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FIFTY YEARS OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF HYDE PARK, MASSACHUSETTS

By **JOSEPH KING KNIGHT, B. S., D. M. D., Clerk.**

In attempting to chronicle the history of such an organization as this, the writer must beg the indulgence of the readers from the fact that he is neither a scholar nor an historian. But such items as are contained in the records, or have been gathered from other sources, will be presented as nearly as possible in chronological order.

We must first consider the steps leading up to the formation of this Church, and we cannot do better than to quote from the condensed historical sketch in our manual.

"The town of Hyde Park was incorporated in April, 1868, embracing portions of Dedham, Dorchester, and Milton. (January 1, 1912, by vote of the citizens, it became Ward 26, of the city of Boston.) Efforts to establish a village in this then unpeopled locality were commenced on the 15th of May, 1856. Religious meetings were held in June, 1857, in Mr. A. P. Blake's parlor. In these Christians of different denominations united. A Sabbath School was formed, and the meetings, transferred to a hall, continued to increase in numbers. The first church organized was the Baptist, in September, 1858. In November, 1860, the Episcopal Church was organized. Congregational worship was first held in December, 1860, in Bragg's Hall, and soon afterwards continued in Lyman Hall, then standing near the Providence Depot. For a few months worship on the Sabbath was conducted by Rev. L. R. Eastman. Afterwards, with only occasional clerical aid, Divine services and a Sabbath School were carried on by the brethren." On March 17, 1861, a Sunday School was organized, and a full account of its history, given at its fiftieth anniversary in June, 1911, forms the subject of another section of this paper.

In June of 1862, those interested in Congregational worship voted to call a council, but the date of this was postponed from time to time, until on the seventh of May, 1863, in response to letters missive signed by Sylvester Phelps, Thomas Hammond, and Henry S. Adams as a committee, an Ecclesiastical Council, representing seven churches, convened in Bragg's Hall, and organized a Church of ten members. The sermon was by Rev. James H. Means, of Dorchester; Recognition of the Church and Constituting Prayer by Rev. G. W. Blagden, D.D., of the Old South Church, Boston.

We note in passing that of these ten original members (one of whom is still with us) seven were men and three women, — both sacred numbers. They were Sylvester Phelps, from the Old South Congregational Church, Boston; Thomas Hammond, from the E Street Congregational Church, South Boston; Harriet W. Hammond (T.), from the same; Rev. Hiram Carleton, from the Congregational Church, Barre, Vt.; Mary Jane Carleton, from Congregational Church, West Barnstable; Henry S. Adams, from the Broadway Congregational Church, Chelsea; Hannah M. Adams (H. S.) from the same; John Lawson, from the First Congregational Church, Milton; Enoch E. Blake, from Park Street Congregational Church, Boston; Albert Knight, from Berkeley Street Congregational Church, Boston.

The churches represented in the Council were: Old South, Park Street, and Berkeley Temple of Boston; Mather (now the Central) of Jamaica Plain; Broadway of Chelsea; First of Dedham; and Second of Dorchester.

On May 19, 1863, the first meeting was held, rules and regulations made, the confession and covenant approved by the Council adopted, and officers chosen; Sylvester Phelps and Thomas Hammond, deacons; Enoch E. Blake, clerk; Henry S. Adams, treasurer; Messrs. Carleton, Phelps, Hammond and Lawson, executive committee; Messrs. Knight and Blake, music committee.

June 6, 1863, Rev. Hiram Carleton was engaged to act as Pastor for one year, at a salary of \$500. He remained until October 4, 1864. July 5, 1863, witnessed the first admission of



Mrs. Hannah M. Adams



Henry S. Adams



Enoch E. Blake



Thomas Hammond



Mrs. Harriet W. Hammond



John Lawson



Rev. Hiram Carleton

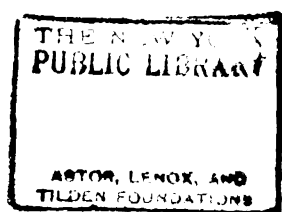


Mrs. Mary J. Carleton



Albert Knight

NINE OF THE ORIGINAL TEN



members, three ladies by confession, Misses Martha A. and Jennie S. Hammond and Mrs. Albert Knight; September, 1863, the first baptism, two children; and November 16, 1863, the first admission by letter, another lady.

January 21, 1864, Messrs. Phelps and Adams were appointed a committee to see about securing a church lot, and so faithfully they did their work that on November 6, 1865, they reported a gift of the necessary land from the Real Estate and Building Company, on condition of erecting a church within two years. From December 1, 1864, to November 30, 1866, Rev. R. Manning Chipman was the officiating clergyman; the Sabbath services being held a portion of the time in the large, and part of the time in the small, hall of Mr. Bragg.

By October 16, 1865, the Church recognized the necessity of an incorporated society and took the first steps in that direction. A petition signed by Thomas Hammond, Horatio Leseur, Mark Brooks, Henry S. Adams, Francis H. Caffin, Enoch E. Blake, Daniel J. Goss, Thomas W. Barrell, and J. L. Butman, was prepared and presented to Charles F. Gerry, Esq., a Justice of the Peace. He furnished the necessary documents, and on October 26, the first meeting was held, and a committee appointed to prepare by-laws and obtain signatures. The Church officially recognized the Society on February 6, 1866, the first annual meeting was held on April 4, 1866, and the first money towards a new church, \$194, was presented by the ladies. May 7 the Society voted to accept the lot of land under the conditions named, but delayed taking active measures for a building until a settled pastor could be secured.

This was now the all-important question, and on November 2, 1866, a supply committee of Messrs. H. S. Adams, Zenas Allen, Horatio Leseur, and E. E. Blake, was appointed to make search for the right one. It was not a very promising field, but the members were not willing to accept anything but the best. Dr. H. Leseur had recently come here from Sharon, and he said: "There is just the young man down there that we want: we must have him." After months of investigation on December 24,

1866, it was decided to send a call to Rev. Perley Bacon Davis, of Sharon. Then trouble began at the other end of the line. Mr. Davis thought it his duty to accept. A Council was called, which, after considering the situation, refused to dismiss him from his present charge. But they did not know the young man. He had a vision. Another Council was called; they were wiser and released him, although they did not think he was displaying good judgment. From his twenty-fifth anniversary sermon we quote:—

When, twenty-five years ago today, I became your first Pastor, the Church, which had then been in existence about four years, numbered thirty-eight members. The Sunday school averaged seventy-five. The place of worship was a hall, over what is now Mr. Brigham's meat market, but where was then a tin shop. Here the installation services occurred, and here for a year and a half all our meetings were held.

No one called the field suggestive of worldly emolument or motive of ease or pride. The membership of the church was small; its pecuniary ability slender, — its funds being supplied in part by the Home Missionary Society. The church was without influence abroad. Its very existence was unknown save in the immediate neighborhood. It was less than a Benjamin among the tribes of Israel. One of the installing council after viewing the situation said to me — and often afterwards repeated the remark — that in coming here I reminded him of the faith of Abraham. I remember with what force this scripture came to me: "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain who build it." But with firm reliance on God, and with no little valor, we began our united work. The hearts of the few who had called me to be their Pastor were brave with mine as with our staff we passed over Jordan. After twenty-five years we note today with gratitude what God has wrought.

On the tenth of April, 1867, the installing services were conducted by a Council representing the following churches: Old South, Shawmut, and Park Street, of Boston; Phillips, of South Boston; Eliot and Vine, of Roxbury; Central, of Jamaica Plain; Second, of Dorchester; Orthodox, of South Dedham; Orthodox, of West Roxbury; First, of Dedham; First, of Randolph; and Village, of Dorchester. The sermon was by Rev. E. B. Webb, D.D., of Boston; installing prayer by Rev. H. B. Hooker, D.D., of Boston; charge to the Pastor by Rev. A. C. Thompson, D.D., of Roxbury; fellowship of churches by Rev. J. C. Labaree of

Randolph; address to the people by Rev. J. H. Means of Dorchester.

April 3d the first building committee, Messrs. R. W. Turner, David Perkins, C. P. Heustis, Thomas Hammond, and Henry S. Adams, was appointed, but owing to some technicality they resigned, and on April 15th a new committee was elected, Messrs. Henry S. Adams, Zenas Allen, David Perkins, R. W. Turner, and C. P. Heustis. Immediately upon the settlement of the Pastor, measures were taken for the erection of a parsonage and church edifice. The former was commenced at once, and occupied by the Pastor in September following. September 16, 1867, the contract for the church building was awarded at \$12,600.

On January 31, 1868, at 3 o'clock, were held the exercises of laying the corner stone of the Church edifice:—

Opening Prayer and Scripture, Rev. P. B. Davis.

Original Hymn by Mr. Davis, for the occasion, sung to the tune of Old Hundred.

Great God, whose matchless power and love
All things have formed, all good bestowed,
No need hast Thou that human hands
A temple rear for thine abode.

Yet has it ever been Thy will
In some fixed place Thy saints to meet;
Of old the ark Thy presence filled,—
Thy glory crowned the mercy seat.

That we may have our hallowed place,—
Our place of prayer and place of praise,—
We come to consecrate this spot,
And here to Thee a house to raise.

Firm in the faith our fathers held.
Resting on Truth and Christ alone,
We come today with humble prayer,
And lay in hope our corner-stone.

Look down, O Lord, with favoring eye
Upon the work that's now begun,
And grant that soon, with grateful songs,
We may bring forth the topmost stone.

And when these walls shall stand complete,
O'erarch them with Thy sacred love;
Within them dwell forevermore,
And make them like thy courts above.

This was followed by an address by the Pastor; remarks by Dea. Zenas Allen, chairman of the building committee; and placing the box containing statistics of the Church, copy of the Congregationalist and Recorder, Boston Daily Journal, names of the Building Committee, the Standing Committee of the Society, the architect and contractor, and a few coins.

On October 15, 1868, the Church was dedicated to the service of Almighty God, by appropriate services; Prayer, Rev. J. H. Means of Dorchester; Scripture, Rev. Thomas Wilson of Stoughton; Sermon, Rev. Perley B. Davis; Dedicatory Prayer, Rev. Dr. Hooker of Boston.

Original Hymn:

O, Lord, our work is vain if Thou
Our finished offering wilt not own;
Come, then in this our votive hour,
Fix here Thy seal, here set Thy throne.

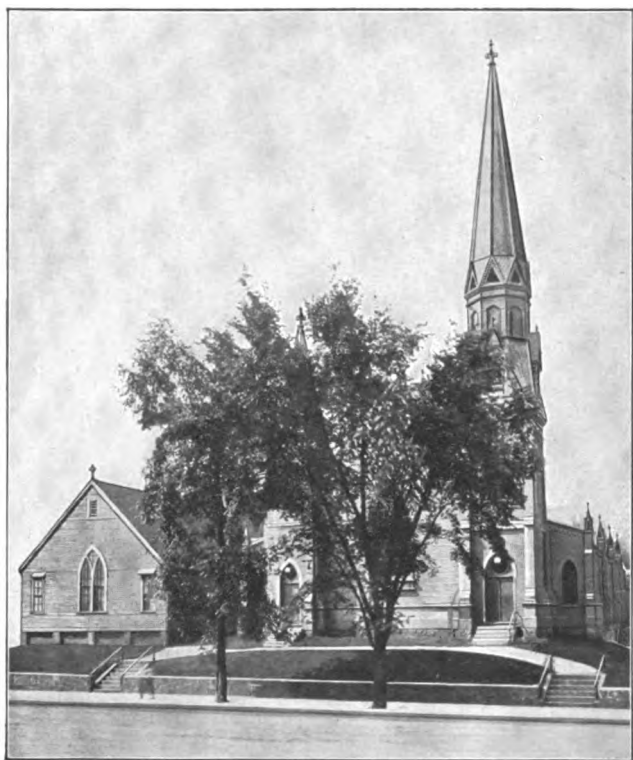
Here let Thy Sabbaths, Lord, be kept,
Here let our hearts' pure praise be given;
Here prayer ascend on wings of Faith,
And Love its incense waft to Heaven.

Let Truth here shed its beams abroad,
Thy Spirit make it quick to save;
Here let repentance drop its tear;
Here Christ release the sin-bound slave.

By generations yet to come
Let worship in these walls be given;
Be this to them like that blest spot,
Where Israel's prayer prevailed with Heaven.

And when these hearts, now tuned to song,
No more on earth Thy praise can sing,
May we, and all who gather here,
In Heaven our purer offerings bring.

Concluding Prayer, Rev. A. K. Teele of Milton.



FIRST CHURCH BUILDING, 1868—1911

The building was a Gothic structure, with sittings originally for five hundred persons. By the ladies of the congregation it was furnished with carpets, cushions, an organ and a bell, at an expense of between four and five thousand dollars; while pulpit furnishings were presented by the Pastor, and a communion service (silver) by Deacon Zenas Allen. December 10, 1868, the treasurer reported that the Church building had cost \$15,526, and the debt was \$11,270.

At the time of the coming of Mr. Davis in April, 1867, the Church numbered thirty-eight members; up to January 1, 1869, there were added forty-nine by letter and twenty-seven by confession, a total of seventy-six; a dismissal of three; leaving a membership of one hundred and eleven. The wonderful growth during the entire pastorate will be referred to later.

March 19, 1869, we find the first recorded case of discipline, and following that, on October 22, the second case.

When the Church was organized the name was "Hyde Park Congregational Church"; on July 3, 1868, it was changed to "The First Congregational Church of Hyde Park, Mass."

October 21, 1870, the Church was transferred from the Norfolk to the Suffolk South Conference, where it has since remained, but recently the word "Conference" has been changed to "Association." At this time the Sunday services were held in the morning and afternoon; and from the beginning the prayer meeting was maintained on Friday evening.

But trying times were at hand. The Church was heavily in debt, the pledges came in slowly, the financial committee was discouraged, and in April of 1872 the proposition was made in one of the Society meetings to sell the Church building and lot and move into smaller quarters; this was discussed all through the summer, and on the evening of November 9, 1872, the Society voted to sell for \$20,000 to one who had made that offer. As the members came out from the meeting they saw the great light in the northern sky, but as there were no telephones in those days, most of them did not know until the next morning that the terrible Boston fire was raging. This was followed by the panic of 1873, so all negotiations for a transfer were at a standstill.

Finally, February 9, 1874, by the agreement of all parties concerned, the sale was cancelled, and the prepayment returned.

April 11, 1873, a reception was tendered to Rev. and Mrs. Josiah Tyler, who were to return to South Africa to take up their missionary labors.

September 26, 1873, it was decided to hold morning service at 10:30; Sunday school at 12; preaching at 3, and evening service.

On the fifteenth of October, 1874, Mr. William Hamilton, one of the members of this Church, was ordained to the ministry by a Council composed of the churches of the Suffolk South Conference, and the Church of Indian Orchard; with Rev. E. K. Alden, D.D., as Moderator, and Rev. A. E. Dunning, D.D., Scribe.

The Church and Sunday school were now growing rapidly, and the question of suitable school accommodations became imperative. The main school was meeting in the auditorium, and the primary department in an adjoining hall. October 24, 1874, the Society gave "permission" to a committee composed of Edward S. Hathaway, David Perkins, Waldo F. Ward, Henry F. Starbuck, L. B. Hunt, Rev. P. B. Davis, and Thomas Nelson, to erect a chapel and connect it with the church. Additional land was bought, the building put up, and on January 1, 1875, presented to the Society by the chairman, Mr. Hathaway, free of debt.

Previous to this time the annual meeting had been held in November, but on April 16, 1875, it was changed to the Friday evening before the first Sunday in June, where it has since remained.

In January of 1877, the Sunday afternoon services were omitted, and in March of that year the evening services were changed in character, being praise and testimony meetings, led by laymen, and became known throughout a wide territory for their remarkable power and spiritual uplift. Directly to these meetings can be traced the influences which so largely shaped the life of the Church, and assisted so materially in its upbuilding.

March 7, 1879, the subject of the advisability of electing deaconesses was referred to a committee for consideration, and



Rev. Perley Bacon Davis
April 10, 1867—Dec. 1, 1892



Rev. Mr. Davis at 35



Rev. Andrew Webster Archibald, D. D.
Dec. 1, 1892—April 14, 1897



Rev. Henry Nelson Hoyt, D. D.
Mar. 4, 1898—Jan. 29, 1908



Rev. Lucius Fenn Reed
Dec. 30, 1908—March 30, 1910



Rev. George William Owen
March 1, 1911—

PASTORS



David Perkins



Dr. Horatio Leseur



Dea. Zenas Allen

EARLY WORKERS

it reported that while there was a field for this special work, they believed it could be better served by the appointment of a visiting committee of four ladies. The Church adopted the recommendation, and elected Mesdames Mary Clarke, Maria H. Noyes, Anna E. Blodgett, and Eliza A. Chick. This led later, in December, 1886, to the formation of what is now known as the Pastor's Aid.

April 16, 1880, letters were granted to seven members to unite with others in forming a Congregational church at the Clarendon Hills district.

September 7, 1879, was a memorable date, as on that occasion Mr. Edward Kimball came and spent the Sabbath with us. As a result of his endeavors, assisted by the committee, we were enabled to cancel the debt of \$13,000 which had been a burden for so long a period.

In the autumn and winter of 1883-4 the Church edifice was enlarged by the addition of forty-two new pews, the building being widened eleven feet on either side, the choir gallery and desk platform were extended, the walls re-frescoed and new carpets furnished. New windows of cathedral glass were presented by a member of the Society, and a large illuminated window on the front by the Young Ladies' Aid Society. The exterior of the building was re-painted. The audience room as enlarged, had sittings for seven hundred and thirty persons.

The Chapel was moved southerly about twelve feet, additional land having been purchased on that side of the Society's lot. An addition of thirty feet was made to the length of the building, securing a new room for the Primary Department of the Sunday School, and a convenient committee room. A class room was also built connecting the Chapel with the audience room of the Church. A vestibule and Sunday School library room were added on the northerly side, the former furnishing the main entrance to the building. The Chapel was repainted within and without, and its walls frescoed.

