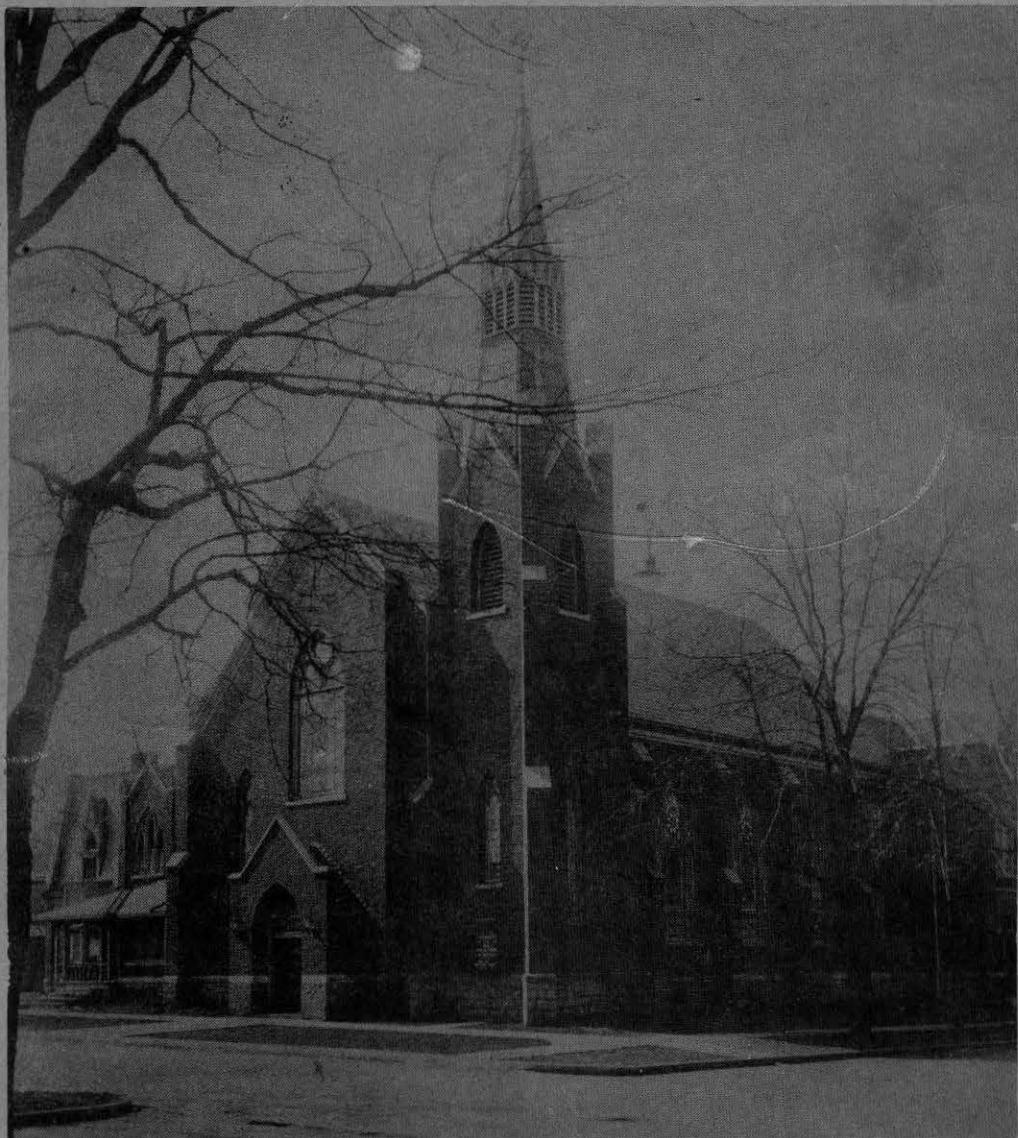


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HISTORY of the **UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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Present Minister

History of the United Methodist Church of Delphi

I would like to take you back to the year 1824. The first settlers to arrive in this area were Henry and Abner Robinson and their families. They had purchased land at the United States Land Office located at Crawfordsville. They came by horse and by wagon and probably had to cut their way through the dense forest and under brush arriving late in the day of December the 31st 1824. They sat a few line stakes before darkness, cut brush to sleep on and called it a day.

On the 7th day of May 1828 by an act of the State Legislature Carroll County was established but not until May 15, 1828 was Delphi located as the Seat of Justice of Carroll County.

Before Carroll County was established and Delphi named the County Seat, the spiritual wants of the early settlers from the mouth of the Wabash to above what is now Carroll County were administered by the Rev. Hackaliah Vredenburg, an itinerating minister who later served the Delphi Church from 1830 to 1832.

In November 1826 the Rev. Henry P. Buell, one of the early missionaries sent out by the Crawfordsville Mission organized the Delphi society composed of the following members; John Carey and Ruth Carey, his wife; Sarah Odell Senior; John Odell and Sarah Odell, his wife; Thomas Sterlin and Frances Sterlin, his wife; Elizabeth Angell widow of Benjamin D. Angell and Rebecca Bishop. To this society Rev. Buell preached at stated times, about once in four weeks during the succeeding two years 1826-1828.

For a number of years the members met in each other's homes or in a log cabin which was built across the street from the present church on the corner of Monroe and Union Streets. This building was also used as a schoolhouse and for Circuit Court Sessions.

During 1837 a committee was appointed with instructions to secure a lot upon which to erect a house of worship. In due time, the committee reported that a lot had been secured for the purpose subject to the condition that the Methodist Episcopal Church shall build a house of worship in Delphi within eighteen months from date, which was accepted by the conference. Pursuant to that agreement, the lot was secured ("Lot #96"), a contract made with Wm. Hughes and a part of the lumber was delivered on the ground, when all the subscription and other papers connected with the construction of the building were burned. Subsequently the contract with William Hughes was canceled when James Marst and Thomas Smith undertook the job of building and inclosing the structure. The loss of the papers and subscriptions caused delays but finally the house was so far completed as to be tenable.

(1840) the Baptist friends had given the Methodists the use of their house during two or three quarterly meetings. The other meetings were held in the schoolhouse.

When the church first began to be used as a place of meeting there were no seats in it and the congregation had to use stake benches to sit upon. This church building continued in use for 30 years, and had an average membership of 125 or 130. The smallest number was reported in 1875, the minutes showing but 64. The largest membership reported during this time was in 1864 being 178 members (1884-1887).

Concerning the salaries of the ministers during the period of the church from 1852-1897 the smallest salary reported was in 1852 the amount being \$200.00. The yearly average salary for the first ten years (1852-1861) was \$410.00. For the next ten years (1862-1871) it was \$728.00 and for the next ten years (1872-1881) it was \$805.00. For the first thirty years the charge paid was about \$75.00 per year for presiding elders support; about \$50.00 per year for Sunday School expenses. The support of the Bishop was not put upon the Church at large until about 1872 or 1873. In the first ten years Delphi paid for bishops \$43.00. In these 30 years ending in 1881 Delphi paid for missions \$1400.00, for conference claimants \$340.00 and for all other benevolences \$460.00.

Church Built in 1869

The Delphi Journal, James B. Scott, Proprietor. Office in Rinehart's Building south side of public square. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 1870 (February 6th).

Dedication of the New Methodist Church

The new Methodist Church, at this place, was dedicated on last Sunday evening February 6 by Dr. E. O. Haven, of the Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill. Assisted by Dr. Bowman, of Indiana Asbury University.

The Rev. Dr. Haven preached a sermon in the morning from Hebrews 11C, 6V and the Rev. Dr. Bowman in the evening from Haggi 2C 9V. The sermons were masterly efforts, and were listened to by large and appreciative audiences.

The Building Committee was \$5,800.00 in debt when the services commenced in the morning, but enough money to pay off the whole debt was subscribed by members of the church, members of other denominations (whose places of worship were closed on the occasion), and by outsiders, before 9 o'clock at night.

When the gratifying announcement was made that the church was out of debt, the Rev. Dr. Haven read the solemn and beautiful dedicatory service in a very impressive manner. The choir then sang the dedicatory anthem, and the ceremony closed with the dedicatory prayer, composed principally from Solomon's Dedication of the Temple.

Immediately after the dedicatory services had closed, another interesting ceremony commenced, which caused a flutter of excitement throughout the assembled hundreds. A happy pair with yielding hearts and with joined hands presented themselves before the newly consecrated altar for the purpose of entering into a life-partnership. The Rev. Mr. Boyd, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Wallace, proceeded to unite in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony, Mr. Henry M. Miller and Miss Louisa Evans. The congregation was dismissed with a benediction by Dr. Haven.

This beautiful church, 45 by 80 feet with stained glass windows, has been built at a cost of only \$15,500. One third of this sum was contributed by a gentleman, James P. Dugan, Esq., who is not a member of the church.

This church is an elegant and imposing structure, and an ornament to our city.

The Delphi Dedication

The Lafayette Delegation to the Delphi Dedication returned yesterday morning, well pleased with the affair. Rev. D. Haven preached in the morning and Dr. Bowman in the evening. The affair was a great success in another very important respect. There was a balance of some \$6,000.00 due on the church, all of which was raised before the dedication. We congratulate our good friends of Delphi on their fine church, and trust they may long enjoy it. *Lafayette Journal*.

In 1864 the conference held its session in Delphi with Bishop Osman C. Baker presiding and Wm. Graham as secretary. In the first session a resolution was introduced requesting the trustees of the church to procure and float the national flag from the church during the session. It was a decidedly patriotic session, one of the aged superannuated ministers who went armed and declared his purpose to slay non-Union men who threatened him, was advised to be cautious in his words and acts. Resolutions were introduced taking note of President Lincoln's Proclamation of Thanksgiving over the victories of General Sherman and Grant and Commodore Farragut.

The heart of Methodism has ever been right on the great living questions that enlist the thought of humanity.

The Church that Was Built in 1869 Was Remodeled in 1884 December 3, 1884

The changes in the audience room of the Methodist Church of this city are about complete. The church building is 45' x 80'. The original design was a narrow vestibule and an immense audience room. Great inconveniences have been realized in heating the room especially for the week night and

social meetings. Changes have been talked of for several years. This fall, through the persistent effort of the pastor, Rev. D. M. Wood, the work was undertaken. The result is an audience room 45 x 55 feet improved in acoustic properties fifty per cent; a vestibule 10 x 25 feet: on either side of the vestibule a room 17 x 25 feet with folding doors into audience room. Over these rooms is a beautiful hall 25 x 45 feet. The church now has a very necessary convenience for successful church work. An audience room that will seat 300 people or 400 by opening folding doors and a prayer room that will seat 60 people. The other room, when finished, will make an elegant parlor. The upper room for church socials and suppers will be equally appreciated by all. May we not expect as the crowning of all this work a gracious revival of religion?

When Dr. J. G. Campbell came to Delphi in the fall of 1896 he immediately began to plan for the improvement of the church and parsonage. In March 1897 he presented plans for the improvement of the parsonage and the church which were accepted by the Board of Trustees and a Building Committee consisting of Wm. C. Smith, as chairman, M. M. Murphy, as treasurer along with A. W. Wolever, John K. Kerlin and Joseph P. Ives. The committee then secured Frank H. Wolever, an architect from Lafayette, to prepare detailed plans for the improvements. This was done and the plans were presented to the Board of Trustees and Stewards on April 15, 1897 and approved by them. Work was started on May 1, 1897 and pursued to the completion of the project.

The Delphi Journal — Thursday, Oct. 28, 1897

The designs for the improvement of the M. E. Church at this place and the erection of a new parsonage have developed sufficiently to indicate the convenience, comfort and beauty which will soon be enjoyed by the pastor as a home and the congregation as a place of worship.

While the old structure has been utilized in the changes that are being wrought, its identity will be lost when the work is completed. The addition of Sunday School rooms on the west, which will open into the auditorium by movable doors, will afford the church a seating capacity of over 800 persons when desired for special occasions. The art of the decorator will be employed to make the interior beautiful and the furnishings will be comfortable as well as attractive. The pulpit will occupy the south side of the building and the back of the choir loft which will include a pipe organ. Electric lamps will be liberally distributed throughout the building giving abundant light. The work is progressing rapidly toward completion under the immediate supervision of the pastor, Rev. J. G. Campbell, to whose untiring efforts is largely due the accomplishment of the enterprise.

The new parsonage is a 2-story brick building adjoining the church on the south and connected with it so the minister may enter the pulpit from his residence. The house contains eight rooms with all the modern appointments of heat, light and water including a bathroom and lavatory on the second floor. Both parsonage and church show that all unnecessary display has been avoided while no detail essential to an attractive place of worship has been neglected. The Total cost of improvement, including parsonage and organ, will be approximately \$8,000. And our Methodist friends are to be congratulated on the wisdom of an expenditure which will give them such beautiful surroundings in their new church home.

The dedication will take place early in December (1897).

The Delphi Journal — June 24, 1897
(Landis & Ricketts, Publishers)

Carnival of Nations

The Methodists give a grand farewell to the old Church Building.

The Carnival of Nations presented to the people of Delphi by the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Church last Thursday and Friday evenings was a great success in every respect. Mr. James Ramey was the first on the program as he was stationed at the entrance door and insisted that each person entering should give him 5 cents. Entering the vestibule the first to greet the visitor were the

ladies who had charge of the English booth and served a very fine six o'clock English dinner. Their costumes consisted of white lace caps, white aprons and ties. The ladies who served were Mrs. Almond, Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. Englee, Mrs. Tom Wilbur, Miss Walker, Mrs. Henry Johnson and Mrs. A. W. Wolever. From England we went to Japan. This booth was a pleasant surprise to everyone. It was entirely walled with bamboo curtains and decorated with Japanese china, dolls, lanterns, screens, parasols, fans, stools, etc. A very large parasol hung from the center of the booth directly over a table with a Japanese cover. Mrs. Charles Pigman, Mrs. O. C. Gruber, Miss Pearl Nace and little Reid Gruber represented the Japs. These persons were dressed in Japanese robes and served wild cherry phosphate.

Next was the Irish booth and the wearing of the green. This booth was draped in green and white. The costume of each lady consisted of green and white in a very pleasing style, but oh my, they kept the "pig in the parlor and that is Irish too". Mrs. Ramey, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Bridge and Miss Mary Lindstrom had charge of this booth. For refreshments they served potato chips and iced tea.

The Americans held forth on the pulpit of the old church. The stars and stripes were in every place in a very artistic drapery. All sizes of flags were used to decorate. The ladies who served at the American booth wore white dresses. Mrs. M. A. Ryan, Mrs. Rothenbarger, Mrs. William Michenor, Miss Onie Cartwright, Bert Roach, Eva Holloway and Adelia Genrich were the ladies in charge. Ice cream and cake were sold at this booth.

From this booth the crowds passed over to see Italy in all its glory, represented by an Italian art gallery, statuary, fine drapery, etc. A real native of Italy would have been proud to see this booth. Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Arnot, Miss Stella Nace and Miss Ida Booth were in Italian costumes. Lewis Booth, J. Miller and Ed Booth represented Italian gentlemen.

France was next in order and was there with all brilliance and elegance. The entire booth was covered with roses. The finest of French art was used to decorate this booth.

Here were Mrs. Judson, J. Shultz, Mrs. Joe Cartwright, Mabel Almond and Jennie Shultz on exhibition dressed in the finest of Parisian gowns. While at this booth enjoying the fine display we were startled by the war cry and moved on and came in contact with a tribe of horrid wild Indians. They had their wigwam pitched next to the French booth. They were soon found to be partly civilized and on acquaintance seemed less dangerous. With this Indian tribe were two handsome young Gypsy girls who told fortunes. These girls made many people happy by telling them of some great fortune soon to be left them. The young ladies too were made happy to know that there was either a blond or black haired young man who was anxious to marry them. These Indians and Gypsies have been extensive hunters and travelers judging by their display of fine pelts of bears, tigers, deer, buffalo and other wild animals. They exhibited a handsome lot of bead and leather work of art.

For a livelihood they sold a drink that was surely bewitched for once buying a glass of this wonderful mixture we were sure to wander back again.

Through an interpreter the names of some members of this tribe were learned as follows: Mrs. Ed Sines, Mrs. William McDonald, Miss Nina Almond and little Gracie Pigman and Roger McDonald. The Gypsy girls were Edith McClure and Miss Carrie Young.

Next to the wigwam was the Dago. Gill and Glen Johnson were peanut venders. They had a peanut roaster and a carload of peanuts.

In the center of the room was a running fountain. In its pool fishes, frogs and small turtles were merrily swimming about. All around the pool was built up with rocks covered with moss, ferns, and house plants.

The Knights of Pythias band and mandolin club furnished excellent music for the occasion. The band played a spirited march and every person in costume participated in a grand march.

Many persons were in costume representing some nations who were not in booths, namely: Thomas Wilbur — Algeria; Maud Sines — Sweden; Ada Smith — Switzerland; Bessie Rothenberger — Sweden; Minnie Robinson — China; Hazel Nace — Mexico; Edna Smith — Laos; Sarah Armstrong — Ireland; Miss Ames Roberts — Highland lassie; Bertha Summergill — Japan; Mabel Gochenour — India; Will Chochran — Hindoo; Carroll Smith and Arthur Robinson — Africa; Ed Booth — Uncle Sam.

This carnival was a farewell to the Old Methodist Church as it is to be rebuilt this summer with a

handsome parsonage adjoining.

The Ladies Aid Society of this church is to be congratulated on its success as entertainers.

The Delphi Journal of Jan. 13, 1898

Church Dedicated Sunday, Jan. 8, 1898

The dedication of the new M. E. Church and the new pipe organ was an occasion for rejoicing among the membership in the church and their friends last Sunday. A large audience gathered at an early hour and at the time for opening the service very few vacant seats were left. The organ gave forth the sweetest strains under the magical touch of Mrs. George Bruce and with a well-trained choir, led the congregation in the singing of the opening hymn, the grand old "Coronation". The pastors of the different churches together with the visiting ministers assisted in further devotion and Rev. David H. Moore DD of Cincinnati then delivered an eloquent discourse, taking for his subject the transfiguration on the summit of Mount Hermon. At the close of the ceremony Dr. Moore made an earnest appeal to the people for the lifting of the debt which encumbered the buildings and as a result every cent of indebtedness and more was pledged before the day was over.

