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The history of a church is the history of its people. Those members who participated through the years in its ideals, its struggles, its triumphs, are the writers of this story which the century reveals.

In this brief sketch the highlights alone can be portrayed, of persons, experiences and achievements that stand out in retrospective importance.

It has been high privilege to compile this chronicle, although none can be more conscious of its inadequacies than its writer. If, for a moment, these memories may bring to mind precious scenes that deepen the abiding love one feels for our century-old church, the effort will have been worth while.

V.M.H.

"All noble achievement is an endless chain in which the generations are only links. We gather harvests which the dead have sown.

"We in turn may leave our successors a purpose we cannot ourselves realize, but which, without us, they would not entertain."

Charter Members
of the
Dundee Congregational Church

Founded May 8, 1841

Elihu McEwen
Lucy McEwen
Harriet McEwen
John Giddings
Abigail Giddings
Thomas Perkins
Elizabeth Perkins
Gen. George McClure
Sarah E. McClure
Steven K. Tourtelotte
Eleanor Tourtelotte
W. R. Hemingway
Lucy Hemingway
Abiel Barker
Anna Barker
Elizabeth Barker
Squire Simpson
Alvina Simpson
Amos Perry

1841 — 1941

Within our hearts we hold a magic key
That opens vistas of an hundred years,
And when we backward glance, there reappears
A picture, peopled with forms shadowy
And dim. And many a slumbering memory
Awakes—our grandsires' joys, their griefs and tears
—The oft repeated fireside tale, one hears,
And names familiar, spoken reverently.

This ground is holy where we walk today;
Our church communion holds a new appeal,
For to this shrine, our dear ones, long away,
This day return. Their presence we can feel.
And with us, they review the century
In Peaceful Valley—Beautiful Dundee.

V.M.H.

A Century and a Decade

BY MRS. EDMUND H. HAEGER

A pewter baptismal font, grey with the dull patina of age; a few hundred-year-old record books, darkened with time's queer stain; a deep-throated bell whose tones have distilled the very essence of peace on Sabbath mornings throughout a century;—these are symbols, **material** symbols of that saga of the prairies which began with the founding of a church in Dundee one hundred and ten years ago.

Of **spiritual** heritages it has left an infinite variety, for in between these far-reaching years there stretches a long reel of memories,—of faces, of families, of generations;—incidents, challenges of the frontier, triumphs,—until today as the century draws to a close, it proclaims a glorious consummation for this church which has stood for one hundred and ten years in our midst.

Retrospect is apt to color that background of pioneer days with glamour, to give a spirit of romance to the shining newness of those trackless prairies.

Reality pencils in the truth.

Recently through research in the Hammond Library of the Chicago Theological Seminary, there have been brought to light two letters of that early period. These letters describe vividly a typical frontier settlement of that day, the settlement being none other than five-year-old Dundee.

Perhaps this is the first description ever accorded our village at the time of its infancy. And while this was penned with utter frankness, we should keep in mind that what was true

of one early settlement was doubtless characteristic of all frontiers of that day.

The author of these letters was the early circuit-rider, Rev. N. C. Clark, affectionately called "Father" Clark, who founded several of the early churches in settlements along the Fox River, at Batavia, St. Charles, Elgin, and Dundee. His labors among the settlers had begun in August, 1834, when it is recorded that probably the first sermon ever preached in Kane County was delivered by him, at the log cabin of a settler near Batavia.

Father Clark's first letter is dated March 3, 1841, two months prior to the founding of the Dundee Church:

"To the Secretaries of the American Home Missions:

"Dear Brethren:—According to my commission I am appointed the missionary of your society to publish the gospel to the congregations of Elgin and Dundee. I am to report therefore, I suppose, my labors at each place, though the congregation at Dundee alone, has asked for aid. I shall moreover in this report be most particular relative to Dundee.

"This place is on the Fox River five miles above Elgin. It is a small village, and at present its appearance is not very promising. Its want of promise, however, is more owing to the character of its inhabitants than to its location. Its site is very pleasant, and advantageously located. It is the center of business for quite a large neighborhood, and will doubtless be a place of some importance. The village contains 150 or 200 inhabitants.

"It has a flouring mill, a saw mill, a store and a tavern, at both of which places are sold intoxicating liquors. A distillery is nearly ready to send forth its stream of poison. There are also a doctor, a lawyer, and a number of mechanics.

"In the village there are but very few professors of religion. The country round about is quite well settled, and there are a number of pious families.

"There is as yet no church organization to whom I preach. A meeting was appointed the first of January for the formation of a church. The extreme severity of the weather prevented a general attendance, ~~ing was appointed the first of January for the formation of a church.~~ will be formed in three or four weeks. It will consist of twenty or twenty-five members.

"For want of a place to preach in the village, I preach at present in the daytime in a very comfortable schoolhouse a mile and a half from the village, and in the evening at the village.

"At both places I have as large congregations as can be accommodated. They are very attentive and apparently serious. In view of the reputation for irreligion which the place has hitherto sustained, the religious part of the community feel very much encouraged by present appearances.

"About six weeks since, a Sabbath School was organized in connection with our congregation. It consists of twenty-four members and promises well. A library of 150 volumes has been furnished this school by the members of a Sabbath school in Essex, Mass. The Sabbath schools of the east can do much good by furnishing destitute schools of the west, with libraries.

"The Society is taking steps for the erection of a meeting house in the village. They will build a cheap one but one large enough to accommodate the congregation for several years.

"The good people of Dundee are very grateful for the aid your society has seen fit to grant them. Without aid they would not have been able to make much of a beginning this year.

"As it is, I hope in a year or two, they will be able to sustain the gospel themselves. I think they are as liberal as most Christians. Most of them are poor, and have been under necessity of hiring money at a very high rate of interest to purchase their land.

"Yours in the bonds of the Gospel,

"N. C. Clark."

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—Something of a prosaic description of a village in a valley, later to be known and loved as Dundee the Beautiful.

Yet it took no prophetic eye even then, to note the natural charm of woodland and low-lying hills, the superb sweep of countryside, the vistas of winding river and sunlit landscape.

Clustered on the higher ground away from the river were the few cabins, mostly of logs, which comprised the little settlement. Down beyond the south bend of the river, as Jesse Oatman once described it, "about 80 rods" below the place where the Potteries now stand, were the remains of an ancient Indian village of wigwams, a remnant of the Pottawatomies. The river was first forded near this place, at Ketchum's Woods, as it was later called (now Canterfield Farm).

In 1837, the first rough hewn bridge of native oak logs and rude planks was built by the settlers. The spring freshet carried it away. But later a second bridge was built near the place where our present bridge crosses the river. From thence, fol-

lowing an early Indian trail, the road ambled up the hillside to the west. At the summit of the slope, at a place a little east of our present parsonage, stood, in the early 1840's, the crude building which served as schoolhouse and occasionally as meeting house.

The early roads of that day were simply well-worn Indian trails. When we think of Dundee today set astride a bustling thoroughfare, it is something of a stretch of the imagination to realize that only a little more than a hundred years ago this busy Main Street was simply a grassy Indian Trail through the woods.

