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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1914

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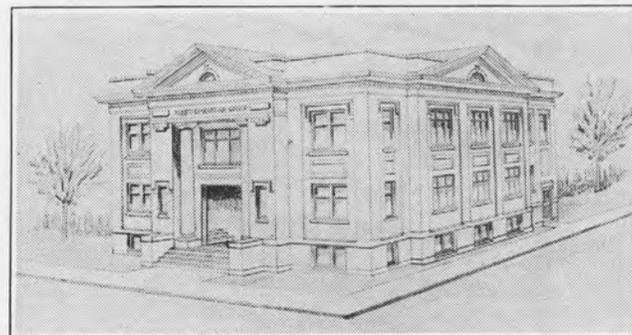
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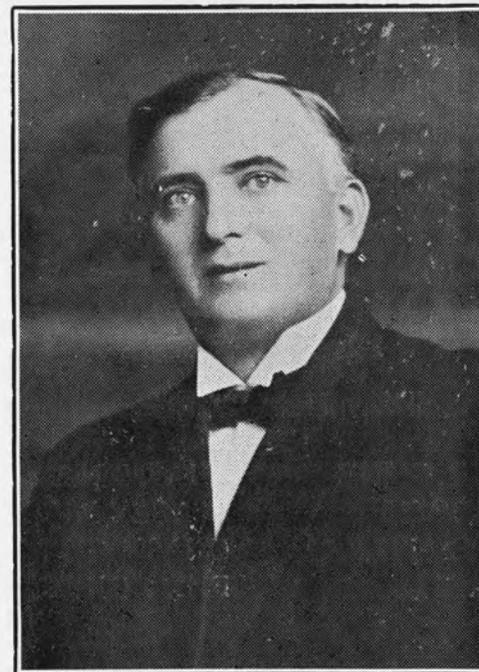
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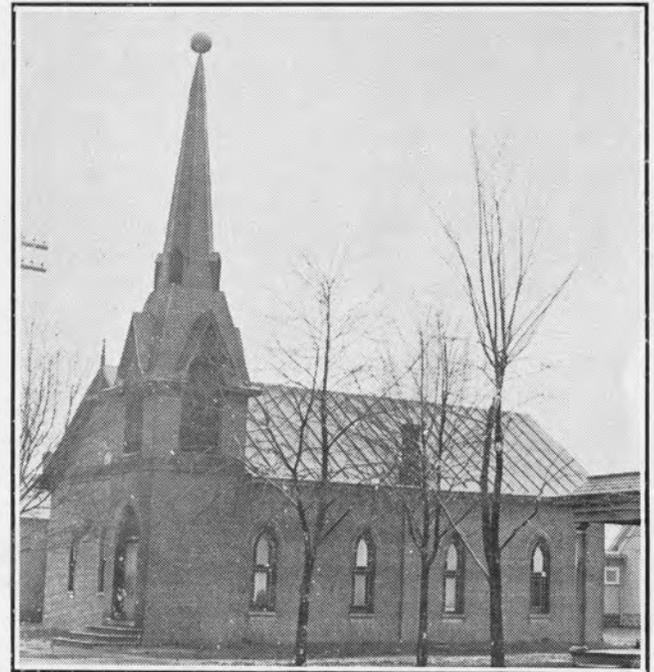
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FLORA CHRISTIAN CHURCH
That served congregation from 1886, to April 6, 1914

BRIEF INTRODUCTION



THE USEFULNESS of the brick structure which has served this congregation well since 1886, but was inadequate to meet the needs of the increased attendance, was fittingly brought to a close Monday morning, April 6, 1914. A large number of the members and friends gathered at the appointed hour, 7 a. m., for prayer, praise and thanksgiving to the God of all mercies, for past blessings enjoyed, and assured grace for the future. Three of the oldest members of the church were present and took an active part in the service in the following way:

Brother J. C. Gwinn sang two solos which brought tears to the eyes of all present. For a number of years this aged warrior of the cross stood before our people and inspired them with the songs that were dear to his heart, as well as the life that he has lived; by its influence contending for the faith once for all delivered to the saints. Although the voice is tremulous, it can be truthfully said: "Some Day the Silver Chord will break, and I no more as now shall sing, but Oh! the joy when I shall wake within the Palace of the King."

Sister Sarah C. Ferguson, another charter member of the church, with a voice no less tremulous, told of the many blessings she had received from her kind and loving Father in the old church building.

W. A. Pruitt, another of the aged members, whose heart was so full when he attempted to speak, could not restrain the tears that flowed down his furrowed cheeks.

There were some whose hearts were bleeding because the old church house was the last place they looked into the pale, cold faces of their loved ones, and there bid them a fond goodbye until they meet again in the Great Beyond. There were others whose memories failed not in bringing back to them the time they made the good confession of their faith in Jesus Christ, and thus dedicated their lives

to the service of God.

This service was brought to a close with everyone singing, "Blest be the Tie that Binds." Immediately at the close, a number of the ladies present commenced to take up the carpet preparatory to razing the old building.