Work upon the buildings was begun on the fifteenth of October, 1883. Public services connected with the re-dedication of the Church and Chapel were held on the evenings of February 26th and 27th, 1884. The sum of eight thousand dollars was

pledged by members of the congregation, Sunday School, and Young Ladies' Aid Society, for the expense incurred by these improvements. The total cost was about eleven thousand dollars, including the land, grading, new concrete walks, and granite steps. During these repairs the meetings were held in Everett Hall.

A season of general prosperity followed the enlargement of the Church edifice. There was a gain in membership of both Church and Sunday-School and the various departments of organized work were efficiently maintained.

At this time the by-laws were amended, making deacons ineligible for re-election until after the lapse of one year. Zenas Allen had been deacon continuously since May 15, 1868, and on the expiration of his term of office, June 4, 1886, he was elected deacon emeritus for life, the only case on our records. He died on the twentieth of May, 1887.

It was under favorable conditions in things spiritual and material that the Church approached its Quarter-Centennial. That notable event was celebrated on Monday, May 7, 1888. The gathering was significant and will be remembered for the number in attendance and for its cordial and enthusiastic spirit. The presence of many former members added much to the interest of the occasion.

A social hour from six to seven o'clock, which was greatly enjoyed, was followed by a collation. More than four hundred persons were seated at tables spread in the main chapel and the adjoining rooms. After the repast, the pastor welcomed the company in an address full of tender and grateful memories, and expressing confident hope for the future. Particular allusion was made to the many faithful members who had rendered conspicuous service to the church in the earlier days.

The program on this occasion was as follows: Introductory Remarks, Henry D. Noyes; Address of Welcome, Rev. Perley B. Davis; Our Original Members, E. E. Blake; The Early Days of Our Church, Dr. Horatio Leseur; The Church: What Is It? Why Belong To It? Its Obligations, Thomas Chamberlain; The Church, the Source of Moral Reform, Alex. Millar; Social Life



SUPPER ROOM—TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

of the Church, Dr. J. K. Knight; Individual Activity, Miss Mabel B. Caffin; The Sunday School, E. S. Hathaway; The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor and Our Young People, E. A. Runnells; Organized Missionary Work of Our Church, Mrs. H. D. Noyes, Mrs. C. L. Greene; The Deacons and Executive Committee, Deacon J. E. Piper; Strangers Within Our Gates, J. P. Higgins; Present Outlook of the Church, Rev. P. B. Davis; Ode, General Henry B. Carrington.

November 23, 1888, the hour of communion was changed from a separate service on Sunday afternoon to the close of the morning exercises, it being thought wiser to bring it more closely in touch with the worship of the congregation.

Sunday, April 10, 1892, completed twenty-five years of the pastorate of Rev. Perley B. Davis. Special interest in the event was manifested by all members of the Church and congregation, shared also in a marked degree by the whole community, for whose best welfare Mr. Davis had always given both time and effort. At the morning service on that day the pastor gave a concise historical review of the twenty-five years, which was listened to by a large congregation, and afterward printed in pamphlet form. At noon, special services were held by the Sunday School. In the evening there was a public meeting in the Church, with addresses by past and present members, also representatives of various departments of Church work, as follows: Young People's Society Christian Endeavor, Frank E. Bridgman; Junior Society Christian Endeavor, Mrs. E. A. Runnells; Maternal Association, Mrs. S. B. Balkam; Woman's Home Missionary Union, Mrs. C. G. Chick; Auxiliary to Woman's Board, Mrs. H. D. Noyes; The Society, Mr. F. N. Tirrell.

Monday afternoon, April 11, a reception was given by the pastor to members of the Church, Sunday School, and other friends, followed in the evening by a special service with brief addresses by invited guests and the representatives of other churches. Among the speakers was Rev. A. C. Thompson, D.D., of Roxbury, who gave the charge to the pastor at his installation twenty-five years before.

On the evening of Friday, April 15 (Good Friday) the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, a very large number participating.

The high and worthy character of the pastor's long service as a minister and a citizen received prominent recognition in all the services.

On Sunday, May 2, 1892, greatly to the surprise and regret of the members of the Church and congregation, Mr. Davis resigned the pastoral office.

We give herewith Mr. Davis' letter:

To the Members of the First Congregational Church and Congregational Society of Hyde Park, Mass.:

Dearly Beloved:—The conviction has long been fixed in my mind that if God should permit me to complete twenty-five years of ministerial labor among you it would be the will of Divine Providence that then my pastoral connection with you should terminate. To inform you of this—ever regarded by me as a painful task—has been rendered increasingly unwelcome by your many generous words and acts in connection with our recent anniversary. These have added fresh and striking evidence of your long-continued and unbroken kindness to me and mine. The reasons leading to this long cherished conviction are easily stated.

A pastorate of a quarter of a century with one people, at this time, when demands upon preacher and pastor are great, and in a community like this, is a severe strain upon physical, mental and spiritual energy. Our parish and parish work have now attained such dimensions that the labor I have been able to perform has in my judgment but imperfectly met the demands, much less the opportunities, pressing upon us.

A Church of almost seven hundred members, equipped as is ours, and in a community like this, has possibilities for service seldom afforded. As I have daily surveyed the field, and noted its increasing opportunities, to look at the work I have been unable to undertake has often proved more exhausting than the portion I have attempted to perform. I have vainly wished that time and strength were adequate to the broadening and multiplying possibilities.

The suggestion has recently been made that doubtless assistance might now be afforded the pastor. This suggestion awakens my gratitude. The plan it involves is, however, not free from elements of difficulty. At what point shall the pastor, at this time, begin to remit his labor and responsibility? A hand so long resting on the various lines

of Church activity, would, I fear, not easily be lifted from any. I cannot conceive how, with my temperament, I could now come into freedom from a sense of responsibility so long as the parish remained my own. My love for it, my interest in it, my devotion to it, would keep its various departments upon my heart, even if the labor was partly taken from my hands. Moreover, although another, sharing the labor with me, might doubtless render service more efficient, and really more acceptable, yet possibly in the minds of some there would be such associations and memories clustering about the past as to cause wonder, if not regret, that at funerals, marriages and in pastoral visitation, the one so often with them hitherto should now withhold his personal ministrations. With the discontinuance of my pastorate these difficulties would be removed. With a new pastor all would be new; and with whatever readjustments were desired both he and the people could enter unimpeded upon their united work. The field thus open, with a Church united, strong and active, would be inviting to a consecrated leader, while its ripeness for abundant harvesting would be almost unequalled.

As the result of a long residence in this community, quite an amount of miscellaneous labor is devolved upon me, from which a new pastor would for a season be comparatively exempt.

From early life it has fallen to my lot to bear burdens, assume responsibilities and engage in constant and often fatiguing labor. Should it please the Master, I should be glad if the remaining portion of my life might be less burdened. I have no desire to be an idler in the Lord's vineyard, but should be grateful if, under a less severe strain, I could render to the Lord acceptable service.

In now tendering you my resignation, if what I have said at length were reduced to a single sentence it would be this, — I desire to be relieved of the care of so large a parish.

I fail to satisfy myself in my varied ministries. I am unable to come into those personal relations with members of the Church and congregation which to me are a peculiar charm of the pastoral office.

I am compelled to serve at arm's length those whom I would hold in closer fellowship. I cannot know the members of my flock as I would wish. My desire to serve them quite outruns my ability to do so.

In seeking this release there is no waning of affection for the people I have tried for a quarter of a century to serve. Though my body may be absent my heart will here remain.

The memory of these twenty-five years is indelible. We have struggled together, we have prayed together, we have rejoiced together. So far as in me lay I have endeavored to make your joys and your sorrows my own. The right hand of fellowship given to one thou-

sand and fifty who have joined the Church during my ministry has been the token of a love words cannot express nor time nor distance obliterate. To note the growth in Christian character of many who have here acknowledged Christ has been the highest joy of my life. I could wish that all to whom I have ministered were today the confessed followers of our Lord. For those who are not my prayers shall never cease. May I not hope that when I am absent, and perhaps forgotten, the seed I have sown may in their hearts spring up?

My request now, beloved, is that, with united prayer, you seek another under-shepherd, and place in his hands, under Christ, the guidance of this devoted flock. I would that this change be made with as little interruption to the regular Church work as possible. All that I can wisely do to aid you in this shall be gladly done; while I pledge that in no way will I embarrass your movements in the attainment of this end.

I trust that before very many weeks, certainly within a few months, at such time as shall be convenient for you, we can unite in calling a Council to effect, in accordance with Congregational usage, the release I now seek at your hands.

May the Lord abundantly reward you for the past, graciously guide you in the present, and bestow unnumbered blessings upon you in the future.

Your affectionate pastor,

PERLEY B. DAVIS.

Hyde Park, May 8, 1892.

After a unanimous, but vain, effort on the part of the Church to induce Mr. Davis to reconsider his resignation, the following minutes were adopted:—

This Church has received with feelings of deep regret, a communication from its pastor, Rev. Perley B. Davis, reaffirming his resignation of the pastorate first presented on the eighth day of May and considered by the church at a regular meeting held on the thirteenth day of May, 1892.

The Church on the latter date voted unanimously not to accept said resignation, the resolutions accompanying that action being already upon our records; and later, by its special committee, presented to the pastor its most urgent desire that the pastoral relation should not be interrupted.

And, whereas, after careful reconsideration, our pastor has not been convinced that it is his duty to change his original purpose, and feeling assured that he (as well the Church) has given the matter most earnest and prayerful consideration, we now realize that no alternative remains for us but to accede to his twice expressed wish for

a release from the responsibilities of the pastoral office. Therefore it is

Voted, That the resignation of our pastor, Rev. Perley B. Davis, be accepted, to take effect upon the installation of his successor; or at such other time as may be agreed upon, hoping that some way may yet be disclosed by which the benediction of his presence may still be enjoyed by us and by this community, although his active pastorate of this Church may cease.

In taking this action, we place upon our records our most earnest expression of the profound sorrow which moves our hearts as we are thus compelled to anticipate the sundering of those ties which, strengthened by each added year, have for more than a quarter of a century united us in the closest bonds of affection and Christian service to this honored and beloved pastor.

We further record our deepest gratitude for his unwearied labors in our behalf, for his unselfish devotion to all the interests of this Church, for his warm and genuine sympathy in all our varied experiences, for the exalted spiritual influences which have come from his pulpit ministrations and in our prayer meetings, and which have been equally manifest in his connection with our Sunday school, our Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, and in our social gatherings; for the inspiring example of a consecrated life which he has ever placed before us, and more than all, for the rich spiritual harvests, which, in the providence of God he has gathered in this field.

The history of this Church to the present time — so significant in many of its aspects — with which his life has been so closely interwoven as its first and only pastor will be an enduring record of his eminently wise and consecrated service.

That we may, if possible, retain his presence with us after his active pastorate shall terminate, we hereby ask the Hyde Park Congregational Society to unite with us in requesting Rev. Perley B. Davis to remain as pastor emeritus; and to provide for the payment to him of a suitable compensation so long as he shall hold that office.

Hyde Park, Mass June 10, 1892.

The request of the Church that Mr. Davis remain as pastor emeritus, with a suitable compensation, was not complied with by him.

It is impossible to estimate the value of this pastorate to the Church and the town. The material statistics are easily obtained: there were added to the Church 1059 persons, 466 on confession of faith, 593 by letter, making the membership at that time 685. There had been raised for current expenses \$118,622; for benevolence \$26,967; and for Church building and enlargement \$38,153; a total of \$183,742. "Ours is therefore now the largest Church in

Norfolk County, and with one exception the largest in the Suffolk South Conference. Our average annual addition has been 42; 19 on confession, 23 by letter. For the first 20 years the annual increase was 38; for the last five years it has been 58. For the first 20 years the annual accessions by letter were in excess of those on confession; for the last five years the number joining on confession has exceeded those added by letter. The number received the past year on confession was 75. The number of adult baptisms has been 284; the number of infant baptisms 206; the number of weddings attended by the pastor 294; the number of funerals 486. The number of councils to which we have been invited is 109. Our Sunday School has increased from an average of 75 to an enrollment of 720, with an average attendance last year of 438, it being the largest single Sunday School in the county or in the Suffolk South Conference." (Twenty-fifth Anniversary Sermon.)

A puny, struggling infant became a stalwart being; the least among the churches became one of the largest and most influential in the Conference. But these results, grand as they are, sink into insignificance beside the moral uplift and spiritual influence of this man of God exerted upon the thousands scattered over this and other lands. This power for good will extend for many years after he shall have heard the "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." It seems fitting that we should here reproduce a poem written for this twenty-fifth anniversary by one who may at this time be gazing over the "pearly parapets of Paradise" — Mrs. Wilbur H. Powers.

OUR PASTOR.

"My works shall he do, who believes in Me."
The world's white fields fulfill the prophecy.
The centuries, echoing clear the Master's voice,
Bid Faith exult and Love and Hope rejoice,
Since Truth's exponents greater truth attain,
And life grows grander at each step they gain.
For him, whose watchwords, "loyalty and love"
Untiring zeal and vallant service prove,
Our love and loyalty, — his wreath of bays,

And grateful recognition, warmest praise.
At Wisdom's feet he early learned to live,
And taught his creed, — "they only gain who give."
His charity is broad as Frailty's need,
And Sorrow finds in him a friend indeed.

" My work shall he do." See the starving soul
With bounteous plenty fed; see, glad and whole,
The sin-sick life rise at the kindly touch
Of love which leads to Love that pardons such;
See blind eyes open to new worlds of light,
And ears unused to listen, hear aright;
Dead hopes resuscitate; the tempter, Doubt,
By " It is written " met and put to rout.
His presence oft has blessed the marriage feast,
And like his Lord's, made greatest what seemed least,
Transmuted homely joys by love divine,
And from Earth's poverty poured heavenly wine.
The storm of discord and dissention rife, —
The dashing waves of agitating strife, —
The wind of rage, when angry will meets will,
Have all been silenced by his " Peace, be still."

On July 8, 1892, a committee on supply, consisting of Messrs. Alex. Millar, S. B. Balkam, H. D. Noyes, J. D. Ellis, J. K. Knight, F. D. Freeman, W. S. Wilcombe, G. A. Mitchell and E. S. Hathaway, was chosen, and after a thorough and prayerful canvass of the field, on October 24, recommended that a call be extended to Rev. Andrew Webster Archibald, D.D., of Davenport, Iowa. This recommendation was approved by the Church and the call sent, which brought a letter of acceptance on November 4. A joint committee from the Church and Society called a Council for December 1, to dismiss Mr. Davis and install Dr. Archibald. The churches invited were those of the Suffolk South Conference, and the First, Cambridgeport; Central, Newtonville; First, North Weymouth; Indian Orchard, Springfield; Methuen; Shawmut, Boston; Mystic, Medford; Winslow, Taunton; Clifondale, Saugus; First, Milton; Edwards, Davenport, Iowa; First, Ottumwa, Iowa. The Installation services of the evening were Invocation, Rev. John E. Tuttle; Reading of the Scriptures, Rev. J. B. Seabury; Sermon, Prof. W. J. Tucker, D.D.; Prayer of Installation,

Rev. B. F. Hamilton, D.D.; Charge to the Pastor, Rev. J. M. Dutton; Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. Arthur Little, D.D.; Charge to the People, Rev. Perley B. Davis; Concluding Prayer, Rev. D. N. Beach.

On February 1, 1895, the Church voted to adopt the individual communion cups, which have since proved so satisfactory.

February 15, 1895, after a thorough discussion running over several months, the Church decided to avail itself of the general corporation law relating to such bodies, and on May 29, a decree of incorporation was granted to "Joseph D. Ellis, Edward S. Hathaway, David W. Lewis, Joseph K. Knight, Stephen B. Balkam and Alex. Millar, their associates and successors." On the eighteenth of June following the Society voted to turn over all the property to the corporation and disband as a separate organization. The Corporation (a combination of Church and Society) held its first meeting on June 14, and on June 21, voted to accept the property and assume all the obligations of the Society.

In the beginning of 1896 union evangelistic services were held under the leadership of C. L. Jackson and sixty-two were added to our membership as the immediate result; no one can estimate the extent of influence which this season of revival produced.

The Spring of 1896 also witnessed a great activity in material matters; the Pastor had secured pledges for upwards of \$10,000 for the new Church lot bounded by Central avenue, Webster and East River streets, which the Corporation on May 1 voted to purchase for \$12,500; and June 12 elected S. B. Balkam and E. S. Hathaway a committee to have charge of the pledges and the property until such time as we should be ready to build.

There appeared at this time in the minds of some of our members an impression that the religious needs of a portion of the community would be better met by the formation of a new Church and on October 23, 1896, letters were granted to 33 persons, who with others, desired to organize a Presbyterian Church. This took a larger number from our congregation, and about one hundred from the Sunday School.

Dr. Archibald resigned the pastorate February 21, 1897, to accept a call to the Porter Congregational Church of Brockton,

Mass. After an earnest but ineffectual request that the resignation be withdrawn, it was accepted by the Church, and the action was approved by Council composed of churches of the Suffolk South Conference on the fourteenth day of April, with expressions of warm commendation and endorsement of the retiring Pastor. During this pastorate many names were added to the roll of membership, and all departments of Church activity were carried forward with vigor. There were additions by letter, 131; by confession, 145; total, 276.

Dr. Archibald's letter of resignation follows:

To the First Congregational Church of Hyde Park, Mass.:

My heart is breaking in tendering you herewith my resignation as your Pastor. The sundering of such a tie must always be painful, but this special resignation has caused me the most excruciating pain of my life. I have not the heart to dwell upon the matter, but it will be sufficient to say that a unanimous call, at a salary of \$3,500, from the Porter Congregational Church of Brockton, the largest and most important Church in that thriving city of 35,000, seems to make a change desirable.

The advanced salary has little weight with me, but possibly the new field offers an even larger opportunity for usefulness than Hyde Park. A farther consideration is that some one else than myself may be better able to lead you in the erection (not far in the future) of your contemplated house of worship on the choice lot which has been secured for this purpose. This, however, might be a more congenial task to another than it would be to me. I can only hope and pray that in the days to come, with the inspiration that is usually kindled by a new leader, there may be greater success than has hitherto been attained.

