bryant, pastor of the University Baptist church, gave a very helpful exposition of scripture, urging the mission of the new church and brought congratulations.

Rev. G. M. Shott, pastor of the First church, made an appeal to each officer to hold up high standards from the first. Rev. and Mrs. Woolhouse were called out and made replies expressing their gratitude to the friends who have helped to make the enterprise successful.

The pulpit of the old historic First church was given to this church and graces the platform in dignified silence, and yet it has its message from the past to the present.

Officers of Herald of Hope elected were as follows: Deacons, John Herrigan, three years; J. P. Blue, two years; Frank Wascher, one year.

Trustees—William Courtney, three years; John Davidson, two years; Lloyd Koch, one year.

Clerk—H. E. Walker.

Treasurer—Frank Wascher.

Sunday School Superintendent—William Courtney.

Assistant—Harry Merrick.

Chorister—Edward Walworth.

Head Usher—Stanton Walker.

Financial report of Herald of Hope Church from December 15th, 1912, to August 1st, 1913:

Platform .....	10.00
Janitor's Salary .....	30.00
Lighting .....	20.00
Coal .....	45.00
Repairs of Sunday School.....	50.00
Expense of meetings.....	20.00
Salary of Pastor.....	\$358.00
Sunday School Expenses.....	79.00
Total.....	\$612.00

**Rev. Edgar Woolhouse.**

Rev. Edgar Woolhouse was born October 19th, 1871, in Laurens, New York. His parents were of New England stock—German and English in descent. He was converted, and baptized in Oneonta, N. Y., February, 1894, under the pastorate of Rev. C. C. Pierce. He is a graduate of Northfield, and did this work after his marriage. He also attended Colgate

Seminary for a brief time, and then went to Colorado Springs, where for a short time he took advantage of the Colorado College. He then became Home Mission Pastor under the Board, at Mosca, Colorado, which church ordained him June 9th, 1902. He next organized the First Baptist church at Alamosa, and raised the money for a new building. October 1st he moved into Iowa, and on December 1st, 1903, we find him building a church at Sigourney. October 1, 1905, he is in Watertown, Ill., where he had baptisms every quarter, using the Mississippi river as a baptistry. Next he organized and built a church at Silvis, a suburb of Moline, Ill. While at Watertown, in eight months, he collected \$6,000 for a new building, and on his last night there, burned the last remnant of evidence of debt. Thence he moved to Lorain, Ohio, where he organized the Trinity Baptist church. Thence he moved to Danville, where in one year he erect-



ed two substantial church houses. He is indefatigable in his labors, and has rare gifts along unusual lines much needed in the earlier history of church organizations. His wife ably assists him in all departments, whether it be in the pulpit, or in the homes of the people. The history of his rapid and successful movements are told in detail under history of Herald of Hope, Cunningham Avenue, and Centennial.

#### Mrs. Edgar Woolhouse.

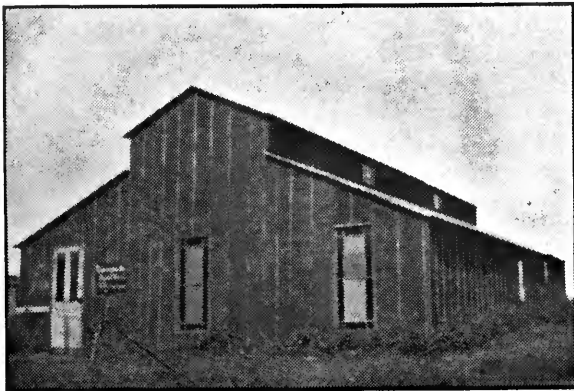
At Oneonta, New York, September 1, 1876, was born this most excellent helpmeet for a pastor. At the age of 14 she accepted Christ as her personal Savior, and began work in earnest for him. She was baptized October 4th, 1891. She was married to Rev. Edgar Woolhouse, Nov. 28th, 1894. Side by side she has worked with her hus-

band during their days of preparation at Mt. Hermon, Mass., where he was the first married student who ever matriculated in the institution. Sickness, and breakdowns have been heroically met, both in the east and while they were sojourning in the west.

Gradually, Mrs. Woolhouse had to assume larger and larger responsibilities until she finds herself in the pulpit, preaching to help her husband, while he works some needy field in the neighborhood. God has owned her labors in soul winning, and given many evidences of approval of her work.

It is fitting that as they work side by side in their pastorate, that you should see them side by side while you read this tribute to their work, and worth. They are rearing a delightful family who are fast coming into useful christian service.

#### CUNNINGHAM AVENUE CHURCH.



Erected 1912

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"And the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory."

Rev. Edgar Woolhouse discovered the needs, and possibilities of a good work in the brickyard neighborhood, and began prayer meetings in private houses, October, 1912, and the inter-

est increased from the start. On December 8, 1912, a lot was bought from Miss Nelle Hubbard at \$250, on Cunningham avenue, and Rev. Woolhouse was authorized by the First Church to

secure funds to pay for the lot, and also to erect a tabernacle. In the incredibly short space of eight weeks this was accomplished. On Sunday afternoon, December 22nd, 1912, a congregation that taxed the capacity of the new building, gathered to enjoy the dedication services. Rev. W. H. Steadman, D.D., presided, Rev. Dr. D. O. Hopkins of the First Baptist Church of Champaign, read the scriptures, and at the close of the meeting offered the prayer of dedication. Rev. M. S. Bryant, Pastor of the University Baptist Church, led in prayer. George F. Righter, Moderator of the Bloomfield Association, and others, made addresses. Rev. G. M. Shott, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Urbana, preached the dedication sermon from Rev. 11:1, after which he engineered a collection in cash, and pledges which proved to be sufficient to pay all bills to date.

On the day of organization Miss Nelle Hubbard, who has taken special interest in this Mission, was elected Sunday School Superintendent, which office she has held with faithful regularity till now, often remaining to the Sabbath evening services to act as Organist.

Shortly after the dedication, Pastor Woolhouse conducted a special meeting, which resulted in the conversion of 35 people. It became a serious question, owing to the great distance from the First Church, and Herald of Hope, as to what to do with these new converts. It soon became evident that an independent organization was the only solution to the difficulty.

Brother Woolhouse was advised to baptise all converts into the fellowship of the Herald of Hope Church, and then letter them at such time as was best to effect an organization at Cunningham Avenue. Accordingly, the First Church passed a motion fa-



Miss Nelle Hubbard

vorable to organization, and in 13 weeks after the first prayer meeting in that district, the Tabernacle was filled to witness the organization of this new church. Letters to the number of 34, mostly the new converts that had joined Herald of Hope Church, with one from the First Church, were presented, and an organization effected. Inspirational and congratulatory addresses were then made by Drs. Steadman and Hopkins, and Brethren M. S. Bryant and G. M. Shott. Dr. Steadman called out the following persons from the audience, and all spoke words of encouragement and inspiration. N. A. Riley, W. H. Herrigan, Mrs. Edgar Woolhouse, Miss Nelle Hubbard, and many others. Rev. Edgar Woolhouse was unanimously called as Pastor of the new church, with the idea that he is to give such time as he can, in connection with his work at Herald of

Hope, and the Centennial Church. The following are the officers of the new body:

Pastor—Rev. Edgar Woolhouse.