Dr. Gobin of Depauw University, Greencastle, preached in the evening to an audience which was large in spite of the humid shadows which gathered and wept in rainy tears.

On Monday evening the church and parsonage were thrown open to a reception to the public who responded in goodly number to the invitation and spent an enjoyable time with a delightful host and hostess, Dr. and Mrs. Campbell.

Both the church edifice and parsonage are handsome and complete in every detail and this was the verdict rendered universally when they were thrown open to the general public. The pastor and the people have reason to be happy over the improvements wrought in a year's time. They are a credit to the architect and to the Building Committee as well as an ornament to the city.

The total cost of the improvements, including the new pipe organ, amounted to about \$10,000. Of this amount \$4,000 had previously been paid leaving nearly \$6,000 to be raised before the church could be formally dedicated. It is one of the laws of the Methodist Church that a new edifice cannot be formally dedicated until all obligations for its construction are met or pledged. The full amount and a little more was raised last Sunday and the new church and organ were formally consecrated last Sunday evening.

January 1887

The first sewing circle was organized in January 1887 by Mrs. Jane Little with a project of providing new carpet for the church auditorium. The ladies with continued perseverance wove about 300 yards of rag carpet and by July 1, 1887 it was exchanged for 260 yards of beautiful ingrained church carpet costing 63¢ per yard and all of the debt for making and the purchase was provided for.

On November 19, 1890 by a vote of 24 to 12, women were admitted as lay delegates to the General Conference.

September 20, 1891 was the first year in the history of the Church that the minister would go to the Annual Conference with all responsibilities paid in full.

Rev. Lewis S. Smith 1899-1904

M. E. Church Condition in September 1899

Our church had an excellent Sunday School meeting at 9:15; an Epworth League holding regular and orderly Sunday evening devotional meetings; a vigorous Ladies Aid Society ever active to help the church socially and financially.

The membership was reported at 337 including 7 probationers. The church property was valued at \$19,000 including the parsonage at \$4,000. The property had upon it a debt of approximately \$4,000. This was largely provided for by subscriptions taken on the day of dedication, January 9, 1898, and running the extreme limit of 2½ years. However before the debt was reduced to its present size (about \$500 9-5-1904) about \$2500 had to be raised anew because of failures to pay subscriptions, the accruing of interest, and the necessity for repairs and the addition to the debt by current expense accounts.

The Official Board stood heroically by the enterprise.

The Epworth League which had assumed \$250, the Sunday School \$525, and the Ladies Aid Society \$1300 each paid in full and the Sunday School and the Ladies Aid further helped in the effort to reduce the debt. The Sunday School to the extent of \$100 and the Ladies Aid \$300 already paid during the present year and had assumed the entire balance.

From the Historical Record of the Church by Rev. Lewis S. Smith

May 1900, 1899-1904

"The church has been in sympathetic touch with the schools as witness the fact that four times in the five years the baccalaureate has been delivered in our church.

May 20, 1900, Hilary A. Gobin DD, President of DePauw University, preached on *The Highway*, Isaiah 35:8.

May 26, 1901, Rev. J. P. D. Johns DD, *The Roth of Man*; 8th Psalm.

May 24, 1903, Dr. Gobin again, *Life*; Luke 12:15.

May 22, 1904, Rev. Dr. Edward S. Hughes, the new President of DePauw University, *The Value of College Training*; Acts 7:22, Acts 22:3.

Three of these years 1901-1903-1904, commencement exercises were held in our church on all of which occasions the seating capacity of the church was tested and sometimes people were turned away for lack of room.

Once in 1902, Aug. 25 to 29th, the Carroll County Teacher's Institute occupied the church as a special concession on the part of our Trustees in consideration of the fact that the streets around the Court House had been let for a street carnival for the same week and this made it impracticable to use the Court House for the institute.

Closing exercises of the Delphi public schools were held in the M. E. Church May 28, 1875.

The ladies of the Methodist Church held a Martha Washington Tea Party, very successful — proceeds \$100.00.

Graduation exercises for seniors of the high school were held in the Methodist Church on Friday May 30, 1875. Large attendance, many addresses by the graduating class members. The decorations of the church were elegant and tasteful. Each chandelier was beautiful festooned with evergreens and upon each side of the entrance to the altar was a profusion of floral tributes in handsome vases.

The commencement exercises of the high school have been set for Thursday evening June 5, 1879, at the Methodist Church. Graduates: Jo Crawford, Stella Denemick, L. A. Higgenbottam, Anna Phennsey, W. J. Rankin, Reed Schermerhorn, Grace Sims, Lou Sonnenfelt Speece, Zelpha Strannahan and Jennie Young.

Delphi Citizen — April 17, 1926

The Building Committee of the M. E. Church met Wednesday afternoon and gave final approval of preliminary plans for remodeling church. Architects will complete detailed drawings at once and blueprints ready in May.

Plans provide for a new parish house at the rear of church. Walls of old church to be veneered with new brick, new entrance at east end, auditorium changed to face west instead of south.

March 13, 1926

The Finance Committee for the Methodist Church Improvement met with remarkable success this week in preliminary canvas for funds. Official Board approved plans of the architects. Harry Reed appointed Chairman of Finance Committee; C. B. Shaffer, treasurer. Ladies Aid pledged \$5,000.00; 5 men pledged \$1000.00 each; some \$750, and many \$500. \$19,000.00 pledged. \$30,000 lowest estimate for improvements. Make Merry Class \$500.

Easter, April 4, 1926 — 54 new members received into the church — Rev. Kern.

Delphi Citizen — June 12, 1926

Work was started last Tuesday, June 8, 1926 on the remodeling of the Delphi Methodist Church by W. R. Dunkin and Son Contractors of Flora on a bid of approximately \$30,000. The one-story building at the rear of the church has been torn down and excavating work will begin at once. As soon as work is started on the main part of the church the congregation will hold services in the school building.

Local supervision of the work will be under the direction of Rev. Kern and C. O. Julius.

Church Improvements 1926

The Delphi Journal — March 17, 1927

The entire building program has been promoted at a cost of \$52,000.00. A new three-story parish house, 37 x 70 feet (educational addition) has been added to the west end of the main building. This is modernized in every respect and will provide ample equipment for the promotion of a modern religious education program. On the main floor are the church parlor, chapel for Epworth League and midweek service room for the ladies' and men's Bible class and primary department. On the second floor are rooms for junior and intermediate departments, Junior Church and four classrooms.

In the basement of the parish house are located a kitchen modern in every respect, a dining room and social hall seating 200 at tables and a large fireplace. Under the main building are located the restrooms, small dining room space, furnace and coal bins. A new vapor heating system furnished heat for the parish house.

The auditorium is heated with a steam heating plant rebuilt to first-class shape. The main auditorium has been completely reconstructed. The pulpit and choir loft have been placed in the west end of the room.

A new Moller pipe organ, the gift of Miss Allie Pollard, is in the process of being installed. The organ chamber is located on the second floor and the console is placed on the main floor to the right of the pulpit on the north side of the nave. A large gallery has been added to the east end of the building, with a large foyer underneath. Access to the gallery is by two stairways.

Memorial art glass windows have been added with figure subjects as follows, "Jesus in the Temple", "Jesus and the Rich Young Ruler", "Jesus, the Good Shepherd", "Jesus Knocking at the Door", and "Gethsemane".

New pews and carpets were installed by A. Grimm and Sons, local furniture dealers. The seating capacity of the auditorium is 500. The church spire has been preserved and reinforced. A new main entrance has been established facing Union Street.

The week following dedication of the church (March 20, 1927) devoted to the observance of one (100th) anniversary of the founding of Methodism in Carroll County, Indiana. Former pastors of the Delphi Church addressed the meeting:

March 21st — Rev. C. L. Harper, Chaplain Soldiers Home, Lafayette

March 22nd — Rev. Aaron Wood, Chaplain State Prison, Indiana

March 23rd — Rev. L. S. Smith, Pastor Clarks Hill, Indiana

March 24th — Rev. R. O. Kimberlin, Pastor Trinity Church, South Bend

March 25th — Rev. W. P. McKinney, Chaplain in Chief, Grand Army of Republic

March 26th — Rev. James Campbell, Pastor Monticello, Indiana
March 27th — Rev. J. J. Wilson, Lafayette District Supt., Indiana

Officiary 1927

Bishop — Frederick D. Lecte
Dist. Supt. — John J. Wilson
Pastor — Russell B. Kern
S. S. Supt. — Forrest Orr
Epworth League Pres. — John Sanderson
Choir Director — Edyth Sanderson
Organist — Mrs. Charles Stewart
Orchestra Dir. — Frank Sheets
Ladies Aid Pres. — Mrs. T. W. Armstrong
WHMS — Mrs. Claude Wall
WFMS — Mrs. Madison Arnott

This Information on the Music Department of the Church Was Furnished by Mrs. Dean Rice

During Rev. O. P. Manker's pastorate (1927-1931) an orchestra was organized and directed by him. After he left John Sanderson served as director. Other members were Gwinn Smith, Ralph Robinson, Frank Sheets, Don Kite, Alta Kite (Packard), Eileen Jackson, Regina Jackson, Ben Jackson, Irene Jacoby, Kathleen Jacoby (Groninger), Paul Jacoby, Chetina Delong (Chapman), Margaret Rice (Sanderson), Katherine Smith (Crone), Rowena Keim (Hargraves), Joe Sanderson, Robert Julius, William Holmes, William Cowdin.

Organists were: Mrs. Charles Stewart, Mary Katherine Carter, Lena Hannel, Edythe Dickenson, Hope McCain, Mary Reppert, Carolyn Verill, Ellen Rhine, Marie Rhine, Kay Hughes, Nancy Shertzer, Joyce Hughes, and Lois Mears.

Directors of choir and orchestra were: Iris Hodgson, Edyth Dickinson, Robert Barton, Mrs. Harold Dick, Mrs. Hazel Rice, Hope McCain, William Crowder, Ona Shindler, Linda Carroll, Lillian Melin, Mary Helen Abbott, Douglas Wood, Lori Sparks, Don Wesner.

On Easter Sunday, April 21, 1946, the 120th anniversary of the founding of the Delphi Methodist Church and the Burning of the Mortgage incurred for the 1926 improvement program of the church was observed with Rev. W. Merlin Schwein, as minister with many of the Methodist Church dignitaries in attendance. The mortgage burning was in charge of Dr. E. E. Franklin, Lafayette District Superintendent.

Organizations of the Church and the Years that They Became Active

Ladies Aid Society	Sept. 23, 1879
Womans Society of Christian Service	1940
Epworth League	1890
Ladies Bible Society	1915
Wesleyan Guild	1942
Make Merry Class	1920
Crusaders Class	1945
Youth Fellowship	1939
Rain or Shine Class	1920

Rain or Shine Class

The Rain or Shine Class was organized in March 1920 with a membership of fifty.

At the present time there are eight of those members still active.

There are a number in nursing homes, some have passed away or dropped out.

Mrs. A. L. Akers was the first teacher. She taught for a few years then went to the Soldiers Home to reside.

Mrs. Eliza Foster, mother of the late Fannie Smith, taught for a number of years until her death.

Then there were a number of teachers through the years as follows: Marie Thompson, Harry Reed, Homer Myers, Mrs. Neva Rothenberger, Waneta Timmons, Laural Blickenstaff, Hazel Sines, Emily Berning, Florence Buskirk, Carrie Hodson and Jessie Oswald.

In later years Florence Buskirk became a teacher again and taught for some time. Gertrude Sheets then taught for some years. Both wished to quit teaching but finding no one to replace them, took alternate months teaching the class.

At the present time there are four teachers who teach one Sunday each month. Those teachers are Florence Buskirk, Gertrude Sheets, Frances Ashley, and Lou Sacha.

We serve Rotary once a month as do other women's groups, help with funeral dinners, receptions or any place that we are needed.

As of now we are planning to assist in several church projects. We are pleased and happy that we are able to do these things as a class and thank the Lord for His goodness to us.

by Agnes Smith

Women's Organizations — United Methodist Church of Delphi

Researchers have found that the first organization for women in our church was begun in 1879. Like the women's groups that followed over the years it responded to a need. In later accounts one finding tells that it took 3 years for the group to raise \$500.00 for one of their projects (1884, 85, 86).

Over the years the greatest method of raising money was that of serving food. The first Old Settler's food serving was in 1884 — net profit was \$33.70 and was for one day. In those times that was a good sum of money. In the early 1900's a series of teas were held at a charge of 10¢ per guest. Attendance was around 200.

In 1900 the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was organized at the encouragement of Rev. Lewis Smith. His wife was its first president. By the year 1903 at the year end report their average attendance was 15, but during the year 200 had attended irregularly. The group studied missionaries and the countries in which they were located (Methodist).

Sometime later on, the women's group became known as the Ladies Aid. During the year 1929 the women raised \$880 by holding a series of markets and serving meals (banquets, cafeterias, etc.) The main organization was divided into 3 divisions. It is noted in reading old minutes that each year the treasury was practically cleared out each year. Money was spent largely on the building fund and the parsonage. At some time the group (or maybe the church) had borrowed \$5,000. In 1931 the mortgage was burned; the women had a great part to play in helping with the finances. In 1934, the Depression was being hard felt; Old Settler's work project was nearly called off due to the scarcity of food and money; yet their profit was \$69.10.

The 30's shows the really true dedication of the women in earning money and paying bills. Times were really "hard", but their spirit was indomitable — sometimes attendance at "Aid" was only 7 or 8 but the work was carried on. In 1937 the women canned 220 quarts of fruits and vegetables — anything they could utilize in their meal preparation. In 1937 the balance at the end of the year was \$2.60, and in 1938, the balance was \$.38. The women paid the interest (sometimes in arrears) on the church debt and in 1937 the back salary of Rev. Day (\$141.00). Also in 1938 they purchased a new gas stove and decided to ask the men to help with some of the heavy lifting of pots, pans, and coffee pots at their dinners.

By the year 1940 the women's group underwent reorganization and was chartered to be called the Women's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Emma Sheets was the first president of a group that met in the afternoon. There was a night group also of working people. The chief method of raising money was by pledges and greater emphasis was returned to missions.

By the late 50's, Circles had been established instead of the previous arrangement. Again meal serving became a source of income. In 1959 the kitchen was remodeled at the cost of \$2892. There was \$1150 money available, but the project was undertaken with the usual faith of women, and in due time the remainder was paid off. Barbara Walker was the president at that time.

In 1968 there was a revision of the women's organization paralleling the history of the Church as the United Brethren and the Methodist Church united. The name given officially was the Women's Society of Christian Service of the United Methodist Church. Circles continued, and circles each paid an apportionment of the total budget of the WSCS. Projects were used to meet the remainder of the budget. In 1965 the serving of Rotary dinners was begun as a temporary project but later became a permanent way of raising funds for each circle and the General Society.

In 1973, the women's organization became known as the United Methodist Women with Mrs. Lou Sacha as president.

Throughout the years of our Church, the women have been known as hard, tireless, dedicated workers. It seems that they were able to figure a way through most of the financial problems which they faced, and then they had the courage to follow through on the plans which they made. This spirit is still eminent in our women of the Church today. It is one of the things which has helped to carry on work of our Church; it is a necessary part of the program of the Delphi United Methodist Church. May our women continue in this pioneer spirit of caring and sharing in the tasks of our Church through their devotion and work and fellowship.

Mrs. Mary E. Campbell
President of United Methodist Women
Delphi, Indiana

November 5, 1976

(Researching has pointed out the need of keeping records in a central place and of the need to keep records diligently and accurately using names and dates necessary to tell the situation for future researchers.)

(Source of information about loan came from the late 50's when it was stated that money was borrowed from the Preacher's Aid Society at 3% interest.)

1965-1973 David Abel, Pastor — Improvement Program

During the term of Rev. David Abel a very ambitious improvement program was undertaken costing close to \$90,000 plus. These improvements included:

New Roof on the auditorium, guttering, and repairs on the educational building insulating the attics of both buildings.

Complete new heating system designed to convert to air conditioning when possible, rewiring auditorium public address system reengineered to cover all buildings, new wooden arch in the auditorium, new chancel area and choir loft, new double doors between auditorium and educational area, new steel support for auditorium floor, new cloak room and organ pump room in basement, ceiling lowered in fellowship hall, and major plaster repairs in both buildings, pipe organ console moved to south side of auditorium. A control console, variable for the auditorium lighting, auditorium and chancel new carpet. All church furniture nave chancel and choir loft. Interior of church redecorated and exterior painted. New cross for steeple and over front entrance. The balcony carpeted and seats upholstered. Chapel completed and carpeted (Rev. Abel).

On October 13, 1968 a Consecration Service was held for all new improvements with Bishop Reuben Mueller and Supt. Wilbur M. Littrell participating.

Parsonage Remodeled — Rev. Donald Ashley, Pastor

The building adjoining the church on the south which was the minister's home before the new parsonage was built in 1960, was extensively remodeled in 1975 by Myers and Co. The building had been used as the office of the church secretary and the minister's office plus classrooms for the church school.

A new office for the minister which provided greater privacy for consultations and other private meetings, new restroom facilities, lowered ceiling, panelled walls and the downstairs carpeted. The carpet being provided by the Woman's Society. All of the furniture was also recovered with new material. The whole of the downstairs air-conditioned making it more attractive for class and board meetings.

The second floor area is to be redone in the near future and will be as attractive as the main floor.

The total cost was something less than \$4,000.00 and is completely paid for. The whole congregation should be forever grateful to the women of this Church for the generosity and dedication of their faith in the United Methodist Church throughout the entire 150 years.

In 1961, through their generosity, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Walker gave to the church a parcel of land for the purpose of building a new parsonage. This building site is located on the east end of Riley Road and consists of about four acres of ground. The building was constructed in that year and dedicated December 3, 1961. Rev. Robert Wilburn was the minister at that time. The cost of the new home was \$34,000.00.