Father Clark travelled these trails along the river on foot. He stopped wherever a settler's cabin offered him hospitality for the night. His kindly wisdom and homespun ways always assured him of a warm welcome.

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The second letter of Father Clark's was written on May 20, 1841, a few days after the Dundee Church had been founded:

"Dear Brethren:

"The people at Dundee manifest an increasing interest in matters of religion. It is said by those who have been longer acquainted in Dundee than myself, that the place has improved in morals. Particularly there is less Sabbath breaking and profaneness.

"As to the use of intoxicating drink I do not know of any great improvement for the past year. There are more now who use it. This spring there has been put into operation a distillery which increases the facility for obtaining strong drink.

"There is still, however, much room for the improvement of morals in every respect.

"A few days since, I organized a church at Dundee, consisting of nineteen members. There are connected with the formation of this church some things which to me are very interesting. Some united with the church who brought letters three and four years old. One presented a letter bearing the date October, 1831.

"The reason these persons have remained away from church so long, is in great measure due to too great indifference to religion, though some of them have been removing from place to place, and have not before been nearer to a church than eight or ten miles, and had no means of conveyance.

"For the past few months there had been among those who have

now associated together as a church, some alienation of feeling. Evidently jealousies and strong prejudices existed. These arose from their differences of sentiment as to church government, and in part to deciding where to establish the place of operation for the church, and in part they arose from various other causes.

"In consequence of the state of things, I have been almost discouraged and dissuaded from attempting at present, either to form a church, or to maintain stated worship among the people.

"But previous to the formation of the church, after conversing together on the subject, a day was set apart for fasting and prayer. I met the brethren and sisters in the afternoon. The time was spent in prayer and straight forward conversation. Every difficulty seemed to be removed. All hardness of feeling one toward another, apparently melted away,—harmony was restored and I trust some true brotherly love revived.

"On the Saturday following, the church was organized. The next day the Lord's Supper was celebrated. We had an interesting and joyful day. Our hope now is that the church will move on unitedly and efficiently.

"It is now agreed to remove our meetings to the village. A gentleman residing there has generously offered for the use of the church this summer, a house which he is building. It is enclosed, so that by putting benches in it, it will be quite convenient, and will accommodate the congregation.

"Owing to the difficulty of raising funds, the society has deferred building a meeting house until another spring.

"Yours in the bonds of the gospel,
"N. C. Clark."

THE PIONEER FOUNDERS

Elsewhere in this booklet is given a roster of the original nineteen members who founded this church on that eighth day of May, 1841. Nine families were represented: the McEwens; the Giddings and Perkins; the McClures and Tourtelottes; the Hemingways (also spelled Hemenway); the Barkers; the Simpsons and Amos Perry. —I wonder if we can still vision them—in these days of paved roads, automobiles, airplanes, telephones; —we who today have but to press a button in the wall to summon slaves that to them would have been more wonderful than the genii of Aladdin's Lamp.

Can we glimpse something of those crude oxcarts drawn by plodding oxen,—we who step into an auto if we go a few blocks! What clearer indication could there be, of the tremendous change in the lives of the people of the last hundred years? But the change is largely in things science has wrought for us; it is not an inward change. The spirit of our people who come to church in autos today is quite the same as

the spirit of our pioneer founders; it is the spirit that has faith in the ultimate good of the future.

Deacon McEwen was possibly the most venerable of the pioneers. Out of deference he was the first to sign the charter, and he was made the first deacon, a further mark of respect. The Elihu McEwen family resided on a farm east of Dundee. It was his daughter, Miss Harriet McEwen, who started a private school, held in the Perkins home nearby.

John and Abigail Giddings, and **Thomas and Elizabeth Perkins** were the next signers of the charter. Mrs. Giddings and Mrs. Perkins were sisters, and the two young families had come west together in 1838, from Essex, Massachusetts. It was their home church in Essex that sent the library of 150 volumes to the Dundee pioneers, mentioned in Father Clark's first letter.

These two families lived on adjoining farms on what is now the Dundee road to Barrington. Much is due these two sisters, that a pioneer church was founded, and that the struggling effort continued to survive.

After the little white church was built in 1843, it was no uncommon thing for these two young women to walk into town on Saturday afternoons, prepare the church for Sunday service and then walk back home.

Elizabeth Perkins was the second president—1846—of the newly organized "Female Benevolent Association," the forerunner of the Guild.

Both of these families had small sons, George Giddings, and Frank Perkins.

George Giddings later became a worthy member of the Dundee church; he was Trustee from 1865-1884; Clerk, 1866-'67; and Deacon from 1881-1898.

Frank Perkins became a prominent citizen of Elgin for over 75 years, and for many years he was the only surviving child of Charter members. He was a member of the first class to graduate from the Elgin Academy. His son, the late Thomas Perkins, named for his pioneer grandfather, became a master-musician, having studied with the best instructors in this country and abroad. His organ interpretations of Bach were soul-inspiring. Many choice heirlooms had come to him from his grandparents—keepsakes they had brought from the east,—cherished and treasured through the years until they had become symbols to them of a past refinement—never to be lost from their lives.

Perhaps the best known of the Charter members is **General George McClure**. A small portrait of him hangs in the Dundee City Library. He was a soldier in the War of 1812, and his name immediately conjures up to those who have heard of this "red-headed Irishman" a

picture of his indomitable personality. His forceful temperament was undoubtedly the leaven that worked in helping to found this church.

McClure's Grove, as the site of his cabin was called, was a mile southeast of Dundee on the east side road to Elgin, on land now included in the Max McGraw property. This place is of rich historic interest, as it is the place where General McClure established the first local post office, antedating the post office in Dundee.

Here in the McClure cabin, and in the nearby log schoolhouse, were held some of the earliest church meetings.

Gen. McClure's wife, and his daughter Eleanor and her husband, Steven K. Tourtelotte, were all charter members. Mr. Tourtelotte, a French Canadian, was the first church-clerk, 1841-'44. When the Female Benevolent Association was formed two years later, Mrs. Sarah McClure was the first president—1843-'45.

Gen. McClure's granddaughter, Julia Tourtelotte, was the first person to receive baptism in the old pewter baptismal font now restored to use in the church. In 1860 she was married to Oscar Dunton, who with his parents William and Mary Taylor Dunton, had come in 1844 from New York state, traveling in a covered wagon. These were the first of the Dunton family which for over 100 years was closely linked with the life and growth of Dundee. Thus the character of these founders lived on in this community for over a century. With the death of the late William Dunton in 1947, the line of Gen. McClure is no longer represented in the church, after seven generations had received baptism from the font which held unusually choice family traditions.

The **W. R. Hemingway family** came west by team with the Eaton Walker family, from Uxbridge, Massachusetts. (Eaton Walker and his wife became members in 1843; from him descended the Walker and Hoxie families.)

Mr. Hemingway was noted for his fine tenor voice, and was the first choir preceptor. He was a Trustee in 1851. For several years he was postmaster in Dundee.