Clerk—Everett Lee.

Treasurer—Mrs. E. C. Hotchkiss.

Deacon—John Smith.

Deacon—Daniel Grimes.

S. S. Supt.—Miss Nelle Hubbard.

Trustees—David Lee, Willard Salyers, William Bevis.

The Church was incorporated under the laws of the state in June, 1913, and the deed of the property was made in trust to the Trustees of the Cunningham Avenue Baptist church, with a clause saying if it ever ceases to be used for Baptist purposes, it will revert to the Trustees of the First Baptist church for city mission work.

The following are the statistics of this young church. Additions by baptism, 2; by letter, 31; total, 33. Death, 1; present membership, 32.

The value of the property is \$700. Home expenses have been \$542.86; to

Foreign Missions, \$2.37; to Home Missions, \$2.37; to Publication Society, \$3.69. Total money raised for all purposes, \$551.29.

#### Sunday School.

Officers and teachers, 8; scholars, 70; average attendance, 55. Expenses of the school, \$16; for missions, \$5.45. Total, \$21.45.

A Baptist Young People's Society has also been organized.

Unusually interesting services have been held by the Young People's Society. The young people are showing a growing interest in this work and the signs are hopeful for still better work.

June 19th, the church instructed the clerk to call a council to convene in the First Church, September 8th, in connection with the Bloomfield Association, to consider the recognition of the Church as a member of the Bloomfield Association. The University Baptist Church will call the same council for the same purpose, as also Herald of Hope.

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#### Cunningham Avenue Membership.

Albertson, Fay.	Hotchkiss, Mrs. E.	Rayburn, Mrs.
Bemiss, George.	Hotchkiss, Iona.	Salyers, Mrs. Willard.
Bemiss, Mrs. M. O.	Hotchkiss, Parris.	Salyers, Willard.
Bemiss, Eliza.	Lee, David.	Shepherd, Ethel.
Bemiss, Phoebe.	Lee, Mrs. David.	Smith, John.
Brown, Harry.	Lee, Everett.	Smith, Mrs. Lottie.
Brown, Zora.	Lee, Mrs. Lillian.	Smith, Venia.
Cooperneil, Lena.	Lee, George.	Smith, Marie.
Ebert, Ora.	Moore, Mrs. Edith.	Smith, Oma.
Ebert, Earl.	Morehead, Mrs. Ethel.	Tipton, Mrs. Charles.
Grimes, Daniel.	Price, Ella.	Watson, Mrs. Maud.

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#### New Fields.

The First Church is doing all that its present strength will admit, but as the spiritual life grows, and the missionary spirit increases, there are several new fields where work ought to

be done. Large areas in our neighborhood where there is no church of any kind. Population and price of land are increasing faster than the progress of our work.

## CHAPTER XIII OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

### MUSIC

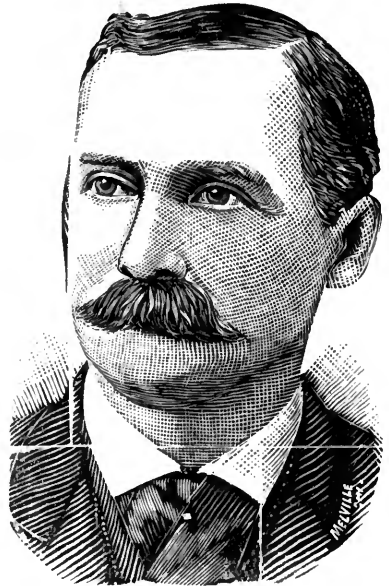
" Sing, where the full-toned organ  
Resounds through aisle and nave,  
And the choral praise ascendeth  
In concord sweet and grave."

#### MUSIC

A choir is considered a very important part of the organization of every church. The choir of the First Baptist church enjoys the distinction of being next to the Sunday School, the oldest organization in the church, and also the unique history of 75 years of service with but three leaders. Robert Slater, an exemplary, and god-fearing man, was the first leader, and led the singing with great acceptance to the church. N. A. Riley, son of Rev. G. W. Riley, was the second choir leader of the church, beginning in 1865, and continuing till Sep-



Robert Slater.



N. A. Riley

tember 13th, 1889, a period of 24 years. The third leader is George M. Bennett, continuing from September 13th, 1889, to this day. All of these directors have used our own people entirely, and few churches have been blessed with such a high class choir membership, and music of so high an order rendered. Director and members throughout have contributed their services all these seventy-five years. For years the music-loving people of Urbana, Champaign, and the community, have looked forward to the annual song service of this noted choir, as one of the musical treats of





George M. Bennett

the year. It is much to the tact, and management of these leaders that there has never been a choir trouble making more discord than harmony in the church. The following served as members of the choir during the term of N. A. Riley: George M. Bennett, E. M. Knowlton, L. A. McLean, Edgar Lanham, George Hubbard, Mrs. T. F. Fugate, Mrs. Flora Hollister, Mrs. Alice Drury, Mrs. Augusta Morgan, Mrs. G. M. Bennett, Miss Bettie McKinzie, Mrs. Amelia Richards.

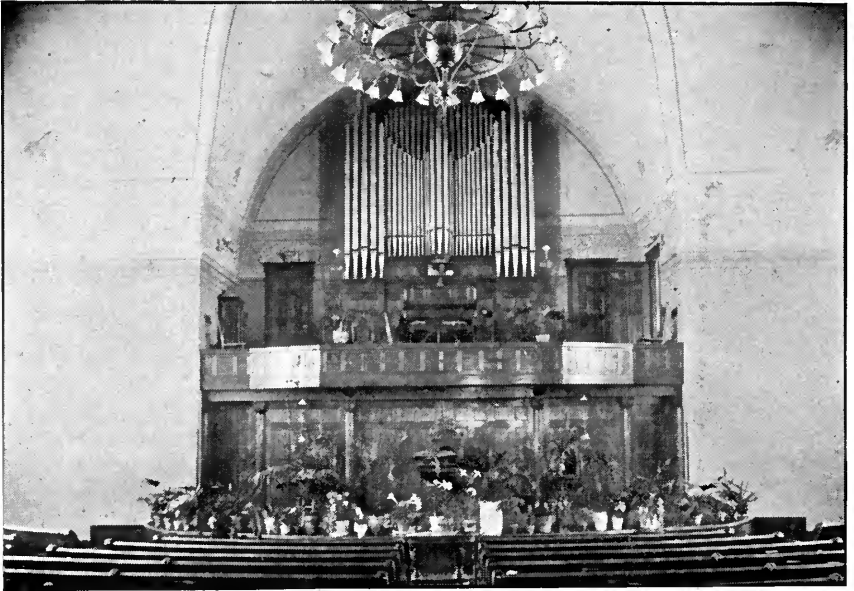
The organists of the church have been as follows: Mrs. Susan Day, Mrs. Fannie Dicken, Mrs. Anna Busey, Miss Rose Lanham, Mrs. Emma Bennett, and Mrs. Claude A. Binyon. Prof. F. L. Lawrence, C. H. Mills, Lloyd Morey. Each for their time of service was the very best and most faithful.

Many people who came into the church for a longer or shorter time

received first, and most lasting impressions of music, from the musicians that have served this church. While the present choir is one of the foremost south of Chicago, and is not to be compared with any other, yet it must be remembered that each choir in its time in this church was of the same high order, the best that the times could afford.