Ministers of Delphi Methodist Church, 1826 to Present

1. Henry P. Buel	1826-1828 (once every 4 weeks)
2. Stephen R. Beggs	1828-1829
3. Eli P. Farmer	1829-1830
4. Hackaliah Vredenburg	1830-1832
5. Samuel C. Cooper	1832-1833
6. Enoch Wood	1833 (fall) 1834
7. Thomas Bartlett	1834-1835
8. Eli Rogers	1835-1836
9. Jared B. Mirshon	1836-1837
10. William Campbell	1837-1838
11. J. J. Cooper	1838-1839
12. A. Beach	Oct. 1839-1840
13 & 14 Jas. White & Samuel Reed	1840-1841
15 & 16 Wm. Fraley & James Newland	1841-1842
17 & 18 J. Chipman & J. Casad	1842-1843
19. Allen Skillman	1844-1845
20. Jacob Casad	1846-1847
21. Jacob Colclaser	1847-1848
22. J. W. Paritt	1848-1849
23. H. B. Beers	1850-1850
24. Thomas Bartlett	1851-1852
25. William Graham	1852-1853
26. William Wilson	1853-1854
27. Phylander Wiley	1854-1855 (Annual Conf. held Aug. 28-Sept. 1, Bishop Ames presiding.)
28. Joseph Reed	1855-6-1857
29. N. L. Breatman	1857-8-1859
30. J. R. Eddy	1859-1860
31. W. P. Watkins	1860-1861
32. D. Holmes	1861-1862

33. James W. Greene	1862-3-1864 (Annual Conf. held in Delphi Sept.)
34. A. D. Cunningham	1864-1865 7-12. Bishop Baker presiding)
35. J. W. Joyce	1865-1866 (Afterward a Bishop)
36. W. O. Wyant	1866-1868 (while in special meeting died suddenly)
37. H. A. Gobin	1868-six mo.
38. Joseph Foxworthy	1868-1869
39. John L. Boyd	1869-1870
40. W. McK Darwood	1870-1872
41. Dr. Arron Wood	1872-1874
42. Thomas C. Stringer	1874-1876
43. J. C. Reed	1876-1877
44. Wm. H. Hickman	1877-1880
45. J. H. Claypool	1880-1883
46. Isaac Dale	1883-1884
47. Delos M. Wood	1884-1887 (trans. to Dodge City Kansas Sept.
48. W. P. McKinsey	1887-1889 1887)
49. John A. Maxwell	1889-1894
50. F. M. Pavey	1894-1896
51. James G. Campbell	1896-1899 (church remodeled & Parsonage built
52. Lewis S. Smith	1899-1904 [brick])
53. Aron W. Wood	1904-1909
54. Arthur H. Delong	1909-1913
55. Charles L. Harper	1913-1916
56. Robert O. Kimberlin	1916-1924
57. R. B. Kern	1924-1927 (church remodeled—Education add.)
58. Orville Paul Manker	1927-1931
59. Benjamin Rist	1931-1934
60. Wilbur V. Day	1934-1941
61. Roy A. Sturm	1941-1943
62. W. Merlin Schwein	1943-1948
63. Frank Briggs	1949-1954
64. Forrest Howell	1954-1957
65. Loren Campbell	1957-1959
66. Robert Wilburn	1959-1962
67. Len Garth	1962-1965
68. David Abel	1965-1973
69. Donald W. Ashley	1973—present pastor

Officiary

1976 Officers

Administrative Board

Chairperson	Dr. Larry H. Goodwin
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Charles Alex Smith
Lay Member to Annual Conference	Harold Goyer
Reserve Lay Member to Conference	Betty Beach
Lay Leader	Willi Wallmann
Church Treasurer	Audria Clements
Benevolence Treasurer-Financial Secretary	Alice Wagoner
Treasurer Building & Improvement	Dorothea Shaffer
Superintendent of Sunday School	Linda Draper

Membership Secretaries Louise Goodwin and Lou Sacha
Recording Secretary Ruth Rhine
Church Historian Homer Myers
Head Usher Carl Spear
Cradle Role Superintendent Carolyn Welborn
President United Methodist Women Mary Ellen Campbell

Trustees:

Arnold Abott	Jane Smith	Virginia Shindler
William Duff	Thomas Elston	Dean Burton
Homer Myers (Class 1976)	Joe Henderson (Class 1977)	Charles A. Wood (Class 1978)

Researched and compiled by Charles A. Wood, 1976



REV. RUSSELL B. KERN
Pastor 1924-1927



REV. O. P. MANKER
Pastor 1927-1931



REV. BENJAMIN RIST
Pastor 1931-1934



REV. WILBUR V. DAY
Pastor 1934-1941



REV. ROY A. STURM
Pastor 1941-1943



REV. W. MERLIN SCHWEIN
Pastor 1943-1948

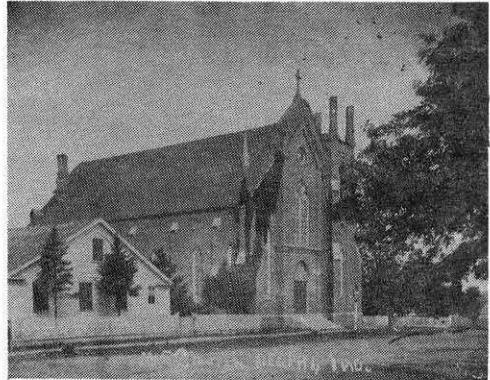


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Minister

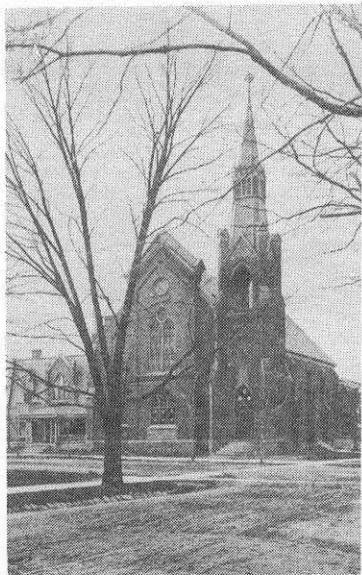
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THE FIRST CHURCH BUILDING AND PARSONAGE
COMPLETED IN 1840



THE SECOND CHURCH BUILDING DEDICATED IN 1870



THE THIRD CHURCH BUILDING DEDICATED IN 1898



A Front View of the Present Church Building and
Dedicated in 1927

THE
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NEWS,
OF THE
Delphi M. E. Church.

JANUARY, 9, 1898.

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Rev. Isaac Dale, Presiding Elder.
Rev. James G. Campbell, Pastor.

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DELPHI METHODISM.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The Pioneer Church--Itinerating and its Results--The Introduction of Methodism in Carroll County--Organization of the First Church and its Membership--Its Subsequent Progress--Meetings in the Log School House--Lot Donated for Church Edifice--First Church House--Review of the Work Accomplished--The Laborers.

It appears to have been the province of this branch of the Christian church to do pioneer work, since it has usually been found to be the first to introduce itself into and exert a vitalizing influence among the pioneer settlers everywhere, especially in the Great West. If we scan closely the history of primitive settlements in this county it will be found, as a rule, that laborers in the home missionary department of this church have been the first, at least, to proclaim the Gospel tidings in the homes of those who, for the time, by reason of their isolation from civilized society, had been deprived of the benefit of such spiritual ministrations. In the early settlements made along the margin of Deer Creek, in the valley of the Wabash, the experiences have not been dissimilar. The principal early settlements in Carroll county were made during the year 1825, and a considerable portion of those settlers have been nurtured in the doctrines and faith of the Methodist Church, or were especially friendly to its teachings. Hence it is no more than just to say that, notwithstanding the Presbyterian Church had the first representatives in the settlement, the Methodists, by the peculiar adaptedness of their methods in disseminating the doctrines of their church among the people, were naturally expected to take precedence in organizing its members into classes preparatory to the ultimate purpose of forming a society or church. That such were the facts touching the religious experiences here there is, perhaps, little question.

From the best information at hand, it is safe to state that, as early as the fall and winter of 1825-26—certainly not beyond the spring and summer of the latter year—the adherents to the faith were visited and their spiritual wants administer-

ed unto by the Rev. Hackaliah Vredenburg, an itinerating minister, who, about that period, traversed, it is said, all the settlements along the Wabash from its mouth upward to this territory, and beyond, by his presence and example instilling new life into the dormant energies of the scattered members of this church. Soon after the "Crawfordsville Mission" had been established, ministers were sent out among the new settlements to seek out and collect into classes all in those localities holding relationship to the church, for the purpose, at stated periods, of delivering unto them the messages of peace, and of eventually establishing churches in their midst. Henry P. Buell, one of those early missionaries thus sent out, came and preached in the settlement, and, having interested a sufficient number in the work to justify an organization, in the month of November, 1826, he organized a society composed of the following members: John Carey, and Ruth Carey, his wife; Sarah Odell, Sr.; John Odell and Sarah Odell, his wife; Thomas Stirlen and Frances Stirlen, his wife; Elizabeth Angell, widow of Benjamin D. Angell, deceased; and Rebecca Bishop. To this society Mr. Buell preached at stated times, about once in four weeks, during the succeeding two years. In 1828, he was succeeded by Rev. Stephen R. Beggs, acting under the Crawfordsville Mission, like his predecessor. The following year, a circuit was formed embracing Carroll County, to which Eli P. Farmer was appointed. Having travelled the circuit for one year, Mr. Farmer was succeeded by Rev. Vredenburg, of whom mention has already been made as probably the first "itinerant" in this vicinity. He supplied this society throughout the years 1830, 1831, and 1832 very acceptably, and subsequently, it is said, became a resident citizen of this county. He built a cabin on Sugar Creek in which to live, but did not remain long, but moved to another field of labor, resuming ministerial work, which he had temporarily suspended. His life-work was in the vineyard of his Master, and he continued in the service until, by age and physical infirmity, he was compelled to desist, when, soon

after, he passed to his reward.

The Upper Wabash Mission, as laid off by the annual conference in 1832, extended from Wild

Resolved, That we will use our best endeavors to prevent the use of ardent spirits in our families and neighborhoods.

Cat Creek up the Wabash River to the mouth of the Salamonie; north to the Pottawatomie Mills—Rochester—embracing in its circuit all the intervening settlements. To this mission Rev. Samuel C. Cooper was assigned, and, on the 22nd of December of that year, the first quarterly conference was held, at the Gillam Meeting-house, in this county, at which there were present: Samuel C. Cooper, Missionary; Thomas Gillam, Elder; Thomas Stirlen and Thomas Stoops, Leaders. James Armstrong, Superintendent of the Missionary District, was not present. At this conference, in answer to the question, "What has been collected for the support of the missionary?" John Odell's class reported \$3.00, and Mr. Gillam's class, \$2.62 $\frac{1}{2}$, making a total of \$5.62 $\frac{1}{2}$ for that purpose. Five stewards were appointed at the same time, consisting of William M. Reyburn, of Miamiport, (Peru), Henry Stair, Thomas Stirlen, Thomas Gillam, and John Rohrbaugh. Thomas Stirlen was also elected Recording Steward. Mr. Cooper, the missionary, was a man of great energy and of untiring industry, and he continued his work in this field until the last quarterly meeting, which was a camp-meeting, held at John Odell's camp-ground, on the 7th of September, 1833. The number of official members in the mission was stated to be seventeen, of whom ten were present.

In the fall of 1833, the Upper Wabash Mission was subdivided by setting off the settlements in Carroll and a portion of those in Tippecanoe County as a separate circuit, which was named Carroll Circuit. In this jurisdiction, Rev. Enoch Wood was appointed circuit preacher, and James Armstrong, Presiding Elder. The first quarterly conference in the new circuit thus formed was held on the 7th of December, 1833, at Gillam's Meeting-house. The second of these conference meetings held in the circuit was on the 15th of February, 1834, at John Odell's School house. At this meeting, Thomas Stirlen submitted for the consideration and action of the conference the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this conference resolve itself into a Temperance Society, on the principle of total abstinence.

Resolved, That we will not buy, sell, or use ardent spirits, except in case of real necessity.

All the members who voted on that occasion—Enoch Wood, R. H. Hanna, Thomas Gillam, John Briggs, Benjamin Underwood, John Carey, John W. Gillam, Charles Smith, Thomas Stirlen, and Henry Stair—cast their votes in favor of the resolutions and they were declared passed. At the next meeting of the conference, these resolutions were placed in the hands of the preacher in charge, with the request that he use his best endeavors to have them adopted in each of the classes composing his circuit. They were accordingly submitted, but met with some opposition, chiefly on the ground that, by voting in favor of the resolutions, the opposers would sign away their individual liberty and their right to act class, without restraint would be greatly impaired. The purpose, however, and the sentiments have ever since found recognition in the regulations of the church in this county.

The next year, Rev. Enoch Wood was succeeded in this field by Rev. Thomas Bartlett, and J. L. Thompson, was made Presiding Elder. In 1835, Bartlett was succeeded by Rev. Eli Rogers, as circuit preacher, the Presiding Elder continuing without change.

At the annual conference in 1836, the name of the circuit was changed from Carroll to Delphi and Jared B. Mirshon appointed preacher in charge, no change being made in the Presiding Elder. Mr. Mirshon was re-appointed in 1837, and Rev. Allen Wiley made Presiding Elder. In consequence of the sickness of Mr. Mirshon during the last three quarters of the year, the place was supplied by Rev. William Campbell. During the course of this year, the first steps were taken towards the building of a house of worship in Delphi. A committee was appointed, with instructions to secure a lot upon which to erect the contemplated building. In due time, the committee reported that a lot had been secured for the purpose, subject to the condition "that the Methodist Episcopal Church shall build a house of worship in Delphi within eighteen months from date," which was accepted by the conference.

Pursuant to that arrangement, the lot was secured, a contract made with William Hughes, and a part of the lumber was delivered on the ground, when all the subscription and other papers connected with the construction of the

building were burned with Mr. Brandon's house. Subsequently, the contract with William Hughes was canceled, when James Marsh and Thomas Smith undertook the job of building and inclosing the structure. The efforts of the society were greatly retarded by the loss of the papers and subscriptions, but, moving with all the facility at command, earnestly and trustfully, the house was finally so far completed as to be tenable, in the year 1840, the Baptist friends in the meantime, having given them the use of their house during two or three quarterly meetings. The other meetings were held in the old school house.

was afterwards known as the Delphi Circuit, with Allen Skillman as circuit preacher, and Samuel C. Cooper, as Presiding Elder. Mr. Cooper held the position of Presidiug Elder in 1845-46, while Rufus J. Blowers was in charge of the circuit. In 1846-47, Jacob Casad was the circuit preacher, and J. M. Stallard, Presiding Elder. In the next session, Jacob Colclaser was circuit preacher, the Presiding Elder continuing as in the year preceding. Mr. Stallard remained in the same position the following year, 1848-49, while J. W. Partitt was in charge of Delphi Circuit. In 1849-50 Delphi and Pittsburg were organized as a separate charge.

When the church first began to be used as a place of meeting, there were no seats in it, and the congregation had to use stake benches to sit upon until better could be procured. The difficulty was finally overcome, but, at the completion of the building, the society found itself involved in a debt of considerable magnitude, which, feeling it self unable to pay at once, a subscription paper was drawn up as follows: "We, the undersigned, agree to pay the several sums by us subscribed, annually, for the purpose of liquidating the debt against the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Delphi." By this process, in the course of time, the debt was paid, and the society thus relieved of its burden.

In October, 1838, Rev. J. J. Cooper was appointed circuit preacher, and George M. Beswick, Presiding Elder. Rev. A. Beach became circuit preacher in October, 1839. Mr. Beswick continuing to be Presiding Elder during that and the year succeeding, when Revs. Joseph White and Samuel Reed were the preachers. In 1841, however, Rev. C. M. Holliday took the place of Mr. Beswick, while Revs. William M. Fraley and James Newland were the preachers. Revs. D. Chipman and J. Casad were placed upon the circuit in October, 1842, with Mr. Holliday as Presiding Elder.

At the session in October, 1843, Delphi Circuit was organized, with Delphi Station. F. Taylor was appointed to Delphi Circuit, and A. Wood made Presiding Elder, Rev. C. Swank being placed over the societies at Delphi and at Odell's. Henry B. Milroy was elected Recording Steward at the first quarterly meeting held in January 1st, 1844. Mr. Swank, of this station, at the end of the third quarter.

A change was made in Delphi Station, by uniting it with Delphi Circuit, in 1844-45, and it called Lafayette. For two years more (1879-1880)

Several years since, the old church edifice was removed; and a magnificent structure of brick, modernized in all its appointments, now occupies its place. It is finely situated and every way creditable to its projectors. Its dimentions are such that it affords ample accommodations and seating room for the numerous congregations assembling there for public worship. Long ago Delphi was made a station, and has since enjoyed the pastoral services of many very excellent preachers, among whom we mention the name of Prof. Philander B. Wiley, Dr. J. C. Reed; John Eddy, N. L. Brakeman and others. The present Pastor is Rev. J. G. Campbell. An excellent Sunday school is under his charge, also.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF DELPHI METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH FROM 1852 TO 1897.

REV. JOHN A. MAXWELL, A. M.

THE year before the organization of the Northwest Indiana Conference, Delphi and Pittsburg were in the Logansport District with J. H. Bruce, Presiding Elder and Thomas Bartlett, pastor.

For a period of thirteen years (1852-1864) Delphi and Pittsburg were united as one charge.

For two years (1852-53) there was a Delphi District.

For four years following (1854-58) Delphi charge was in the Lafayette District. Then for seven years (1859-1865) there was a Delphi District again. For the eleven years following (1866 to 1876) Delphi was again in East Lafayette District. For two years (1877-78) the District was called Lafayette. For two years more (1879-1880)

Delphi was in Frankfort District. Then for the improvement was made to the church. The work year 1881 it was again the Lafayette District. of the present pastor, his official coadjutors and For eight years (1882-89) Delphi was again in the aid of all the members and friends have made Frankfort District. From that time to the present possible what is here seen in completion.

(1890-97) Delphi has been in South Bend District. The smallest salary reported was in 1852, the

PRESIDING ELDERS: Joseph Marsee, 2 years; amount being \$200. The yearly average salary Benjamin Winans, 4 years; John L. Smith, 1 year; for the first ten years (1852-61) was 410. For the Richard Hargrave, 1 year; C. S. Burgner, 4 years; next ten years (1862-71) it was \$728. And for the James Johnson, 1 year; Samuel Godfrey, 4 years: next ten years (1872-81) it was \$805. For the I. W. Joyce, 4 years; A. A. Gee, 6 years; Samuel first thirty years the charge paid about \$75 per Beck, 2 years; J. H. Cissel, 1 year; Thomas Mere- dith, 4 years; J. A. Clearwaters, 5 years; H. N. Ogden, 6 years.