Not that the immediate past has been fruitless. You have accomplished perhaps all that could be expected in a pastorate as imperfect as mine has been. Financially you have done nobly, for though the hard times have covered the whole period of my pastorate, you have given for all objects, administrative and benevolent, more than \$13,600 a year, an annual average of \$1,881 greater than for the same period of prosperity just preceding.

Though you have been paying \$500 more pastoral salary than before, you have for the last two years closed your accounts with \$200 to \$300 in the treasury. You have paid off a debt of \$2,000. You have put improvements exceeding \$1,000 on Church and parsonage. For a new lot you have pledged on a three-year basis over \$12,000, of

which \$2,000 has been received in cash and applied to the purchase of said property within the first six months.

It would be the most inexcusable inappreciation on my part not to recognize your self-sacrifice in making such a splendid record financially.

Along other lines you deserve praise for what you have done. You have maintained the work at a sufficiently high level to see gains at different points, the Endeavorers, for instance, going from one hundred forty-eight to two hundred and thirty-nine, and the Sunday School from six hundred and seventy-eight to seven hundred and thirty-six, or to nine hundred and twenty-six including the home department which has been formed. These are the figures of the last reports as compared with four years before. The membership of the Church has grown from a resident list of four hundred and eighty-three to six hundred and one, in a present total of seven hundred and five. Of the two hundred and sixty-four who have been received, one hundred and forty-three have been by confession, and these figures will be slightly augmented by the accessions of the approaching March communion.

At the end of my pastorate it is fitting that these summaries should be given, that we may see (however short we may have fallen) our labors together in the Lord have not been in vain, and His promise has again been verified, and to His blessed name be all the glory of whatever has been accomplished.

My thought is to close my work here somewhere between April 1 and May 1, after a pastorate of about four years and a half. A committee of your appointment can with myself arrange for the exact date and for the calling of a Council of dismissal. With heartfelt thanks for all the kindness experienced at your hands, and with love and sorrow that lately more than once have flowed mingled down from the unsealed fountain of tears, I subscribe myself,

Your Pastor,

ANDREW W. ARCHIBALD,

This resignation necessitated the election of another supply committee to secure a new Pastor, and on March 5, Messrs. S. B. Balkam, C. F. Fiske, Alex. Millar, F. D. Freeman, Thomas W. Rich, L. B. Bidwell, A. F. Bridgman, W. W. Lewis, and L. P. Howard were chosen as that committee. As a result of their labors, on December 10 a call was extended to Rev. Henry Nelson Hoyt, D.D., of the First Congregational Church, Sacramento, Cal. He accepted and on March 9, 1898, was installed by Council composed of the churches of the Suffolk South Conference, Congregational Church of Oak Park, Ill., and the First

Congregational Church of Sacramento, Cal. The report of the Council was very favorable, and the following program was carried out in the evening: Invocation, Rev. C. S. Brooks; Scripture, Rev. F. W. Merrick; Prayer of Installation, Rev. P. B. Davis; Charge to Pastor, Rev. C. L. Morgan, D.D.; Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. A. W. Archibald, D.D.; Charge to the People, Rev. C. H. Beale, D.D.; Welcome to our Town, Rev. F. T. Pomeroy; Response from the Pastor, Rev. H. N. Hoyt, D.D.; Concluding Prayer, Rev. Achilles L. Loder.

On November 16, 1900, was held the first Fellowship Meeting, when notices were sent to all members, resident and non-resident, with the request to be present, in person or by letter, and bring a word of greeting. This proved to be so successful and helpful that similar meetings have been held each year, coming in the early fall, and serving to unite the forces after the summer vacation season. Soon after this the "Church Hymns and Gospel Songs" were adopted as aid to worship, and have been very acceptable.

February 22, 1901, a meeting of the men was held to consider the formation of a Men's Club, but the time did not seem auspicious, and this was delayed to a later date, when a flourishing organization was effected, as will appear under the head of Societies.

July 5, 1901, after the death of Mr. Balkam, it became necessary to add members to the New Church Lot Committee, and C. F. Fiske with J. K. Knight were elected.

In January of 1902, we again united with the other churches in evangelistic services under the leadership of Rev. C. L. Jackson, but we have no record of the results; but following this co-operative effort was instituted the union services during the summer season, which have been a large factor in drawing the churches into closer spiritual endeavors.

In April, 1904, the Church by-laws were amended and a new "Form of Admission" was adopted; and in December of the same year the Church substituted the National Council's Creed of 1883 for the Confession of Faith previously used.

June 30, 1905, the Pastor, Rev. H. N. Hoyt; Sunday School Superintendent, J. K. Knight; Moderator, E. S. Hathaway, and Messrs. E. A. Runnells, W. W. Lewis, C. L. Alden, and J. E. Horr, were appointed a committee to "consider plans for improved Church and Sunday School accommodations," and as a result of their study and recommendation the Church, on December 15, 1905, "voted to build a new Church on the Webster street lot as soon as expedient"; and authorized the Prudential Committee to offer the old Church property on Fairmount avenue for sale.

January 5, 1906, a Building Committee was elected, composed of the Pastor, Messrs. J. K. Knight, E. S. Hathaway, W. W. Lewis, L. S. Evans, E. A. Runnells, C. L. Alden, and Mesdames C. G. Chick and R. J. Ford. They organized by the choice of J. K. Knight as chairman and W. W. Lewis as secretary. On the resignation of Dr. Hoyt, A. L. Russell was elected to the vacancy, and it was voted that the Pastor should be ex officio a member, and Charles G. Chick, Esq., was made consulting member; later Gilbert Balkam took the place of E. S. Hathaway, and Mrs. W. D. Ward that of Mrs. Ford. They at once began to study plans and consult architects, and on May 11, recommended the choice of Messrs. Kilham & Hopkins as architects. At the same date a Board of Trustees was established to take charge of the new Church property and all moneys contributed therefor; they were Messrs. W. D. Ward, L. P. Howard, and L. S. Evans, and they have faithfully continued in the work. The large expense necessary, however, was discouraging, and it was not until June 1, 1908, that the committee recommended a system of pledges covering a period of five years, and the active work really began.

In the meantime, on October 12, 1906, a committee of fifteen was chosen, "to study the needs of our town, the work of our Church, and formulate some plan of work to be recommended to the Church." On March 15, 1907, they brought in a report recommending the employment of an assistant pastor, to take charge of the Sunday School, and relieve the Pastor of much of the detail work. The Church endorsed this action, and on April 12, appointed E. A. Runnells, H. D. Noyes, Robert Gray,

L. P. Howard, J. K. Knight and J. W. Logan, a committee to secure such an assistant. June 7, 1907, in accordance with their recommendation, a call was sent to Charles F. Echterbecker, a senior in Bangor Theological Seminary. He accepted, and came at once, and in conformity to his wish, on November 20, a Council of the churches of the Suffolk South Conference ordained him to the ministry.

In January of 1908, Dr. Hoyt received a call to become treasurer of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society, and asked that he be released. In reluctantly acceding to his desire, the Church on January 10, appointed a committee to arrange for a Council of Dismissal; which Council, consisting of the churches of the Suffolk South Conference and the ministers of the Suffolk South Association, convened on January 29, 1908, and severed his connection with this Church. Thus closed a long and fruitful pastorate, a season of spiritual upbuilding and knitting together, rather than of large accessions in membership. Dr. Hoyt carried into his new field of labor the consecration and self-sacrifice which marked his endeavors while with us; and as a result of overwork and exposure, brought on an illness which caused his death at Wakefield, on November 6, 1910, the only Pastor of this Church who has passed to the Great Beyond. His memory will long linger with us as a sweet incense. During his pastorate he received by letter one hundred and twenty-seven; by confession one hundred and twenty-eight; total of two hundred and fifty-five.

Dr. Hoyt's resignation is as follows:

To the Officers and Members and Friends of the Congregational Church
in Hyde Park:

Beloved:—Ten swift years have sped away since at your invitation I became Pastor of this Church. No time limit was suggested in the commission you then put into my hands. My largest ambition did not forecast so long a pastorate.

In numberless ways have you brightened the life of the man you made your minister. He has not merited your kind appreciation of the service rendered, nor your constant loyalty and patient consideration. Quietly, during these years, our hearts have been knit up with yours in close personal friendships, and not myself alone, nor

chiefly, but my wife and the whole circle of our home have been woven into the very texture of these delightful bonds.

Nevertheless, long pastorates must go. The times are too exacting. The demands on the ministry are too various and urgent. The new voice, even if no better, is a new inspiration. The new field, even if more difficult, is — for a time at least — a rest and a new opportunity. With a different harness, pressing on places not so deeply worn, a heavier load may be drawn.

An unexpected and an unsought invitation has come to me to become the Treasurer of the Massachusetts Home Missionary Society. Through four years of service on the Executive Committee of that Society I have become familiar with the duties and opportunities of the position offered me. Through ten years of residence in the Old Bay State I have seen the slow submergence of the original Puritan stock by the steady inflow of the tide from beyond the sea. The call to do missionary work in the very streets of the Puritan metropolis rings like a bell in the heart of every true lover of liberty, every sincere follower of Christ.

The attraction of the new field of service is not the attraction of a larger wage nor lighter labor, but of a marvelously important and inspiring task, urgent with the preservation of our great Christian Inheritance from the Fathers, and the bringing here the Kingdom of the Christ.

And now that I may accept this new opportunity, I desire to return to you the commission you gave me ten years ago. I have requested the Prudential Committee to call a Parish Meeting for next Friday evening, January 10, and I will ask at that time to be released at the end of this month.

Be assured I have no secret motive to reveal or to conceal. The present need of change I feel, as urgent for the Church as for the Pastor, is the total explanation.

And now, dearly beloved, I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace. Forgive my faults; I regret them. Forget if you can my mistakes; I confess them. And be ye sure that among the better men who have or in the future days may stand in this pulpit, no one has, no one will, love you more deeply or truly or cherish with a more genuine gratitude and supreme opportunity of a life time afforded here. The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee His peace. The peace of God that passeth all understanding guard your hearts and your thought in Christ Jesus. Amen.

HENRY N. HOYT.

This resignation made necessary the choosing of a Supply Committee, and Messrs. C. L. Alden, J. K. Knight, E. S. Hath-

away, W. W. Lewis, C. F. Fiske, J. W. Logan, H. D. Noyes, E. W. Lewis, and W. D. Ward, were elected on January 17. During the interim, before securing a Pastor, we were fortunate in having the services of Rev. Asher Anderson, D.D., he residing here and being a member of this Church at that time.

On March 3 and 4, 1908, the First Congregational Congress assembled at Worcester, Mass., and Rev. C. F. Echterbecker, with Messrs. E. S. Hathaway, W. D. Ward, and W. W. Lewis, were selected as our delegates.

March 20, 1908, Rev. Mr. Echterbecker handed in his resignation, to take effect at or before the annual meeting, as he wished to enter the active work of the ministry. He later received a call to Windsor, Vt., which he accepted, and thus closed the first and only term of a paid Sunday School Superintendent.

The Supply Committee were active and thorough in their endeavors, and on April 10, unanimously recommended to the Church the name of Rev. Lucius Fenn Reed, of Montpelier, Vt. A call was sent to him, and after carefully looking the field over he agreed to accept, provided the Church would get together and immediately take steps to either build a new Church, or so remodel the old one as to make it adapted to present day needs. He furthermore stated that he could not leave his present field until the first of September. The Council for installation was not called until December 30, and was made up of the churches of the Suffolk South Conference, Winthrop of Charlestown, First of Milton, and Bethany of Montpelier, Vt. After a thorough examination, which was perfectly satisfactory, they proceeded with the program of the evening: Scripture, Rev. Asher Anderson, D.D.; Sermon, Prof. Edward C. Moore, D.D.; Prayer of Installation, Rev. Henry N. Hoyt, D.D.; Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. Perley B. Davis; Charge to the Pastor, Rev. Andrew W. Archibald, D.D.; Address to the People, Rev. W. N. Macnair; Benediction, Pastor.

In the meantime the Church decided definitely to build on the new Church lot, and gave the Prudential Committee full power to sell the Fairmont avenue property.

October 23, 1908, Mr. Edward S. Hathaway was obliged, by reason of failing health, to sever his official relations with this

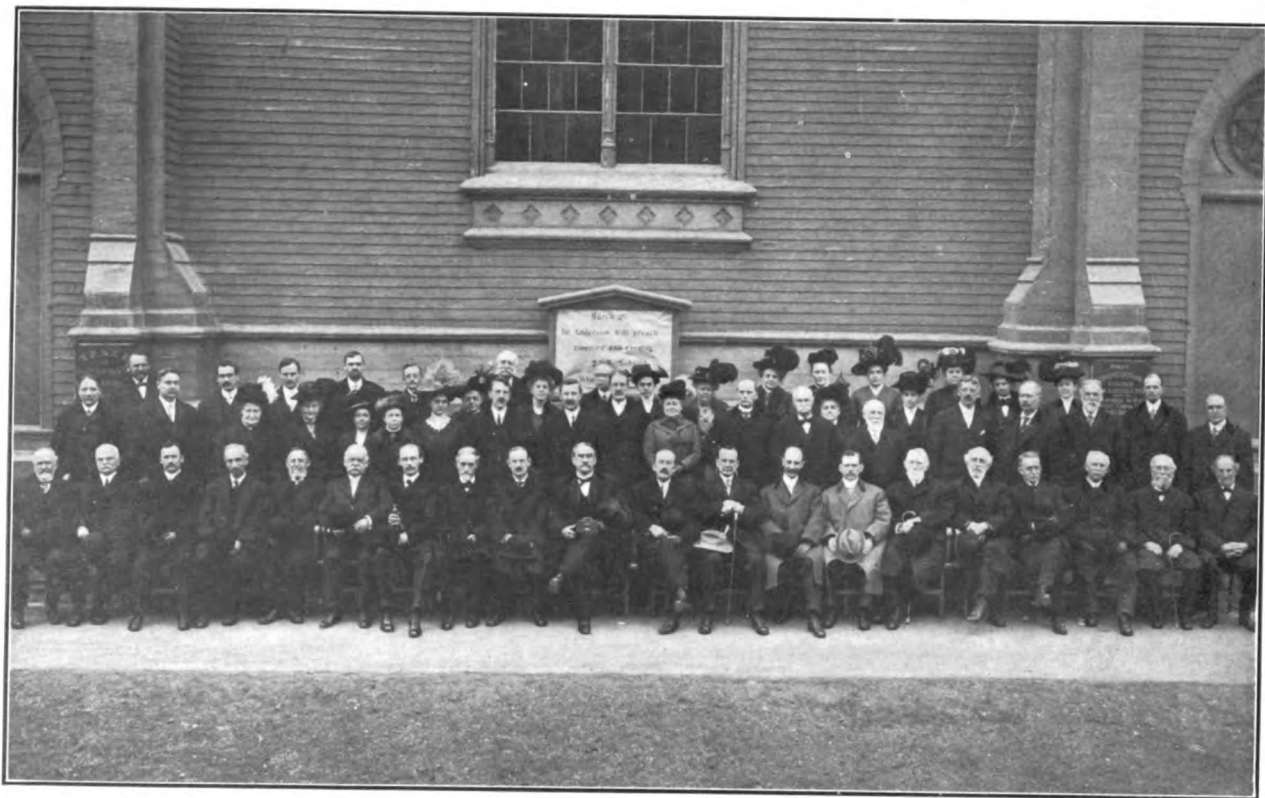
body. This was a great loss to the Church. For about forty years he had been one of the most active, intelligent, and consecrated workers, in continuous service in some department. For more than thirteen years he was the Superintendent of the Sunday School, and at the time of his resignation he was Moderator, Chairman of Prudential and New Church Lot committees, and a member of the Building Committee. His wise counsel and hearty co-operation have always been at the call of the Church he loves.

With the coming of Mr. Reed life was instilled into the movement for a new Church building. The committee carried on an active campaign for subscriptions, the plans were entirely changed, and on October 26, 1909, the Church authorized the committee to sign a contract and proceed to build, when they had pledges and cash to the amount of \$42,000. The architects perfected the new plans, the contract was awarded to Messrs. A. Varnerin & Co., of Boston, for \$43,868 (exclusive of lighting, heating, and furnishings) and on March 3, 1910, ground was broken for the new structure. The Chairman of the Committee, Dr. Knight, feeling that the burden was too great for him, resigned, and Mr. C. L. Alden was chosen in his stead; and to his energetic and careful business methods we are largely indebted for the beautiful building we now occupy. Unfortunately, Mr. Reed was not permitted to see the fruits of his labors, for in the early winter of 1909 he was taken ill, and a vacation given him from the first of January, in the hope that another climate might restore him to us. But on February 15, 1910, this letter was received:—

Albuquerque, New Mexico, Feb. 11, 1910.

First Congregational Church, Hyde Park, Mass.:—

Dear Brethren:—When you so kindly voted to grant me a vacation of two months, to recover my strength, I accepted it gratefully, expecting that a rest of a few weeks would make it possible for me to return to the work of the Church with vigor. I am, however, greatly disappointed, for my physician here assures me now that it will be many months at best before I can undertake any work whatever. This being the case, it is evident that you should know the situation and be free to choose another Pastor, who, with God's blessing, will lead you in the great work of Christ's Church.



OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES AT OLD CHURCH

I, therefore, hereby present my resignation of the office of Pastor and Teacher to which you so kindly called me. As it will be impossible for me to attend a Council for my dismissal from the office, I will leave this matter entirely in the hands of the Church.

When you so greatly honored me by calling me to be your Pastor, I believed with my whole heart that it was a call of God, and I accepted it as such. I can see it in no other way now, notwithstanding the inefficiency and briefness of my pastorate. Surely God has had something in this both for the Church and myself. Although I do not now understand God's leading, yet the way seems clear. I cannot do otherwise than I am now doing. However disappointing and hard the way may be for me I must follow it, trusting my Father for grace and strength. On the other hand, it is for you to go ahead with the work which God has given you to do. When I shall hear that with another leader you are doing the work of God, and have finished the work we undertook together, in the erection of a worthy Church building, I shall rejoice greatly and feel that my service with you was worth while.