On April 14th the building committee signed a contract with W. H. Turner for a new building, which work began immediately.

June 18th, was another great day, the laying of the corner stone. G. Stanley West, efficient pastor who has worked with tireless energy, was master of ceremonies, and Rev. L. E. Sellers of the 9th Street Christian Church of Logansport, delivered a masterly discourse appropriate to the occasion, on the subject of: "What the Church Stands for." Rev. W. D. Cole, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, also rendered valuable assistance at the service. The Choir, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Lena Todd, never sang better than on this occasion. Too much praise cannot be given to the building committee for their devotion to the great task set for them to do, and through their business tact, and wise judgment, they have seen the beautiful structure which today we dedicate to our God and Father and His Son Jesus Christ, a monument of consecrated effort for the cause of primitive christianity.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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BIBLE SCHOOL

November 29, 9:30, a. m.

MR. HARVE BOWERMAN, Supt.

Song No. 204

Prayer

Instrumental. Classes will assemble.

Song No. 10

Chemically illustrated address by

GEO. L. SNIVELY

Invitation Hymn 171

Adjournment of school

DEDICATORY SERVICE

10:45, a. m.

Organ Prelude

PROF. DAN ERB

Prayer

Hymn No. 272

Scripture Reading

Anthem—Gloria from 12th Mass.

Sermon

GEORGE L. SNIVELY

Dedication Hymn (Time, Old Hundred)

Oh, God of hearts, to Thee we raise
This house of prayer and holy praise;
Lord, Thou hast promised here to meet
Thy people at the Mercy Seat.

These walls we to Thine honor raise,
Long may they echo forth Thy praise;
Oh, God we pray Thee fill this place
With choicest tokens of thy Grace.

Beneath this roof vouchsafe to show,
How God can dwell with men below.
So may we grow in grace and love;
Then let us dwell with Thee above.

Benediction.

Postlude,

PROF. DAN ERB.

UNION MEMORIAL SERVICE

2:45 p. m.

Organ,

PROF. DAN ERB

Hymn 286.

Scripture Lesson

Prayer.

Brief meditation by the Pastor,

G. STANLEY WEST

Communion.

Anthem—Hallelujah Chorus.

Congratulatory addresses, by the ministers of all the
city churches.

Hymn 127.

Benediction.

EVENING SERVICE

7:00 p. m.

Organ Prelude.

Hymn 291.

Anthem—"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues."

Invocation.

Scripture Lesson.

Anthem.

Sermon,

GEORGE L. SNIVELY

Invitation Hymn, 250.

Dedication Vows, led by the Pastor.

Benediction.

DEDICATION VOWS

¶ We set apart this house to the worship of the living and true God and to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. We devote it to the preaching of the grace of God for the conversion of sinners, and to the education of Christians in the knowledge of spiritual truth; in all the grace of Christian character and in all the activities of Christian life.

¶ Here shall the incense of prayer and praise ascend to God. Here shall the ordinances of the Lord's house be sacredly observed. Here shall the word of God which liveth and abideth forever be sounded out for the salvation of the perishing, and shine as a perpetual light to guide God's pilgrims through the night time to the dawn of everlasting glory.

¶ Her may children of sin and sorrow find refuge from despair and ruin, and Christians an harbor to which they can resort when the tempest is high.

¶ Here in the hearts of humble worshippers may the Holy Spirit find a temple, and the doctrine of God's word be distilled upon the waiting and thirsty Spirits as the rain upon mown grass, and as showers that water the earth, so that righteousness may flourish and holiness abound.

¶ May no discordant note of strife ever be heard within these walls; no unholy spirit of pride or worldiness find entrance here, but may the faith out of which all goodness springs, the hope which purifies and comforts the sorrowing heart, and love which honors God, blesses man, and binds Christians in blessed fellowship ever inspire and sway the

hearts that worship here.

¶ May these earthly courts be as the holy place of the Temple, separated only by a veil from the holiest of all, in which the royal priests in the house of God may trim the golden lamp and eat of the bread of life, and burn incense at the golden altar. And may God graciously accept this offering of a house in His Name, an offering made by grateful hearts and willing hands, and bless every heart that shares in this gift.

¶ May multitudes be born to God, so, when all these here today shall have gone to their eternal home, others will take up the services and repeat from generation to generation the old story of the cross, and the songs of Zion, and the prayers of the Saints, until Jesus comes, and His redeemed are gathered home. We give thanks to God that His people have been able to offer willingly of this sort. We invoke His blessings on the work of their hands. And we commit to His care and keeping all the interests connected with this religious enterprise.

¶ May the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us. And establish thou the work of our hands upon us, yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

¶ Let this house be a home for the stranger, a place of welcome and comfort to the poor, a consolation for the distressed and a place of salvation for the sinner. Let it be a place for the guidance of youth, for the consolation of old age, for the good of men and the glory of God.