PASTORS: William Graham, 1; Wm. Wilson, 1; Philander Wiley, 1; J. C. Reed, 2; N. L. Brake- man, 2; J. R. Eddy, 1; W. P. Watkins, 1; D. Holmes, 1; J. W. Green, 2; A. D. Cunningham, 1; I. W. Joyce, 1; W. O. Wyant, 1½; H. A. Gobin, 6 other benevolences \$460. mos.; Joseph Foxworthy, 1; John L. Boyd, 1; Wm. McK. Darwood, 2; Aaron Wood, 2; T. C. Stringer, 2; J. C. Reed, 1; W. H. Hickman, 3; H. Claypool, 3; Isaac Dale, 1; D. M. Wood, 3; P. McKinsey, 2; J. A. Maxwell, 5; F. M. Pavey, 2; J. G. Campbell, 2.

In 1855 and 1864 Delphi entertained the Annual Conference. Bishop E. R. Ames was President and Prof. B. H. Nadal was the Secretary. The Conference session opened Tuesday morning August 28, and closed Saturday afternoon, Sept. 1, 1855. There were so many sick with "Wabash shakes" that they were in a hurry to get through.

The church, through a period of about thirty years had an average membership of 125 or 130. The smallest number reported was in 1875. the minutes showing but 64. The largest membership reported in this thirty years, was in 1864, being 178.

Bro. L. B. Sims remembers well the sickly looks of many of the preachers full of malaria. Large numbers came on horseback.

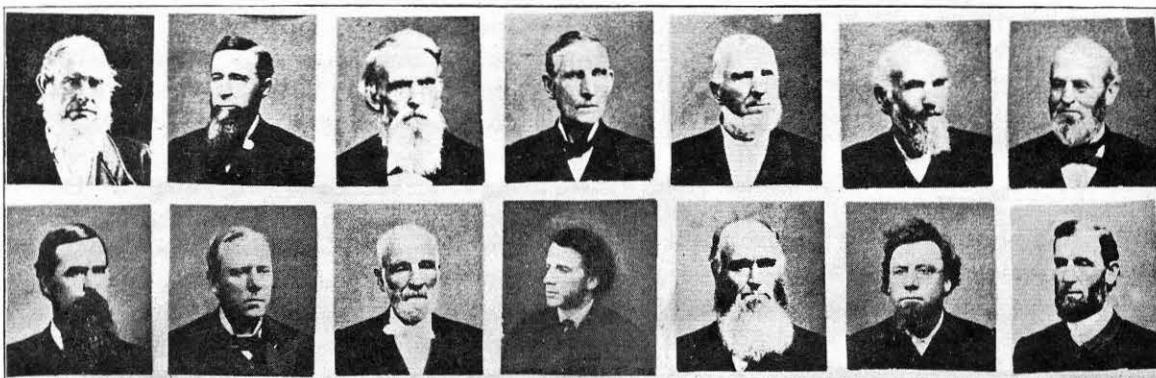
The Delphi Journal had two references to this session. In its issue of Wednesday, August 29, the editor said: "The Methodist Episcopal Conference commenced its session at this place yesterday morning. There are over one hundred ministers in attendance." In its issue of September 5, there appeared the following: "The Methodist Conference concluded its labor on Saturday amidst of a great revival, about the middle of his second year, he sickened and died suddenly. their homes, well satisfied with the result of this There was a great harvest of souls. H. A. Gobin meeting. The list of the appointments will be then a student of old Asbury University, now the found in another column. We did intend publishing honored President of DePauw, took up the work ing the resolutions upon the slavery question, but until the end of the conference year. This great were disappointed in getting them. They will be published at some future date."

The Weekly Times had this to say about the Conference in its session of Wednesday, August 29, 1855; J. R. Haisley, editor.:

P. Dugan to give \$5000, the enterprise went on and was completed the following year by J. L. Boyd. Drs. E. O. Haven, of North Western University and Dr. Thomas L. Bowman, of Asbury University conducted the dedicatory services. Under the pastorate of D. M. Wood quite an

"The Conference of the M. E. Church of Northern Indiana met in the Methodist Church of this place yesterday, Bishop Ames presiding. There is a large number in attendance. The only business of note transacted yesterday—more than the ordinary routine of that body—was the

FORMER PASTORS AND PRESIDING ELDERS.



R. Hargrave. J. L. Boyd. J. C. Reed. J. Johnson. C. Burgner. W. Graham. J. W. Green.
J. H. Claypool. J. H. Cissel. A. Wood. W. O. Wyant. A. A. Gee. T. Meredith. J. Clearwaters.

appointment of a committee to make a report on diers now in hospitals. The Committee on the the "slavery question." We believe that this is State of the Country made a report teeming with the first time this body has ever entertained a sentiments of loyalty. proposition to appoint a committee to report on this fearful and exciting question."

I think but ten members of that Conference of 1855 are now living and yet members of our Conference. They are the following; C. B. Mock, admitted that year now stationed at Colfax; C. A. Brooke, continued on trial at that time, now presiding elder of Lafayette District, the remaing eight are now all in the superannuated relation, viz: G. W. Stafford, J. L. Smith, Moses Wood, C. B. Heath, J. F. McDaniel, Samuel Godfrey, Francis Cox, and T. C. Webb. In forty years it is almost an entirely new body of men.

Again in 1864 the Conference held its session in Delphi. Bishop Osmon C. Baker presided and Wm. Graham was secretary. In the morning session of the first day, A. A. Gee introduced a resolution requesting the trustees of the church to procure and float the national flag from the church during the session. It was a decidedly patriotic session. One of the aged superannuated ministers, who went armed and declared his purpose to slay non union men who threatened him was advised to be cautious in his words and acts. Resolutions were introduced taking note of the President's proclamation of Thanksgiving over the victories of Generals Sherman and Grant and Commodore Farragut. Dr. Godfrey introduced resolutions commending the Sanitary Bazaar, to be introduced at the state fair, in the interests of 15,000 Indiana sick and wounded sol-

Some of the older citizens may yet remember a war meeting held in the Court House yard, in which members of the Conference took part, and where John W. T. McMullen electrified the masses with his burning and glowing words of patriotism.



MR. J. P. DUGAN.

The heart of Methodism has ever been right on the great living questions that enlist the thought of humanity.

With the present splendid equipment, an elegant home for the pastor, and all adjuncts for church work, a glorious future is certainly the inheritance of Delphi Methodist Episcopal Church.

History of the Present Movement.

WILLIAM C. SMITH.

FOR several years past the membership of our Church have agitated the question of building a new parsonage, and remodeling the Church. Some of the members were in favor of the one, and opposed to the other. Some insisted that a new parsonage was needed more than a remodeled Church, and were not in favor of doing anything with the Church until a new parsonage was built, while others maintained that the parsonage would do, and that the Church must be fixed first.

In the meantime, the old parsonage was becoming more frail, and its fame more extended, until it was known to every Preacher in the Conference as the most delapidated barn of a house, known to Methodism. The holes in the Church roof

When the plans were presented for approval, the old objection was raised, that a new parsonage should be built first. As the Board could not see their way clear to make both improvements, and the plans for the church not being entirely satisfactory, the entire matter was dropped.

When Dr. J. G. Campbell came to Delphi in the fall of 1896, he immediately began to plan for the improvement of both Church and parsonage, and in the month of March, 1897, he presented to the Board of Trustees a plan of the Church and parsonage improvements just completed, which plan has been carried out with the exception of a few slight changes. The Board were so impressed with the practicability and the completeness of the plans, which wiped out all former objections made, because the plans contemplated both the improvement of the Church and the building of a new parsonage, at a moderate cost, that a Building Committee, consisting of M. M. Murphy, A. W. Wolever, John K. Kerlin, Joseph P. Ives and William C. Smith were appointed by the Quarterly Conference, which met on the 15th day of March 1897, who were directed to procure the services of an Architect, to whom said plans were to be submitted, so as to ascertain their practicability.

Said committee organized by electing William C. Smith as Chairman, and M. M. Murphy as Treasurer, and submitted said plans to Frank H. Wolever, an architect of Lafayette, Indiana, who promptly reported that the plans were admirable and practicable. Whereupon said architect was instructed to prepare detailed plans, showing elevations, floor plans, etc., which plans, when submitted to a meeting of the members held at the church, and were afterward submitted to a full meeting of the Board of Trustees and Stewards, at the office of Smith & Julien, on the evening of April 15.

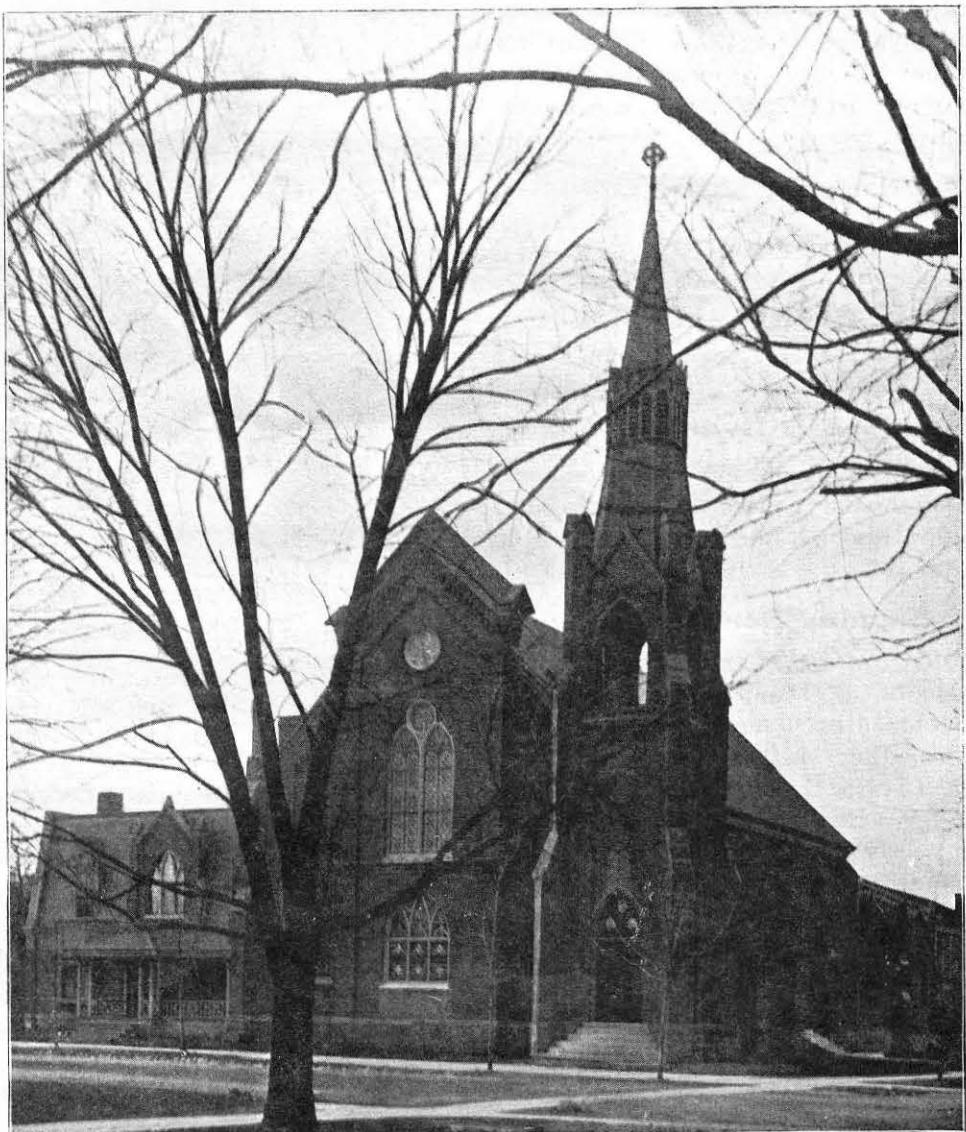


THE FORMER CHURCH BUILDINGS.

were getting larger, the walls more dingy, in fine 1897. decay and destruction presents itself on every hand, so it became evident to the Board of Trustees that something must be done, to lift the Church out of the mire of delapidated Church buildings, with the lethargy that always accompanies such a state of affairs, and in the spring of 1895, an Architect was employed to prepare plans for remodeling the Church.

At said meeting the plans were thoroughly discussed, and were approved, and it was decided to make the improvement, and said Building Committee were directed to proceed with the completion of the work according to the plans.

The Building Committee at once took the work in hand, and first proceeded to the work of taking subscriptions. Notwithstanding the



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stringency of the times, their efforts were met with gratifying success. The members of the church and citizens responded liberally, and granted every encouragement to the movement.

On about the 1st day of May, 1897, it was decided to proceed with the work, and to the completion of the work the Building Committe have faithfully labored, and through many discouragements and annoyances, they have brought forth our present magnificent improvement, which will be a source of confort to our members, a credit to our city, and will redound to the glory of God.

PROGRAM FOR Dedication Week.

Saturday Evening.

- 7:30. **Meeting** of all officers and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the Lecture Room. Addressed by Dr. David H. Moore.

Sunday Services.

- 10:30. **Dedication Services.** Sermon by Rev. D. Moore, D. D., of Cincinnati. Dr. H. A. Gobin, President of DePauw University, assisting in the Dedicatory Service. Prof. George L. Bruce, of Lafayette, will preside at the new pipe organ. The organ will begin playing at 10:15 and continue till the opening of the service.

- 7:00. **Evening Service.** Sermon by President H. A. Gobin, D. D., of DePauw University.

Monday Evening.

- 7:30. **Public Reception.** Brief exercises in Auditorium, consisting of music and five minute speeches by visiting ministers and by local pastors, followed by reception in the parlors.

Tuesday Evening.

- 7:30. **Grand Organ Concert,** by Prof. Charles F. Hansen, the celebrated blind organist of Indianapolis, assisted by other foreign talent. The pipe organ was built by the celebrated organ firm of A. B. Felgemak-



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er, Erie, Pa., and is a superior instrument. Admission 25 cents.

Wednesday Evening.

- 7:30. **Popular Lecture,** by Rev. C. B. Wilcox, D. D., Pastor of Trinity Church, Lafayette. Free admission.

Thursday Evening.

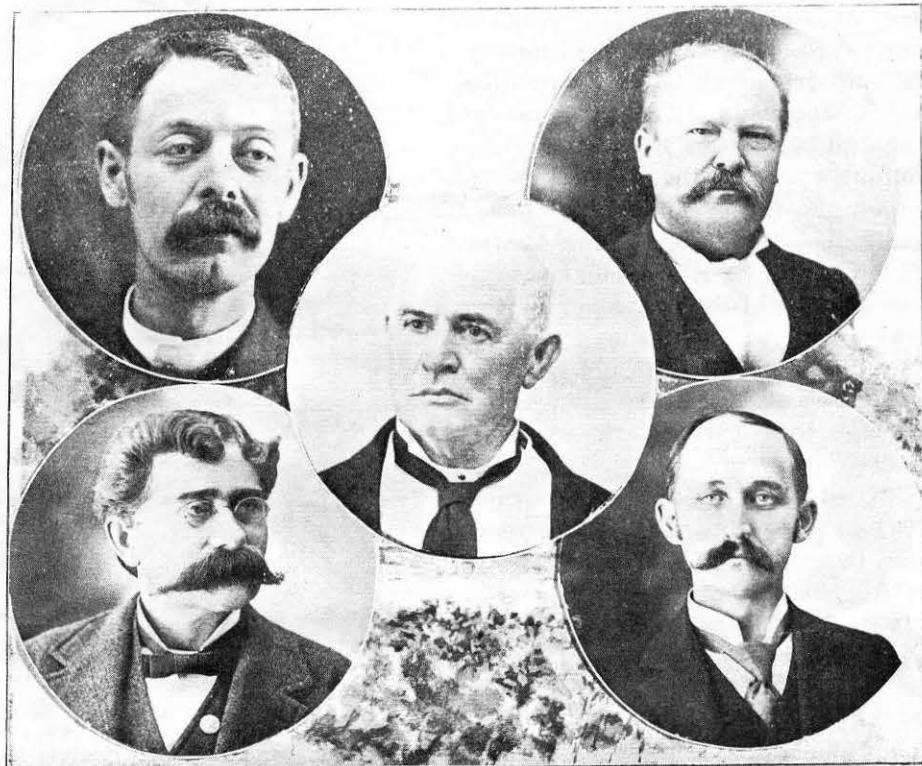
- 7:30. **Home Talent Concert.** Vocal and Instrumental music, solos, trios, quartetts, and choral singing. Admission 25 cents. Children 15 cents.

Friday Evening.

- 7:30. **Pentecostal Meeting.** Sermon by Rev. J. H. Hollingsworth of Frankfort. Gospel singing a specialty.

Sunday, Jan. 16th.

Special Services in the new Church opened with sacramental service. New music. The public cordially invited.



M. M. Murphy.

L. N. Lindstrom.

A. W. Wolever.

L. B. Sims.

W. C. Smith.

THE TRUSTEES.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Delphi

M. E. Church.

MRS. W. S. ALMOND.

A Bit of History.

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church, Delphi, was organized Sept. 23rd, 1879. The purpose of the organization is given in the minutes of the first meeting from which we shall quote verbatim: "At three P. M., Sept. 23rd, '79, the ladies of Trinity M. E. church, Delphi, Ind., met to organize for the purpose of helping to liquidate the long standing and very embarrassing debt which is in the following shape: One account held by Mr. Speece for \$650.00, one by Mr. L. B. Sims for \$700.00, one by Mr. John Shaffer for \$738.00." The meeting was called to order by the pastor, W. H. Hickman. After some discussion of various phases of church work, the organization was completed by the election of the following officers: President, Mrs. L. B. Sims; Vice-Presidents, Mrs.

J. R. Blanchard, Mrs. M. Barnes, Mrs. J. B. Cartwright, Mrs. S. A. Shultz; Treasurer, Mrs. Jas. Speer; Secretary, Mrs. W. H. Hickman.