I am too deeply affected by this sudden necessity of changing all my plans and laying aside all my hopes, to attempt to express to you the sorrow I feel in contemplating the termination of the relation which has meant so much to me. My love for you has been sincere and strong. My hope was for a long and beautiful relation as Pastor and people. We are in God's hands; may His will be done. The memory of your great love and kindness will be pleasant and fragrant to Mrs. Reed and myself as long as memory endures. We can return to you only our love and heartfelt gratitude and pray for God's richest blessings upon you all. I thank you all for the innumerable kindnesses. I pray that in God's time I may again greet you. Wishing you grace, mercy and peace in Christ our Lord, I am, most affectionately your Pastor,

LUCIUS F. REED.

The Church was desirous to grant him a longer vacation, and retain him as Pastor, but he insisted that his hope of recovery largely depended on entire freedom from responsibility; so very reluctantly, therefore, a Council of the churches of the Suffolk South Conference was called, and on March 30, severed the pastoral relation. We are gratified, however, to still retain him and his wife as members of this fold, and to receive intelligence of improving health.

So again the work of obtaining a new pastor must be taken up, and on March 18, Messrs. Gilbert Balkam, A. Stanley, C. L.

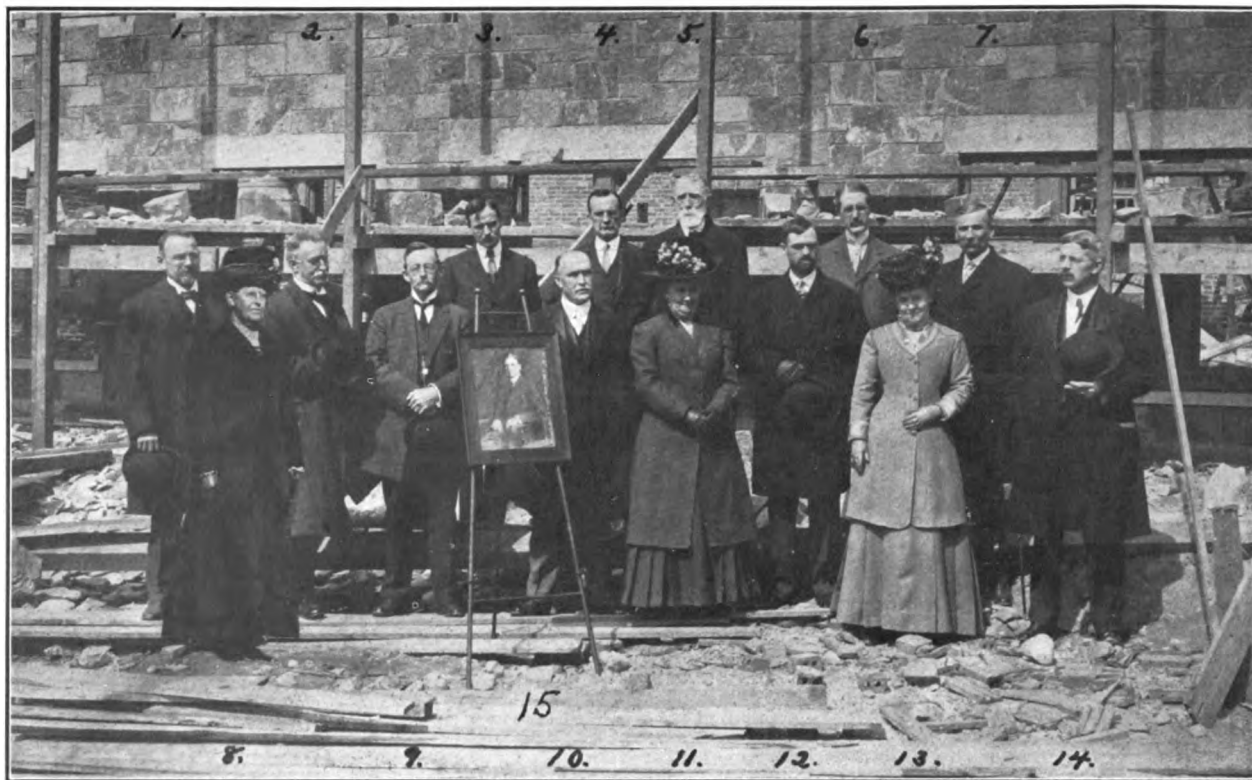
Alden, E. W. Lewis, C. R. Higbee, Jr., J. K. Knight, L. P. Howard, A. L. Russell, and J. W. Logan, were chosen to undertake this task.

The laying of the corner stone of the new edifice on April 30, 1910, was an impressive occasion; a beautiful Spring day, with sunlight and balmy air, and a large crowd gathered to enjoy the exercises. This is the program: Invocation, Rev. A. W. Archibald, D.D.; Statement of Building Committee, W. W. Lewis, Secretary; Selections of Scripture, Rev. P. B. Davis; Singing of the original hymn written by Mr. Davis for the laying of the corner stone of the first edifice; Statistics of Church and contents of box, J. K. Knight, Clerk; Laying of Corner Stone and placing of Box, C. L. Alden, Chairman of Building Committee; Messages from the Pastors, Rev. P. B. Davis, Rev. A. W. Archibald, D.D., Rev. Henry N. Hoyt, D.D., Rev. Lucius F. Reed; Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation"; Prayer and Benediction, Rev. Asher Anderson, D.D.

October 21, 1910, the Supply Committee reported that they had made a careful study of the field, and had interviewed many excellent men; and they had unanimously come to the conclusion that Rev. George William Owen, of the First Church of Christ in Lynn was the one we needed to become our Pastor; the Church unanimously approved of the recommendation of the Committee, and voted to extend the call. This brought a favorable reply, and arrangements were made to have him begin service with us on the first of January (Sunday) in the new Church.

As the work on this building was being pushed rapidly to completion, the question of free pews was raised, and in response to circulars sent to members of the congregation the large majority favored the old method of graded priced sittings. So on the evening of January 9, 1911, the pews were chosen by lot. Entering this beautiful sanctuary with the new Pastor on the first day of the new year made a great impression on the community, and we are glad to note that the interest has been so largely maintained.

The building is of Weymouth seam-face granite. The interior finish and pews are of oak, finished in antique, with maple



NEW CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE AND TRUSTEES

1. William D. Ward
2. J. King Knight
3. Arthur L. Russell

4. Edgar A. Runnells
5. Edward S. Hathaway
6. Llewellyn S. Evans

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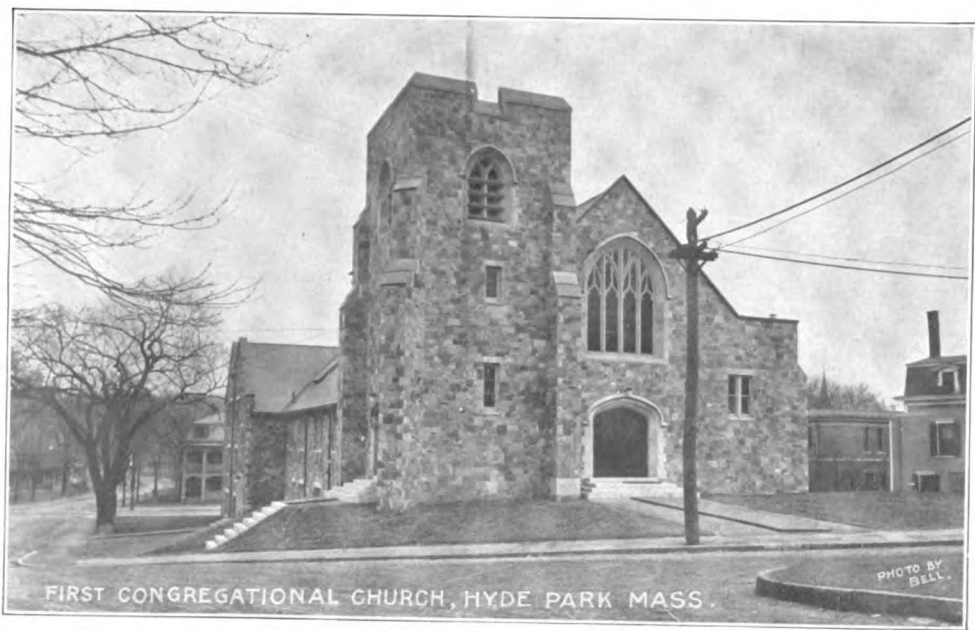
floor. The auditorium seats five hundred and twenty on the floor, and one hundred and seventy in the balcony. A room for the Pastor is situated near the platform. In the Sunday School section is the Chapel, with classrooms, a balcony with additional classrooms; a room for the choir; the ladies' parlor; a large committee and classroom; and on the lower floor separate rooms for the kindergarten, primary, and junior departments of the school. Under the audience room are two social halls, large and small, that can be thrown into one room, giving seating at tables for a company of three hundred. In the corridor leading to the social hall is the clerk's office, with safe, bookcase, filing-case, etc. Joining the social hall are serving room and kitchen, with gas stoves and ovens, hot water heater, china closets, etc. Opening out of the kitchen is a large storeroom. The heaters, ventilating fan, coal pocket, etc., are in the basement. The land, building, furnishings (except organ) have cost about \$75,000. The organ is a splendid instrument, built by Messrs. H. Hall & Co. New Haven, Conn., and represents the acme of modern organ construction. The mechanical equipment to assist the performer in its use is most complete. It consists of three manuals and pedals, with an echo organ in the tower, all played from the same console. The action is electro-pneumatic; the wind supply is furnished by a three-horse-power electric fan blower, and the current for the action by an electric generator. It contains thirty-five speaking stops, eighteen couplers, nineteen combination pistons, and seven pedal movements. It has two thousand and twenty pipes, the largest being sixteen feet long, and the smallest five-eighths of an inch. The case is made of quartered white oak, finished in antique, from a design furnished by Messrs. Kilham & Hopkins. The organ was given by Mr. Edward E. Taylor, of Boston, for his mother, Mrs. S. L. Taylor, of Hyde Park, at a cost of about \$9,000.

In accordance with the vote of the Church and the desire of the Pastor, a Council was called for March 1, 1911, to install Mr. Owen. It was composed of the churches of the Suffolk South Conference, and the First Church of Christ in Lynn; and after

a very pleasant and thorough examination, it unanimously voted to proceed with the installation in the evening. The program was: Invocation, Rev. Asher Anderson, D.D.; Sermon, Rev. Clarence A. Vincent, D.D.; Prayer of Installation, Rev. Winfred C. Rhoades; Charge and Right Hand of Fellowship to the Pastor, Rev. Perley B. Davis; Charge to the People, Rev. Edward H. Byington; Local Fellowship, Rev. Joseph M. Shepler; Benediction, Pastor.

Sunday, June 11, was a red letter day for the Sunday School, as the fiftieth anniversary was then celebrated. The program for the morning hour was: Chanting the Lord's Prayer, the twenty-fourth Psalm, then the baptismal service, recognition of baptised children, remembrance of covenant by parents, roll of baptised children with presentation cards, exercises by members of the kindergarten, primary and junior departments, the recognition of members in the Roll of Honor, and the distribution of floral gifts. In the evening: Scripture reading and prayer by the Pastor, anthem by choir, historical sketch by Dr. J. K. Knight, and address by Rev. Howard A. Bridgman, D.D.

Dedication services for the new Church were delayed until the organ could be completed and installed, and then the exercises extended over the week, from June 18 to June 25, with the general theme, "Worship—Fellowship—Service." Sunday morning, 10:25 Dedication of Organ; Call to Worship; Lord's Prayer in Unison; Remarks in Recognition of the New Organ; Prayer of Dedication, Pastor;—Dedication of Church; Scripture Reading, Rev. O. M. Owen; Anthem; Sermon, "The Holy Spirit in the Church," Rev. Perley B. Davis; Anthem; Service of Dedication; Hymn of Dedication; Dedicatory Prayer in Unison; Benediction. Sunday afternoon at 4: Local Fellowship Meeting; Scripture Reading, Pastor; Prayer, Rev. Henry H. Riggs; Quartette Singing; Addresses, "The Fact of Fellowship," Deacon Bartlett Sears, of the Baptist Church; "Our Common Task With the Unchurched," Rev. William H. Dewart, Christ Episcopal Church; "In Civic Life," Rev. Louis C. Dethlefs, Unitarian Church; "The Next Step in Interdenominational Fellowship," Rev. Joseph M. Shepler, Methodist Episcopal Church; Closing Hymn; Benediction, Rev. Albion H. Johnson.



Tuesday evening, June 20; Denominational Fellowship; "The Local Church and the Suffolk South Association," Rev. F. B. Richards, Phillips Church, South Boston; "The Larger Unity," Rev. Asher Anderson, D.D.; "The Necessity of Fostering Our Own Denominational Life," Rev. E. H. Byington, Evangelical Church, West Roxbury; "World-Wide Denominational Fellowship," Rev. A. W. Archibald, D.D., Newton.

Wednesday evening, June 21: Our Own Fellowship: "The Future Work of Our Church from a Layman's Standpoint," Mrs. Charles G. Chick, President of the New Church Aid Society; Mrs. Arthur Stanley, President of Auxiliary of Woman's Board of Missions; Edgar A. Runnells, Chairman of the Prudential Committee; Deacon Gilbert Balkam, of the New Church Building Committee; reception to Pastor and wife, with social hour following.

Friday evening, June 23, Young People's Night: Address, "The Opportunity of the Church in Relation to the Young People," Rev. A. H. Pingree, Norwood.

Sunday morning, June 25: Our Church in the World; Call to Worship with Prayer, Scripture and Praise; Children's Service; Sermon, "The Challenge of World Citizenship to American Christianity," Rev. D. Brewer Eddy, D.D.

On October 18, 1911, we had the pleasure and honor of entertaining the Suffolk South Association at their semi-annual conference.

On December 22, General Henry B. Carrington presented to the Church, in memory of his departed wife, Frances Courtney Carrington, a very complete Bible library of over one hundred volumes, which had been her constant study; these are preserved in the bookcase of the clerk's room, and are available for reference by any member of the Church.

Looking to opening up new lines of Church activity that should be at once instructive and attractive, the Church voted, on February 16, 1912, to establish three new committees, which shall be under the direct control of the Executive Committee. These are:

(1) **A Committee On Boys**, consisting of four, of whom the Sunday School Superintendent shall be one, "whose duty shall

consist in studying the boy and his relation to and in the Church, in inaugurating and maintaining such activities for our youth as they may deem profitable."

(2) **A Committee On Publicity**, "whose duty shall be to have charge of our calendar, to issue or approve all notices and advertisements for the press, and any other matters designed to make known the activities of this Church, other than those issued by the Pastor."

(3) **A Committee On Labor**, "whose duty it shall be to study the economic relation of Labor and Capital, in our midst, to make suggestions to the Church, and to render such assistance to our members seeking employment or workers as can be reasonably done."

The Pastor is ex officio a member of all committees.

April 26, 1912, came on the day of the regular Friday evening prayer meeting and we had the pleasure on this occasion to extend to our former Pastor, Rev. Perley Bacon Davis, a reception, it marking the time of his 80th birthday. His remarkable energy, vigor, cordiality, and spirituality, were an inspiration to all, and made this event one long to be remembered. This was followed by the annual meeting of May 31, when the Church, by a unanimous vote, made Mr. Davis Pastor Emeritus for life. The official notification of this action brought the following reply:

218 Park Street, West Roxbury, June 6, 1912.

To the Congregational Church of Hyde Park:

Dearly Beloved Friends:—On many occasions I found myself entirely unable to express the gratitude I felt for favors conferred upon me while I was your Pastor. On my removal from Hyde Park, and assuming the pastorate of another Church, I felt that the position in which you kindly placed me, "Pastor Emeritus," might not be viewed by all as in harmony with the principles of our Congregational polity. Hence, although with reluctance, I after a time resigned the position.

Twenty years have now passed, and I am no longer in the active pastorate. The renewal of your action in making me "Pastor Emeritus" at the present time, awakens deeper gratitude than was possible on the previous occasion. In accepting the position my heart has stronger feeling than my words can express. My interest in your Church has never faltered. The vivid memory of its past history of struggle and

attainment, its present influence and efficiency of Pastor and people, and the bright prospects of its future, cause the Church in Hyde Park to hold in my heart a most tender and sacred place.

I have been impressively informed that to transfer membership from the Church where my present residence is (and of which Church I became Acting Pastor for a year and a half) would be looked upon with quite a degree of disfavor. I am confident, however, that no person here will doubt, or be unwilling, that my interest and affection should cluster at Hyde Park as in no other Church.

In accepting the position you so kindly proffer me, I assure you that, although my name may not appear upon your roll, my heart and earnest prayers are with you, with unceasing thanks.

Yours devotedly,

PERLEY B. DAVIS.

June 7, 1912, the New Church Building Committee made their final report, turned over the property to the care of the Prudential Committee, and were discharged, after the passing of a set of commendatory resolutions on the very efficient and satisfactory manner in which they had performed their duty.

Friday, October 18, 1912, witnessed a very unusual Fellowship meeting. The roll call received 225 responses, and encouraging reports were heard from the various departments and organizations of Church activities. We were also uplifted by words from both Pastor Emeritus and Pastor.

October 25, on recommendation of the Executive Committee, the following persons were elected, with power, to prepare for the proper celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of this Church: the Pastor, Rev. George W. Owen; the Clerk, J. K. Knight; Chairman of Prudential Committee, Edgar A. Runnells; Senior Deacon, Edwin C. Farwell, Superintendent of Sunday School, E. Waters Brown; President of Church Aid, Mrs. Charles G. Chick; President of Maternal Association, Mrs. Edwin C. Farwell; President of Christian Endeavor, Lincoln K. Drake; and Llewellyn S. Evans, Charles F. Fiske, William D. Ward, Mrs. C. L. Alden, Mrs. Alice B. Balkam, Mrs. F. D. Freeman, Mrs. Robert Gray, and Miss Mabel A. Rich.