The **Abiel Barker** family left this vicinity soon after the organization of the church.

Squire Simpson (Squire was a given name) and his wife Alvira lived on the farm just east of town, later known as the John M. Smith farm, where the late James Raynor Smith was born. This home was noted for its hospitality and was the gathering place for many church picnics and suppers. Squire Simpson was the first Trustee in 1845, and was Deacon 1856-'81.

Amos Perry was descended from some of the earliest colonists in Connecticut and New York. An early ancestor in England was John Perry, who in the year 1500 was a Presbyterian minister. Many worthy

members of this family are today scattered throughout the nation. Amos Perry, the founder, came from New York, and owned a farm on the west side of the river near the Algonquin hill. His son Cyrus had a son Frederick; whose son Franklin was the father of Miss Josephine Perry. She alone is the one member in the church today who traces both in lineage and in name to a founder, she being the great, great granddaughter of Amos Perry.

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Two years passed after the founding before the first church building was dedicated in 1843. This was the little white frame church which for 108 years has stood facing the village Park in Fourth Street (directly back of the present day Methodist Church.) This has been one of the earliest landmarks remaining in Dundee.

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*** **March 28, 1951.** Something symbolical of our changing world happened in Dundee today. The little white church of the century—on stilted rollers—was moved down the river road to Carpentersville. Circling overhead, soared two airplanes, as though saying farewell to a passing era; as though dropping a wreath of remembrance upon this hallowed spot. ***

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The seating arrangement in this church was patterned after the New England type, with enclosed square box pews. Found among the old papers in the archives is a pencilled sketch of early days, including an interesting account of the dedication of this church. This charming description was obviously written by an early member, but unfortunately no name is signed. (It is believed that Mr. A. R. Dempster who came to this settlement in May, 1835, may have been the author. He was on the program at the Semi-Centennial in 1891.) He tells us, "There were two sermons on every alternate Sabbath, with noon intermissions for the inevitable gingerbread lunches. Some walked three miles to attend meeting and carried their babies. Carriages were seen only by the eye of faith in the misty future. Horses were an exceptional luxury, while the oxteam and oxcart served for an occasional outing.

"It is doubtful if any worshippers in the finest churches ever experienced a higher beatitude or supreme satisfaction than did the heroic few who finally accomplished the completion of the first church erected in Dundee, dedicated and occupied in the summer of 1843. With what laudable pride they gazed upon its imposing, awe-inspiring pulpit; its orthodox, square high-backed pews; its terraced singer-seats where Mr. Hemingway, the first chorister, led the veterans and their sons and daughters in making melody to the tunes of old 'Balerna,' 'Coronation,' and 'Hark from the Tombs.' The choir sat at the back of the church, and when the congregation rose to sing, they turned and faced the choirmaster. No organ was owned in those days, and their tone was pitched by a tuning fork. Kerosene lamps had not yet come into use, and choir members sometimes brought their own candles when evening service was held, as the few sputtering candles in pewter sconces on the wall did not give sufficient light. The general unity and harmony at this date was noticeable, although an occasional cyclone of discussion arose, echoes of Calvin and Cotton Mather, consequent upon the then necessary union of the Congregational and Presbyterian factions."

A second yellowed paper, entitled "The Sewing Circle" is signed "Mrs. Todd." It presents further evidence of the home-spun qualities of these hardy pioneers. She tells us "it was no small undertaking in those days to have the sewing circle, especially when the loom and the spinning wheel had to be set aside, as few were fortunate enough to have more than one room in those primitive days of log cabins. Refreshments consisted of platters of bread and butter, applesauce and cake. One kind of plain cake was the rule, sometimes decorated with loaf-sugar grated over it. One lady broke the rule and had more than one kind of cake, thereby being fined, and her example was not soon followed."

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The little sanctuary of 1843 served the forefathers ten years. At a later date it was occupied by a Presbyterian congregation, and Miss Katherine Keeler (P. 51), a great niece of the above

mentioned Mr. Dempster, and one of our present day Golden Members, retains vivid memories of her childhood when she attended this church with her Scotch mother and grandmother, and recalls the poke bonnets and Paisley shawls then in vogue.

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The church records of the 1840's are filled with the strict disciplinary measures which apparently were felt to be necessary. In 1843 the members "Resolved, that to go to the Post Office on the Sabbath for receiving anything from the office, is a violation of the Sabbath, both directly as it diverts the mind from the sacredness of that devotion which God requires, and indirectly by the influence the example has on others."

We may understand the severe measures which the church practiced in order to establish its authority as the ultimate decision in all matters. But it is more difficult to justify a type of spying which, it seems, was the order of the day. Frequent charges against the moral characters of fellow-members were brought before church meetings. On one occasion the implicated member turned and demanded an investigation and himself closed the meeting with a soul-stirring prayer. It makes one rejoice, that after investigation the charges were not sustained and he was fully reinstated.

The Inquisition could have held few greater terrors than the fear of being "churched" must have held for those early members. At one direful meeting in March, 1848, five persons were excommunicated on a varied list of offenses: having Unitarian sentiments; neglect of covenant duties; disregarding the citations of the church; profane swearing; and Sabbath desecration.

The kindly spiritual natures of these early founders was more nearly expressed, however, by the hours they spent in "fasting, humiliation and prayer." Frequently whole days were set aside and one writer recorded that they "had a solemn and interesting season of prayer, the general impression being that the Blessed Master was present, and that to Bless his peo-

ple." Our poor words are trivial in expressing the worth of these stouthearted heroes, who recognized no distinctions among themselves save those of goodness.

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The same year in which the little first church was built, the "Female Benevolent Association" was formed (1843) with Mrs. Sarah McClure as its first president. Any church member might join by paying the yearly dues of 12 cents. The gentlemen of the church were "honorary members"—their honor, however, not extending so far as to exempt them from paying the twelve cent tax!

This society was a pretty vital part of the earliness of our church. It was the forerunner of the Guild of our present day. The precious old record books of the society are preserved intact in the Dundee Library. Invariably the society "convened" for a meeting. Occasionally a "sociable was holden." One of the bylaws stated explicitly, "there shall be no slander or detraction, or trifling conversation."

The afternoons were spent in sewing and knitting; later the honorary members came for tea, and the evening was spent in sociability.

This association, started in 1843, provided the social life of the community for several decades. These affairs sometimes formed the background for the christening of infants. Many years later, at a meeting in 1886, it is recorded an infant was thus christened. Could it be that one of the good fairies of old who were said to have attended infant christenings bestowing favors, could have hovered over this child, assuring for him a lifetime of service to his church,—from childhood into aging years,—such as no other one member has ever bestowed,—in physical, spiritual and financial contributions;—prompting his fellow members to confer upon him, in 1947, for his dependability in untold details of church administration during a Trusteeship of 31 years, the title "Trustee Emeritus, Edmund Haeger!"

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Almost fifteen years before the Civil War, a resolution was passed (1846) denouncing slavery as a heinous crime.