At this meeting the Pastor presented cards containing a pledge to pay so much per week, according to the persons ability, until the church debt was paid. It was decided to solicit for 100 signers of this pledge, that would average five cents a week. The membership of the church being apportioned among the following collectors:

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| 1. Mrs. E. Cox, | 2. Mrs. M. M. Murphy, |
| 3. Mrs. Wm. Young, | 4. Mrs. Osborn, |
| 5. Mrs. Dimmick, | 6. Mrs. Holt, |
| 7. Mrs. Blanchard, | 8. Mrs. T. J. Steel, |
| 9. Miss Grace Sims. | |

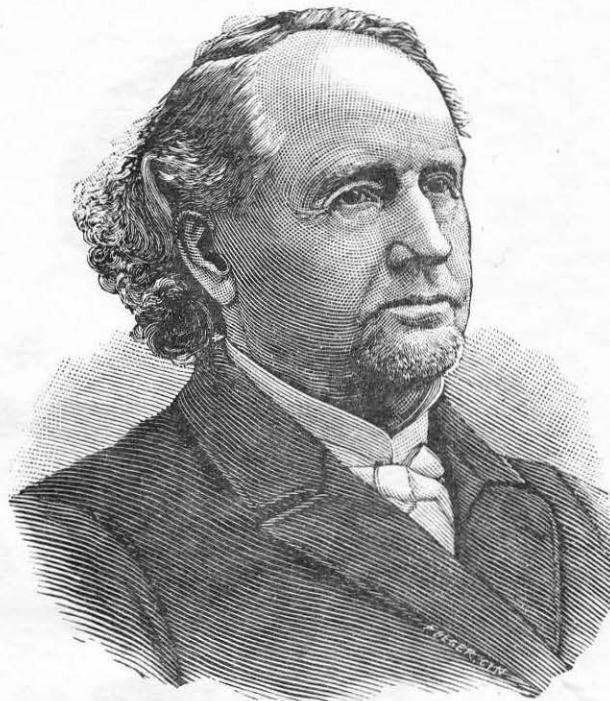
Whose duty it was to collect them each week. The amount reported by the collectors from Sept. '79 to Aug. '80 was \$292.42. We find no records of the doings of the society for the years '81, '82 and '83, so we pass these by in silence. During the winter months of the year 1884 the church was closed for repairs. Such repairs call for

funds and upon the Aid Society was laid the heaviest burden of fund gathering. Various means were resorted to for the securing of money. Strawberry festivals, jug breakings, taffy pullings and church dinners were held. The total sum obtained for the church being \$334.46.

From the minutes kept by the Sec. of the society in '85 we quote the following: "The ladies of the church were called together by the Pastor, Feb. 16th, 1885. The Ladies Aid Society was reorganized by the election of the following officers: President, Mrs. D. M. Wood; Vice President, Mrs. Jeanette Holt; Treasurer, Mrs. M. M. Murphy; Secretary, Mrs. F. M. Hamsher. The above named officers were to constitute the executive Board of the Society."

Mrs. D. M. Wood was President of the society for the years '85 and '86. Mrs. Little being elected President for the year 1887. During these three years the Aid Society was very successful in all its undertakings. The year 1887 will long be remembered by the ladies of the Aid Society as being the one in which the herculean task of making 283 yds. of rag carpet was accomplished. The rags were cut and sewed by the women of the society and the number of prayers for the welfare of the Methodist church in Delphi that were woven in with each stitch, only the Recording Angel will ever know. The summary of the funds raised by the Society for the years '85 '86 and '87 shows a total of \$538.74. For the years of 1888 and 1889, Mrs. Allison was President of the Aid Society and Mrs. M. M. Murphy, Vice President. On the 11th of Aug. 1888 was given the first Old Settler's Dinner. This first venture netted for the society \$33.70. The second dinner given on Old Settler's Day was a far greater success financially—proceeds being \$51.70. Many other means of adding to the exchequer of the church were resorted to during these years, all of which were quite successful.

On Nov. 4th, 1889, Mrs. Alice Maxwell was elected President of the Aid Society. Mrs. Fortwangler, Vice President; Mrs. K. B. Genrich, Treasurer; and Mrs. M. M. Murphy Secretary. At this time the membership of the church was divided into what has since been known as the South, East and West Divisions. Each Division having its own President and Vice President. For a year socials reigned supreme.—Division Socials, Dollar Socials, and Domestic Socials. Mrs. Maxwell served as President of the Aid



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Society for four years, excepting from June to Nov. of 1892. During these years much good was accomplished by the Society. The funds secured were applied on minister's salary, on janitor's fees and coal bills. In the Autumn of '93 Mrs. Jos. Taylor was elected President of the Aid Society; Mrs. Ella Inglee, Vice President; Mrs. Levi Rothenberger, Treasurer; and Mrs. W. S. Almond, Secretary. At this time the three main divisions of the Society were sub divided into two or three entertaining committees, according to number of ladies in each division.

Socials were given by divisions, first, entertaining committee in each division having a social in turn, then 2nd entertaining committee serving, until each sub-division in each division had given at least one social: these semi-monthly socials were occasionally varied by a general social: such as a chicken-pie dinner at the home of some member living in the country, and picnic socials given during the summer months on the lawn of some other member having a country home. For these country socials the carriages of the ladies of the church were at the disposal of anyone desiring to attend.

In June of '94 a Cantata, entitled, The Flower Queen was given in the opera house under the



J. T. Ives, John K. Kirlen,
M. M. Murphy,
A. W. Wolever, W. C. Smith.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

auspices of the Aid Society and the net proceeds, which to work, they were filled with new zeal and sixty dollars, were deposited in the bank under went forth "Conquering and to conquer" all difficulties of the head of "special fund," becoming a nucleus around which other sums were gathered until the

original sum had multiplied five fold. In the early fall of '94 a committee of ladies from the church, a Carnival of the Nations was held in the Aid Society met with the official board, and after some little discussion as to what part of the finances of the church were to be managed by them, agreed to pay all the running expenses of the church, said expenses including all bills for fuel, lights and janitor. Since that agreement was made the Aid Society has had control of this part of the church work, has made and settled all bills further pledged the sum of five hundred dollars in a very satisfactory and business like manner.

The officers elected in '93 were re-elected for the year '94, and served the society with great efficiency. In Nov. '95, Mrs. W. S. Almond was

chosen President of the Aid Society, with Mrs. M. M. Murphy as Vice President; Mrs. I. H. Orr, Treasurer; and Miss Mollie Little, Secretary. The division socials were continued throughout this year. A self denial social was held in Feb. of '96. The amount given on this occasion was forty dollars, which sum was added to the special fund. One very pleasant evening was spent with Indiana Authors, the readings, recitations, and several songs being selections from our State Authors.

On the 1st Tuesday of Nov. '96, Mrs. Henry Johnson was chosen President of the Aid Society, with Mrs. Levi Rothenberger, Vice President; Mrs. I. H. Orr, Treasurer; and Miss Mollie Little, Secretary. The same officers, with the exception of Treasurer were re-elected for the year '97. Mrs. Orr, resigning, Mrs. Joseph Bridge was chosen to fill her place. The financial success of the Aid Society for the year '96 and '97 was, in a manner, phenomenal. The building of the new parsonage and the remodeling of the church giving the ladies something for

In the month of June, '97, after all the furniture and carpets had been removed from the empty building. The Carnival was held for two evenings, and was a social, artistic and financial success, one hundred dollars being cleared to be added to the "general fund." Besides meeting all the expenses of the carnival, the Aid Society gave three hundred dollars to the church enterprise during the past year, the three hundred including the one hundred dollars "special fund." The Society has further pledged the sum of five hundred dollars to be applied on the church, which sum is to be paid within the next two years.

Thus ends the history of the Ladies' Aid So-

ciety for the past eighteen years. Very few of those present at its organization are left to tell of the "pioneer days." Mrs. J. B. Cartwright, Mrs. Ella Inglee, Mrs. Jas. Ramey, Mrs. S. A. Shultz, Mrs. Wm. Young and Mrs. M. M. Murphy are among the few remaining who have been active participants in the Society during its entire history. Among those who were co-laborers with the above named in the "olden days" who have passed in through the gates to the City of Eternal Rest are, Mrs. J. R. Blanchard, Mrs. L. B. Sims, Mrs. Catherine Young, Mrs. Dugan, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Dummick, and Mrs. Tutwiler. These loved ones have left us but they are not forgotten.

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The Sunday School.

When the Sunday School of the Delphi Methodist Episcopal Church was organized is not shown either by the records of the school or the church. Indeed the records which we have, were kept in the early days, in an unsystematic and loose way. Therefore, in attempting to write a short review of the school, we are forced to recur to the memories of our older members for information which the records fail to give. Some fifty-five years ago Sunday School was held in the "old" church that is, the frame building which was on the lot where our church now stands. This edifice was the second one, we believe, which was used by congregation as a place of worship. At the time of which we speak, the school convened at two o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Geo. W. Pigman was superintendent, it was his custom to open the session with prayer, and also lead in the singing of "There is a happy land far, far away." This was the only hymn that the children ever sang. Just think, only one hymn! No songs of any kind. Not only was there a dearth of music, but the teaching was of a primitive character. It consisted in the reading of verses from the Bible by the scholars without any comments or explanation by the teacher in regard to the meaning of the words read. The children were also expected to memorize verses from the bible, and oft times a reward was offered for the pupil committing the largest number of verses. The surroundings, appointments, the music and methods of teaching seem very strange to us, yet the scholars of that day had an intimate acquaintance, and thorough knowledge of the Bible which we almost fear those of today do not possess. Out from these schools have come many of God's own saints at whose feet we have sat and learned the way of life eternal. At the time when Mr. Pigman was superintendent, among the teachers were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Young, Mrs. Jas. P. Dugan and many others whose names we are unable to learn. After Mr. Pigman, Mr. L. B. Sims had charge of the Sunday school, and after him Mr. M. Jakes, who was followed by Major Watts, who was for a number of years an efficient and active superintendent.

Mr. Murphy, the present superintendent, succeeded Major Watts, and under the leadership of both Major Watts and Mr. Murphy, the school has increased in size and efficiency.

The school is now held in the morning, con-

vening at fifteen minutes after nine o'clock. It was organized as a missionary society a number of years since, and the missionary spirit of both pupils and teachers is admirable and may be highly commended. Along the line of finance we feel that our school has been and is doing well. For the past eleven years the total collection was \$1360.70. Of this amount, \$317.90 was paid to missions. The expenses of the school were \$922.41 and \$104.87 was spent for books for the library. It will be readily seen that our collection averages \$2.40 a Sunday. At the present time our membership is something over 200, and we feel assured that in our new and pleasant quarters the school will still move forward to a greater sphere of usefulness. In the remodeling of the church the school has already paid a part on the new windows and re-glazing of the old ones, and stands pledged to pay the full amount.

The list of officers and teachers is as follows: Supt. M. M. Murphy; Ass't. Supt. W. S. Almond; Sec., Mary Lindstrom; Treasurer and Librarian, A. Wolever; Ass't. Librarian, LeRoy Kerlin; Teachers, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Rothenberger, Mrs. Kerlin, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Almond, Mrs. Arnot, Misses Cartwright, Susannah Cartwright, Sarah Armstrong, Edith Walker, Carrie Young, Mary Little, Stella Nace, Ida Booth, Dr. Campbell, Messrs. Almond, Orr, Rothenberger and Wilber. Teachers' meeting is held on Tuesday evening.

Some months ago an orchestra was organized by members of the school, so that the music which heretofore has been good, was made even more delightful. In the orchestra, Mr. Arthur Robinson plays the cornet; Mr. Orr, the flute; Miss Ida Booth presides at the organ; the three violinists are Mr. Richard Robinson, Misses Josephine Sims and Ada Smith.

No history of the school would be complete without special mention of Mr. A. W. Wolever, who has for so many years faithfully and patiently discharged the duties of librarian and treasurer, and who has, 'tis whispered, even acted as a messenger from Santa Claus.

The last meeting of the school in the old church room was on June 20, '97. From that date till Dec. 19, '97, the meetings were held in the court room.

Through many years now past, the school, under the able leadership of consecrated men, has moved forward and upward, now we feel assured,

with in our beautiful new home, with better facilities, with delightful surroundings, it will move forward to accomplishment of greater good and be the means of bringing many souls to Jesus..

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Mrs. Clarissa P. Tutwiler.

In the death of Mrs. Clarissa P. Tutwiler, this community has lost one who has spent almost sixty years in this county. Names and dates are not biography but they help us to measure time.

Mrs. Tutwiler's maiden name was Dewees. She was born in Guilliford county, North Carolina, January 1st, 1829. When four years of age her parents, Elijah and Elizabeth Dewees moved to Marion county, Indiana. In April, 1834, they removed to this county and settled at the mouth of Mitchel creek. Two years later her mother died, leaving seven children. The family was scattered. The father went to Arkansas where he died in 1846. Clarissa, the subject of this sketch, found a home with Dr. J. N. Ewing. Here she grew to young womanhood. On the 25th of March, 1847, she was united in marriage with John Tutwiler. Eight children were born of this union, three boys and five girls. One boy died in infancy. Her husband died Oct. 6th, 1860. For thirty-two years she has walked in widowhood. Three of her children survive her, viz; Mrs. Inglee, Mrs. Wolever and Mrs. John Kerlin.

Shortly after her marriage she united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. She was by nature timid and retiring in her disposition, but

grace had wrought such a perfect work in her heart that she was bold for Christ. As her pastor, I do not think it will detract from the faithfulness or usefulness of any member of the church to say that no one will be missed like Sister Tutwiler. If she was absent from the prayer-service, I always said to myself, Mrs. Tutwiler is either sick, absent from town, or attending some one that is sick or needy. Hers was a warm heart and a willing hand. For the first two years that I was her pastor she was seldom from any service. But during the past year she has been rapidly failing in health. Her last sickness has been long and severe. But one day before her death as I stood by her bedside and as I knelt in prayer, she prayed for her children and grandchildren, she quoted the scriptures and praised her Saviour. We shall greatly miss her. While we mourn, she rejoices. God has taken his own. She quietly fell asleep, Friday, Nov. 11th, 1892, at one o'clock A. M.

She was the kindest of neighbors, the most helpful of friends, a faithful wife, a devoted mother,—more and more will her children think of this—and withal an earnest christian.

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The Epworth League

SARAH ARMSTRONG.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Delphi, was just organized in 1884, by Rev. Isaac Dale, then pastor of the church, and who is at present our Presiding Elder. The name of this new society organized for the benefit of the young people of the church was not the Epworth League; but the Oxford League, one of the Five Societies, which were afterwards merged into one grand society,—the Epworth League.

This society was very weak in its infancy, but strengthened as it grew older until in 1890, during the first year of Rev. J. A. Maxwell's ministry, it was decided to change the name and constitution of our society. This change was

thought best because of a Convention held at Cleveland, Ohio, in May of the same year. There were met together, delegates for each of the five different young people's societies and after much discussion, it was thought best to unite the five into one society.

Then the struggle for a name began, each delegate from the five Societies thought the new Society should adopt their name, but it was finally decided in favor of the Oxford League, but before the end of the session, one man attempting, to say Oxford League and Epworth Hymnal by lapsus lingua said Epworth League and Oxford Hymnal. The change so delighted those present that they agreed, by unanimous vote, to call their new Society the Epworth League.

Coming back to our own League which we are slow about making any change, yet we are always sure if we think it for the best. So in Dec. 1890, the same year, the young people of the church, by request of the pastor, met in the Prayer Room, and after the work of the Epworth League was explained and the Constitution read, it was decided that we form a Society, with Rev. J. A. Maxwell, President. The Chapter was christened the Maxwell Chapter No. 4384.

The officers elected were as follows, viz:

Rev J. A. Maxwell,	President,
Miss E. E. Fisher,	Vice President;
Miss Anna Olds,	Secretary;
Miss Nellie VanGundy,	Treasurer

At a second business meeting of the Society, a department of Christian Work was organized with Mrs. W. C. Smith, as President. Also a department of Literary Work, with Miss Daisy Inglee, as Chairman.

After some time the entire Constitution was adopted by the chapter and a president elected to preside over the different departments of work. The department of Spiritual Work, department of Mercy and Help, Literary department, and Social Work. The officers of these various departments are elected every year.

At a business meeting held Wednesday evening, December 8th, 1897, the new officers for the ensuing year were elected. The list is as follows: President, Prof. W. S. Almond; Vice President, (department of Spiritual Work) Oliver Parker; Second Vice President, (department of Mercy and Help,) Miss Edith Walker; Third Vice President, (department of Literary Work,) Thomas B. Wilber; Fourth Vice President, (department of

Social work,) Mrs. James G. Campbell; Secretary, we had learned to love so much, and the memory Miss Pearl Roach; Treasurer, Leroy Kerlin; Organist, Miss May Lindstrom. All these officers are very competent to fulfill the offices to which they were elected, and with their various committees expect to accomplish a grand work in the coming year.

Improvements are already marked in our devotional meetings which are held every Sunday evening at 6 o'clock in the new chapel.

We hope that all young people will rally to the cause, so that soon we may make our League one of the best in the Northwest Indiana Conference. Come next Sunday evening and we will give you all a cordial welcome and a hand shake,

SARRAH ARNSTROM,

The Junior League

Delphi M. E. Church Jr. League, Maxwell Chapter, was organized during the administration of Rev. Maxwell in this place through his christian ambition and anxiety to promote and advance christian growth among our young people. Being our pastor he saw the necessity of it, so he left no stone unturned, began at the cradle and placed in our hands the Catechism.

He appointed Mrs. W. P. Thompson, Leader of this innocent little band. While he being overseer; Miss Ollie Maxwell, secretary; Miss Florence Wolever, organist; holding our meetings once a week, and so the good work went on. But they were not ever-green, they dropped for a season each year. Later at the close of Rev. Maxwell's pastorate here, his place was filled by Rev. F. M. Pavey who came to us also filled with the christian zeal and so devoted to the cause which he represented, accompanied by his good companion, full of the Holy Spirit, of which true industry is a part; they set to work gathering up the flock. Sister Pavey, leader; Mrs. Thompson assistant; Miss Ollie M., secretary; Miss Florence W., organist. The interest had been deepening and widening all the time, and by the aid of such a grand leader as Sister Pavey and the Junior's page in the Epworth Herald, we could truthfully sing, "Sweet is the work." For two short years the work was thus carried on. When again compelled, by the removal of our pastor to other fields of labor, to give up our leader which in this time

of them is sweet God is so good, his ever watch-

ful care is upon us, and we are encircled in his lov-

ing embrace.

While we were thus broken with sorrow beings expect to accomplish a grand work in the cause of the departure of our friends we leaned heavily on the Everlasting Arms, knowing he has a balm for every wound and will heal the broken pinion of those who would soar again. We were then restored by having Dr. Campbell sent to us, our present pastor, who also insisted upon and continuing the Jr. work. Although he has never met with us, we feel assured we have the most earnest prayers of himself and his sweet, christian spirited companion.