One of the most significant events of the year 1912 was the organization of the Local Federation of Churches. On November

8 a communication was received from which we quote: "The time has come when the Christian forces of the community should present a united front for the overthrow of evil and the advance of every religious cause. This fact has been recognized by the ministers and the official members of six Hyde Park Churches (Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist, Congregational, Presbyterian, and Unitarian) in the formation of a tentative organization for federated activity, which herewith presents a plan for adoption by each individual Church. Aside from the direct religious and Church work, it is hoped that the Federation in time will engage through its committees in various needed lines of activity for the betterment of the community, and the advancement of the Kingdom. Temperance work, the prevention of bad housing, the fostering of art and recreation, and civic welfare are suggestions."

This led to a permanent organization approved by the churches, with Rev. George W. Owen, as President, and Rev. L. C. Dethlefs as Secretary; the first step being the securing of a paid officer who should superintend the parish districting of the entire ward. The possibilities for good are very great.

The scope of this article will not permit, nor have I the ability, of properly sketching the individual lives of those who have made this Church what it is today. Noble and devoted men and women have labored and we have entered into their labors. Noble men and women are today carrying on the work which they in turn will transmit to posterity. In the affairs of the town, now a ward of the great city, this Church has always manifested a deep and practical interest. The words of our Pastor of twenty-five years ago are equally true today:—

No review of our work would be at all complete which did not note two lines of Christian service in which, although allied with others, the influence of our Church has been an important factor. One of these is the Hyde Park Young Men's Christian Association, whose officers, committees, financial support and general patronage have been derived in no small measure from this congregation. Ours has been the tree whose oft shaken branches have yielded much fruit for this noble institution. The other channel of united influence is the Woman's

Christian Temperance Union. The work of this organization has been a phenomenal feature in the last quarter of this century. Into this movement it has been ours to send one,* whose name and influence in the future, when all agencies are properly estimated, will, in my opinion, be more potent and lasting than any other in this divinely commissioned energy tending to overthrow the most gigantic evil that blights and curses our land and the world. The impulse and inspiration leading to an entrance upon this now world-extended work was gained from and within this Church.

On local questions affecting temperance, morality and purity in our own community, I have been glad to know that this Church occupied no uncertain position. I have urged, and I believe you have felt, that a man's or a Church's influence should not shine brightest when seen from afar.

I have ever felt that a Christian Church should be a synonym for practical righteousness, and that the community where it is planted should powerfully feel its moral uplift. Christ calls his disciples a "city set on a hill, whose light can not be hid." They are termed in Scripture a "royal priesthood," a "peculiar people." If such is their name, such should be their character. I believe a Church should be holy; that its members should walk with unspotted garments; that their spirit should be unworldly; and that whenever they depart from this they abdicate their throne of power, — the world knowing full well that they are recreant to their high commission. In the world but not of the world should describe the Church's standing; in the world to save it, should define her holy calling. Along these lines this pulpit has had strong convictions, and has not hesitated to express them.

The committee on the observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary have provided a very attractive program. On the evening of Wednesday, May 7 (the true anniversary date), there is to be a Union Service of the local churches, with representatives from the churches of the Suffolk South Association. The Pastor will preside, and short addresses by resident pastors and one from the Association, interspersed with music, will round out the occasion. First class music, instrumental, with solo, quartette and chorus singing, will be a prominent feature of all the meetings.

* Mrs. Mary H. Hunt.

Thursday, May 8, will be observed as Woman's Day. At 10:30 o'clock the Woman's Home Missionary Union will meet and be addressed by Mrs. Stella M. Johnson, on her work in Utah. At 12 o'clock luncheon will be served. The Woman's Auxiliary meets at 1:30 o'clock to listen to an account of missionary work in Turkey, by Mrs. James Fowle. The Maternal Association will be interested at 3 o'clock in hearing from Miss Pillsbury, of East Boston, on the subject "Food, and Its Relation to the Home."

Friday, May 9, will be "Old Home Night," when it is expected that many non-resident and former members will be present to renew friendships. A social hour at six o'clock, followed by a supper and messages from absent ones, will prove a helpful season. At eight o'clock all will adjourn to the auditorium, where addresses and messages will be in order. Rev. P. B. Davis, Dr. A. W. Archibald, Rev. George W. Owen, and Rev. Dr. Asher Anderson will take part, while Mrs. H. N. Hoyt and Robert Hoyt, with a letter from Rev. L. F. Reed, will respond for the absent ones.

Sunday, May 11, at 10:30 A. M. Anniversary addresses by Rev. Perley B. Davis, Pastor emeritus, and Rev. George W. Owen, Pastor. The Communion will be observed, when a large number are to unite with the Church. At seven o'clock P. M. a service of inspiration and consecration, with address by Hon. Samuel B. Capen, LL.D., subject, "The Challenge of the World to the Church of Today." Music by the Lafayette Male Quartette. On other occasions singing by Mr. Aubrey Peters, Miss Margaret Townsend, and Mrs. McNally.

STATISTICS

When we come to consider the matter of statistics in a Church organization, we must remember that figures alone tell only a small part of the story. They furnish the skeleton or framework upon which must be built the fully rounded out structure. But in the case of this Church, even the figures will

prove an interesting study.* We find that in these fifty years 1806 have been enrolled in our membership; 862 by confession, and 944 by letter. There have gone out from our ranks 1,142; 719 by letter; 279 by death; 137 by revision of the roll; seven by excommunication. Eight hundred and forty-two have received the rite of baptism, 467 children, 375 adults. The largest number admitted in any one year was 105; 66 by confession; 39 by letter, This was in 1891, under Mr. Davis' pastorate. The second highest was in 1874, also with Mr. Davis, when 62 were received on confession and 39 by letter, a total of 101. The Sunday School in 1895 and the Church in 1896 (just before the organization of the Presbyterian Church) reached their maximum membership, the Sunday School of 964 and the Church of 730; Dr. Archibald was Pastor during this period. In membership we passed the 100 mark in 1869, the 200 in 1873, the 300 in 1874, the 400 in 1882, the 500 in 1887, the 600 in 1891, the 700 in 1896.

In financial matters the Church has shown a wonderful record. We must bear in mind that it was not until 1895 that the benevolent offerings of the different societies were included in the Church Treasurer's reports; also, in the early years the records are more or less incomplete; hence we are sure that our figures are very conservative, and fall below actual amounts. So far as recorded there has been expended for home support \$246,336; for benevolence, \$55,246; for Church and Parsonage buildings \$91,613; making a total of \$393,195. When we consider that this includes no really large amounts, that we have had no bequests, but is almost entirely made up of relatively small contributions, it speaks volumes for the loyalty and self-sacrifice of our people from the very earliest days. The following tabulation gives the data, year by year, as taken from the annual reports:—

* All statistics are to April 1, 1913.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH YEARLY STATISTICS, AS TAKEN FROM ANNUAL REPORTS.

Year.	MEMBERSHIP.				FINANCIAL.			
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Expense.	Benev- olent.	Build- ing.	Total.
1863	7	3	10
1864	7	7	14	...	\$200	\$10	...	\$210
1865	8	8	16	...	300	15	...	315
1866	14	16	30	...	500	25	...	525
1867	15	23	38	...	1,263	15	...	1,278
1868	19	40	59	...	2,400	15	...	2,415
1869	40	71	111	...	2,400	97	...	2,497
1870*	50	90	140	...	3,500	183	...	3,683
1870†	57	99	156	...	3,500	399	...	3,899
1871	66	115	181	...	3,500	3,500
1872	66	119	185	...	4,165	281	...	4,446
1873	73	132	205	...	5,119	365	...	5,484
1874	109	194	303	...	5,973	365	\$5,556	11,894
1875	118	207	325	...	4,607	217	...	4,824
1876‡	119	216	335	...	4,645	409	1,000	6,054
1877	115	216	331	...	4,465	488	1,000	5,953
1878	115	221	336	...	4,907	361	700	5,968
1879	113	224	337	...	5,372	604	...	5,976
1880	115	222	337	...	5,066	555	6,000	11,621
1881	132	240	372	...	4,257	477	320	5,054
1882	136	269	405	...	3,576	894	3,500	7,970
1883	140	278	418	...	3,694	1,344	3,500	8,538
1884	159	311	470	...	3,899	1,494	8,629	14,022
1885	164	309	473	...	4,538	1,217	4,198	9,953
1886	174	319	493	...	6,064	1,636	...	7,700
1887	181	332	513	...	5,219	2,396	...	7,615
1888	187	348	535	...	5,348	1,836	500	7,684
1889	209	361	570	...	4,995	2,808	...	7,803
1890	210	374	584	...	4,762	2,426	2,000	9,188
1891	237	427	664	...	4,705	1,891	1,000	7,596
1892	244	429	673	...	4,989	3,055	...	8,044
1893	243	427	670	...	5,915	2,207	500	8,622

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MEMBERSHIP.

FINANCIAL.

Year.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Absent.	Expense.	Benev- olent.	Build- ing.	Total.
1894	226	422	648	102**	5,700	2,393	1,900	9,993
1895	234	454	688	98	6,332	2,458	800	9,590
1896	246	484	730	105	6,041	2,105	...	8,146
1897	230	466	696	105	5,647	1,536	...	7,183
1898	225	452	677	98	5,881	1,119	...	7,000
1899	219	449	668	91	7,492	1,203	...	8,695
1900	219	457	676	119	7,048	1,048	...	8,096
1901	213	454	667	160	6,530	992	10,855‡	18,377
1902	222	459	681	163	5,952	1,102	598	7,652
1903	209	440	649	173	6,009	949	747	7,705
1904	222	449	671	170	5,815	1,033	510	7,358
1905	212	448	660	162	5,953	1,265	472	7,690
1906	225	464	689	165	6,727	1,391	493	8,611
1907	226	467	693	162	5,944	1,702	461	8,107
1908	187	406	593	106	5,844	1,224	504	7,572
1909	194	426	620	114	5,748	1,204	6,724	13,676
1910	199	430	629	120	6,376	1,260	10,285	17,921
1911	197	445	642	145	5,258	982	10,333	16,573
1912	197	437	634	128	7,474	1,012	4,842	13,328
1913	212	452	664	132	5,722	1,183	3,686	9,591

Totals.....\$246,336 55,246 91,613 393,195

* January, 1870.

† Annual meeting changed to November, 1870.

‡ Date of annual meeting changed to June 1.

** First record of absent, or non-resident members.

‡ Several years contributions for the new church lot.

This Church has sent delegates to 268 Councils and Conferences.

CHURCH ORGANIZATION 1912 — 1913

Pastor Emeritus — Rev. Perley Bacon Davis.

Pastor — Rev. George William Owen.

Deacons — Edwin C. Farwell, Arthur Stanley, Frank F. Courtney, William E. Robbins, Gilbert Balkam, Charles R. Higbee, Jr.

Moderator — Thomas W. Rich.

Clerk — Joseph King Knight.

Treasurer — James A. Middleton.

Secretary — Arthur A. Brown.

Collector — Albion W. Shaw.

Assistant Treasurer — Harry G. Higbee.

Executive Committee — Pastor, Deacons, Clerk, Secretary, and Sunday School Superintendent, *ex officiis*; Mrs. Alice B. Balkam, Alfred F. Bridgman, F. Henry Caffin, Mrs. Albert I. Mackintosh, Harry H. Valiquet, Miss Mabel A. Rich.

Prudential Committee — Edgar A. Runnells, Chairman; Charles L. Alden, Joseph K. Knight, Clerk; William W. Lewis, James A. Middleton, Treasurer; Herbert O. McCrillis, William D. Ward.

Trustees of New Church Fund — Llewellyn S. Evans, Chairman; Loea P. Howard, William D. Ward.

Sunday School Superintendent — Edward Waters Brown.

Organist — Ralph G. Kilmer.

Music Committee — Charles F. Fiske, Chairman; Mrs. William Flett, Loea P. Howard.

Sunday School Committee — Arthur H. Burt, Miss Elizabeth Probert, Edward A. Ratthei.

Social Committee — Mrs. Robert Gray, Chairman; Jane A. Ainsworth, Elizabeth Bentley, E. Hazel Cook, Gertrude S. Dunbar, Mrs. Joseph Garside, Charles W. George, George H. Marston, Inez C. Pick, Mrs. Edward A. Ratthei, Mrs. Julia A. Stewart, Talbot Ward.

Welcome Committee — Robert Gray, Mrs. Edward H. Kearney, Mrs. Frank J. Cook, Florence G. Houghton, Lincoln K. Drake, Chester Fogg.

Flower Committee — M. Pauline Davis, Mrs. Charles E. Houghton, Marion E. Gray, Stanley R. Howard, William E. Whitehead, Sarah Probert, Mrs. Harry H. Valiquet, Nettie M. Stahl, William Haigh.

Missionary Committee — William A. Mowry, Chairman; Mrs. Frank J. Cook, Mrs. William A. Gray, Mrs. Alice B. Balkam, Frank F. Courtney, Mrs. Albion W. Shaw, Frank M. Fellows.

Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor — Lincoln K. Drake, President.

Junior Christian Endeavor — Mary Shepherd, President.

Auxiliary of Woman's Board of Missions — Mrs. Arthur Stanley, President.

Junior Auxiliary of Woman's Board of Missions — Elsie C. Greenwood, President.

Woman's Home Missionary Union — Mrs. Edgar A. Runnells, President.

Maternal Association — Mrs. Edwin C. Farwell, President.

New Church Aid Society — Mrs. Charles G. Chick, President.

Men's Club — Albert I. Mackintosh, President.

PASTORS AND OFFICERS DURING THE FIFTY YEARS

PASTORS

Rev. Perley Bacon Davis.....April 10, 1867 — Dec. 1, 1892

Rev. Andrew Webster Archibald, D.D.,

Dec. 1, 1892 — April 14, 1897

Rev. Henry Nelson Hoyt, D.D.....March 9, 1898 — Feb. 1, 1908

Rev. Lucius Fenn Reed.....Sept. 1, 1908 — March 30, 1910

Rev. George William Owen.....Jan. 1, 1911 —

DEACONS

Sylvester Phelps	May	19, 1863 — Nov.	1, 1867
Thomas Hammond	May	19, 1863 — Sept.	15, 1869
Zenas Allen*	May	15, 1868 — May	20, 1887
Henry S. Adams.....	Jan.	15, 1868 — Jan.	19, 1870
Enoch E. Blake,	Jan.	15, 1868 — June	1, 1888
Alexander F. Swift.....	Oct.	1, 1869 — Nov.	17, 1871
J. Ellery Piper.....	March	11, 1870 — June	5, 1885
David B. Fitts.....	Nov.	17, 1871 — June	11, 1875
Elliott O. Taylor.....	June	11, 1875 — June	3, 1887
Joseph King Knight†.....	June	5, 1885 — Sept.	10, 1886
Edward W. Cross.....	July	2, 1886 — June	5, 1891
J. Ellery Piper.....	June	4, 1886 — May	30, 1890
Henry D. Noyes.....	Sept.	10, 1886 — June	3, 1892
Frederick D. Freeman.....	June	3, 1887 — June	2, 1893
Joseph D. Ellis.....	Oct.	1, 1886 — May	31, 1889
Jason Langdon Curtis.....	June	1, 1888 — June	1, 1894
Elliott O. Taylor.....	May	31, 1889 — May	31, 1895
Joseph D. Ellis.....	May	30, 1890 — June	5, 1896
George A. Mitchell.....	June	26, 1891 — June	4, 1897
Arthur Stanley.....	June	17, 1892 — June	3, 1898
Archibald McMillan.....	June	2, 1893 — June	2, 1899
Stephen B. Balkam†.....	June	1, 1894 — June	3, 1898
Henry D. Noyes.....	May	31, 1895 — May	31, 1901
Isaac C. Burgess†.....	June	5, 1896 — Nov.	18, 1901
Herbert O. McCrillis.....	June	4, 1897 — June	5, 1903
Frederick D. Freeman.....	June	3, 1898 — June	3, 1904
Jason Langdon Curtis.....	June	3, 1898 — June	1, 1900
Thomas W. Rich†.....	June	2, 1899 — May	30, 1902
Arthur Stanley	June	1, 1900 — June	1, 1906
Joseph King Knight†.....	May	31, 1901 — June	12, 1903
Henry D. Noyes.....	May	30, 1902 — June	2, 1905
Arthur H. Burt†.....	May	30, 1902 — June	3, 1904
William D. Ward.....	June	5, 1903 — June	4, 1909
Frank F. Courtney	June	12, 1903 — May	31, 1907
William H. Holway.....	June	10, 1904 — June	3, 1910

DEACONS (Continued)

Arthur C. Hunt†.....	June	10, 1904 —	March 24, 1905
George W. Wheeler.....	April	7, 1905 —	June 5, 1908
Frederick D. Freeman	June	23, 1905 —	June 2, 1911
Frederick A. Parkhurst†.....	June	2, 1906 —	June 2, 1911
Edwin C. Farwell.....	May	31, 1907 —	
Arthur Stanley	June	5, 1908 —	
Albert I. Mackintosh†.....	June	4, 1909 —	May 31, 1912
William E. Robbins.....	June	3, 1910 —	
William D. Ward.....	June	2, 1911 —	May 31, 1912
Gilbert Balkam.....	June	2, 1911 —	
Frank F. Courtney.....	May	31, 1912 —	
Charles R. Higbee, Jr.....	May	31, 1912 —	

* June 4, 1886, made deacon emeritus for life.

† Resigned.

‡ Deceased during term of office.