In 1855, to uphold their determined views on Temperance, the church voted "the deacons should obtain raisins and soak them, and use the liquid thus obtained, for sacramental purposes."

Various historians present interesting glimpses of manners and customs of that day. The late George P. Bent, noted piano manufacturer, was born in Dundee at the time his father, the Rev. George Bent was minister—1853-'55. He once wrote, "When I hear Sunday alluded to as a 'day of meloncholy,' I know what is meant. My father was a Congregational minister, and I was brought up, never by any chance to do anything I wanted to do on Sundays!"

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Within twelve years after founding, the members were able to build a new brick church. In October, 1853, this was voted to be done at a cost of \$3,000.00, exclusive of bell. The site of this second church was chosen to be across the park from the first church: "the northwest corner of Block 5, in the village of West Dundee." The present church now occupies this same lot.

This second sanctuary was the brick edifice of charming New England architecture, which was occupied for forty-seven years until 1901. It was dedicated on November 9, 1854. Its dimensions were 37 x 52 feet, and the plans included "a cupola sufficient to hold a bell of suitable dimensions." This is the first mention of our present church bell. For many years it was the only bell in Dundee. Through the century its tuneful beats have become the very heart-pulse of our church. Joyously it has announced a marriage, or it has tolled a requiem of death; through World War II (1941-45) it became the evening Vesper Bell for prayers. And, at the close of the war this bell carried the message of peace in tones of the deepest thanksgiving.

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High overhead, within its belfry old,
Our church bell hangs, reminder of the days
When proud hearts gladly, in a psalm of praise
First sang with it. In sorrow it has tolled
Its sympathy; in suffering, consoled;
And through these many years has led our ways
To worship. And in gladness still 'twill raise
Its voice, to welcome all within its fold.

Symbol of Faith and tone of kindly friend,
We heed your joyous peal out on the air.
Through centuries more your worthy reign extend
As your sweet voice calls to the House of Prayer.
May little children grow to age, and tell
The glorious story of our old church bell.

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Just after the Civil War, 1865, with membership depleted as it must have been, the church was at low ebb financially, and it was voted to tax the pews for the purpose of raising money. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Alice Hill, a granddaughter of Mr. Hugh Todd an early Deacon for nearly 40 years, (1862-'99) an ancient plat showing the seating arrangement of members, with the price of pews, has been placed in the historian's archives. No date is on this faded sheet, but it is interesting to note the early names, a few of whom can be identified with present day churchgoers.

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| 1. Vacant \$9.00 | 18. S. Wilder \$9.00 |
| 2. Deacon Northway \$8.00
(Joined in 1844) | 19. Unoccupied \$5.50 |
| 3. Luke Hale \$11.00
(1849) | 20. Unoccupied \$5.00 |
| 4. Vacant \$16.00 | 21. Unoccupied \$9.00 |
| 5. Thomas Perkins \$12.00
(Founder, 1841) | 22. Eaton Walker \$8.00
(1845) |
| 6. James Brown \$20.00 | 23. John Giddings \$10.00
(1841) |
| 7. J. A. Carpenter \$13.00 | 24. James Todd \$16.00 |
| 8. Luke Hale \$20.50
(1849) | 25. David Rankin \$11.00 |
| 9. Unoccupied \$8.00 | 26. W. R. Hemingway \$20.00
(1841) |
| 10. C. J. Wiltsie \$18.00
(1853) | 27. John Rankin \$10.00 |
| 11. Squire Simpson \$17.00
(Founder 1841) | 28. Vacant \$20.00 |
| 12. J. M. and E. Smith \$15.00 | 29. Vacant \$8.00 |
| 13. Wm. Dunton \$7.00
(1844) | 30. Vacant \$18.00 |
| 14. Capt. Thos. Thompson \$12.00
(1853) | 31. Vacant \$17.00 |
| 15. Wm. Dunton \$6.50 | 32. Hugh Todd \$15.00
(1843) |
| 16. A. Buck 6 mo.
W. Bullard \$11.50 | 33. Horace Rosencrantz \$8.00 |
| 17. John Cockerton \$6.00
(1859) | 34. Mr. Browning \$12.50 |
| | 35. Mr. Hodges \$6.50 |
| | 36. Mr. Bushnel \$10.00 |
| | 37. Salem Town \$9.00 |
| | 38. Mr. Williams \$6.00 |
| | 39. Vacant \$5.00 |
| | 40. Vacant \$5.00 |

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In November, 1888, a dining room and kitchen wing were added to the brick church. This was an ultra modern innovation in that day, and it was vehemently protested by conservative members.

Communion services were devoutly attended. A preparatory service was held the Saturday afternoon preceding each Communion, and a record kept of the attendance.

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The next few decades during the '70's, '80's, '90's and on into the new century, saw the church steadily rising to its highest pinnacles of prosperity. Many influential families during these years created a strong membership, and all social activities were centered in the church, making it the spiritual and social influence of the whole community. This was the day before Woman's Clubs, Bridge Clubs, Garden Clubs, and every other kind of club divided up the increased leisure that had come to women, and their energies were tireless in planning church "sociables," packing missionary barrels, attending midweek prayer meetings, and Sabbath services morning and evening, and in countless ways making successful the work of the church. So potent was the influence of these families upon the social and religious life of the community that dancing and card playing were frowned upon, practically up to the time of the First World War (1917).

A dozen or more of these families still active in the church today have had many generations of membership, covering periods of fifty, seventy-five and one hundred years! The unlimited service and loyalty rendered through this long period of years allows these families to assume undeniably the title "Golden Families," given more completely on a later page. Dates given are when members joined.

GOLDEN FAMILIES

1841 **The Perry Family.** 110 years
Present member: Miss Josephine Perry, 1903.

1841-1945 **The McClure-Dunton Families**

1843-1945 **The Walker-Hoxie Families**

These families, active throughout the century no longer have representatives in Dundee.

1844 **The Dunton-Edwards Family.** 107 years

1847 **The Edwards Family.** 104 years

Present members:

- Mrs. Florence Edwards Wright, 1884
Miss Mary Edwards, 1886
Mrs. Lucinda Hall Edwards, 1890
Mr. Alfred Edwards, Jr., 1946
Mrs. Ruth Farmiloe Edwards, 1946
Peter, Anne, Alfred Edwards
Mrs. Ellenor Hall Simpson, 1924
Dr. Frederick Simpson, 1950
Tommy, Fred, Susan, and Jon Simpson
- 1843 **The Todd Family.** 108 years
Mrs. Alice Grant Hill
Mrs. Helen Hill, 1945
- 1848 **The Crichton Family.** 103 years
Mrs. Margaret Price Lange, 1908
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitzsimmons, 1912
Miss Ruth Fitzsimmons, 1927
Mrs. Bessie Crichton Miller, 1912
Miss Bethea Crichton, 1912
Mr. Raymond Crichton, 1912
- 1873 **The Haeger Family.** 78 years
Present members:
Mr. Edmund Haeger, 1900
Mrs. Edmund Haeger, 1913
Mrs. Joseph Estes (Barbara Haeger), 1927
Mr. Joseph Estes, 1935
Victoria Mills Estes
Nicholas Edmund Haeger Estes
Alexandra Estes
Mrs. John McQuillan, Jr. (Marcy Haeger), 1932
John McQuillan III
David Cyril McQuillan
- 1885 **The Kildahl Family.** 66 years
Present members:
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kildahl (Louise Schmeltz)
- 1886 **The Westerman-Schmeltz Family.** 65 years
Present member:
Mrs. Edward Schmeltz (Rosa Westerman)
- 1886 **The Griffith Family.** 65 years
Present member:
Mrs. H. W. Stiles (Aly Griffith), 1900
The Rev. William Stiles (deceased 1950)
- 1886 **The Keeler Family.** 65 years
Present members:
Misses Katherine and Lily Keeler, 1886