We Jrs. are looking forward to the time which we trust is not far away, when their hands will be loosed from other lines of duty, which are so necessary for them to be engaged in, when we may have the portion of time they are obliged to withhold from us with some regrets.

But we have grown older now and stronger in the cause. Some of us older ones are trying to help the smaller ones

We have Mrs. Thompson as overseer and we lead our own meetings, appointing a new leader for each Sabbath at 2:30. We select our songs from the Pentecostal Hymns. We have had some very precious meetings.

We hope some day to be a power in the advancement of the cause of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We have our different committees. We do lots of good work in our young ways, we have been the means of making many happy. We visit the sick, carry flowers, sit by the bed side of the afflicted and read to them from the Bible or Epworth Herald or from good books and papers. We also try to make each other happy. We are, at present, not holding meetings, but hope soon to take our places in our beautiful, new church where we hope to be an ever-green Jr. League. God grant we may.—One of the Jr. Band.

I. S. BADORF,

—Dealer in—

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My Recollections of Some People.

In the twenty-two years of our lives spent in this beautiful little Indiana city, many warm friendships have been formed and of some of those friends of bygone days I wish to write: especially of those who were once members of our own church family.

Among the first to extend a cordial greeting to us who were entire strangers in the place, was Mr. Dugan, and only those whose lot is for the first time cast among strangers, can appreciate such kindness. Mr. and Mrs. Dugan at that time had a lovely home, with every thing about them that could conduce to their happiness. They were liberal supporters of the church, and given to hospitality, as the writer of this little article can well attest, having spent many pleasant hours in their home.

Another familiar face one always seen in his pew at church was Mr. G. W. Pigman; a man of stately manners, yet kind, and affable to all; as I remember him he was always sunshiny and cheerful and was much missed in the church. Dr. and Mrs. Blanchard were loyal Methodists. Any thing Mrs. Blanchard possessed was always at the disposal of the church, while her husband was one of its most liberal supporters. Their daughter Mrs. Josephine Watts was for some time a member of the church choir, her voice although not strong was very sweet, and musical. She was also a teacher in Sunday school, very kind to the poor, and a true friend.

Robert Allen was one of the "fathers in Israel;" he with his good wife left Delphi, for a home in Kansas, where his death afterwards occurred. I remember him as always at the prayer meeting where he used to get almost shouting happy when relating his experience as a christian.

The kindly face of Mrs. Dimmick comes before me, as I used to see her, and hear her cheery words. She was one of those who "thinketh no evil," and was always ready to do what she could for the cause of Christ.

Mrs. Janet Holt was another active church worker, and although a frail looking woman could accomplish more work than many who looked stronger. I think of her always as a tireless little worker.

Mrs. Clarissa Tutwiler was a woman whom every one loved, and one who had a rich christian experience, a faithful member of the church she

loved, and always ready to help those in trouble.

Dear Mrs. Sims was another noble christian woman of loving memory, whose influence was wide-spread. The refurnishing of the church has recalled a remark Mrs. Sims made when the ladies were making the last carpet for the auditorium. Turning to one of the ladies, Mrs. Dimmick, I think, she said: "Mrs. Allison and Mrs. Murphy may live to see another new carpet on this floor, but you and I are not likely to." I wondered at her remark, but it proved prophetic.

Mrs. Catharine Young was one of the bright, cheerful members of the church, not with us now. At the church socials I knew I would spend a pleasant evening if I could be near Mrs. Young and Mrs. Lewis Sims. They were so jovial, and were rare good company. Mrs. Young always saw the humorous side of every thing, and was withal a good christian woman.

Mrs. Drusilla Watts, although one of the older, always took a lively interest in all things pertaining to the church, and was ready at all times to help in any good work.

One of our noble girls, one much missed in the Sunday school was Mrs. Katie Booth Sidenbender; of a sweet, lovable character, she was a favorite among all who knew her.

Daisy Inglee was another teacher in the Sunday school, who was sorely missed. Daisy was one who never shirked from a duty, and her work not strong was very sweet, and musical. She was always of the best. I think of her as one of the sweetest, truest girls I ever met.

A bright and loving friend was Mrs. Lelia Derbyshire, a christian woman whom none knew but to love her. Mrs. Jessie Cartwright Smith was another whose death caused sorrow to so many loving friends; having spent all her life in Delphi. She was widely known, and sadly missed.

Mr and Mrs. Henry Lytle, known to so many of us as "Grandpa and Grandma Lytle," were truly good old people, devoted to one another, loving, and kind to all.

I recall three old ladies, Mother Hare, Grandma Burser, and Mrs. McGlennen, all three loyal and true, ready to sacrifice, if need be, for their Master.

Elias Hiestand was a quiet man, yet one of the substantial members of the church during his years spent in Delphi.

Mrs. Roach is another whom memory brings before me as I write of those connected with the

church; a woman devoted to her home, yet always Seerist, and others whose names are not now recalled.

Among those faithful in their attendance at the prayer meeting was Mr. Elza Armstrong. He always seemed to enjoy the services, and was especially fond of the singing.

Emmett Eding was missed from our Sunday school, as he was a faithful attendant, and gave promise of a useful life. How much the churches need christian young men.

There comes before me the picture of a very old lady, who, as I remember her, always walked up the aisle of the church, leaning on the arm of her grandson, who is now a prominent physician in this place. The old lady was Mrs. Elizabeth Shultz.

Mrs. Margeret Allen Barnes was a woman of strong personality, liberal in giving, and with the exception of Mrs. Boller, was the only person, so far as the writer has knowledge, who has made any bequests to the church. Mrs. Barns left four hundred dollars to be used for the benefit of the church of which she, while living, was a member.

Mrs. Speece, although a member of a denomination not represented by any organization in Delphi, was always a willing and cheerful giver to the Methodist Episcopal church which she, with her husband attended whenever her health would permit.

Mr. Lewis B. Sims, I shall always remember as one of the kindest of men. During church festivals his request was to give to those too poor to buy, and he would pay the bill. For the church, as for those in need, his purse was always open. His place cannot easily be filled.

Mrs. Osborne, who spent some time in Delphi with her brother, Dr. Stewart, was a woman who always entered heartily into all branches of church work while with us, a woman of lovable, christian character.

Mrs. Hettie Jackson, I remember as a woman of gentle manners, with a voice so sweet and musical in conversation, that it was a pleasure to hear her speak.

Mrs. Ellen Genrich was a woman who loved her home and children but was never forgetful of her duties to the church.

There are a number of those who, during their lifetime were perhaps as efficient as those mentioned, but with whom the writer had no personal acquaintance. Among this number was Mr. Arnot, Mr. and Mrs. Sheets, Mr. Oscar Fee, Mr.

We as a church have loving remembrance of many still living, but who are workers in other fields of usefulness.

Mrs. Craft and daughter of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. James Speer, of St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gwinn of Chicago, who for so long a time were members of the church choir. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Watts of Prescott, Arizona, the Olds' family of Detroit, Dr. Hamsher's family of Lafayette, Dr. Eversole and wife of Logansport, Mr. and Mrs. Phineas Bennett of Monticello, Professor Hershman's family of New Albany, Mrs. Geo. Dewey, and Mr. and Mrs. Ridgley of Chicago, Mrs. Allen of Abilene, Kansas, Mrs.

Harry Douglas of Frankfort, Mrs. Judson Applegate and Mrs. Frank Kilgore of Tacoma, Mrs. Enoch Cox and Mrs. Elizabeth Cox of Fort Wayne, Mr. T. J. Steele and family of Frankfort, Mrs. Martha Fortwangler of Peoria, Mr. and Mrs. Culver of South Bend, Mrs. Libbie Dimmick Conkling of Columbus, Ohio, the Neuer and Allison families of Indianapolis, Mrs. John Eunis and Mr. Geo. Haines of Lafayette, Mrs. Belle Fisher Cowan of Missouri, Mrs. Harry Johnson of Lowell, Mrs. Mattie Adkinson of Kentucky, Mr. and Mrs. Hitt who for some time were members of the choir, Mrs. J. P. Allen and Mrs. H. C. Allen of Greencastle, Mrs. Dora Green of Spokane, Mrs. Anna Eding Lytle of Lafayette, and others.

Nor have we as a church forgotten the faithful pastors who have served the church during all these years, and the many happy hours, aye, and some hours of sorrow, too, spent with them and their families in the old parsonage.

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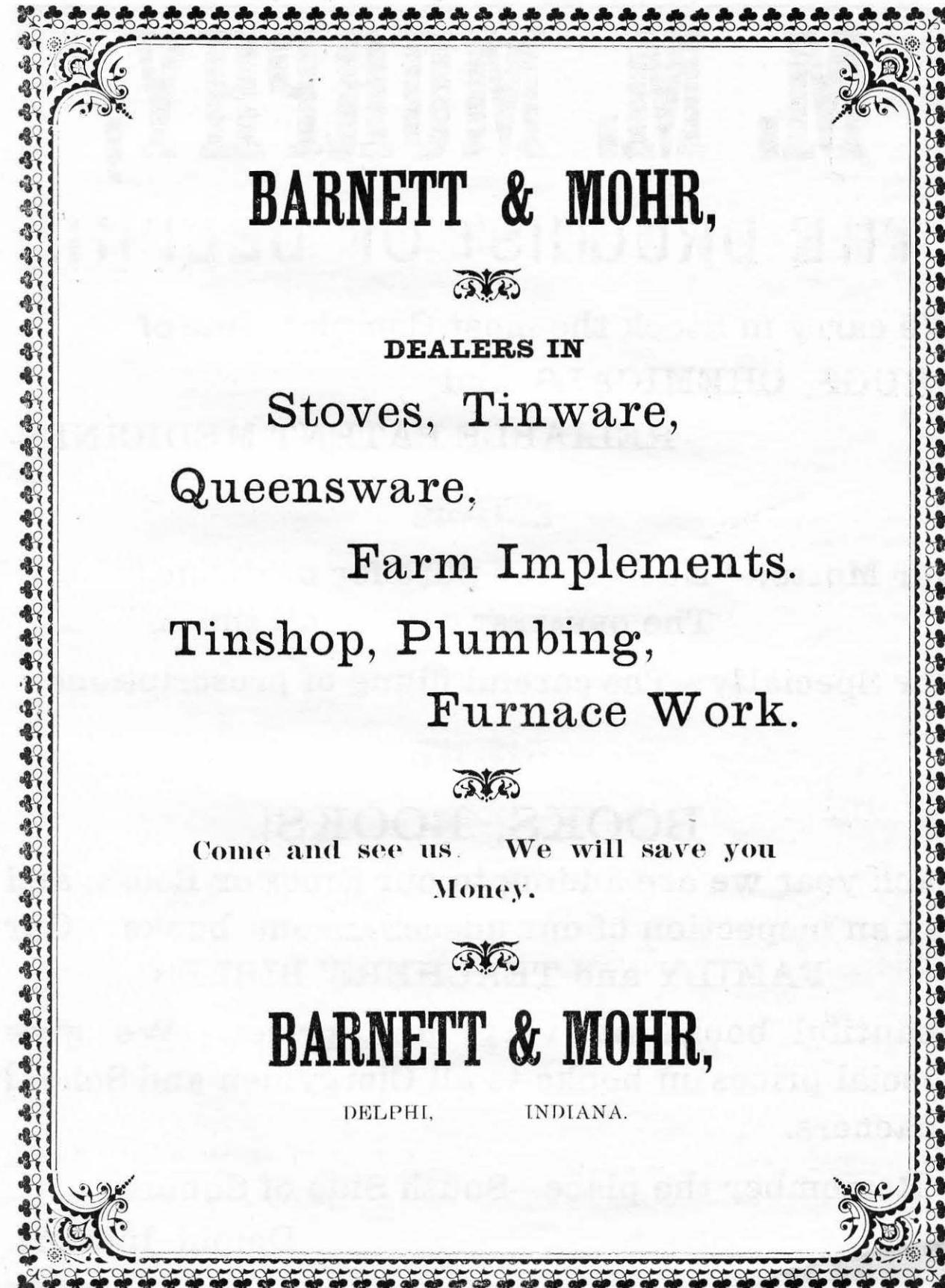
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William O. Wyant

The Rev. William Orrin Wyant was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1837. He attended the public schools and worked at the trade of saddle and harness making during his boyhood. At the age of nineteen he was soundly converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Troy, Ohio. In 1859 he entered DePauw (then Asbury) University at Greencastle. He was moneyless and a stranger, but being a good harness maker he found a generous friend in Brother William Kramer who gave him a home in his family, and furnished him work at his trade. He entered ardently upon his studies and labors and by dint of economy and diligence paid his expenses as he proceeded in his collegiate career. During his stay in Greencastle he was licensed to preach, and gave abundant promise of future success. On June 21, 1863, he married Miss Sophronia Lee, of Greencastle. His widow survives him and resides at Indianapolis, and an only son, Fred W., resides at Peoria, Illinois.

He taught two years in the public schools of Vevay, Ind., and graduated with honor from Asbury University in 1865. Bishop Simpson ordained him a local deacon in September, 1864, and after his graduation he taught one year in the

Thorntown Academy. In all these labors he was eminently successful, and in every place secured many warm friends. At the session of the North West Indiana Conference, in 1866, he joined the itinerary and was appointed to a charge in Delphi. As a minister and pastor he at once stepped into the front rank, and was acknowledged a brilliant speaker and a master spirit.

The Conference of 1867 returned him to Delphi, and he entered upon his work with a burning zeal, determined to witness a revival of the work of the Lord. In this ambition he was not disappointed, for the Lord used him as an instrument in bringing about a gracious revival. Taxing his energies too severely on Thursday evening, Jan. 23rd, after announcing the closing hymn he grew dizzy, and partially blinded, and while grasping the railing of the rostrum, asked, "Are they putting out the lights? I can not see." Staggering from the pulpit he was assisted into the nearby parsonage to die. Congestion of the lungs was the approximate cause of his death, the congestion passed to his brain; a stupor ensued, from which he never rallied; and on Sunday, January 26th, while the church bells were ringing out on that crisp winter morning, calling his flock to class-meeting, his spirit quietly fled. On the Thursday following his funeral took place, attended by an immense throng, several of his brethren in the ministry, (including the Catholic priest with whom he shared a warm friendship), sharing in the services. The sermon was preached by Thos. B. Wood, A. M., a warm friend of the deceased. Amid the tears and deep grief of the entire community, he was borne to the Delphi cemetery and laid down to rest.

Brother Wyant was respected and loved by all the clergy of Delphi, including the Catholic priest. As husband and father he was kind and affectionate; as a friend he was frank, warm hearted, and generous; as a scholar, for one of his age, he was remarkable, having mastered several languages. His readings were extensive and well selected, as his superior library proved. As a logician he excelled, and his sermons were masterly efforts and models of pulpit preparation and delivery. He was a competent but a mild critic, and at home among the profound authors, handling their greatest thoughts with the grasp of a giant. He was a prince among pulpit orators; possessed of a noble form, a majestic intellect, and a truly christian heart. Mysterious the providence in his removal. His mantle rests not, as yet, on the shoulders of another.



REV. H. A. GOBIN, D. D.

I very gladly comply with the request to write a brief article respecting my pastorate in Delphi.

When I first heard of the death of Brother Wyant, I remarked, "It will be very hard to supply his place." I was then a Sophomore in college, and I had not the remotest thought that I would be called upon for such a trying duty. When I arrived in Delphi, not only the church, but the whole town seemed to be in the deepest grief and mourning on account of the death of Brother Wyant. He was a wonderfully brilliant man, deep and broad in his scholarship and eloquent in his preaching. He was very sympathetic in his temperament, and took a deep interest in the welfare of everybody, old and young. For these reasons, he had become greatly endeared to the people, and his death, coming rather suddenly, the shock of the community was very severe.

When I first entered the church, I found it heavily draped in mourning, and at the sight of one who had come as the successor of the beloved pastor, the people seemed to regard it as another indication of the loss they had suffered and their expressions of grief were very affecting. I felt that the load was heavier than I could carry, and I would have given any consideration in order to be released from the appointment and be permitted to return to my studies. I was greatly assisted in the beginning of my work by the Rev. Evan Stevenson, an aged minister, remarkably eloquent in preaching, very interesting in his eccentricities

and very sympathetic in his regard for young ministers. He deeply sympathized with me in my emergency and gave me very hearty support. He remained with me nearly two weeks. We continued the revival meetings begun by Brother Wyant, and there were many accessions to the church, some of whom soon forgot their vows, but there were others who were firm and faithful and very valuable in their practical support of the good cause.

I will never forget the sympathy and good will of the members of the Official Board, and all families of the church. I also feel greatly indebted to many of the friends, not members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for their sympathy and encouragement. During the summer of my temporary pastorate, preparations were made for carrying out the plans of the new church edifice, which had been adopted during the pastorate of Brother Wyant. The people came forward heroically to this work, and succeeded in building the large and commodious edifice, which until last spring was used by the congregation as their place of worship. I am afraid to attempt to mention any of the church personally, lest I might possibly, on account of the lapse of years overlook some very deserving persons, but I must be permitted to say that in the families of Dr. Blanchard, Mr. L. B. Sims, Mr. Geo. Pigman, Mr. William Young, and Brothers Allen, Dimmick, Watts, and McIntosh, I found the most cordial hospitality and earnest and faithful friendship. As the years have gone by, and as one by one the majority of those faithful friends have passed over to the "shining shore," I have felt an increased desire to make my record worthy that I might enjoy the friendships in the future life which were so valuable to me in this world.

I might refer to some pleasant incidents, very interesting to myself, but as many former pastors will contribute to this publication, I hesitate to take more of your space.

I fervently pray that the Methodist Episcopal Church of Delphi will achieve as noble a record of fidelity to the Master in time to come as has been her good fortune in the past.

H. A. GOBIN.

The Carroll Electric Light Company is negotiating for a new three hundred horse power engine, with a view to meet all the requirements of the citizens of the city as well as those of South Delphi.



REV. JOHN L. BOYD.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 13, 1897.