On the voluntary retirement of Brother Riley the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: "Whereas, our esteemed and beloved Brother N. A. Riley has faithfully served this church as chorister for the past 24 years, and that during that long period he has so managed matters that there has never occurred such a thing as a "choir fuss," and that he always has been in perfect harmony with the different pastors of the church.

Further, that Brother Riley has always shown a Christian spirit, and by his excellent leadership and sweet singing, (especially in special meetings) of the church, he has largely contributed in bringing souls to Christ therefore, be it resolved: That while we accept the resignation of Brother Riley from active duties of his office we desire to express our appreciation of his services in the years past, remembering that he was punctual, and always faithful in all his church duties. Also that he gave to the church his best years, and at a time when it needed his services most. That we also recognize the fact that he has been instrumental through the abilities God has given him, in doing much toward bringing up the church from small numbers to its present high standing. That we pray that God's blessing may rest upon him, and that the recollection of his past faithful service may be a consolation to him in the years to come.



Pipe Organ

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and that the same be published in the Herald, and a copy be presented to Brother Riley."

Brother Riley had the pleasure of nominating as his successor Brother George M. Bennett, who has led the choir from that day to this with high honor, and has made this part of the worship of the old First church notable far and wide. He will lead the grand chorus of Thanksgiving in our Diamond Jubilee when for one whole week we will celebrate our 75th Anniversary. In the personnel of the choir are some who have held long terms of office and should deserve special mention in this volume.

Among those who have rendered valuable services in the choir in the last twenty-five years are Misses Opal and Birdie Heller, Emma and Lillie Yanos, Fannie Dicken, Rose Lanham,

Ella Romine, Flora Ross, Effie Wright, Belle, Marie, Adelia and Clara Renfrew, Lucia Hall, Ombra Herriott, Minnie Franklin, Anna, and Elizabeth Webber, Harriet Howe, Anna Riley, Mrs. J. C. Thorpe, Lulu Gardner, Stella Renfrew, Leota Parker, Bessie Riggs, Gladys Beverlin, Grace Roney. The gentlemen with good choir records are: Edgar Lanham, George Hubbard, Frank Renfrew, Clay Webber, Carl Van Doren, Charles Thorpe, William Schiff, Ellis Hall, C. G. Hopkins, Chester Richards, E. G. Dexter, Carlos Renfrew, Frank Beebe, Clinton Brown, Joel Coffee, P. K. Miles, S. A. Rowland. Edgar Lanham enjoys the distinction of having entered the choir at the age of 14 and has been in the choir longer than any one now living in the church, and while this has not been continuous he still aggregates more years than any one else. He joined the choir in 1879. G.

M. Bennett is next in length of years.

During Brother Bennett's time of service, on December 3rd, 1902, a committee was appointed to raise not less than \$2,000 by good and substantial subscriptions, or otherwise, as they see fit, for the purchase of a pipe organ, the work not to begin till January, 1903, and to be finished April 1st, 1903, subscriptions to be payable one-half April 1st, and the rest July 1st, 1903.

The committee consisted of George M. Bennett, N. A. Riley, William Schiff, Mrs. Anna Frisinger, and Chester Richards. April 8, 1903, the Pipe Organ committee made a report of progress, and the following resolution was passed by the church: "Resolved, That the same committee be continued to finish up the organ finances, and that said committee be authorized to contract for, purchase, and install in the church a new pipe organ on the best terms possible at a cost not exceeding \$3,000, and that the committee be instructed to sell the Knabe Piano, and turn in the proceeds on the organ, and that a sub-committee with an expert if necessary, be sent to Chicago to inspect the propositions offered, if they think best."

September 19th, 1903, the Pipe Organ Committee made its final report, which in part is as follows: "The organ cost \$3,000, but that does not include the preparation to the building

to receive the organ which is \$200, together with a change in the roof of the building, which was paid for by the Organ company." Favorable mention of the Ladies' Extension society, and the Christian Endeavor, and Professor Lawrence of the University, who furnished the plan and gave excellent advice to the Committee and various others, is made, and the report asks for the discharge of the Committee in the hope "that the instrument will be a great blessing in the worship of God, that its beautiful tones will tend to make the services more reverential and impressive, and that it will continue to serve the high purpose for which it was installed long after we shall be gathered to our home on the other side."

Fred C. Hubbard, on behalf of the Trustees, accepted the organ, and the church accepted it at the hands of the Trustees by a rising vote.

Kindly mention was made of Mrs. Emma Bennett, who had for seven years served as pianist for the choir with scarcely an absence. The thanks of the church was extended to her as she severed her connection with the choir.

It is significant that for 12 years from one to three Webbers and one to three Renfrews have been in the choir.

———"Sing aloud,  
Old songs, the precious music of the  
heart."

—Wordsworth.

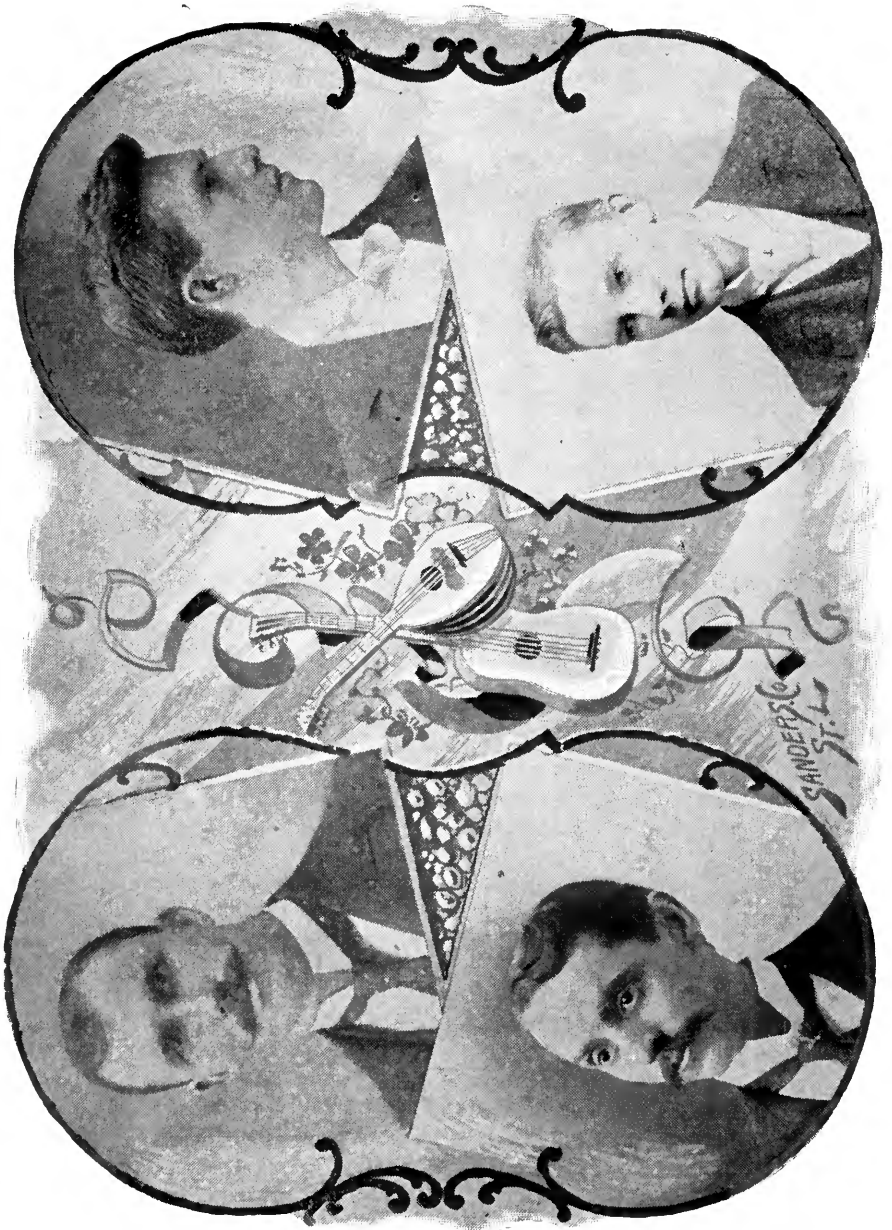
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#### BAPTIST MALE QUARTET.