- 1886 **The Shedden Family.** 65 years
Present members:
Mr. Leonard Shedden, 1900
Miss Bernice Shedden, 1916
- 1886 **The Hawley Family.** 65 years
Mr. William Hawley, 1886
Mrs. William Hawley (Della Nichols), 1891
- 1888 **The Binnie Family.** 63 years
Mr. Clair Binnie, 1924
Mrs. Clair Binnie, 1937
Ralph, Gary, Alice, and Nancy Binnie
Miss Hazel Binnie, 1930
Mr. Alex Binnie, 1924

Present Members of 25 years and over:

- 1906 **The Oatman Family.** 45 years
Present members:
Mr. William Oatman, 1922
Mrs. William Oatman, 1935, and '50
David and Rachel Oatman
Mr. Lawrence Oatman, 1922
Miss Grace Whittaker, 1927
- 1912 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harvey
- 1914 Miss May Holmes
- 1915 Mrs. Nettie Droegemueller
Mrs. Carl Baresel, 1915
Mrs. Joyce Pagels, 1938
Charles Baresel, 1938
Russell Baresel, 1939
David Baresel, 1939
Malcolm Baresel, 1940
Mrs. Phyllis Rohrsen, 1943
- 1919 Mrs. John Gothard
Miss Frances Gothard, 1925
- 1919 Mrs. Carrie Keegan
- 1919 Mrs. Arthur Hill
Mrs. Pomeroy Sinnock (Mary Hill), 1924
Mrs. E. J. Hart (Martha Hill), 1932
- 1920 Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wickham
- 1921 Miss Enola Rath
Miss Maude Rath
Miss Genevieve Rath
Mr. Jack Rath
Mrs. Clarence Rath

- 1922 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bopp
Miss Mildred Bopp, 1922
Mr. Harold Bopp, 1924
- 1922 Mrs. A. H. Krahn
Mr. and Mrs. Warren Krahn, 1949
- 1922 Mrs. Jennie Schroeder
Miss Carolyn Schroeder, 1929
- 1922 Mrs. Beulah (Wright) Smith
- 1922 Mr. and Mrs. William LeSourd
- 1923 Mrs. Less Bond
- 1923 Mrs. Carrie Miller
Mrs. Myrtle Angell
Mrs. Donald Benthussen, (Carolyn Angell) 1929
Mr. Donald Benthussen, 1936
Jean, Bonnie and Tommy Benthussen
Miss Charlotte Angell, 1932
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller, 1939
Mrs. Ted Eichler (Mary Miller), 1936
Mr. Ted Eichler, 1947
Mary Elizabeth Eichler
Mrs. Mary Ann Angell Martin, 1934
Mr. Tom Angell, 1936
- 1924 Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McDonald
Mrs. Robin Hood (Jean McDonald), 1932
Mr. John McDonald
- 1924 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Howard
Mrs. Dorothy Howard Rewoldt, 1925
Mr. Arthur Howard, 1937
- 1926 Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shoellhorn
Richard Shoellhorn
Kent Shoellhorn
Susan Shoellhorn

Many members of less than 25 years have held important offices in the administration of church affairs:

- 1927 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Esh
- 1927 Mr. and Mrs. William Rewoldt
Mrs. Edna Rewoldt Richards
- 1927 Mrs. Robert Smith
Mrs. Fred Theiss
- 1927 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boncosky
- 1927 Mrs. T. Stenstrom
- 1929 Mr. and Mrs. George Roulston

- 1929 Mrs. Anne Doane Hartman
Mr. Richard Doane, 1936
- 1929 The Peter Dall Family
- 1929 Mrs. Walter Pagels
Mr. Walter Pagels, Jr., 1938
Ronald Pagels
- 1929 Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Schuknecht
- 1929 Mr. and Mrs. Roger Webb
Mrs. Grace Webb
- 1929 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Drafall
Mr. Norman Drafall
- 1930 Attorney and Mrs. H. Wheeler Brittain
John Brittain
Mrs. Robert Acree (Beatrice Brittain)
- 1930 Mr. and Mrs. Donald Buchanan
Donald and David Buchanan
- 1930 Mr. John Fitzsimmons
- 1931 Mr. W. D. Smith
Dr. Lyman Smith, 1931
Mrs. Lyman Smith (Doris Caesar), 1947
Stephanie, Woodie, Orval Caesar Smith
- 1932 Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Price
- 1932 The Nystedt Family
- 1932 Mrs. Roland Moar
- 1935 Mrs. Frank Fink
- 1935 Mrs. Sophie Kruger
Mr. Clarence Kruger
Mrs. Clarence Kruger, 1936
- 1935 Miss Mae Morse
- 1935 Mrs. Carl Lange (Irene Kroplin)
- 1936 Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brey
Miss Mildred Brey
Mrs. Donald Kahl (Virginia Brey)
Audrey and Coralie Brey
- 1936 Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Esh
- 1936 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knoll
- 1936 Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Smith
Duane Smith
- 1936 Miss Clara Kern
- 1936 Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mitchell
Jean Ann and Clark Mitchell

- 1936 Mrs. John Cleland
Mrs. Esther Cleland Batt, 1936
Miss Margaret Cleland, 1937
Miss Doris Cleland, 1940
- 1936 Mrs. Cora Duff
Mrs. Marian Duff Wilson
Mrs. Agnes Duff Miller
- 1936 Mrs. Thomas Smith
Lyle Smith
Charles Smith
Mr. and Mrs. George Garrison
Mr. and Mrs. Duane Garrison
- 1937 Mrs. John Hauschild
Sharon and Carol May Hauschild
- 1938 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Melahn
- 1939 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reimer
Miss Gloria Reimer
- 1939 Miss Maud Hott
- 1940 Mrs. James Brown
Mr. James Brown, Jr.
- 1940 Mrs. Emily Worthy
- 1942 Mrs. Leora Melahn
Sandra Melahn
- 1944 Mrs. William Reimers
- 1944 Mrs. F. J. Maha
- 1944 Mrs. Walter McIntosh
Mr. Walter McIntosh, Jr.
- 1945 Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sharp
Donald and Gerald Sharp
- 1945 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brewer
- 1945 Mrs. Howard Getzelman
Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Einwach, 1951
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Simmons, 1951
Sue Getzelman
- 1945 Mrs. Arthur Jensen
- 1945 Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pertiet
- 1945 Miss Georgianna Hadley
- 1946 Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Taber
- 1946 Mrs. E. H. MacRae
Mr. Donald MacRae

- 1946 Mrs. Frank Pendexter
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Macdonald (Annajeanne Pendexter), 1945
- 1947 Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ward
- 1947 Mr. and Mrs. Werner Heinrich
- 1949 Mr. and Mrs. William Giese
Stephanie and William Giese
- 1949 Mr. and Mrs. Parker Rowe
Pamela and Stephen Rowe
- 1949 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bullard
Barbara and Frederick Bullard
- 1950 Mrs. Faye Alley
- 1950 Mrs. Joanne Ellis Alley
Douglas Alley
- 1950 Mr. and Mrs. Merle Nesbit
Lynn and Priscilla Nesbit

(The 1951 List of Contributing Members and Friends, found on a later page.)