Mr. A. W. Wolever, Esq.,
Delphi, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

Greatly regretting that I cannot be with you at the re-opening of the church, I hereby comply with your request, inclosing photo, and the following:

Rev. J. L. Boyd followed the lamented and brilliant Wyant. The church was just then enclosed, and some \$800 dollars indebtedness on the same. Money to be raised to finish the building and the usual pastoral work to be done, all of which was assigned to the pastor, with the efficient help of the officers and ladies of the church, hoping to enter the same by holidays. Bro. Boyd had inherited from his father taste and tact, possessed by few men for such work; raised to labor with hand and brain. While not neglecting the religious work of the church, he brought muscular Christianity to bear and was found among the laborers blasting the stone out of the ditch for draining, or up under the eaves painting the cornice, when not collecting funds to carry out the enterprise.

An amusing incident of these acts to help on the work which gave offence to the fastidious who thought the pastor should confine himself to spiritual matters only. We recall the dedication day after two weeks of successful holiday occupancy of the church, when Doctors, now Bishops, Bowman and the lamented E. O. Haven, were present, and after their matchless style of preaching were raising the amount to reach the debt, that Bro. Boyd, who was one of the field men in the audience, had his pockets full of church bills, due for material used in the construction. Knowing those well who were creditors, he had carefully selected them, and when they said they "would like to give two or three hundred if my bill was paid" he immediately had them receipt the bill and called out the amount, thereby liquidating the debt and closing up the account. Before the church was finished, he accompanied L. B. Sims with a letter of unlimited credit from Bunker Dugan, went to Chicago, purchased furniture, furnace, stained glass, and such supplies as were not manufactured in Delphi.

His pastorate was an active and successful one but had the serious draw-back of his estimable wife's illness during the greater portion of the year. Bro. Boyd was well known as an active pastor in the Northwest Indiana Conference for twenty seven years. As we remember him, of ready address, dark hair and beard, and one of the most social and successful young men of the Conference, having filled leading appointments in the same. The photo we present will remind all who look at it of his father, Rev. G. M. Boyd, D. D., who never wore a beard.

We clip from the History of Colorado, the following: - "He was born in Goshen, Indiana, June 20, 1840, and received his education at Crawfordsville Seminary, and also at Greencastle in that State, at Asbury University, now known as DePauw University. In 1861, while at college and supplying a circuit as a Junior Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he raised a portion of a company and served in the Army during the first short-term-call for troops, being about four months, from which he was honorably discharged; being, during this time, in the 14th Indiana Infantry. Later he was in the 16th Infantry and served with distinction, being honorably discharged.

"In 1864 he re-enlisted as a private, raising a portion of a company at the request of Gov. O. P. Morton. Was promoted and commissioned Sec-

ond Lieutenant and a few days thereafter was promoted and commissioned Chaplain of the 135th Indiana Infantry, with which he served until the expiration of the term of service. After leaving the Army he resumed the duties of minister, being first stationed at Michigan City, Indiana, where he served as Chaplain of the Northwestern Prison during a portion of his pastorate there. He was stationed at South Bend, Delphi, Rockville, and other important points in his native State, in which he served as an efficient and popular minister.

"In 1886 he removed to Wichita, Kansas, and while supplying the First M. E. Church at that point, his health became seriously involved which led to his coming to Colorado in 1889. Here he took up the Insurance business, which he had commenced in Kansas and established his present agency, with which he has achieved signal success. While a business man, he retains the relation of local elder in the church of his choice, frequently filling the places of ministers, sick or absent, and officiating at funerals and weddings. He is an Odd Fellow, an A. O. U. W., a K. of P., and an Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Mason of both North and South Jurisdiction.

"Mr. Boyd deserves the confidence of the public and enjoys the well earned patronage evidenced by the business which he has built up. He is in the strictest sense a self-made man, having while on the farm as a boy, and later as a teacher, qualified himself for his subsequent public life, which in a large degree accounts for his independence of character in business and public affairs. He would rather be in the rightful minority, insisting on purity in public affairs, with honorable men and women in office, than with an overwhelming majority in the wrong. He takes his title of General, as having been Commander of the Veteran Legion of the United States of America in the Jurisdiction of Colorado."

My dear brother, you may use as much of the above as may seem best, and convey as opportunity may offer to my friends and former associates my compliments and best wishes for their welfare.

Very truly yours,
JOHN L. BOYD.

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Terre Haute, Ind., Sept. 30, 1897.

MR. A. W. WOLEVER,
Delphi, Ind.

Dear Brother:—Your letter of the 21st at hand. Would say in reply, I rejoice with you over your splendid improvements. You have got a good man to help you. Push on for higher and better things in church property and church life. Delphi has always been a difficult charge to fill; difficult, not for lack of loyalty to the church, nor lack of liberality, but the membership of Delphi church is above the average in intelligence, and they have required a strong man to fully meet the demands of the charge; but the membership being so weak in numbers has kept the church from taking the grade in standing, its intelligence would demand. I think this church improvement will greatly help you, and with the larger and better things in church property, I sincerely trust there may come better things in the work of the Spirit, that you may have scores added to your

membership.

One of the pleasant chapters of my life was spent in charge of that church. I guess I am the first man that ever stayed his full time in your charge, not because, I suppose, that I was stronger equipped or suited the people better, but somehow we seemed to get along and bear with each other, and considered that we were doing fairly well. Some of your best people came into the church under my ministry, and I call them up with great pleasure. I am afraid to go over the list from memory, for fear I might forget some dear friend. But I see in your Official Board one or two that were converted and came into the church while I was there.

I remember the strong men of that church while I was there. Some of them are gone. Brother L. B. Sims was a counselor and friend, and liberal almost to a fault. Dr. Blanchard was a sturdy New Englander, a man of decided ability, and true to the church. Major Watts was another splendid servant of the church, Brother Murphy and Brother Allen, and his good wife Phoebe. Sister Young was another one of the Lord's elect women. I hope the sons and daughters are as devoted to the church as some of these dear friends, whose names

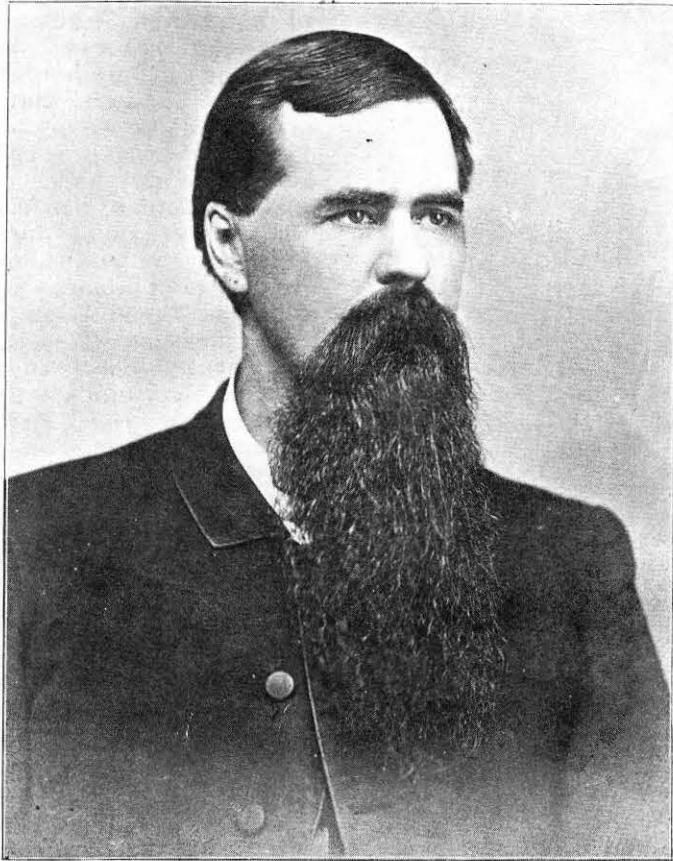
I have mentioned. And there are others that were just as loyal and true as these.

When I took charge of that church, there was a heavy debt hanging over it, and the day was set for the sale of the property under the sheriff's hammer. I shall never be able to tell the trials of my heart those days. The country had been paralyzed by the panic of '75, and business was prostrated. I begged money, by the help of some noble workers, from five cents up, to save the church. We got the day of sale put off, and made a payment, and carried the church forward until we were nearly out of debt at the end of my ministry. Bro. Sims, in the midst of the struggle bore a generous part.

I send you a blessing and my heartiest wish for God to crown your efforts with success, and bless your pastor and all of you with the best pastorate that old church ever had.

Faithfully and truly yours,

W. H. HICKMAN.



REV. J. H. CLAYPOOL.

Rev. J. H. Claypool.

WRITTEN BY CHARLES E. CLAYPOOL.

Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 14, 1897.

You probably know, father broke down at Goodland, completely, seven years ago. With mother and Nell, he came out to me, and during the latter part of the journey had to keep his bed all the time. We did not expect him to live six months. However, the mild climate benefited him, and for six years, most of his time, he was able to be about. I secured him light work as librarian of a semi-public law library, and he very much enjoyed the employment, attending to it with fair regularity, interrupted by spells of confinement, up to within five months of his death. The battle was too severe, however, and five months ago he gave up, and never again left the house. He suffered severely during his last sickness, and was anxious all the time to "go home to

Heaven and rest." He talked over all his old work, and as was natural lived in the past and mentioned nearly all his old friends. Those at Delphi were named over and over again. During the two days preceding his death he had been unusually bright and cheerful. On Saturday night, September 11th, while I was absent, having stepped a few doors away to get him a piece of ice, mother and Nell were arranging his bed for the night. Suddenly he put his arm over mother's shoulder, and said in a low tone, "Oh, Sallie!" Then he closed his eyes, gently going to sleep forever, and I came in just as his spirit left. Sister Nell accompanied his remains back, and he was buried in Greenbush Cemetery at Lafayette. He fought a good fight, and finished the faith.

Not a man will be more loved in memory than he whose membership in the North-west Indiana Conference was to each one of that Conference a brother and a sincere friend without reservation in thought or feeling.

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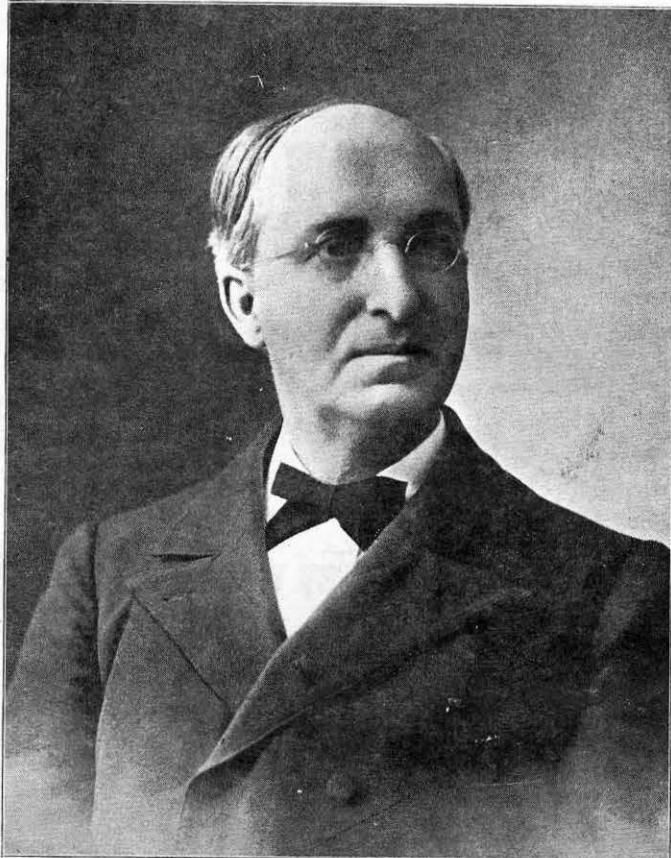
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Rev. Isaac Dale.

TO THE PASTOR AND MEMBERS:—

Greeting:—"Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord."

It always gives pleasure to myself and family to talk over the events of the year we spent among you. We count it among the most pleasant years of our ministry.

We moved to your city in September, 1883, by appointment of Bishop Harris, at the session of our Conference, held that year in Asbury (now

Many of them are still among the active in all good work.

But a glance at the roll reveals the transfer of most who are named above. Familiar faces have disappeared who for years, met together for worship and communed at the same table.

Some whom I recall were then in the sweet time of youthful cheer and promise, but whose life was too short as it appears to us, but the Lord has better plans. It was "light at evening time" with these blessed friends, both old and young and they rejoice in eternal day.

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We were soon among you safely stowed in the venerable parsonage which is now, like other venerable things, giving place to a new and modern dwelling. My immediate predecessor was Bro. J. H. Claypool, who has recently been translated and relieved of long continued suffering.

Many changes have transpired during the thirteen years since we moved from your beautiful city. I recall many names of those who were loved for their work's sake—those who were already venerable among you. There were Brother and Sister R. M. Allen, Dr. and Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Rebecca Barnett, Peter Dimmick and Mrs. Dimmick, Mrs. Dugan, Mrs. Elizabeth Graham, Bro. Henry Lytle and wife, Miss Sarah Olds, Miss Pigman, Bro. L. B. Sims and wife, James Stranahan and wife, Miss Clarissa P. Tutwiler, Mrs. Drusilla Watts, Wm. Young and wife, and others.

Then there were many younger men and women who were active and faithful in the church work, and cheerfully bore the care and labor that attended the support of the Gospel. They were true yoke-fellows.

ship, and the city, on the splendid work you are just completing. What a joy a brand new, modern parsonage, with all the latest conveniences, will be to the pastor's wife, and to *him*, too! Nobody will complain that you are getting it sooner than you need it.

Then your remodeled church, finished tastefully and conveniently, how attractive it will be to old and young! What splendid work in soul saving you people ought to do! What generous giving may we expect of you very soon to send the Gospel to the desolate!

May you prosper a hundred fold in "all things that pertain to life and godliness!"

I am confident that dedication day will close with every claim fully provided for. Then all the people can sing a doxology with clear consciences and joyful hearts.

With the prayer that the Father's blessings may abide upon you all,

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REV. DELOS M. WOOD, A. M.

Rev. Delos M. Wood, A. M.

Rev. D. M. Wood was appointed pastor of Delphi charge in September, 1884. He was greeted in the magnificent auditorium, 50x80 feet, with a seating capacity of 600, with an average congregation of about 100 people, and a membership of 125. He met with the most cordial reception on the part of all the people and seemed to profit by the experience of his predecessors.

Instead of calling public meetings of either membership or official members he took one at a time and made personal appeals to divide the church auditorium. He desired to cut off the west end of church for prayer-room, etc., but this was severely opposed. Finally all the trustees except L. B. Sims agreed to partition off the east end providing same could be done without debt. The objection of L. B. Sims was that the architectural design would be destroyed by the partition. Dr. Blanchard yielded his consent only on the ground that the front windows should be du-

plicated. Which was done in plain glass. The subscription was made on condition that no debt was to be created. Dr. Blanchard dictated the paper and made the first subscription, but said after writing his name, "I will never have this to pay." In two days the pastor had a subscription sufficient to cover all expenses. The partition was placed in the church and all adjustments made ready for public services within ninety days after Mr. Wood's appointment.

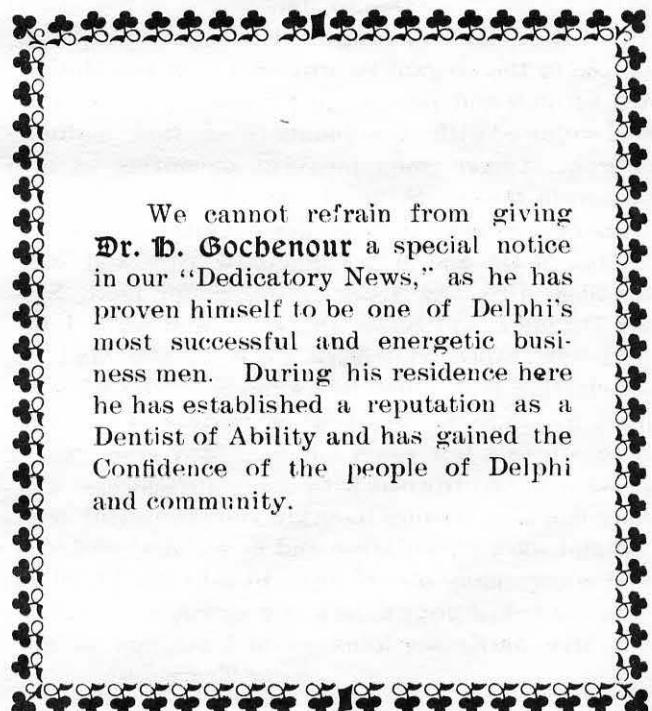
He remained with us the full pastoral term, with good revivals each year. The minutes show a net increase in the membership during his pastorate of 53 or about 45 per cent. Several who have since been official members, and some of the present board were taken in during this pastorate.

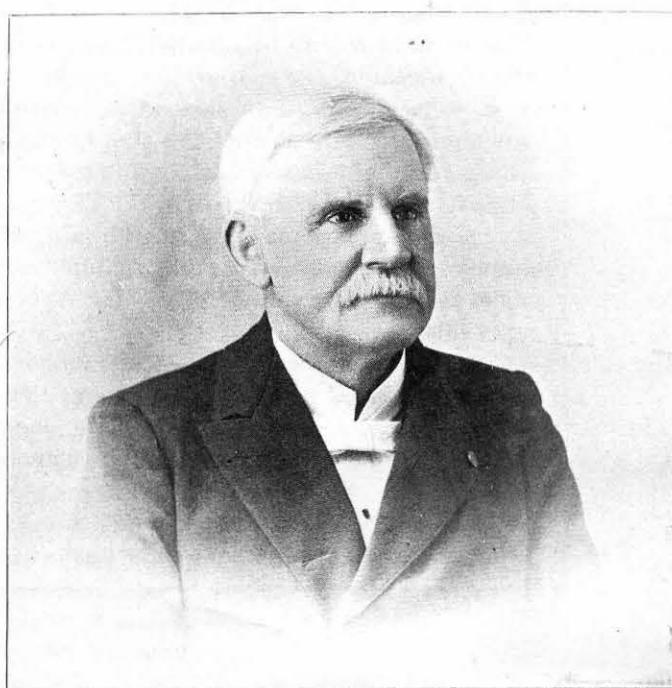
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We cannot refrain from giving **Dr. H. Gochenour** a special notice in our "Dedicatory News," as he has proven himself to be one of Delphi's most successful and energetic business men. During his residence here he has established a reputation as a Dentist of Ability and has gained the Confidence of the people of Delphi and community.