During the pastorate of Rev. J. F. Mills a quartet was organized that was an invaluable aid to all Evangelistic meetings, funerals, and many other special as well as regular occa-

sions. It was composed of George Bennett, Edward Lanham, Clay Webber and Frank Renfrew. They also filled an engagement for a large part of a Chautauqua program. They are preserved in the accompanying cut.

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Frank Renfrew  
Edgar Lanham

Clay Webber  
Geo. M. Bennett

### Ladies' Extension Society.

The ladies of this church have always been its strong supporters, both financially as well as spiritually, and proved themselves excellent financiers.

In 1854 and 1855 many carpenters contributed work on the old church, and the ladies furnished the dinner in the building. In 1856, the ladies had saved up enough money to purchase a bell, it being the same that now hangs in the belfry, and was the first church in Central Illinois to have a belfry.

The ladies kept up their organization, and under the pastorate of the Rev. W. H. Steadman, D.D., named their society "The Ladies' Aid," which continued for over seven years, until they organized under the Rev. F. J. Leavett as "Social Workers." The largest work was done under the pastorate of the Rev. J. F. Mills, who recognized the strong help of the ladies, which would be had in building the new church. The church appointed Rev. J. F. Mills the committee, with power to call to his aid any help he thought best, so he organized the ladies under the name of the "Ladies' Extension Society." He was elected its first president, and the ladies subscribed \$3,000 to the new church, which was the first subscription made. This was done in 1894. Rev. Mills was continued as president of the society

until the end of the pastorate. On the day the church was dedicated, the ladies subscribed \$500 toward the purchase of the large pipe organ; they also purchased the furniture for the new church, and also paid for the decorating of the same.

After the resignation of Rev. Mills, Mrs. Fannie Lewis, and Mrs. Alice Freeman served as presidents of the society, and were succeeded by Mrs. L. A. McLean, who served for seven years, and in 1913 was succeeded by Mrs. C. L. Van Doren. The officers of the society were uniformly excellent workers, and the society was always noted for the strong, financial help it contributed. The society usually bore the incidental expenses of the church or purchased the fuel, besides purchasing the carpets, decorating the church when it needed it. One of the substantial donations made by Mrs. Artemesia Busey, a member of the society, was \$4,000 in cash for the purchase of the present commodious parsonage, worth over \$7,000. The church sold its old parsonage and paid the difference.

These are only some of the acts of the ladies in the support of God's cause, and the church is, and always has been proud of the ladies, and their self-sacrificing work for the cause.

### WOMAN'S MISSION CIRCLE.

The Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Urbana, was organized in 1876 by Mrs. Franklin Walker, who was an aunt of Mrs. L. G. Hubbard. This was during the pastorate of Rev. W. H. Steadman. A Young Woman's Home Mission Circle was organized in 1882 by Mrs. Kate J. Shott during the first pastorate of Rev. G. M. Shott.

This was consolidated with the Foreign Society in 1886, and the organization has since been known as the Woman's Baptist Union Missionary Society. In 1892, "The What I Can (W. I. C.) Society" was organized under the leadership of Mrs. E. S. Hall, and maintained for a period of three years. A "Baby Band" has been kept

up at different times, the last in 1909 under the supervision of Mrs. E. E. Dexter. Among the active members of the first organization of the Foreign Missionary Society were Mrs. Franklin Walker, Mrs. Amanda Allen, Mrs. Eliza Gere, Mrs. Experience Walker, Mrs. Dr. Fugate, Mrs. Allan McClain, three Mrs. Cushman, and Mrs. Spencer. Meetings have been held regularly the first Tuesday in each month.

In the early years of the Mission Circle it was difficult to create an interest to any great extent in Foreign Missions. Mrs. John Gere more than

any other one, perhaps, carried the work on her heart, and was ever active in furthering the cause, using much time in distributing missionary literature, and trying to secure attendance at the meetings.

The table of officers and contributions will show that the membership is not nearly so large as it should be, in a church with so many women of the age usually accepted for its membership. The records of reports and other data are so incomplete that only a meager idea of their work can be published.

There is no material for a report for the years between 1876 and 1882, but after 1882 the material is more

plentiful, and the following table will show as far as figures can, the result of this organization.

#### WOMAN'S BAPTIST MISSION CIRCLE TABLE.

Year.	President.	Secretary.	Mem	Home	Foreign	Total
1876	Mrs. W. H. Steadman	Mrs. Amanda Allen.....	8			
1882	Mrs. Amanda Allen.....	.....	36	25 00		25 00
1883	Mrs. John Gere.....	.....	30	23 00		23 00
1884	Mrs. John Gere.....	.....	30	30 00		30 00
1885	Mrs. John Gere.....	Mrs. Dr. Fugate.....	21	25 50	53 00	78 50
1886	Mrs. L. G. Hubbard.....	Mrs. Dr. Fugate.....		7 00	45 85	52 85
1887	Mrs. L. G. Hubbard.....	Mrs. Dr. Fugate.....	29	4 25	35 00	39 25
2888	.....	Mrs. Jennie McLean.....	20	37 50	20 00	57 50
1889	Mrs. Harriet Gere.....	Miss Ella Hall.....	22	29 69	93 38	123 07
1890	Mrs. Harriet Gere.....	Miss Ella Hall.....		101 38	39 70	141 08
1892	Mrs. W. B. Webber.....	Miss Ella Hall.....	12		29 70	29 70
1893	.....	Miss Alice Duff.....	30	16 07	23 00	39 07
1894	.....	.....		47 04	36 35	83 39
1895	Mrs. W. B. Webber.....	.....		7 32	19 73	27 05
1896	Mrs. J. S. Hall.....	Mrs. G. F. Mills.....	30	14 25	25 98	40 23
1897	Mrs. Margaret Walke.....	Miss Addie Toy.....		20 25	31 39	51 64
1897	Mrs. M. Walker.....	Miss Lulu Straight.....		14 25	25 32	39 57
1898	Mrs. M. Walker.....	Miss Lulu Straight.....		26 64	29 50	56 14
1899	Mrs. M. Walker.....	Mrs. Jennie McLean.....	28	34 50	25 75	60 25
1900	Mrs. M. Walker.....	Mrs. W. O. Connor.....	51	41 45	13 65	55 10
1901	Mrs. G. A. Walker.....	Mrs. W. O. Connor.....		32 29	21 75	54 04
1902	Mrs. M. L. Rugg.....	Mrs. W. O. Connor.....		63 25	77 19	140 44
1903	Mrs. M. L. Rugg.....	Mrs. Nettie Hunt.....	44	26 00	27 00	53 00
1904	Mrs. M. L. Rugg.....	Mrs. Nettie Hunt.....	34	28 40	31 00	59 40
1905	Mrs. M. Walker.....	Mrs. Nettie Hunt.....	84	30 00	26 00	56 00
1906	Mrs. J. A. Brwn.....	Mrs. Nettie Hunt.....	34	30 00	30 00	60 00
1907	Mrs. Nettie Hunt.....	Mrs. W. B. Clark.....	32	35 00	25 00	60 00
1908	Mrs. Nettie Hunt.....	Mrs. W. B. Clark.....	50	40 00	46 00	86 00
1909	Mrs. R. S. Kirkland.....	Mrs. A. J. Woolman.....	54	54 50	52 50	107 00
1910	Mrs. C. L. Van Doren.....	Mrs. A. J. Woolman.....	58	50 00	37 00	87 00
1911	Mrs. C. L. Van Doren.....	Mrs. A. J. Woolman.....	57	69 00	47 00	116 00
1912	Mrs. H P Stinespring.....	Mrs. A. J. Woolman.....	78	50 00	95 00	145 00
1913	Mrs. H P Stinespring.....	Mrs. Maud Miller.....	80			
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## FIRST CHURCH AND THE UNIVERSITY