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Memory brings to mind the name of a man lovingly revered, the late **Dr. George T. McCollum**. His ministry in Dundee began just before the turn of the century, 1898, and lasted until 1905, a period of seven years, at that time the longest pastorate in the history of the church.

Dr. McCollum possessed unusual ability as an organizer, a quality which became more evident when he later entered state and national work. His wife, the late Katherine Wright McCollum, was a member of a family of ministers and college professors, and she made an able assistant to her husband. She was a leader in all church work, and together they endeared themselves to the people of Dundee, which was always "home" to them.

In June, 1900, the Congregationalists joined with the Baptists and Methodists in holding a series of "revival" meetings. That was the day when Rev. W. A. Sunday, known throughout the country as Billy Sunday, was rising to fame as an evangelist. A big "tabernacle," seating 1,000 people, was raised in the village park. At the close of a month of meetings, 150 people in the little village of Dundee professed to being "converted." Of these, seventy-five joined the Congregational Church.

The little brick church of 1853 was becoming too small in 1901. Enthusiastically the members voted to build a new church for the third time. This was to cost the impressive sum of \$11,000.00, and \$11,000.00 was forthwith raised.

On Sunday, July 7, 1901, the congregation met for the last time in the old church, which was to have the work of its demolition begun the next day. One can imagine the feelings of sadness and solemnity occasioned by this farewell to a place of hallowed associations, and yet with hopeful anticipations for the new sanctuary.

That summer the lovely little church was razed to make way for the new one built in its place. During that period of building, church services were held once again in the little First Church of 1843, and many cherished memories were

awakened by those who had formerly partaken of sacred tokens there in the olden days.

On October 6, 1901, the cornerstone of our present church was laid, in the sixtieth year since the founding.

The articles enclosed in the cornerstone were arranged by Miss Nelda Haeger (who later became Mrs. George McCollum). She sent an interesting list of these things (the complete list appears elsewhere in this booklet). She wrote, "At some future time when the present church is replaced, those of future generations, who may look upon the contents of the box in the cornerstone, will see copies of periodicals long since out of circulation; deeds to church pews occupied by Alfred Edwards and Eaton Walker; and the large old-fashioned key to the brick church of 1853. It is to be hoped they may be able to recognize the copy of the Bible, also placed there-in!"

The church was dedicated on April 27, 1902, with a week of celebration. The members of the Building Committee were Mrs. D. H. Haeger, Messrs. C. E. Griffith, Francis B. Wright, Edward A. Schmeltz, and Duncan Forbes.

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During all the years of Dr. McCollum's ministry, and those of several succeeding ministers, the Church School was of highest rank under the efficient leadership of **Mr. Edward A. Schmeltz**. His services as superintendent extended through a period of twenty-eight years, 1898-1926. His record can never again be duplicated. Banners for highest efficiency in the Elgin Association were continually being awarded to this church school. Mr. Schmeltz was a devotee of Marion Lorraine, the famous authority on church school administration, and he modeled the Dundee school along lines of the most highly approved church school management. He grounded his pupils in the fundamentals of religion, and when they graduated they had a real knowledge of the Bible. An entire school, teachers and pupils, thus motivated and alert, could only be so because of the stimulating enthusiasm of the superintendent. Mr. Schmeltz gave a deep personal interest to all of his pupils, and these church-school years carried a vision.

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Another all-time record in church annals was held by **Mr. C. E. Griffith**. For a period of 35 years, 1889 to 1924, he administered the exacting duties of church treasurer, the old record books attesting his unerring accuracy.

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Eminent Women of Earlier Years

This church which had been assisted by missionary aid in the beginning, in turn developed a strong missionary interest, and launched a program of benevolences which surpassed that of churches of even larger membership.

A group of consecrated women carried on this work in the missionary society. For seven years, 1902-1909, Mrs. Anna Boynton was the leader, until ill health forced her to become inactive, and she was made President Emerita.

Other women devoted to this early missionary work as presidents were Mrs. Addie Edwards, 1880; Mrs. D. H. Haeger, 1882-'83, and 1895-'97; Mrs. Jacob Westerman, 1887-'88; Mrs. C. F. Hall, 1898-'99, and Mrs. Mary Walker, 1890-'93, and 1900-'02.

One can scarcely exaggerate in speaking of these eminently fine women. Probably no church was ever blessed with a lovelier group than those who had come to Dundee as brides, and had lived as neighbors for fifty years, giving of the wisdom of their hearts, and filling their lives with unselfish usefulness. Today these women are enshrined in hallowed memory:

Mrs. H. C. Edwards, known for both her inner and outer beauty, and for her magnificent generosity, which lives on in generations of her descendants.

Mrs. James Raynor Smith, whose buoyant philosophy of life brings her vividly before those who hold in memory her beloved personality.

Mrs. Homer Hoxie, endeared by her jovial nature and kindly humor.

Mrs. Charles F. Hall, whose whole life was a beautiful expression of nobility.

Mrs. Jennie Oatman, filled with an overflow of genial personality.

Mrs. Jacob Westerman, whose benevolent spirit was a large part of her life. The hospitality of her bountiful table was open to all "supply" ministers; and her home gave a welcoming haven to incoming

ministers. Serving as deaconess for many years, her preparation of the Communion table became a sacred rite,—an office lovingly filled.

Mrs. Aurelia Blakesley, who retained a spirit of graciousness through a century-long life. On her 102nd birthday she was asked what life had taught her. She replied, "Don't worry! and don't say unkind things."

Mrs. Charles E. Griffith, whose sincere desire to be helpful was her only impulse in performing unnumbered deeds of usefulness. Sixteen years she served as chairman of the Ladies Aid section; and as deaconess she and Mrs. D. H. Haeger gave annual reports of over 200 calls a year.

Mrs. James Keeler, a gentle little Scotch lady, who was a writer and a lover of poetry.

Mrs. A. P. Buckley, whose cultivation of the true and worth while, was reflected in the life of her librarian daughter, Miss Bertha Buckley.

Mrs. Thomas Crichton, the soul of hospitality in her broad-acred country home, where church gatherings were always welcome.