CLERKS OF THE CHURCH

Enoch E. Blake	May	19, 1863
Timothy Foster	Feb.	6, 1866
Henry S. Adams.....	Jan.	19, 1870
Joseph B. Quimby.....	Nov.	17, 1871
Henry S. Bunton	Nov.	6, 1874
Charles Sturtevant	June	1, 1877
Edward S. Hathaway.....	June	1, 1894
Arthur H. Burt	June	5, 1896
W. W. Lewis	June	1, 1900
Joseph K. Knight	June	1, 1907
William W. Lewis	June	1, 1908
Joseph K. Knight	Jan.	22, 1909

TREASURERS OF THE CHURCH

Henry S. Adams.....	May	19, 1863
Deacon Sylvester Phelps.....	Jan.	18, 1865

TREASURERS OF THE CHURCH (Continued)

Deacon Thomas Hammond.....	Jan. 15, 1868
James S. Tileston.....	Oct. 1, 1869
Deacon Zenas Allen.....	March, 1870
Deacon J. Ellery Piper.....	June, 1886
Deacon Frederick D. Freeman.....	June, 1890
Deacon Archibald McMillan.....	June, 1893
Deacon Stephen B. Balkam.....	July, 1894
David W. Lewis	May, 1895
Edgar A. Runnells.....	June, 1896
Llewellyn S. Evans.....	June, 1903
Charles L. Allen.....	June, 1906
Charles F. Hill.....	June, 1907
James A. Middleton.....	June, 1911

SECRETARIES

Joseph K. Knight.....	June, 1908
Charles R. Higbee, Jr.....	June, 1909
Arthur A. Brown.....	June, 1912

MODERATORS

Stephen B. Balkam	June 14, 1895
Edward S. Hathaway.....	June 3, 1898
Thomas W. Rich	Jan. 22, 1909

CLERKS OF THE SOCIETY

Thomas W. Barrell.....	Nov. 2, 1865
Isaiah W. Thayer	April 3, 1867
Daniel J. Goss	May 27, 1867
James S. Tileston	April 14, 1869
Edwin R. Walker	Nov. 17, 1873
Henry S. Bunton	April 14, 1879
Joseph King Knight	April 14, 1884
Llewellyn S. Evans	July 9, 1894

TREASURERS OF THE SOCIETY

Enoch E. Blake.....	Nov. 7, 1865
R. W. Turner.....	April 3, 1867
Daniel J. Goss.....	April 14, 1869
Thomas L. Nelson.....	April 14, 1873
Charles F. Holt.....	April 10, 1876
Isaac J. Brown	April 9, 1877
Fred N. Tirrell	April 14, 1884
David W. Lewis.....	April 10, 1893

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

Besture B. Haskell.....	March 27, 1861
Enoch E. Blake	August, 1861
Albert Knight	* 1862
Thomas Hammond	Nov., 1863
Henry S. Adams.....	March, 1864
Thomas W. Barrell.....	April 2, 1866
Timothy Foster	April 8, 1867
Charles W. Turner	April 22, 1869
James S. Tileston	April 21, 1870
Edward S. Hathaway.....	Nov. 22, 1872
Henry D. Noyes.....	June 9, 1879
Jason Langdon Curtis.....	July 1, 1886
Edward S. Hathaway.....	June 13, 1887
Henry D. Noyes	June 13, 1892
Joseph K. Knight.....	June 16, 1893
Edward S. Hathaway.....	June 24, 1898
Joseph K. Knight.....	June 2, 1899
William D. Ward.....	June 1, 1900
Joseph K. Knight.....	June 5, 1903
John W. Logan.....	June 4, 1906
Rev. Charles F. Echterbecker.....	May 31, 1907
John W. Logan	June 5, 1908
Edward W. Brown.....	June 3, 1910

* Exact date unknown.

SUNDAY SCHOOL**Fifty Year Report, Given June 11, 1911.**

The school was first organized on March 17, 1861, with Besture B. Haskell as superintendent. The date of observing the anniversary has varied; the first of which I find any record is printed as the third, but in reality it is the fifth, and was held on Sunday evening, April 8, 1866. The next is the tenth, on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 12, 1871. The fourteenth anniversary was held in the afternoon of June 13, 1875, and was the beginning of the Children's Day observances; they continued at three o'clock on this second Sunday of June until the twenty-fifth, when under the administration of Mr. Noyes it took the place of the regular morning service, and for a quarter of a century it has been the one event of the year looked forward to by children and parents alike.

When organized by Rev. L. R. Eastman there were twelve members; the school adjourned over the summer months, and met in the latter part of August with Enoch E. Blake as superintendent, and twenty members present. There was no settled Pastor until April 10, 1867, when our Rev. Perley B. Davis was installed as the first. The records of the school are very meagre, and we simply know that there were short terms as superintendent of Messrs. Albert Knight, Thomas Hammond, Henry S. Adams, Thomas W. Barrell, Timothy Foster, Charles W. Turner, and James S. Tileston. When Mr. Davis came the school numbered one hundred and sixty, and then for several years we find no reports. The programs of the tenth and eleventh anniversaries, occurring in November, 1871-2, shed no light on the condition of the school at that time; we might almost imagine that it was like Mark Twain's famous regiment of major-generals; for while these programs contain the names of thirty-three officers and teachers, no mention is made of any scholars. There is a teacher of the infant department (Mrs. Anna E. Blodgett), but who or how many were the infants we are unable to discover.

My first official relation with the school was in November, 1872, when I was elected assistant superintendent, secretary and



Charles W. Turner
1 year



Edward S. Hathaway
13 1-2 years



Henry D. Noyes
7 years



J. Langdon Curtis
1 year



Jos. King Knight
9 years



William D. Ward
3 years



John W. Logan
3 years



E. Waters Brown
3 years



Llewellyn S. Evans
Assistant 25 years

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

treasurer. At that same meeting a young man named Hathaway — Edward S. Hathaway — was elected superintendent, and a new era for the school began. He came to us from the training school of religious workers, Berkeley Temple, and for six and a half years, until obliged to resign by reason of failing health, he brought to the school wonderful tact, vigor, and consecration. The membership rose from two hundred and fifty-two to three hundred and ninety. At that time the school met in the auditorium of the Church, and in his first report he called attention to the necessity of suitable quarters for the teaching and study of God's word. The infant department of fifty-four members, housed in one of the vestibules of the Church, was taken to a room in the adjoining building and placed under the care of R. L. Gay.

Through personal efforts, Mr. Hathaway raised the money, erected the chapel, and presented it to the society. Although the record is incomplete, we find during this period fifty-five joined the Church from the school, but the value of this work can never be stated in figures alone. "God works in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform," and so through a relatively short period may come the influences which shall shape the whole future life of Church or community. Let me just call your attention to the names of a few who joined us at this time, who have been active and successful workers in the Sunday School. Frank H. Caffin, J. D. Ellis, Thomas Chamberlain, A. F. Delano, E. O. Taylor, George H. Butler, James S. Mitchell, Waldo F. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Runnells, Joseph Willett, Mr. and Mrs. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Noyes, Mrs. Chick, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lewis, the Farwells, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Robinson, and others. I have been permitted to read the annual reports during these six years, and can catch a glimpse of the enthusiasm and high ideals which actuated the superintendent and made this season so successful.

Following Mr. Hathaway in June of 1879 came Henry D. Noyes for a period of seven years, the longest continuous superintendency in the history of the school. The impetus given the Church and school carried the numbers, so that three hundred and ninety became at the end of the seven years five hundred and fifty eight. There was a close knitting of the school together at

this time, and the enlargement of Church and Chapel buildings, urged as absolutely necessary by Mr. Hathaway, became an accomplished fact in 1884. Aside from the printed programs, I have not as yet been able to discover any records or reports of these years, but from the Church manual I gather such names as the following workers who joined at that time: George A. Mitchell, J. L. Curtis, Alex. Millar, Deacon and Mrs. Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bridgman (Mrs. Bridgman organizing and for many years carrying on the cradle roll), Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Swanstrom, Mrs. Flett, W. W. and E. W. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Evans, Dr. and Mrs. Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. Alden, and many others of whom those are typical. C. F. Holt, who was elected secretary in 1879, resigned in 1881, and D. W. Lewis was elected, serving until 1887. From 1882, Mrs. J. P. Higgins took charge of the primary department for three years, followed by Miss Grace Robinson for three years, and in 1888 Mrs. Higgins again assumed charge, while L. S. Evans was elected assistant superintendent, a position he has continuously and most acceptably filled ever since. This, we believe, is the longest continuous service in one position of any officer of Church or school. May we long retain his services, is the voice of children and parents.

On June 13, 1886, occurred the twenty-fifth anniversary of the school, and the exercises were held at 10:30 A. M., as they have been ever since. In the evening there was a general service, historical sketch by Mr. Hathaway, and an address by Rev. A. E. Dunning, D.D. Tuesday evening was young people's service, with address by Rev. James L. Hill, of Lynn; and on Wednesday evening, a reception and social with address by Rev. George M. Boynton, D.D.

Upon Mr. Noyes' resignation, J. L. Curtis was elected, but only served one year. I find no record of that time except the printed program. Upon his declining a re-election, Mr. Hathaway was again called to the chair, this time for a period of five years.

At this annual meeting in 1887, Charles F. Holt was again elected secretary, a position he held until his death on Dec. 18,

1910. We pause to pay tribute to the memory of one who for more than a quarter of a century faithfully performed his clerical duties in a quiet and unobtrusive way, and who continued steadfast through many changes of administration. He was known and loved by all of the young people.

During this second term of Mr. Hathaway the school again showed material growth and prosperity, making new records in membership and attendance, having six hundred and ninety-eight on the roll, five hundred and fifty-four as the largest number present at any session, and an average for the year of four hundred and forty-nine. For twenty Sundays in one year the attendance was over five hundred. In this period ninety-three joined the Church from the Sunday-school. In his last report I find this reference to Dr. Horatio Leseur, who died on Dec. 23, 1891: "For twenty-eight years he was an honored teacher in this Sunday school; a tried, a true, a faithful disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. May it be ours to profit from his example, and emulate his zeal and faithfulness." So far as I know, this is the longest term of continuous service as teacher, with the single exception of our good brother, Joseph D. Ellis. Dr. Leseur was most largely instrumental in first bringing Rev. Mr. Davis from Sharon to this Church. In 1892 the school changed its course of lessons from the International to what is popularly known as the Blakeslee or Bible Study Union series, and this has continued with more or less uniformity up to the last year.

At this time, 1892, the most important event occurred, when our Pastor for twenty-five years, Rev. Perley B. Davis, resigned his office, and steadfastly insisted upon that resignation as final. It was a breaking of ties, the sundering of life-long affections as Pastor and people, and its influence was keenly felt in the Sunday School. In June Mr. Hathaway declined a re-election, and Mr. Noyes was induced to take up again the responsibilities for another year, that the work might go on without interruption. In December, 1892, Rev. Andrew W. Archibald, D.D., was installed as Pastor and Church and school soon began to feel the impulse of new endeavors. At the end of the year, Mr. Noyes desired to retire, and I (Joseph King Knight) was honored with your choice.

It is perhaps natural that personal experience should be more clearly in mind than knowledge gained from studying reports or statistics. But I ask you, friends, one and all, not to attribute to egotism the record which I shall sum up before you of those five years; not my work, but under God the work of the most devoted band of officers, teachers, scholars, and pastor, of which I have ever had any knowledge. Records were made which still stand, — but which I hope and believe may be surpassed in the future. The first year the Home department was organized under the able leadership of Josiah Parker Higgins, and rapidly rose to be the largest of any in the state. Our membership climbed to seven hundred and forty-three, and with the home department made a total of nine hundred and sixty-four. In 1894 our kindergarten was established, with Miss Nellie Wilcombe (now Mrs. W. W. Lewis) as superintendent and Mrs. A. C. Farlin as assistant; this rapidly grew in favor and numbers. The school was graded as nearly as possible, and a senior department of twenty-nine classes transferred to the Church auditorium. The largest attendance was six hundred and forty-six, while the average for an entire year was four hundred and sixty-two. Thirty Sundays in one year reported over five hundred in attendance. One hundred and forty-nine came into Church membership through the Sunday School. A Chinese class was established, and under the fostering care of Mrs. W. P. Faulkner and Miss Lucina Dunbar, has accomplished good missionary work.

Teachers' monthly conferences and monthly prayer meetings on Sunday evenings were instituted the first year, and continued through the term with marked interest and profit. In the fall of 1894 the first \$100 was raised as a New Chapel Building Fund. In 1895 Mrs. E. A. Runnells took charge of the primary department which she has so ably conducted to the present time. In 1895 a new Presbyterian Church was organized, largely from our denomination, and about one hundred members of the Sunday School left to associate themselves with this new venture. On April 14, 1897, after a very successful and active pastorate, Dr. Archibald left us to take charge of a larger field in Brockton. We were thus without a Pastor for nearly a year, Rev. Henry N.

Hoyt, D.D., coming to us in March, 1898. Formerly the Sunday School was an independent organization, electing its own officers and paying its own bills; but the incorporation of the Church in 1895 brought the Sunday School into vital relations with this body, and from that time the superintendent has been elected by, and reports to, the Church at its annual meeting.

A severe shock came to the school in 1895 by the sudden death of Josiah Parker Higgins, a thoroughly talented, consecrated man, a great loss to town as well as Church and school; he is well remembered today by many for his deep and earnest piety, and energetic exposition of the word of God.

In 1898, Mr. Hathaway again took the office for a single year, and I followed for another year. Then William D. Ward was induced to accept the charge, and rendered excellent service for three years. He was elected assistant superintendent in 1890, and had served continuously through the different administrations in such manner as to merit the title "ideal" as it was applied to him when he was elected vice-president of our Superintendent's Union.

After the death of Mr. Higgins, the Home department had a varied experience, but in 1899 it was placed under the care of Mrs. F. D. Freeman, where it has since remained. She has shown great interest and fidelity in the work, but is handicapped by a lack of visitors who will devote time to the canvas of the field.

In 1899, Mrs. Lewis resigned from the kindergarten and Miss Elsie M. Burgess took charge for a single year. Then Mrs. Arthur Stanley, in 1900, began a very successful term of service. She was particularly adapted to training the little ones, and in 1904 she added the cradle roll to the department, and thus came in close touch with many mothers, influencing them in child-culture. In 1910, Miss Carrie C. Higbee was placed in charge, and is now carrying on the work. Mr. Ward's effort throughout his term was toward the deepening of the spiritual life. His watchwords, "Information, Inspiration, Consecration." He was also instrumental in establishing a union normal class meeting under the leadership of Miss Kinsman.

The duties devolving upon the care of so large a school made it difficult to secure a leader who could give the necessary time and effort, and so for want of a better man, I took the position again in 1903 when Mr. Ward resigned, and held it for three years. They were years of fruitfulness, for eighty-five came from the school into the Church at that time; the cradle roll was established in conjunction with our kindergarten department; and the New Chapel Building Fund was raised to the first \$1,000 for the new Church and turned over to the trustees. It may be interesting to note that in fifty years of service by seventeen superintendents, three men have contributed nearly three-fifths of the time; Mr. Hathaway twelve years and seven months; J. K. Knight nine years; and Henry D. Noyes eight years; a total of twenty-nine years and seven months.

Beginning June, 1906, John W. Logan, our popular and efficient Y. M. C. A. secretary, carried on the work very acceptably for a year, when it was decided to try the experiment of a paid superintendent and pastor's assistant. Rev. Charles F. Echterbecker, a young man just graduating from Bangor Theological Seminary, was engaged, and tried faithfully to perform the work; but he being a stranger, many difficulties prevented success, and as he received a call to a church in Vermont, the school again came back into Mr. Logan's charge, very much against his personal desires. For two years his influence was very beneficial over our young people, and we regret that he is so soon to leave us for the distant city of Dallas, Texas.

In January, 1908, Dr. Hoyt left us to take up work in the Home Missionary office in Boston; here he labored so earnestly and faithfully for others, that he broke down in health, and after a serious illness, passed away at Wakefield, Mass., on the sixth of November, 1910. Time will not permit a suitable eulogy to his memory, nor am I able to inscribe it, but the recollection of his virtues is written deeply in the hearts of this people.

In September of 1908, Rev. Lucius F. Reed came to us and although failing health compelled him to resign his charge after about a year and a half, his zeal and earnestness aroused us to endeavors which resulted in the building of a new stone edifice, with suitable Sunday School accommodations.

One year ago today Edward W. Brown took official charge, and is already showing an earnest and efficient service. The record of his labors must be left for the future historian, but with the inspiration of new, commodious quarters, the beginning of a new half century, and the encouragement of our enthusiastic and consecrated leader, Rev. George W. Owen (who came to us on Jan. 1, 1911) we feel sure that the results of the past are but a foretaste of those which are to come. It is his privilege and honor to welcome us to this splendid house of worship, which we entered on January 1, the fulfilment of the hopes, the aspirations and the labors of so many years.

And what shall I more say, for the time fails me to tell of the heroic men and saintly women who through faith have subdued difficulties, wrought righteousness and laid deep the foundations upon which this superstructure has been erected. Their names are written in the book of life, and their works do follow them.

WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY UNION

This was first organized as the Ladies' Sewing Society on April 28, 1864, with Mrs. Horatio Raynes, President; Mrs. Enoch E. Blake, Vice-president; Miss H. W. Hammond, Secretary and Treasurer. Its work was at first mainly confined to local wants, and then in wider and constantly enlarging circles has been its range of influence. On January 1, 1885, it affiliated with our denominational society, and became the Woman's Home Missionary Union. The first board of officers was: President, Mrs. C. G. Chick; Vice-president, Mrs. R. M. Johnson; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. C. L. Greene; Directors, Mrs. D. J. Goss, Mrs. Arthur Kollock, Mrs. N. M. Putnam, Mrs. Mary Clark. The present officers are: President, Mrs. E. A. Runnells; Vice-presidents, Misses S. L. Bond and Minnie A. Perry; Secretary, Mrs. A. L. Shaw; Treasurer, Mrs. F. P. McGregor; Directors, Mrs. W. D. Ward, Mrs. L. I. Drake, Mrs. J. K. Knight, Mrs. E. H.