"Study to show thyself approved unto God."

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### First Baptist Church, Urbana, and the University.

No history of this church would be complete without a reference to this great state institution of learning. The public movements which gave rise to the University began in 1850, though the principles upon which it was later founded had been long before the American people. The first convention was called at Granville, Illinois, in November, 1881, and from this grew several later conventions. In January, 1865, the Board of Supervisors made the following proposal to the Illinois legislature: "We offer the Urbana and Champaign Institute Building, the College grounds, containing about ten acres, also blocks 52 and 53, of the seminary addition to Urbana, together with the appurtenances thereto belonging, with 140 acres of land adjacent thereto, valued at \$160,000, in consideration of the permanent location of the Illinois Industrial University upon the said grounds." After prolonged debate the bill passed the lower house accepting the terms and locating the University in Urbana. This naturally aroused a great competition in other quarters, and the people became very active in offering inducements.

The Urbana location won, and the people were exhilarated with their triumph, and built great bonfires, and opened public halls, and listened to much oratory on the benefits that were sure to accrue to this neighborhood, from locating the University here. The conveyances of property were made May 8th, 1867. John M. Gregory, L.L.D., was elected first regent, and to him more than to any

one man, is due the broad policy and magnificent plans that underlie the work of the University. When he reported his outline to the board May 8, 1867, it was the signal for all sorts of differences of opinion and criticisms. The opening of the University was ordered for March 2, 1868. Fifty students enrolled at the opening, and the end of the first session of the University found the number of students to have reached seventy-seven. The state of Illinois has made constant, and magnificent gifts, and appropriations through all these years, so that in 1878 the value of property was estimated to be at least \$829,000. Since that time the University has had phenomenal growth in equipment, and in enrollment. There are thirty fine, and imposing buildings on the Campus, and these exclusive of equipment are valued at \$2,093,500.

During the year 1911-12, 5,167 students were enrolled, and the Faculty, including all departments, numbered about 600. Probably no church of the 27 within the Twin Cities, not distinctively organized as a student church, has been closer to the life of the University, than the First Baptist church. Many of her young people have been students, and some have won places in the ranks of instructors. Many have received University instruction along special lines, and are out among the world's workers making good. During all these years the church and the university have grown together. The church is senior by thirty years, but the last 45 years have been spent "neck and neck" as the church, and University, have forged ahead.

Part of the excellent speech of

President Draper of the University at the dedication of this new church is presented in these pages as an evidence of the good will existing between the church and university. President James of the University will be asked to take some part in the celebration of our 75th Anniversary, and it is a matter of regret that his message cannot be given in this book. For some years there has been a large class of University men and women, in connection with our Bible school in this church. It is an organized class, is "co-ed," and is called "Agoma," and has usually been taught by a professor in the University, but at present it is taught by the pastor, Rev. Gideon M. Shott, D.D. Gradually, many of the students will learn to attend the University Baptist church under the excellent pastorate of Rev. M. S. Bryant, and yet there will never be a time when there will not be a student class in the church, for the benefit of those who are already members, or whose parents were members, and will prefer their children should worship and study in the old home church. This will perpetuate the "Agoma" class,

and help to keep up the good feeling that has always existed between the two institutions. This church, almost above any other, ought to present to the student body, living its four, or more years here, the highest spiritual standards. It should be the aim of the church to set up proper ideals for the students, and not yield itself to the natural proclivities of youthful desires, and tendencies, when the restraints of home are taken away.

It should be the aim of this church to see to it, as far as any and all who ever attend the church, or school, should go away filled with the high ideals of spiritual life, and its real relations to the great callings for which these students come here to prepare. The church receives them under its influences at the time when they are the most impressible, and when many if not most of them are taking higher ambitions, and seeking wider visions of life. They are making new ties to take the place of those at home, and it should be the aim of our own young people to set before these students the highest images of religious life and morality.

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### UNIVERSITY BAPTIST CHURCH

"Disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus."

This church is in a peculiar position to show the student, the real relation of piety to every day life. We should create an atmosphere of real spiritual life for the benefit of all students in High school and University. As a matter of fact the organization of a special church for Baptist students has no special connection with the organic work of the First Church and yet its existence inter-relates the two bodies in close sympathy. A Baptist Guild called the Gregory Guild was maintained by the Baptists at the

University to which in 1908 our Young People contributed \$100. It was abandoned after a very fair test.

The First church had been looking after a large number of Baptist students as far as class work and young people's work was concerned, till the State Board of Missions appointed Rev. M. S. Bryant to take charge of a work for Baptist students in attendance upon the University. Between one and five hundred Baptist students, either members of some Baptist church, or Baptistically inclined, en-



roll themselves each year for study in the University.

Rev. Bryant secured quarters in the Y. M. C. A. building for his work, and soon organized a separate Baptist church. As many of the students as were willing to enter upon that special work were interviewed, and brought their letters. About 30 to 35 of those who were in attendance at the First church changed their attendance from the First Church. This new church also took in some local citizens who living near the University, could find it easier to attend services there. Accordingly, the First Church gave letters to the following to unite with the University Baptist church:

Rev. J. W. Primm, Pauline Primm, Mrs. J. W. Primm, Philip Primm. Paul Murdock, G. F. Sutherland, Uripides

Fijardo, Mrs. Ella Wright, Francis Wright, Helen Wright.

These, though not many in number, made a historic connection with that body. Since the organization Rev. J. W. Primm has been called to his reward after many months of tedious suffering. He was loved and honored for his high moral and spiritual qualities, as well as for his ripe scholarly attainments. The most delightful fellowship exists between the pastors of Urbana, Champaign, and Herald of Hope churches, with Brother Bryant, whose fitness for this student work is so evident, and whose teaching abilities make him a very helpful factor in the work of the Bloomfield Association.