Mrs. Mary Radloff, matriarch of five generations, mother of Mrs. Carrie Miller. Her soul must have been filled with music, so much has been inherited by her descendant generations, several great granddaughters being among the finest musicians of Dundee.

Mrs. Hannah Annell, whose unflinching treasures of heart as well as generosity, never ceased in service nor support.

Mrs. David H. Haeger, who possessed a charm of personality that time can never dim. The doors of the old Haeger mansion on the hill were open sesame to all alike. A tribute that sums up her whole life has been given by a former minister, Mr. Stiles: "Her smile seemed to come from a source deeper than human personality . . . it was the revelation of a character motivated by benevolence. All were made richer by knowing her."

"To the land of the leal, they have gone with their song."

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Today we bow before the quiet grace of one, Mrs. Mary Walker, who in person is with us, wearing her ninety-five years like a "silver-threaded fairy shawl" of age which Time has caressingly placed about her.

"Let me grow lovely, growing old,
So many fine things do,—
Laces, and ivory, and gold,
And silks need not be new.

And there is healing in old trees,
Old streets a glamour hold;
Why may not I, as well as these
Grow lovely, growing old?"

(Mrs. Walker, three years later, at the age of 98, just as she had lived, peacefully passed away.)

1906-1916

The perspective that comes when one is able to look back over the trail and observe the scene from a personal viewpoint, is a pleasant experience for many members in the church today.

Looming large in this pageantry of the past now rises an era that brought a new record of spiritual values to our church.

The coming of **Rev. H. William Stiles** in 1906 began a period of ten purposeful years—the longest pastorate in the church. Through his understanding sympathy, his sincere friendliness, his kindly humor, there gradually was created a ministry that during three or more generations was endearingly termed the “Stiles tradition.” Not a home in the congregation but knew his presence at the time of a wedding, a christening, a funeral—sacred hours that made enduring ties of friendship. Equally enriching were the hours spent with him in profitable pleasure. The “Scandinavians,” a group of young married couples, was organized at about this time, and while not primarily a church group, many Sunday evenings after church were spent around the fireside in one of the member’s homes, with Mr. Stiles’ inspiring leadership in discussions of value. How enticingly the memory of those evenings beckon across the years!

These came at the full flood-tide stage of a group of capable young people:

Erle and Clarabel (Borden) Oatman; William and Alicia (Whittaker) Oatman; Herbert and Edna (Haeger) Walker; Francis and Florence (Edwards) Wright; Guy and Lucinda (Edwards) Hall; Edward and Rosa (Westerman) Schmeltz; Fred and Susan (Mitchell) Hall; Osher and Mabel (Ellenbrook) Schlaifer; Alfred and Margaret (Peck) Edwards; Charles and Claire (Vandevere) Rowe; David and Mary (Newhall) Haeger; Herbert and Beth (Cheney) Stiles; and in later years Arthur and Ruth (Barber) Hill; and Edmund and Betty (Mills) Haeger. A singular charm imbued those years.

Young matrons in the church were developing an efficiency and enthusiasm in all branches of church service. Names that are constantly found throughout the records of those years are Mrs. Della Carr, with eight splendid years of leadership of the Woman’s Guild, 1912-1920.

This is the longest presidency in the history of the Guild; Mrs. Francis Wright with an unparalleled record of twenty years as Guild Treasurer; Mrs. Hattie Buckley Craft and Mrs. Clara Boynton Bogue, Guild Secretaries for many years; Mrs. Edward Schmeltz with devoted interest in missions; Mrs. Leonard Shedden with a long span of years in Church School and Guild; the Haeger girls with unstinted service in all departments—Nelda (Mrs. George McCollum) as organist and church school worker; Edna (Mrs. H. W. Walker) as choir leader and active in Guild; and Mary and Elsa as organist, choir members, and Superintendent of the Primary; Mrs. Erle Oatman, supervising the work of the children; Mrs. Guy Hall, with many years of faithful choir attendance, Guild work, and Church School; Miss Mary Edwards as organist, and church school teacher; Mrs. Mittie Hall in Guild and Church School; Mrs. Alicia Oatman in Church School, Guild, and as Deaconess; Mrs. Fred Holmes, Mrs. Hugh Kent, Miss Jennie Webb, Miss Lois Metcalf, Mrs. Blanche Jensen, Mrs. Georgia Smith Dahlin, all active in Guild; and Mrs. Louis Dunton and Mrs. William Dunton serving in every capacity in Guild, Church School and church.



Mrs. Louise Kildahl had started a flower service in the Guild in the early 1900’s, little realizing that almost fifty years of this beautiful custom of bestowing flowers wherever cheer, or congratulations were in order, would one day record her own name in church annals in imperishable immortelles! A sort of graciousness of service always hovered about her loving little deeds, and her countless gifts of flowers became symbolic of her kindness.

Mr. Peter Kildahl began in 1904 to serve as Trustee, a service continued until 1934, most of the time as Chairman of the Board, an unprecedented record, and one of the best trusteeships ever administered in the Church. A title more than merited by this grand man, now 90 (1951) is Dean of the Trustees.

The following letter which expresses something of the feeling in which he is held was sent by the Guild in appreciation of his untiring services:

“To a True Descendant of Viking Blood:

“Sir Peter: We all know the mettle with which the Vikings of old were endowed. But it is not given to every community—in this mod-

ern world of haste and indifference—to claim a citizen in whose veins flows this same blood of unquenchable valor!

“For many years Dundee has possessed such a citizen; one whose valor is shown in an inherent sense of courtesy—(chivalry it was called in the old days); one whose thoughtfulness performs the many kindly acts that most of us leave undone;—one who considers it a privilege to share whatever he has.

“It would be impossible to compute the hundreds of miles that he (and his Lady Louise) have travelled, bearing flowers and untold cheer to countless people;—his thoughtfulness has enabled many a person to attend church who could not have done so without his assistance; for years his car has borne the classic title ‘Guild Special’—so many members have been carried to meetings,—so many errands performed.

“Little kindnesses! Yes! But multiply these courtesies by 90 years, and some measure of the life of this grand man may be glimpsed.

“One of God’s own noblemen—Sir Peter of the Vikings.”

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In 1910 the national organization of Boy Scouts was founded. That same fall in our church, Mr. Stiles organized the first Scout troop in Dundee, one of the first in Illinois, and Number 150 in the entire United States, a signal distinction. For six years, Mr. Stiles’ guiding spirit inspired the energies, the aspirations, the visions of Dundee youth.

The Sylvans, a society for the young women of the church, flourished for several years, with Mrs. Francis Wright and Mrs. Frederick Hall as its esteemed patronesses.

Largely through the efforts and contribution of Miss Nelda Haeger (later Mrs. McCollum), who at that time was organist, the present pipe organ was installed in 1910, at a cost of \$3,300.00. The dedication took place on March 13, 1910. This fine Cassavant organ has done more than any other one thing for the worshipful atmosphere of the church. The committee to choose the organ was Miss Haeger; Mrs. H. F. Petersen, a music teacher of that day; Mr. Guy Hall; Mr. Herbert Walker, and Mr. Stiles.