Kearney. The total amount raised by both organizations has been \$17,799, of which \$17,750 has been disbursed for benevolence. Funds raised by the Ladies' Sewing Society, \$8,166; by the Woman's Home Missionary Union, \$9,633. Funds disbursed by the Ladies' Sewing Society, \$8,161; by the Woman's Home Missionary Union, \$9,589.

The scope of its work is to become acquainted with missionaries and their work, and assist them materially by providing them with clothing and home comforts; to aid worthy students struggling for an education, and to become intelligent concerning some of the problems which are a menace to our national life; to raise money for the needy of our own district, and for general Home Missionary work.

AUXILIARY OF WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

On the afternoon of February, 1872, in Mrs. Captain Sturtevant's parlor, this organization had its beginning. This has been characterized by increasing interest and activity, and the gospel has been heralded in dark lands by those who have drawn their support wholly or in part from this tributary to a mighty missionary stream which has sprung into existence. The first officers: were Directress, Mrs. Mary F. Davis; Secretary, Mrs. George L. Howard; Treasurer, Mrs. Emily F. Sturtevant. The Woman's Board of Missions has twenty-four hundred auxiliaries, organized for the purpose of aiding the work among women and children in foreign lands. If the women are elevated by the gospel, then are the homes and the country.

Our Auxiliary has a membership of seventy. We want one hundred more members. We pledge two hundred dollars, part of which helps pay the salary of Miss Kinney, a teacher in Ababazar, Turkey; and in part supports a Bible woman in Austria. One-fifth of all the women in the world are found in homes in China. One-fifth of all the women are waiting in China for the



Thomas W. Rich
Moderator



Mrs. Edgar A. Runnells
Pres. W. H. M. U.



Mrs. Arthur Stanley
Pres. Aux. W. B.



Mrs. Henry D. Noyes
Hon. Pres. Aux. W. B.



Mrs. Charles G. Chick
Pres. Church Aid



Mrs. Edwin C. Farwell
Pres. Maternal Asso.



Elsie C. Greenwood
Pres. Junior Aux. W. B.



Dr. Albert I. Mackintosh
Pres. Men's Club



Lincoln K. Drake
Pres. Y. P. S. C. E.

PRESIDING OFFICERS

Saviour, who so long has waited for them. What a burden of responsibility does this lay upon us — the women of Christendom. Some one has said that only those can be excused from giving to missions who believe that the world needs no Saviour, or that Jesus was mistaken in the great commission, or who does not believe in the fatherhood of God, or desire the kingdom of God to come. In addition to the foreign work, our mission is educating our own constituency to the duty and the importance of sustaining the missionary labors. The membership fee is one dollar a year. This sum will send a Bible woman in China for two weeks, or an evangelist one week, or buy three New Testaments. The amount which we have raised and contributed is \$8,747. The present officers are, Honorary President, Mrs. Henry D. Noyes; President, Mrs. Arthur Stanley; Vice-presidents, Mrs. Charles F. Jenney and Mrs. Margaret Holmes; Secretary, Mrs. George Earle; Treasurer, Mrs. Elbridge Lincoln; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. A. Runnells. Mrs. Henry D. Noyes was President for twenty-six years.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS

Organized February 9, 1894, for the purpose of interesting young women in foreign missions. First board of officers: Miss Alice Balkam, President; the Misses Helen Campbell and Alice Bidwell, Vice-presidents; Miss Edna F. Holt, Secretary; Miss Elsie Burgess, Treasurer. The present officers are: President, Elsie C. Greenwood; Vice-president, Mabel Ide and E. Desire King; Secretary, Annie J. Scott; Treasurer, Alice F. Whitaker; Corresponding Secretary, Clara B. Freeman. Over \$650 has been raised for missions.

MATERNAL ASSOCIATION

**"God never intended a mother's task to be an easy one,
Neither did He intend that her reward should be small."**

The first thought, emphasizing a mother's responsibilities, and which comes instinctively to every mother, coupled with a realization of her need of a wisdom beyond her own, inspired the first association of mothers for mutual prayer and conference in 1815.

Our own Mothers' Association was formed on December 3, 1879, and from that time to the present it has been one of the larger and more influential factors in our Church activities. The welfare of the child engages more attention today than ever before. The responsibilities of the twentieth century mother are far greater than were those of her mother and grandmother. Clubs are numerous for the study of questions which every mother has to meet, but the Mothers' meeting of the Church is, we claim, the stronger and better organization; for while considering all the practical questions which are taken up in the clubs, the spiritual life is also strongly emphasized. As the times have changed, the association has aimed to be progressive and to meet the perplexities and questions of the day. Physicians often bring to the meetings helpful and instructive talks, while along the moral, spiritual, and intellectual lines, we are interested and helped by occasional speakers, by papers, and especially through the discussions. The social side of our work is not overlooked, and busy mothers find this a good place to meet and know each other better. Strangers are especially welcome.

The first officers were: President, Mrs. Thomas Chamberlain; Vice-president, Mrs. C. K. Sanger; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. C. F. Holt.

At present the officers are: President, Mrs. E. C. Farwell; Vice-presidents, Mrs. A. B. Balkam and Mrs. George W. Owen; Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Middleton; Treasurer, Mrs. A. L. Russell; Librarian, Mrs. Arthur Burt; Committee on Care of Children, Mrs. L. I. Drake. There has been raised annually \$15 to \$20 for the work of the association.

PASTOR'S AID

As has been already stated, the Pastor's Aid is the outgrowth of the committee of visitors, first established in 1879. In December of 1886, the town was divided into six districts, and each placed under the immediate care of one deacon; the increased size of the work called for more visitors, and the following ladies were appointed at that time and assigned to special districts: Mesdames Alfred Foster, S. P. Blodgett, D. F. Wood, L. H. McIntyre, E. B. Tasker, F. D. Freeman, E. S. Frye, A. F. Delano, W. H. Powers, D. W. Lewis, John Bleakie, E. H. Baxter, J. L. Curtis, E. S. Paine, C. P. Vaughan, J. K. Knight, M. Morrison, S. W. Poland, and Misses Jennie Hammond, Alma Putnam, M. E. Emery, Abbie Adams, and B. M. Clarke. Their duty has been to keep the Pastor and Deacons fully informed in regard to every family in any way connected with our parish, either through the Church or Sunday School; to welcome strangers or new comers, report cases of sickness or need, and in all ways extend the beneficial influences of this Church in the community. At present the ladies are: Mesdames J. K. Knight, F. D. Freeman (two original members), H. S. Warren, Robert Gray, L. I. Drake, S. B. Balkam, E. W. Brown, C. L. Alden, Ruth Haskell, Arthur Burt, C. L. Wood, G. H. Marston, W. D. Ward, E. C. Farwell, F. A. Williams, J. A. Farnsworth, and Miss Jennie McCrillis.

THE HEART AND HAND SOCIETY

This Society was organized in December, 1877, by Mesdames Charles Sturtevant, S. A. K. Robinson, Sarah Goodhue, John F. Eliot, E. W. Collins and A. Chapman. Its purpose was to interest the children of the Church in mission work in our own and foreign lands. During the seven years of its existence the work was largely planned and carried on by Mrs. D. W. Lewis and Mrs. E. S. Hathaway, with the aid of different ladies of the Church. The regular meetings were held on Saturday afternoons, when besides receiving instruction and information about

missionary work, they were taught to make articles, saleable at the fairs which were held each year. Money received from these sales which amounted to \$548, was devoted to many and varied objects; besides the home and foreign societies, many individuals and schools were recipients of their gifts, which also included a goodly sum to the "Morning Star," and a "cow" for a missionary in Kansas. The latest record of the society is dated July, 1884, when this, with other bodies was merged into the Christian Endeavor Society.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

This was organized December 10, 1884, with the following officers: President, Joseph K. Knight; Vice-president, George E. Doty; Secretary, Miss Helen Chamberlain; Treasurer, Everett W. Lewis. Present board of officers: President, Lincoln K. Drake; Vice-presidents Elsie L. Foster, Rena M. Gray; Recording Secretary, Janet H. Grant; Corresponding Secretary, Ella Wetherbee; Treasurer, Arthur A. Brown; Auditor, Talbot Ward. Since December, 1895, the society has raised \$2,552, of which \$432 has gone directly for benevolence. Christian Endeavor is, and always has been, primarily a training school for the work of the Church. It meets a perpetual need, that of the religious education of the young people. It is universal; Christian Endeavor societies being in evidence in nearly every nation in the world. It exists to promote the Church, and we, as Christian Endeavorers, are trying to do our best, are seeking to help others, are growing a little stronger in our Christian work each day, and are drawing nearer to Christ and His kingdom, by striving to live up to our Christian Endeavor motto: "For Christ and the Church."

NEW CHURCH AID SOCIETY

When the project for a new Church building began to assume definite form, the ladies desired to be of material assistance and so, on January 19, 1905, was organized this society, having for its object the raising of funds to assist in building and furnishing the new edifice; they have gone beyond this, however, and have helped on the parsonage. In order to make it a continuing body, the name has now been changed to "Church Aid Society."

First board of officers: President, Mrs. Arthur W. Savage; Vice-president, Mrs. L. E. Davie; Secretary, Mrs. George F. Fiske; Treasurer, Mrs. Charles G. Chick.

Present board: President, Mrs. Charles G. Chick; Vice-presidents, Miss Mabel Rich, Mrs. Robert Gray; Secretary, Mrs. Arthur L. Russell; Treasurer, Mrs. Charles L. Alden. For the work in hand the society has raised over \$5,000.

MEN'S CLUB

For the purpose of advancing the social, civic, and religious interests of the Church and community, and bringing about a closer esprit de corps among the men of our parish, this club was formed on December 13, 1905, with Arthur Stanley as President; Charles G. Chick, Vice-president; and Robert J. Cary, Secretary-treasurer. The present officers are: President, Albert I. Mackintosh; Vice-presidents, Gilbert Balkam and Charles R. Higbee, Jr.; Secretary, William W. Lewis; Treasurer, Harry H. Valiquet. This club pledged \$1,000 to the new Church building.

EDITORIAL

Current Events

It would seem that we are living in a special upheaving of the nations and of human life. The feeling of brotherhood and goodwill between nations and the sentiment in favor of international peace and arbitration is rapidly increasing, while at the same time wars, fightings and insurrections continue and crimes of various sorts are apparently on the increase.

Naval Armaments — The United States, Great Britain, Germany and other nations are constantly enlarging their naval armaments. Each of the stronger nations seems to be in mortal fear of an assault by some other great power, while, at the same time, every one of them expresses the kindest and most peaceful intentions towards all the rest. Meantime The Hague Tribunal is open and ready to settle, by arbitration, all questions of dispute between the several governments.

The Bulgarian-Turkish War is still progressing, but without doubt will soon come to an end. The allied troops have been generally successful and at the present writing it looks as though Turkey would be crowded off from Europe, except the city of Constantinople and the territory immediately adjacent thereto. The balance of power in Europe seems to fear the falling of that stronghold into the hands of any other nation.

The Republic of Mexico continues to be cursed by revolutionary upheavals. The Madero government has been overthrown and the President shot, apparently by accident, but probably according to the will of somebody. The frequent civil commotions in this Spanish-American republic constitute a serious detriment to the progress and development of the country.

King George of Greece has been killed by an assassin, shot in the back while walking in a street of the captured city of Salonica. He was related to almost every reigning family in Europe. He was the son of the late King of Denmark, Christian IX., and brother of the late King Frederick of that country. Queen Alexandra of Great Britain, widow of Edward VII. and mother of George V., the present King, was his sister. King George is succeeded by his son, Constantine. The assassin seemed to be of a low order of intelligence, a degenerate son of a good family who had cast him off long ago.

Crimes of Various Kinds, especially murders and daring burglaries, are becoming altogether too common in all parts of our country. Our courts are crowded with cases and great delays, often very vexatious and expensive, are the result. The enlargement of our judiciary, including considerable reconstruction in various directions seems absolutely inevitable.

Appalling Disasters from Cyclones and the Spring floods in the valley of the Ohio River and its branches and of other rivers in different parts of the country have recently occurred. Many cities in Ohio and Indiana and some in other states have been flooded and the loss of life and property was almost unprecedented. These catastrophies seem to eclipse the terrible inundations of Johnstown, Pa., in 1889, and of Galveston in 1900. Dayton, Hamilton, Columbus and many other prosperous cities have been severely crippled and some of them almost annihilated. The loss of life is reckoned by thousands and of property by millions.

Labor Troubles have increased of late. Strikes by large bodies of workmen have become common and have occasioned strong temptations to lawlessness.

Now one thing must not be forgotten. All these evils indicate activity of mind. People seem to be beginning to think for themselves far more than formerly. Activity of the intellect will inevitably in the end produce progression and an upward movement of the race.

**"Let truth and falsehood grapple,
Who ever knew truth put to the worse
In fair and open conflict."**

We often hear old people express the opinion that the old times were better than the new, that people were happier a century ago than at the present time. The same thing was said a hundred years ago, and probably in previous centuries. Evidently this is an error. The world improves. The nations are coming nearer to the teaching of Christ than ever before, the human race is progressing, humanity is being uplifted in every age. Every generation is living a higher life than the preceding. Human nature is constantly about the same, but the environment is more favorable as the years pass by. Education is advancing and the brain is cultivated. The power to reason from cause to effect, and backward from effect to cause is improving. Ideas of right and wrong are becoming clearer, and even the nations in their diplomacy are getting nearer and nearer the Golden Rule.

BRIG-GEN. HENRY BEBEE CARRINGTON

On January 13, 1913 the Society met to pay its tribute to the memory of the late Gen. Carrington.

The President, Charles G. Chick, called to order at eight o'clock and the Committee Upon Resolutions previously appointed submitted the following:—

GEN. H. B. CARRINGTON, LL.D.

Brigadier General Henry Beebee Carrington passed away at his home on Summer Street, October 26th, 1912, at the age of eighty-eight years, seven months and twenty-four days. In his decease our Historical Society, and the entire community have suffered an irreparable loss. He had been an active member of this society for more than a quarter century and most of that time he was in charge of their archives as librarian. He will be sadly missed at our meetings and upon the streets of Hyde Park, in all Church work, the Grand Army, the Loyal Legion, and wherever men gather for the uplift of society and the good of our race. He always manifested great interest in training the school children in lessons of morality and patriotism.

General Carrington was born in Wallingford, Conn., the second of March 1824. He was from a sturdy race of scholars and patriots. He graduated from Yale University in 1845, was a teacher of Greek, chemistry, and military drill. He studied law, and had a successful practice in Columbus, Ohio. He early foresaw the Civil War and was active and vigilant in preparing for it. He was prominent in the anti-slavery agitation and foremost in organizing the republican party. He was judge-advocate-general on the staff of Governor Chase of Ohio, later inspector-general, and was adjutant-general of Ohio when the civil war began. He did remarkable service in that war, was commissioned as colonel in 1861 and brigadier-general in 1862. After

the close of the war he continued his services as general in the regular army, blazing a wagon road to Montana and holding the hostile Indians in check. He was wounded in a skirmish with the Sioux, but continued in the service till his retirement in 1870.

Since that time, General Carrington has been extremely active as a scholar and a most prolific writer.

In 1876 he published a large octavo volume of over 700 pages, with more than forty excellent maps, drawn by himself, called "The Battles of the American Revolution." It contains a full account of all the battles in our Revolutionary War, and has been the standard history of those military engagements ever since. The book was not made in a hurry. The writer visited London and Paris and in both countries had full authority from the government of Great Britain and France to examine the documents held by both kingdoms relating to the American Revolution. The maps were all drawn personally by General Carrington with exquisite skill and accuracy. Many of the maps are on a large scale and add much to the value of the book.

General Carrington has written and published many books of great value, historical and otherwise. He always manifested a personal interest in all matters relating to the history and development of our country. For nearly thirty years he has been an active and efficient member of this society, its librarian, and a conspicuous presence at our meetings. He will be greatly missed.

On behalf of all our members, we desire to place on permanent record our high appreciation of his ability as a soldier, a statesman, a historian, prolific author, a citizen of broad philanthropies and of the highest character.

WILLIAM A. MOWRY,
HENRY S. BUNTON,
F. H. DEAN,

Committee.

These resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Dr. Joseph K. Knight then spoke upon General Carrington in his Church relations, in part as follows:—

GENERAL HENRY BEEBE CARRINGTON

It must be left to those who are more gifted than I am to speak for the Church in regard to this brother. I can only call attention to a couple of his attributes as they appear to me.

First I would refer to his great enthusiasm in whatever matter he was engaged. He was a living exemplification of the text: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." This was clearly shown to our advantage in the building of our new Church, when hardly a day passed without his attendance, and by advice, supplemented by his engineering skill, obtaining better results from the workmen.

Then there was his intense loyalty, early shown when he sprang to arms at his country's call, and gave the best years of his life in her service. He was loyal to his religion, and to the Church that claimed his allegiance. He never criticised his minister, but stood up loyally for him at all times. Unyielding when any principle was involved, yet no one was more ready to acquiesce when the majority went against him. He said: "I am a Congregationalist, and when my Church votes one way, even if against my desires, it is my duty to follow." In these two points he was indeed an example to us all.

He was followed by the Rev. George W. Owen, pastor of the First Congregational Church of Hyde Park, who said in part:

My short acquaintance with General Carrington revealed several striking characteristics. I noted his careful attention to the minute details of any task which he had in hand. Our new Church building was about completed at the time I came to Hyde Park, but I found that he had been not only a close observer of its construction, but had acquired a fund of statistics of measurements, had made many valuable suggestions as to detail of construction, and that his constant attention to the matter, combined with his knowledge of engineering, added greatly though in an informal way to the efficiency of the work.

On one occasion he saw that a beam which the workmen were placing was going to fall, and from the weight of the beam

and the distance, computed the velocity and the amount of the shock which the floor received. He told me about this to illustrate the solidity of the floor. This same careful attention to whatever task he undertook made him reliable and authoritative in what he undertook.