Three Baptist churches organized within that many months of the year 1912!!

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## RESOLUTIONS

"I am resolved what to do."

### RESOLUTIONS.

The passing of resolutions by the church upon the recommendation of Deacons and Pastor, is an easy matter. Carrying out the resolutions impartially and faithfully is quite another. While all these resolutions are aimed to correct some worldly, or sinful habit, they will not accomplish that task by being simply recorded upon the minutes. Any failure to carry out the declarations of such resolutions declares to the membership, and the world at large that the authority of the church is gone, and the officials are helpless, and the body has lost its power of self-government.

Most of these resolutions are but modifications of the by-laws adopted in our "Star Book," June 27th, 1883. All questions pertaining to popular

amusements are included in the resolutions in the back pages of the "Star Book." These modifications, and reiterations of these principles go to show that not all the members of the church have lost their respect for high spiritual ideals. That they must be repeated with such desperate frequency through all the years shows a very low conception of sacred obligations on the part of many who claim membership. Let us in future keep more of them and make less.

Monday, April 6, 1885. Resolved: "That resident and non-resident members who fail to co-operate with the church, either by their presence or letter, for the space of one year be dropped from the membership roll."

March 27, 1889. "Whereas, a gospel church is Christ's representative on earth, and when governed by his

laws, and controlled by his spirit, is opposed to all worldly alliances, and can accomplish its mission only as it keeps itself "unspotted from the world," and

Whereas, to a great extent, it is the Christian that is read by the world instead of the Bible, and as the christian separates himself from the world and follows the Master, to the same extent he honors the cause and exemplifies the spirit of religion, and builds up the cause of Christ, therefore, be it

Resolved: That in view of the position the christian occupies before the world as a follower of Christ, and also being an example both in and out of the church, we do not think it consistent for a member of this church to attend balls, card parties, or other places of questionable amusement. And in a spirit of earnest christian charity ask those of our members who have been attending such places, for the sake of the love they have for the Master, and the honor of his cause, that they refrain from doing so in the future, remembering the injunction of the Apostle, "to avoid every appearance of evil."

June 5th, 1889. "That the church demand of every member that he, or she, according to his, or her covenant vows, contribute to the support of the church, according to his, or her ability.

Second, "That failure to assist in defraying church expenses, be considered a sufficient ground for discipline."

Third, "That a statement of the condition of the church be read before the church the first Sunday in each month."

"Resolved, That every non-resident member be required to correspond with the church at least once a year, and to contribute something to its

support as long as they retain their membership."

January 3rd, 1894. "Resolved, That no member be excluded from membership in this church until they have been visited twice, and kindly entreated to return to their duty, and allegiance to the church, and shall have had a thirty days' notice from the church clerk to appear and answer to the charges against them, and give reasons why such action should not be taken."

Resolved, That non-residents be corresponded with twice and receive notice from the clerk."

September 5th, 1906, "Resolved that all non-resident members who have been away three or more years and who do not answer the correspondence sent by the church, shall be notified and if nothing is heard from them in thirty days after such notice is sent they are hereby directed to be dropped from the church list."

January 4th, 1911, "That the names of our non-resident members whose address is not known after efforts to find the same, be placed on a list and may be carried two years. At the expiration of said time those not heard from during this time be erased from the church roll."

June, 1858, "Resolved, That any members who absent themselves for three successive regular meetings shall be looked after by a committee."

It is significant that this rule has never been repealed.

November 3, 1897. "The Board of Deacons recommend that a circular letter to non-resident members be prepared, urging (1) the importance of active church work; (2) of uniting with Baptist churches where they now live, if possible, or if not, of communicating with this church at least once per year and aiding in its support." These circular letters were to

be sent out as occasion requires at the discretion of the deacons.

November 3, 1909. "This is to certify that Evangelist Rev. R. S. Kirkland, is a member of the First Baptist Church of Urbana, Illinois. He has the respect of the membership of the church. As an evangelist his work has been successful. His evangelistic efforts are along safe, and reasonable interpretation of New Testament doctrines, and we wish for him the largest blessing of the Lord."

March 2, 1910. "A recommendation was made by the Trustees that all members failing to contribute toward the support of the church for a period of one year shall at the option of the trustees be placed on a delinquent list." The recommendation was adopted by the church.

July 5th, 1907. "Whereas, there seems to be a growing inclination to disregard and use the Lord's day for

purely secular pleasure; and Whereas, it is reported that this practice has in many places resulted in greatly lessening the attendance upon divine worship and weakening the spirituality of the church members, and as it is directly opposed both in letter and in spirit to the teachings of our Saviour, therefore: Resolved, That we, the Board of Deacons of the First Baptist church, do recommend that the church enact and enforce the following rule. No member shall hold any office in this church, or teach in its Sunday school, who attends ball games, theatres, or similar shows on Sunday. No Sunday School, Class, or Society picnics shall be permitted on Sunday."

The recommendation was laid over for one month, and then passed.

#### First Indoors Baptistry.

(Should be on page 60).

Soon after Elder G. M. Shott accepted the pastorate of the church it was necessary to baptize some who had been admitted for the ordinance. Being in delicate health he refused to administer the ordinance in the open, and J. W. Cushman felt impressed that it was his part to help in meeting this emergency. Accordingly, with some other volunteer help he planned the first indoor baptistry in the history of the church.

Many delightful, and touching scenes were witnessed around that old baptistry. The magnificent background of our present baptistry may never conceal from eyes often wet with glad tears, that first, and older burial place. There may not be an Apostolic succession, but there is a succession of splendid Baptisteries by which we may trace the history of this New Testament ordinance from the Jordan in the time of Christ till now.