REV. W. P. MCKINSEY.

Rev. W. P. McKinsey.

Fowler, Ind., Nov., 13, 1897.

Mr. A. W. Wolever,

Delphi, Ind.

Dear Bro.:—I congratulate all the people of Delphi in the elegant improvements in the Methodist Church and parsonage property. Especially do I rejoice with the members of that historic church. I have many pleasant memories of my pastorate there. Some of my cherished friends from Delphi have gone to their glorious reward. I think of Dr. and Mrs. Blanchard, Bro. and Sister Sims, Bro. and Sister Lytle, Sister Holt, Sister Tutwiler, and Sister Dimmick, and while I rejoice with those who have gone to the land of everlasting rest, I feel lonesome for those who remain to share in the toil of earthly work and blessedness a few years longer. May your enterprise soon be crowned with complete success, and may you all live long to enjoy your beautiful temple and see your children and neighbors' children and many, many others brought into the kingdom as a reward of your labors and sacrifices.

Mrs. McKinsey joins me in greetings to all.

Very Truly, etc.,

W. P. MCKINSEY.

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Pastorate of Rev. J. A. Maxwell, A. M.

1889-1894.

It was not with any great feelings of exultation that I came to the Delphi charge in the fall of 1889.

The old parsonage was an "eye sore." The physical surroundings were not attractive. Delphi did not have its cement walks and its water-works. There was a burdensome debt, some of it running back to the building of the church, over twenty years.

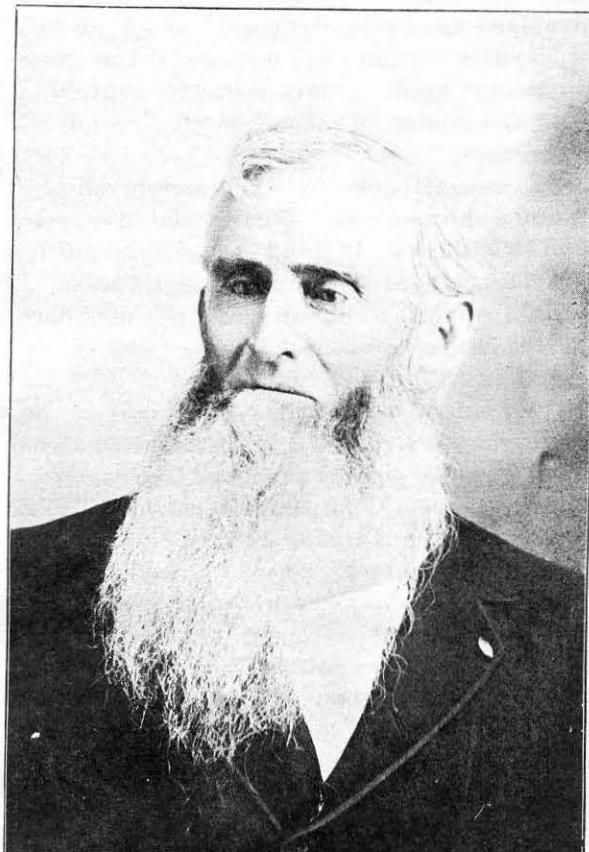
I was very much tempted to ask the Bishop, who was to preside at the Southeast Indiana Conference, a few weeks after ours, to retransfer me to my old Conference, where I spent fourteen pleasant years in my earlier ministry.

But one thing pleased me very much at the beginning of the work. Our congregations began to grow rapidly. The Presbyterian friends, owing to the serious illness of their beloved pastor, the Rev. Mr. Seanright, came quite regularly to our church, and everything seemed to point to a pleasant and profitable year.

Financial matters seemed easier, and the officers of the church suggested that I make an effort to pay the church debt. There was a mortgage debt on the property of \$750 and a floating debt of almost \$400. The first attempts, to get larger amounts on the subscription, were very discouraging, but by persistent work in the church and among its friends outside, the entire amount was subscribed and paid.

Of the subscription of nearly \$1200 every amount was paid but eight dollars, one of five, one of two, and one of one. The Ladies' Aid Society worked heroically under the presidency of the pastor's wife, giving the largest subscription of any.

All other finances were in such good shape that when the last quarterly conference came, right at the end of the conference year, instead of being behind as at other times from two to three hundred dollars, the treasurer said, "We are behind just one dollar and a quarter, I will advance



REV. JOHN A. MAXWELL, A. M.

that."

The second year was begun with renewed hopefulness.

There was no time of any sweeping revival influence, but rather a steady growth. The third year, perhaps, was that of the greatest ingathering.

The year I came to Delphi the minutes showed a membership of 186. During the five years there was a large loss of the older members by death. I can recall the names of many of these saints. Mrs. Catherine Humbert, Mrs. Virginia Maxwell, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Watts, Mrs. J. R. Blanchard, and in two weeks thereafter the Doctor followed, Mother Lytle, Mrs. Tutwiler, Mrs. L.

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B. Sims, Robert Fisher. Twelve old people died of union prayer services and the unity of the congregation from this church within the five years, whose combined ages were 800 years, being an average of 75 years. I have not mentioned the young or the middle aged. I have made no mention of the aged and young, of those funerals I conducted at Pittsburg.

I come back to the membership. The minutes showed 186. During the five years 17 died, 4 withdrew, 12 went away without letters, and 53 were given church certificates. That would have left us but one hundred members, and yet the actual membership at the close of my pastorate was 240.

My salary was advanced fifty dollars the first year, and one hundred dollars the second year.

For three years I preached at Pittsburg each alternate Sunday, in the afternoon. They paid me about one hundred dollars each year.

The amounts of actual money paid by the church in these five years would be about as follows:

On church and parsonage debt,	\$1100
On pastor's salary,	4400
On presiding elder's claim,	425
On bishop's claim	55
On conference claimants,	199
Current expense fund,	
Paid by Ladies' Aid Society,	843
On missions,	490
On church extension,	58
On Freedman's Aid and S. E. S.,	62
On Sunday School Union and Tracts,	24
On Education,	48
On General Conference expenses,	8
On American Bible Society,	27
On expenses of Sunday School,	325
On building and improving,	400
On other collections,	86
Total,	8550

Average for each year, 1710

In the five years I made 2000 pastoral visits, making over 400 each year, or more than one for each day. I preached to the children 150 times. I preached 670 times, or 134 each year, or two for each Sabbath with thirty over. I preached sixty-seven funerals, where I took a text, not counting the funerals that I conducted simply with a ritual service or a few remarks. I have united in marriage 80 couples.

There were some other things accomplished that meant much for Christianity. The holding Office Over Clifford's Grocery Store, Residence Frisbee Hotel Bldg. DELPHI, IND.

of union prayer services and the unity of the congregations at Sabbath evening union services during the heated months of the year, brought the Christian people near together. I take some credit in accomplishing this last. My association with the pastors of all the churches was to me most delightful.

I will say, as closing words, that I do not know that I ever went to a charge with less enthusiasm and hopefulness, and I know I never left one in which there were so many blessed and tender memories.

The blessed dead are looking down, I can but think, with tender solicitude; the active living Christians are hopeful; and my prayer is that the new Methodist Episcopal Church of Delphi may be the place of the spiritual birth of scores of souls, and the place of training and culture for Christian usefulness here and for the glorious companionship of Heaven.

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Rev. F. M. Pavey.

I was appointed pastor of the Delphi Methodist Church by Bishop Mallalieu in September, 1894. I reached my new charge on the 22nd of that month and preached my first sermon on the 23rd. I found what promised to be a pleasant field of labor, and entered upon my work hopefully. Both church and parsonage were free from debt, and the charge in very fair shape, save that the church—a strongly built brick structure, consisting of two small rooms separated by a hall in front, and auditorium in the rear, needed remodeling quite a good deal; and the parsonage, an ancient and uncouth building, needed replacing with a new one. I found, too, that the question of a new parsonage had already been discussed pro and con and that one would soon be built. This improvement was talked over considerably during my pastorate, and so the matter of remodeling the church. The times, however, were thought too hard and unpromising for improvements of such magnitude, and so the work was temporarily postponed. I found an appreciative body of listeners though small and remarkably undemonstrative,

The number increased considerably as the months rolled by, and the hearing accorded to me continued, as in the beginning, respectful and thoughtful. One thing especially was quite noticeable. The officials seemed to have the matter of finance better in hand than I had known elsewhere, while the people seemed to be exceptionally prompt and cheerful in meeting the monied obligations imposed upon them in behalf of their church. I have had occasion more than once since my removal from the charge, to speak of it as an exception to the general rule in both these respects, and to commend the example to others.

My labors among the people were fraught with a fair degree of success, but not with that measure that I desired. Some fifty persons or more united with the church on probation and by letter during the first year, and about forty-five during the second year. The Sunday School continued in good shape throughout this period, while the Epworth League services, and the mid-week prayer meeting underwent some improvement.

The most of the accessions made to the church were young people—indeed quite a number of them were mere children, and yet, old enough as we judged, to have places in the church, be taught the way of righteousness, and live for heaven. A large per cent of the probationers were afterward received into full membership in the church, and seemed to promise well. Our Sunday School work, and League work, was crippled very considerably for lack of suitable quarters in which to conduct their varied exercises. Notwithstanding, there was much good work done—work which it is hoped will bring joy to the hearts of the workers in eternity. It is a matter of congratulation and rejoicing that this draw-back is now a thing of the past, and, that the facilities for successful work promise better

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results than were ever realized in the days by-gone.

During my pastorate, death, besides snatching away very few of the children, claimed four victims from our adult membership. Our Brother Secret, our young Sisters Pruitt and Inglee, and our elderly Sister Young, were one by one, taken from us. Nor would I omit to mention the sore bereavement suffered in the pastor's family in the death of their darling Nellie, who, though resident in Lafayette, also went up from Delphi to join the angels and be forever with the Lord. But, the months glided by and presently the two years were ended, and the pastoral oversight and care of this pleasant little charge transferred to other hands.

And still the months have come and gone, and still death has been claiming his victims. Other children have died, and other adults among whom have been our devoted Brothers Armstrong and Sims have been taken hence. They were, but are not, for God took them. At his beck they entered the Unseen Holy to know sorrow and pain and death no more forever. Let none forget that thus, one by one, we must all pass away, and that life's sunset may be much nearer than many of us apprehend.

F. M. PAVEY.



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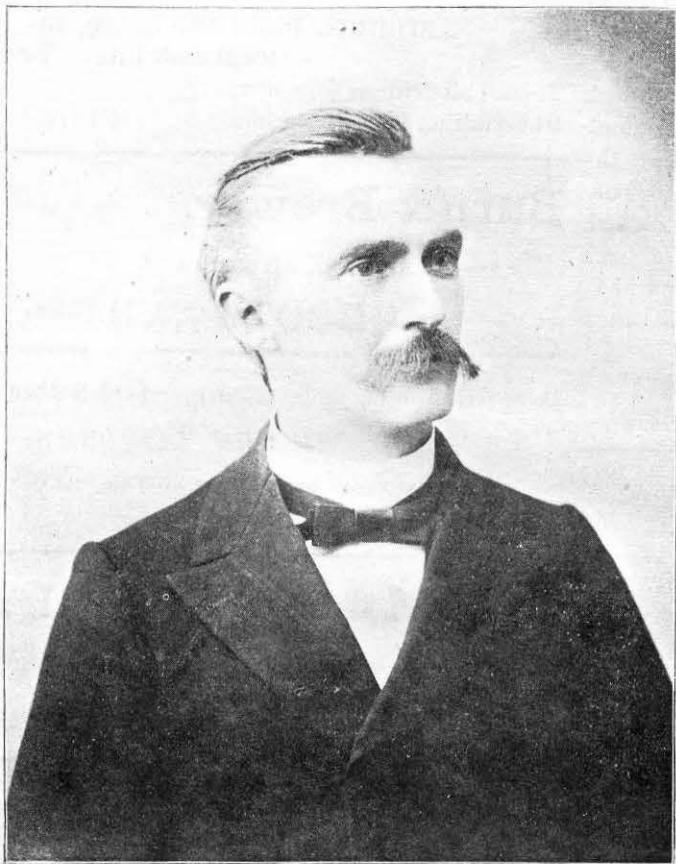
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A Few Lines from Dr. Campbell.

Five minutes before the appointments were read by Bishop Andrews, I was told by Bro. Ogden, the presiding elder of the South Bend district, that I was to be appointed to Delphi. This was the first intimation I had of my destination. I accepted the appointment without a word, knowing that it would probably involve very hard work. After the appointments were read, many said to me, "You are the proper man for Delphi; but have you seen that parsonage?—There is only one of its kind, and the church needs repairs—you

little, but were deeply impressed that the church would make little progress in any line until the needed improvements were made. Various plans had been drawn and submitted, but nothing satisfactory. I gave myself to the work early in the year, drawing sketches of the proposed improvement, and finally linked the parsonage and church together as the solution of the many vexed problems. The plans I drew in detail and submitted to the committee appointed by the Quarterly Conference. They immediately adopted them and employed Architect F. H. Wolever of Lafayette to

will have plenty of work to exercise your talents." Though being raised in an adjoining county and serving a charge in a neighboring city, yet I knew little of Delphi or the church. As for entering on a building enterprise I did not covet that, for experience in that work has proven that it is neither conducive to ease or popularity.

We came to Delphi with prayerful hearts and full of faith, and applied ourselves cheerfully to the work. The friends were all kind and helped to make our surroundings pleasant. One trait of human nature was noticeable; the members would indulge in all sorts of jocular remarks about the parsonage, but did not relish them from others. Some said: "We must have a new parsonage before anything else is done." Others said: "The church is so badly out of repair that we must fix it first." Others said: "We can not remodel the church it ought to be torn down and a new building constructed." Still others said: "We can do nothing at this time," and the latter were by far in the majority. We heard it all and said

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make detailed drawings. The official board approved the work of the committee and ordered the improvement. In pushing the work with the loyal and able committee, it has employed the greater part of my time and energies, but the church has been considerate and have not demanded much either in pulpit or pastoral work. Now that the great work is done, let us press forward to conquests in other lines. With a loyal official board, a faithful membership, and one of the best church properties in the conference, what victories may we not win for the Master. Brethren let us thank God and take courage.

Sincerely and faithfully your pastor,
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THE CITY OF DELPHI.

History of Delphi.

Seventy-two years ago along the Wabash and Deer Creek was a wilderness, broken only by swamps and the first settlers who came to these were parts told that they would meet with ill luck and could not live on the Wabash.

But at last in 1825 Henry Robinson with his family after many days of weary travelling reached the place where he determined to make his new home near the present city of Delphi.

In a short time they had erected their log cabin and cleared away a spot in the wilderness. Soon after other settlers came and made their future homes near them.

At that time Crawfordsville was the nearest place where there was a mill and to that place the settlers had to carry all the grain they wished to have ground. Wishing to have one nearer home Mr. Robinson commenced to build one and within a year it was completed and also a saw mill which caused great rejoicing among the settlers.

As the country became more thickly settled an act was passed in 1828 for the organization of Carroll Co. and shortly after the county seat was laid out and Delphi which name was suggested by Gen. Samuel Milroy.

The county improved very fast but unfortunately for Delphi there was an unusual amount of sickness during the first few years of its existence which gave it a bad name and many would-be settlers were warned to shun Delphi as a sickly place.

The first school was held in a log house on Mr. Robinson's farm and his daughter instructed the children in the rudiments of learning.

The first newspaper, the "Oracle" was begun in 1835 by R. C. Green, and the first number contained an article concerning the emigration of the Indians to their new home west of the Mississippi.

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Neither were they molested by the Indians but peace and harmony prevailed.

They possessed more intelligence and piety than is usual for new settlements, and civil laws were unnecessary.

In those days there were no railroads here and fine roads, but all travelling was made in rude wagons and on horseback and the only guide was the redman's trail.

But those were happy times never-the-less, and there were many friendly gatherings.

Since then the city has improved much, many happy homes have been made, churches organized, public buildings erected and business houses started.

The citizens made no attempt to boom their little city, depending on its natural resources for growth and consequently it has not reached the size and importance of other cities along the Wabash.

Although not such a great centre as others, Delphi is today one of the prettiest spots in the Wabash Valley.

It is situated about a mile from the river near the banks of Deer Creek. Away to the north is the long ridge of forest trees rising above the river and to the west stretches the prairie which contains many fertile farms, while to the south across the creek, rises another bluff, along which is found most beautiful scenery. Why need one go farther to view nature's handiwork when it is displayed so freely at home? What is finer than

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the fern covered bluffs which over-hang Deer Creek, and the roar of falling water up at the old dam above Delphi.

Manufacturing is not carried on to a very great extent, but the wagon works, spoke factory aside from nature's beautiful surroundings and lumber companies give employment to quite the city itself is attractive with its well kept a number of men. The Delphi lime is well known streets, wide spreading shade trees and its many all over and the lime companies ship it to all parts comfortable homes.

There is no longer any need to go tramping through mud and snow on old rough walks. They are now a thing of the past and the clean cement sidewalks have taken their place.

Neither is the old lamp post seen standing on the corner for the electric lights make every place light as day and there need be no fear of dark corners and hollows, and if one wishes to speak with a friend he does not have to leave all his work and go to him, but simply steps to the telephone and calls him up. No more carrying of water from the spring or starting an old pump for now we are supplied with good water by the city and it is so convenient.

Education is well provided for and we have a fine public school with a high school which ranks among the best in the state. Connected with it is the public library which furnishes the citizens with the best literature.

To extend the cause of Christianity there are even churches which have done much good and several secret societies which extend the hand of

brotherly kindness to all in distress. Manufacturing is not carried on to a very great extent, but the wagon works, spoke factory

and lumber companies give employment to quite the city itself is attractive with its well kept a number of men. The Delphi lime is well known streets, wide spreading shade trees and its many all over and the lime companies ship it to all parts comfortable homes.

In the business part of town are many fine business blocks with the latest improvements where the merchants carry a good stock of goods and deal them out to their many customers.

The climate is delightful and many people are attracted here by it and the fine artesian baths and go away well pleased.

All taken together, Delphi is a most desirable place to live in, with its beautiful surroundings, improvements and intelligent citizens. A quiet little town free from the noise and turmoil of the large city, where the people dwell together in peace and happiness.

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To the Public.

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(Signed) J. N. HURTY, Analyst.

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