Another characteristic was his habit of looking at the larger meaning of facts and events. What others saw as trivial and commonplace he would see as part of a grand scheme which was being worked out under the providence of God. It is the more remarkable that these two qualities should be combined in one man. The high viewpoint and the outlook upon the distance do not often keep company with acuteness and accuracy in the things that are close at hand; but General Carrington combined them both in a high degree. He saw the nearer matter in the intricacy of detail, could understand and analyze it; and yet he also saw it in its relation to the cosmos of which it is a part. His sympathies were broad; his knowledge was vast; his experiences, thrilling and varied; and these all furnished a rare background for his judgment of special events and experiences upon which he was called to pass.

Another characteristic was his fidelity to his convictions. In 1866, he had charge of a caravan of wagons and troops bound for Fort Laramie, a distance of more than two thousand miles. He resolved that he would not march on Sunday. Five other caravans started soon after he did, traveling seven days in the week, and soon overtook him, and one after the other passed him. He continued, however, to rest horses and men one day in seven and he did this every Sunday, except one when they had no water and were forced to march on to find a spring. He delighted in later life to tell how, before he reached Laramie, he had passed every train that had formerly passed him, because he had kept his men and horses fresh by resting on Sunday, while the others had traveled seven days in the week and had become so worn that they could not keep the pace with which they had started.

He was prompt, incisive and determined in the presence of conviction. During my short stay here I have learned to know him as one of my most appreciative and loyal parishioners and

Church members. While he will be missed in many circles,—civic, military and social,—we shall miss him deeply and keenly in the life and work of the Church.

Mr. James S. Mitchell representing the Timothy Ingraham Post, G. A. R., added the Post's tribute:

I knew General Carrington as a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic for twenty-five years and he was loved by all the comrades. He was always at the Post meetings when he was able to be out and was ready at all times with words of cheer and good comradeship, patriotism and reverence for the flag. He was asked to take office in the Post and declined, but served as delegate to state and national conventions. It was my fortune to serve under him in 1864, so when he came to Hyde Park I was very much interested to know him and was at his house several times to talk with him about his army life. Whenever I met him on the street he had a good word to say and a hearty hand clasp. We all surely miss him as a comrade of Post 121.

Randolph P. Moseley, a veteran, joined with Mr. Mitchell and spoke feelingly of his great appreciation of General Carrington's work for the Post in securing and making comfortable Liberty Hall as G. A. R. headquarters and of the role of honor prepared in the general's own hand-writing showing the list of contributors, "a work of art which now hangs upon the walls of this Society's room."

Frank H. Dean, for many years a neighbor and master of the nearby Grew School, spoke of his high regard for General Carrington as a kind neighbor and friend and gave many incidences of his helpful work and interest in the schools of the town. He spoke in part, as follows:

GENERAL HENRY B. CARRINGTON, AS A NEIGHBOR AND FRIEND OF EDUCATION

I am glad on this occasion to pay tribute concerning two points of General Carrington's contact with life in this com-

munity; General Carrington as a neighbor and as a friend of education.

He was a kind and sympathetic neighbor. His greetings were cordial and sincere. It was not a mere perfunctory inquiry after your health and the health of your family. He was approachable, observant and carried little pleasant events of neighborhood interest a long time in memory.

He was somewhat advanced in years when his life in Hyde Park began, yet few knew more of our citizens, nor had a more intimate acquaintance with them.

General Carrington was not censorious, certainly not in a severe way. I never heard him speak bitterly of a neighbor. If betrayed into a hasty word he was quick to make amends. He was a good neighbor.

General Carrington's mental outfit and personal training prepared him to have a genuine interest in our educational system. He was first known to us as the New England agent for a large school-book publishing house. His duties brought him frequently into the schools.

I remember that on one occasion when conducting a recitation in United States history on some part of the Civil War, he entered my class room. With the difficulty that confronts most teacher in making the events of history real, I said to General Carrington: "How can a civilian make vivid the strategy of war?" He went to the blackboard and sketched a plan of the battle of Cowpens, much to the satisfaction of the class. After this, whenever a battle or a campaign was the subject this particular class called for the strategy of the battle. This leads me to speak of his battle-maps of the Revolution. They are his own surveys, made early in life and are invaluable to the student of history. Another book that has proved valuable in education is "Beacon Lights of Patriotism," a book published by him since he became a resident of Hyde Park. This book from which to secure selections for public patriotic occasions in the school is superior to any collection with which I am familiar.

One thing that aided to interest him in the schools was his interest in young life. His inquiries after the progress and the

character of the young people of the neighborhood were frequent, showing that he often had them in mind. It is a curious fact that although an old man, and most old people think boys and girls are not so respectful and considerate as when they were young, never did he complain to me, as the principal of the near-by school, concerning the conduct of the pupils.

General Carrington was an optimist. No dark shadows hovered long over his path, but as a cheerful neighbor and friend he made the town the better for having lived in it.

At this point the President said: It is perhaps fitting that I should add a word upon the work of General Carrington in connection with this Society. He was a man full of historical incidents gathered from a long life and wide research.

Hardly have we had a meeting here and listened to interesting papers, that our deceased member would not rise in his place and add facts or incidents which were valuable additions to the subject discussed.

He has been librarian here for many years and with untiring energy he made a list catalogue of our library. He superintended with great care the building of our cases and the furnishing of our hall.

The bust of Washington which we have was contributed by him and through his efforts we obtained the engravings of "Washington's Farewell to His Officers" and "Washington's Entrance Into Philadelphia" which now hang upon our walls.

He was generous of his time and talents for the work of the Society.

It will be long before we have a member of such wide and varied historical knowledge and I feel with you that the Society has sustained a great loss.

Dr. William A. Mowry, a long time friend, then said, in part:

I have known General Carrington intimately for twenty-eight years. I first made his acquaintance in Boston in the autumn of 1884. I have always esteemed him highly for his long and honorable experience. His life has been not only active and

vigorous but varied and eminently useful. He was a profound scholar. He was graduated at Yale University in the class of 1845, A.M. in 1848 and received from Wabash College the degree of LL.D. in 1878. He was a prolific writer. Among the varied and numerous works written by him are the following: "American Classics," "The Six Nations," "Columbian Selections," "Christopherus, the Christ Bearer," "Russia as a Nation," "Ab-sa-ra-ka, Land of Massacre and Indian Operations on the Plains," "Battle Maps and Charts of American Revolution," "Washington Obelisk and Its Voices," "Crisis Thoughts," "Beacon Lights of Patriotism," "Battles of American Revolution," "Patriotic Reader or Human Liberty Developed," "Lafayette and American Independence," "Washington, the Soldier."

Throughout all these different works is to be observed the most thorough loyalty and devotion to our national government, and the highest statesmanship. His "Battles of the American Revolution" has perhaps the broadest, fullest, most correct description of the military movements of the American Army, with marvelous maps of the battle fields, ever written. He had access to our own archives and also to the documents of the French and English governments concerning the subject on which he was writing. The maps were of his own drawing. They are accurate and skilful. In "Washington the Soldier" General Carrington clearly shows that Washington was not guilty of profanity in his interview with Charles Lee at the battle of Monmouth.

General Carrington was a brave and successful soldier. At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 he was adjutant general, state of Ohio, appointed colonel 18th United States Infantry, May, 1861, brigadier general November, 1862, was in command of the district of Indiana from which state he sent many regiments to the front, had important commands during the war, and he subsequently did valuable service in the West, guarding against Indian outbreaks, and was wounded in an engagement with the Sioux Indians. He was detailed as military professor in Wabash College and on increased disability was retired from active service in 1870.

He was an enterprising and patriotic citizen with a mind vigorous and active till within a short time of his death.

Erastus E. Williamson added a touching tribute to the general's memory and spoke of him as a citizen of the town and as a writer along patriotic lines:—

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

I am here this evening because I greatly desired, even by my presence, to show as far as possible my respect for the late General Carrington, and to honor his memory. I well remember my first meeting with General Carrington, which was, I am sure, in 1887, more than a quarter of a century ago, when he came into the publishing house of Lee & Shepard, Milk Street, Boston, where I was employed as the literary editor, with the manuscript of his little Brochure, or Monograph, entitled "The Obelisk and Its Voices; or the Inner Facings of the Washington Monument." I looked through his work, and it did not at first especially attract me, when compared with more pretentious literary compositions; but on a more careful and extended examination I found it to contain a vast amount of useful knowledge of the towering obelisk to the "Father of His Country,"—Washington. It required much time and research to compile this useful and highly valuable little volume, and it will well repay a careful perusal.

General Carrington's writings are voluminous, and I can now only refer to some of them. He sent me his "Beacon Lights of Patriotism," and it is a book to be prized highly as a fine compilation of poetry and prose, suitable for declamation in our public schools.

I certainly considered General Carrington a great man; and surely he was a man of genius. I am safe in saying that no man could write his book on "The Battles of the American Revolution," and himself prepare the maps, unless he were a man of great genius. Our Creator bestowed upon General Carrington his wonderful ability to do many great things exceedingly well. Such gifts constitute what we call "genius."

His volume on "Washington, the Soldier," is an able and especially fascinating piece of biography, with collateral history. I shall never forget the radiance which filled his countenance when I appreciatively referred to his interesting and valuable work, the evening a year ago, when I addressed this society on the "Errors of History." He knew that in me he had an appreciative and sincere literary friend, who gave his noble volume the proper estimate. I shall greatly miss General Carrington. His long and useful life was an example in patriotism and learning.

I am not competent to accurately judge General Carrington as a soldier; but this I do know, that when our republic was threatened with destruction, and rebellion menaced the Washington government, he sprang to arms to uphold President Lincoln, and to aid in keeping our nation, the hope of the world, from dismemberment,—the destruction of which Daniel Webster, with all his eloquence, prayed might never come; and Gettysburg was the awful armed response to his pleadings for the perpetuity of the Union.

It has of late become the wretched custom to disparage the work of the great and wise men who laid the solid foundations of this mighty western republic. Even the Boston Transcript in an article published not many months ago, indulged in unjust criticisms of the military ability of Washington, and the capacity of the Continental Army generally. General Carrington's patriotic soul resented these latter-day false conceptions of the great generals and statesmen who created our form of government. Mr. President, it was a happy thought of you and your associates to arrange for this meeting to commemorate the life and deeds of so able, so upright, so true, and so good a man as General Henry B. Carrington.

The President then read the following letters:—

Hyde Park, Mass., January 10, 1913.

Charles G. Chick, Esq., President Hyde Park Historical Society.

My Dear Mr. Chick:—Your invitation to be present at the annual meeting, January 13th, is received, and if my health per-

mitted, it would give me great pleasure to accept and express my sincere appreciation for the late General Henry B. Carrington, but, since I cannot be with you, I gladly take the opportunity of expressing my thoughts in a letter as you suggest.

For over a quarter of a century, General Carrington was one of my closest friends, and I prized his friendship, for it was sincere, coming from the heart with that stability of earnestness that made his presence ever comforting, and tended to lift one to the higher and better manhood.

As a citizen he will be missed, for his wealth of patriotism was an inspiration to all with whom he was associated.

As a companion to pass a leisure hour, he was exceptionally gifted by the experiences of a long and useful life, and those to whom he opened his heart will ever remember him for his sterling worth of character.

Very truly yours,

ROBERT BLEAKIE.

Hyde Park, Mass., January 10, 1913.

Charles G. Chick, Esq., President Hyde Park Historical Society.

My Dear Mr. Chick:—At a recent meeting of Timothy Ingraham Post 121, G. A. R., I was honored with an appointment as its representative at the memorial exercises in memory of General Henry B. Carrington. I regret that I shall be unable to be with you on the evening of January 13th and am confident that ample justice will be done by my alternate, whose privilege it was to perform a part of his army service under the general's command. In default of my personal presence I cannot, however, refrain from sending you a letter in which, so far as possible, I will express my admiration for the grand old man who for the last quarter of a century of his life, has been so actively identified with this community.

As a Grand Army man, he came to us June 7, 1886, being transferred from Post 7, Department of Indiana. From that time his active interest in our local Post has been constant and unswerving. By reason of his experience of many years in the military establishment of the United States, he was a recognized

authority professionally in all its technicalities. But in the Grand Army where, as is well known, all distinctions of former rank are laid aside, and each regards all others as comrades, he was thoroughly in accord with its democratic character and highly appreciated its companionships. Frequently representing the Department of Massachusetts in the National Encampment, he was accorded the honor and respect due to his personal worth and distinguished record. Sympathetic in his disposition, many a comrade both in the United States service and the Grand Army when in trouble or need, was the recipient of his encouraging words and kindly acts. A man of high ideals, his words and influence were such as to incite his younger comrades to well ordered and useful lives.

Although gone from us in his bodily presence, his memory is tenderly cherished by the comrades of his later years, the members of Post 121, G. A. R.

Very truly yours,

HENRY S. BUNTON.

The meeting voted to preserve the proceedings for the Historical Record and then adjourned.

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JANUARY 18, 1909

A special meeting of the Society was held this evening in Weld Hall. The meeting was called to order by President Chick, who made an interesting report upon the progress of the Society during the past year.

The treasurer, Henry B. Humphrey, reported for the year all expenses paid and a balance of \$120 in the treasury.

In the absence of the secretary, Librarian Henry B. Carrington acted for him.

G. W. Bass, for the Hyde Park Baptist Church, presented to the Society a gavel made from the organ burned in the recent fire at the church; the organ being the first pipe organ erected in the town. The gift was accepted with thanks and a resolution to go upon the record, with copy to Mr. Bass and copy to Hyde Park Gazette was adopted. Mr. Bass also presented a small pulpit or reading desk from the same church, the first used in Hyde Park.

In memoriam tributes were read by Dr. Charles Sturtevant on John Fairbanks; by Hon. Charles F. Jenney on John Gilbert Ray; G. Fred Gridley on Arthur C. Kolloch. A gift of a file of the Hyde Park Gazette from 1874 was received from Hon. Charles F. Jenney.

The election of officers for the year 1909 was the next business of the meeting.

The report of the committee on nominations was read and placed on file. The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President—Charles G. Chick.

Secretary—Fred L. Johnson.

Treasurer—Henry B. Humphrey.

Curators—Charles F. Jenney, George L. Richardson, Llewellyn S. Evans, J. Roland Corthell, James S. Mitchell, Fred J. Hutchinson, George French.

Vice-Presidents—Robert Bleakie, Henry S. Bunton, James E. Cotter, John J. Enneking, Samuel T. Elliott, G. Fred Gridley, Henry S. Grew, Edward S. Hathaway, Edward I. Humphrey, Howard Jenkins, Joseph King Knight, Henry B. Miner, Randolph P. Moseley, William A. Mowry, Stillman E. Newell, David Perkins, Henry B. Terry, Ferdinand A. Wyman, Alfred Foster, and Alonzo W. Dunbar.

Herbert C. McCrillis and George W. Bass were elected members.

Mr. Frank H. Dean read a very valuable and interesting paper on the life and character of Alexander Hamilton. General Carrington moved the thanks of the Society to Mr. Dean for his valuable historical paper, supplementing his motion by reference to Mr. Dean's notice of Hamilton's services in command of an artillery company during the Revolutionary War, and his intimacy with General Schuyler of the same war, as follows: "It was my privilege when Washington Irving returned from Spain in 1847, being then a professor at the Irving Institute, Tarrytown, N. Y., to attend a reception in honor of Mr. Irving, at which were present the aged widow of Alexander Hamilton, and the surviving son of General Schuyler, and also Admiral Perry, Commodore Mackenzie, Hiram Ketcham, Esq., and others ; being myself, so far as I know, the only surviving member present at that reception."

The vote of thanks was enthusiastically passed.

Adjourned 9:20 P. M.

(Signed.)

HENRY B. CARRINGTON,
Secretary, pro tem.

APRIL 19, 1909

The annual meeting, celebrating the birth of the town, and also Patriot's Day, was held this evening.

After the secretary's report was read and approved, the report of the committee on resolutions on the death of Richard M. Johnson was read by Mr. Henry S. Bunton, the chairman.

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Voted, To spread the report on the records of the Society and publish the same.

President Chick spoke feelingly of the connection of Mr. Johnson with this Society, and also his personal relations with him.

Mr. Wilbur H. Powers addressed the meeting on the "Land of the Midnight Sun." Mr. Powers had just returned from a vacation trip in Norway, and related his experiences in a very interesting way. Voted, thanks to Mr. Powers.

Mr. Horace Sumner presented the first three graduation programs of the Hyde Park High School, the classes of 1874, 1875, and 1876.

After the meeting refreshments were served.

Adjourned.

JUNE 21, 1909

At a meeting of the Society held this date, in the absence of the president and secretary, Henry B. Carrington, corresponding secretary, presided, and acted as secretary.

Resolutions upon the death of George Lane Stocking, for many years an active member of the Society, were reported by General Carrington, chairman of the committee appointed for that purpose, and adopted with instructions to publish and send a copy to the family.

The Euterpean Society (a chorus of ladies) having dissolved, presented to the Society their records of nearly thirty years of active life; and the same were accepted with thanks to the donors. Mrs. S. B. Balkam, through Curator Bridgman, presented the portrait of her late husband, Stephen B. Balkam, and the picture was accepted with a vote of thanks to Mrs. Balkam. The chairman referred to the portrait as of one who as a citizen, Christian gentleman, and friend, commanded the universal respect and affection of all who knew him, in a measure rarely equaled since his acquaintance with the Society for the last five years.

The advertised address by Daniel Eldridge, Esq., of the Grand Army of the Republic upon "The Restoration of the Flag to Fort Sumter in 1865," was listened to with great interest, and a vote of thanks was warmly given, as well as thanks for the presentation by Mr. Eldridge of valuable photographs illustrating the fort and incidents of the celebration in 1865.

Adjourned at 9:30 P. M.

(Signed.)

HENRY B. CARRINGTON,
Secretary, pro tem.

OCTOBER 25, 1909

At a regular meeting of the Society held this evening, twenty-five members were present.

President Chick addressed the meeting and reported on the meeting of the Massachusetts Historical League at Worcester on the twenty-third inst.

Dr. William A. Mowry read a paper on "Roger Williams," which was highly interesting and profitable. A vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Mowry.

Adjourned at 9:10 P. M.