J. W. Cushman



## CHURCH MEMBERSHIP TABLE

Year.....	Baptism.....	Letter.....	Experience.....	Letter.....	Excluded.....	Death.....	Home.....	Expense.....	Benevolence.....	Sunday School.....	Expense.....	Other Objects.....	Grand Total.....
1851.....	6					39							
1855.....	10					53							
1856.....	13					70							
1857.....	1					55							
1858.....	5					59							
1859.....	18	15	3	12	5	3	75						
1850.....	20	15		5		3	105					2.00	2.00
1861.....	34	25	7	8	7	4	155					3.00	3.00
1862.....	36	14	8	6	2	3	202						
1863.....	15	6	2	22	7	2	201						
1864.....	89	7	24	32	7	3	294					3.00	3.00
1865.....	22	9	7	15	6	7	267					3.00	3.00
1866.....	40	9	10	13	6	7	307					4.00	4.00
1867.....		5		15	9		288					3.00	3.00
1868.....	8	11	2	13	7		164					3.00	3.00
1869.....		4	1	10	2		157					2.00	2.00
1870.....	1	2		14	2	2	144						
1871.....	3	16	4	2	1	2	162			75.00			75.00
1872.....	2	8	4	8	6	1	161					1.65	1.65
1873.....	18	10	2	10			180						
1874.....	1	5	3		6	1	179			63.00			63.00
1875.....		9		6	3	2	148						
1876.....	30	24	12	12	4	1	160						
1877.....	110	7	11	4	7	2	275	1503.00	52.00	60.00	88.00		1703.00
1878.....	220	13	6	6	6	2	300	1528.45	114.75		28.40		1671.60
1879.....	20	13	10	15	19	1	290	1500.00	78.23	93.00	69.68		1740.91
1880.....	45	11	2	19	9	2	319	1500.00	30.00		2.00		1532.00
1881.....	3	9		21	9	4	270	1087.54	196.88	184.00	41.55		1509.97
1882.....	9	15	9		5	2	252	1000.00	190.04	100.00	3.00		1293.04
1883.....	143	11	12	31	12		371	1213.75	118.60	96.65	669.00		2098.00
1884.....	22	7	3	33	11	3	378	1108.49	114.51	116.71	65.66		1405.37
1885.....	12	2		38	10	3	350	1047.06	252.80	108.00	169.35		1577.21
1886.....	33	6	3	12	25		355	1169.00	197.24	107.00	31.00		1504.14
1887.....		7	1	15	13	5	328	1097.00	128.13	98.00			1323.13
1888.....	2	10		16	29	3	298	1183.00	249.03	79.25	89.50		1600.78
1889.....	34	7	2	5	1	1	333	1000.00	376.22	75.00			1451.22
1890.....		7		16	6	2	318	1076.00	171.33	100.00	3.00		1350.33
1891.....	9	13	7	16	26	2	300	1100.00	78.55	97.50	3.00		1279.05
1892.....	2	9	3	9	15	3	282	800.00	193.95	122.39	21.95		1138.29
1893.....	4	2	3	15		3	306	800.00	296.87	89.22	179.00		1423.84
1894.....	62	27	5	9	9	4	342	1753.33	165.15	105.53	229.50		2253.51



## Rev. S. F. Gleason

" 'Tis hard to lay into the earth  
A countenance so benign! a form that walked  
But yesterday so stately o'er the earth."



The Rev. S. F. Gleason was never a member of the Urbana Baptist church, but was always a welcome guest in its homes, and gladly heard as a preacher in its pulpit. It was through his orderly habits of preserving minutes, and other documents of the Bloomfield Association, that the Historical Committee have been able to make as good a record as we present in this volume. Your Committee delights to honor the character of such a man, and perpetuate his memory, by making permanent his picture, and adding this brief record of our appreciation. Mrs. S. F. Gleason was very kind, and willing

to part with these accumulations of long years, in order that they might serve the cause she loves as dearly as her honored husband loved it.

Your Committee has secured these Minutes with the understanding that they are to be bound in some practical way so that the separate copies may not be lost, and they are to be kept with the archives of the Urbana church, where they may be consulted by any historian seeking to write on any subject which they may aid. Brother Gleason was Secretary of State Convention for 23 consecutive years. He has been loved, and greatly honored by his brethren. He has been Moderator of the Bloomfield Association 21 years, as follows: 1871, 1873, 1883-1895, 1897-1902.

He was clerk of the Bloomfield association for four years, as follows: 1874, 1875, 1881, 1882. He was appointed, and preached the introductory sermon 1872, 1877, 1888. As Moderator, his rulings were never disputed, and his appointments of Committees always very satisfactory.

His influence will live as long as any remain who knew him personally and the Committee hopes this humble tribute to his careful habits, and sweet spirit may be perpetuated wherever, and whenever this book is read. He held the Pastorate of the Mahomet church for 18 years and again a second pastorate in Mahomet for three years, and at Gifford, Ill., for 10 years. He was born January 1, 1839. Ordained June 10, 1865. Died, Sept. 25th, 1905.

D. L. Scroggins, Assistant Supt.



D. L. Scroggins, Assistant Superintendent, should be on page 67, side by side with C. W. Richards. He is a regular attendant upon all services of the church and makes a specialty of Sunday school work.

R. S. Kirkland  
Evangelist.



Rev. R. S. Kirkland, an evangelist, is a member with us, and owns property here, and is educating his family here. This is his headquarters and

he frequently returns and takes part in our meetings and reports his work from the various fields where he labors. He is a man of very deep convictions and deals with the truth from the radical standpoint. He is away most of the year holding meetings with pastors and unions. He and Professor Leonard led an evangelistic campaign in the home church a short while ago.

F. F. Leonard.  
Evangelistic Singer.



Prof. F. F. Leonard, an evangelistic singer, is a member of our church and makes his headquarters in Urbana, while he goes all over the country singing, and oftimes preaching the Gospel. He can conduct his own meeting, doing preaching, or singing, or both. It is always a pleasure to have him return home, and join in our church services. Our people

are very fond of his singing, and leadership. His delightful family are members with us and take full part in our work.

#### MYRA SILVERS FUND.

October 6th, 1909, the trustees reported the gift of \$300 by Miss Myra Silvers, which has been kept as a sort of Music Fund. This fund ought to be greatly increased by additions of larger or smaller sums on the part of those who appreciate good music.

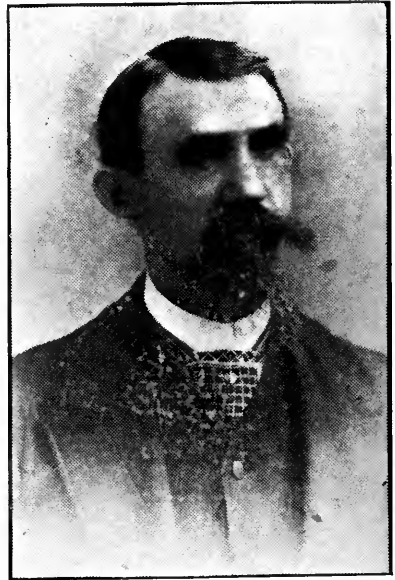
It is very desirable that this fund should be increased to a sufficiently large sum that the income will furnish our choir with plenty of new music as they may need it. The Trustees will accept any bequest, large or small, if designated for this fund and hold it in trust to the memory of Miss Myra Silver.

Mrs. Eliza W. Silver, who died in 1863, was one of the oldest members. Her son, Wallace Silver, still survives.

Miss Myra Silver.



B. S. Lanham.



B. S. Lanham was the custodian of incidental funds for many years in the church during that period when the church elected two Treasurers.

Brother Lanham was elected frequently before and after Deacon Dudley McClain died. The latter had been very deeply interested in this part of the finance of the church and very commendably had started a trust fund for that purpose. At the funeral of Deacon Dudley McClain his special fund was increased to \$400.00 and a mortgage was paid, and the fund ceased.

December 31, 1880, the church began to elect a single Treasurer and B. S. Lanham was elected as the first single treasurer.

He was also a regular attendant at Prayer and Business Meetings, and enjoyed the revival meetings, and baptismal services.



### Farther Lights.

Monday night, August 25th, 1913, a company of the young girls of the church, met in the Parsonage, and organized a young girls' Missionary society, and adopted the name given above. Miss Elizabeth Webber was elected president, Miss Margaret Coffey, 1st Vice President, Miss Maud Snyder, 2nd Vice President, Miss Bessie Winchester, 3rd Vice President, Miss Helen Freeman, 4th Vice President, Miss Esther Condit, Secretary, and Miss Ella Zippodt, Treasurer. These Vice Presidents are at the head of the various committees. The Society will meet on the First Tuesday in every month at 7:30 in the Parsonage.

### M'CLAIN-BUSEY FUND.

Deacon Dudley McClain had charge of the incidental funds of the church till he became thoroughly interested in it, and began accumulating a fund which was to be known as the McClain-Busey fund for incidentals, the church agreeing to keep the fund up to Three Hundred Dollars. On the day of Deacon McClain's funeral the church paid a debt of \$400.00 on mortgage as a memorial to him. Other memorials should be organized for future contingencies.

### TWO NEEDS.

The first need of our school is that the teachers and officers shall emphasize the importance of pupils who are church members forming the habit of attendance at church services. The school was never intended to be a substitute for church attendance. It defeats its purpose when made a substitute. The next need is a properly built primary building, where we may care for all little ones in a light and comfortable room.

### OFFICIAL DIRECTORY

Pastor.....Rev. G. M. Shott, D.D.  
 Moderator.....J. S. Hall  
 Clerk.....Horace B. Ingalls  
 Treasurer.....E. M. Knowlton

### DEACONS



President.....H. P. Stinespring  
 Clerk.....Ed. Lanham  
 E. P. Barnhart. W. I. Roberts.  
 L. A. McLean. Hiram Jones.  
 E. T. Strong. J. S. Hall.  
 W. L. Bennett.

### TRUSTEES

President.....F. C. Hubbard  
 Secretary.....Charles J. Johnson  
 W. R. Barnhart. E. A. Winchester.  
 George Douglass. Dr. C. D. Gulick.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Supt.....C. W. Richards  
 Asst. Supt.....D. L. Scroggins

### WOMAN'S MISSION CIRCLE

President....M.....rs. Leota Stinespring  
 Vice Pres.....Mrs. Catherine Hissong

### LADIES' EXTENSION SOCIETY

President.....Mrs. C. L. Van Doren

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

President.....S. A. Riland  
 Vice-President.....Agnes Newell

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## ERRATA

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- Page 9—A picture of Deacon Edward Ater was found too late for a cut.
- Page 26—Near bottom of first column read March 5, 1902, instead of 1892.
- Page 27—Balance line should be above balance and not below
- Page 29—Near bottom of first column, the paragraph on page 104 concerning Miss Myra Silver, should be inserted.
- Page 38—In middle article, right hand column, second line, from top read Eighteen hundred Dollars are pledged and most of it collected. The effort will continue till the full amount is raised. In last sentence Brother F. C. Hubbard wishes his name omitted and all honor given to God.
- Page 39—Bottom of table and statistics for 1913. State, \$129.02. Home, \$71.85. W. H. M., \$75.00. Foreign, \$129.67. W. F. M., \$80.00. Pub. Soc., \$18.59. Education, \$16.74. Min. Home, \$6.97. Total, \$955.40. Add this to Grand Total, which will make the following total of all Benevolence reported for 75 years. State Missions, \$1,878.68. Home, \$1,586.88. W. H. M., \$946.69. Foreign, \$3,479.02. W. F. M., \$1,023.95. Pub. Soc., \$975.40. Education, \$2,245.18. Min. Home, \$191.79. Grand Total, \$12,327.59.
- Page 42—Add Mrs. William Creech.
- Page 54—Omit name of Miss Caroline Nogle, who is now Mrs. Ralph Grimes.
- Page 72—Second line from top right hand column read appointed May 12, 1913.
- Page 74—Year 1898 E. C. Downey was Superintendent instead of C. A. Tufts. Year 1899 reads as follows: J. H. Hall. Off. and Teachers, 34. Scholars, 348. Av. At. 225. Expenses, \$106. Co. Missions, \$15.00. Total, \$121.00. The grand total includes this year.





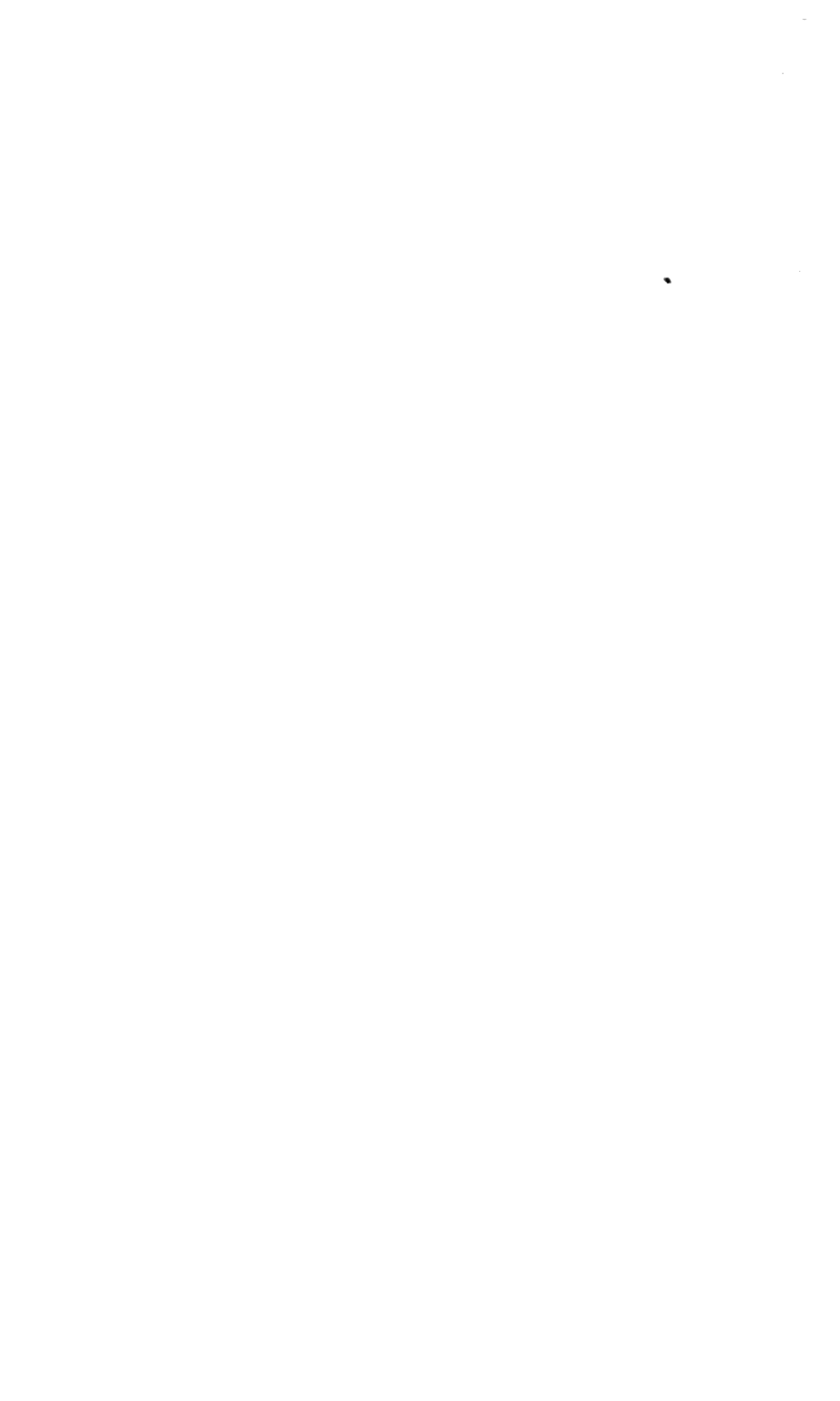














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