At about this time Mr. Fred Hall organized the Open Court Bible Class, and for a number of years interested a group of men in after-church discussions each Sunday. Mentioning merely one of his activities, however, in no way expresses the many worth-while deeds of Mr. Hall. During World War I, he spent a year in Y.M.C.A. work in France. It has been many years since he was a resident of Dundee, but one still recalls his genial personality, his literary tastes, his love of simple pleasures—a walk through the woods, a few friends, and always, if he walked alone, his book was with him as a tonic companion.

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Miss May Holmes during her high-school days served two or three years as chairman of the Young People’s Christian Endeavor Society, at that time a large and flourishing group. In later years, Miss Holmes with a master’s degree in Child Psychology, was for 14 years director of elementary education in the Davenport schools, and, when her busy time permitted, gave valuable service as assistant superintendent in the primary department of our Church School. The Elgin schools recently had, for two years, the benefit of her experience, as a counselor; and at present she is writing a newspaper guidance column.

During the last year of Mr. Stiles’ ministry in 1916, was held the 75th Anniversary of the church, which was fittingly observed.

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Parsonages

In 1915 the present brick parsonage was built at a cost of \$5,500.00. The Stiles family was the first to occupy the new home. This manse occupies the lot just east of the church, and for 36 years (1915) it has housed our ministers. Previous to this, for twenty-one years (1894-1915) the parsonage was located at 716 West Main, now the home of the Catholic Sisters. Here lived the Freemans, 1894-’98; the McCollums, 1898-’05; the Stiles, 1906-’15. The home at 403 Oregon Avenue, now

owned by our church members Mr. and Mrs. Morel Miller, was occupied as a manse, by the newly married Reillys, 1889-'94. When a few years ago the Reillys were feted in New York in honor of their 50th anniversary, an early picture of this charming home was printed in the New York paper, with Mrs. Reilly wheeling her baby in an old-fashioned perambulator on the front walk.

The Ferris family, 1883-'89, lived at the corner of Geneva and Seventh in a house since destroyed by fire. One other minister's home can be definitely identified. Perhaps this was the home of several of the very early ministers—conveniently located as it was, just across the corner of the park from the little first church of 1843. This is the house at 410 Washington, now owned by the cartoonist, Mr. William Juhre. Long before it was remodelled, it was occupied in 1853-'55 by the Rev. George Bent. When the late George Bent II visited Dundee several years ago, he revisited this place to see the house where he was born.

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—The day had long since arrived which had been envisioned by the early pioneer as “the misty future wherein the eye of faith might behold the horse and carriage!”—For long years, Sunday mornings had seen an assemblage back of the church, of all the Black Beauties and Merry Legs of which the town could boast. A long sheltering roof protected them from summer heat and winter snow; and the pastor's sermons must have had all the strong points emphasized by the stamping of many hoofs!

On many a beautiful Sabbath morning as the well-filled family surrey bowled along the road to church, one good mother of the church was wont to say, “Well, it's not the Lord's fault if we don't have a good turn-out this beautiful day!”

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Since the early years at the turn of the century, on down to the mid 1940's, Mr. Leonard Shedden was the “keeper of

the bell,” with all that that entails. It no longer seems right to enter the church on Sabbath morning, and not find Mr. Shedden, watch in hand, tolling the bell for morning service, and his own cheerful greeting for every person who enters.

The Shedden family literally grew up in the church. The Shedden boys in years gone by were “organ blowers” in the days of the old hand pump. One of these boys, Clarence, a few years later, went overseas in 1917, never to return. That little plot of ground in France, marked by a simple white cross, is the sacred shrine to which Mrs. Shedden made a pilgrimage in 1930, in company with America's Gold Star Mothers. Flowers may wither, and markers decay, but the names of those who gave all for their country, will be engraved forever upon the hearts of those who can never forget.

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1917-1918

In 1917 the **Rev. John Bushnell** came to Dundee. He was a young man of gifted tongue and eloquent oratory. This was the year when the First World War loomed large on the horizon of America. Time was largely measured in terms of bandages rolled; and food, meat, sugar, coal were all measured in terms of conservation. Houses were not heated then by oil or gas, and throughout the community families were doubling up to save coal for the government. The church voted to close the main auditorium through the winter, and heat only the lecture room for Sunday morning service. Evening services were dispensed with for the first time.

Rev. Bushnell's impassioned discourses upon the war situation were brought to a sudden termination with his resignation as he enlisted to go to the front in his country's service.

Young men who went into service from this church are named in the Church Honor Roll. Many of these went to France. Clarence Shedden and Stanley Cox gave their lives for their country. Harry Yagle won his promotion to the rank of major, and was presented a Distinguished Service

Cross by King George, for capturing, singlehanded, a German machine-gun emplacement with sixteen prisoners.

1917 Honor Roll

Clarence Shedden	Wilmer Griffith	Vane Rath
James Shedden	Herbert Erwin	Harry Wagner
Earle Sternberg	Raymond Rath	Arthur Libbey
Stanley Cox	Nelson Gothard	J. F. Bushnell
Herbert Bonin	Fred Lagerstrom	Harry Harvey
Edward Bonin	Raymond Crichton	Earle Buckley
Ballard Mann	Robert Crichton	Edward Wright
Harry Yagle	F. F. Hall	Gordon Carr
Eric Hinman	Warren Shedden	John Anderson
	Sheldon Dickenson	

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1918-1921

During the following summer of 1918, **Dr. Walter L. Ferris** accepted an invitation to return to Dundee. Dr. Ferris had been a much loved minister of thirty-odd years previous (1883-1889). He had not grown old in spirit or ability. His buoyancy of thought and feeling kept him young in mind and soul; and his second pastorate proved one of comforting and understanding sympathy to the large number of aging friends in his congregation.

It was fitting that during his second pastorate occurred a Golden Wedding ceremonial that was one of the most rarely beautiful occasions that has taken place in the entire history of the church.

On May 24, 1921, eight couples who had been married fifty years or more, and who had lived in Dundee during the half century—homes on Main Street or nearby, and representing such a wealth of associations as only a background of such friendships could yield—formed a Golden Wedding Church Processional such as has possibly never been witnessed in any other church in the world.

As these aging couples passed, with slow timed step, one saw again, in revery, old garden walks, old roses, old loves.

“The old sweet love! ’Tis good to see
Her face each year more fond, more true,
The voice so dear, the kindly smile,
The clasp that longer clings the while
As we go hand in hand.—Ah me!
I love the old loves best, don’t you?”

These eight couples, all of whom were prominent in church and community were:

Mr. and Mrs. William Eaton Walker
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hoxie
Mr. and Mrs. James Raynor Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Edwards
Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Westerman
Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hall
Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Buckley
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Eatinger

One of the brides, Mrs. Hall, wore her complete outfit of wedding finery of half a century before, a comely off-shoulder wedding gown, ivory with age, which she had becomingly graced on her wedding day, with hair done in long curls of that period.

A program was presented by children of the honored guests. A banquet was later held in the church dining room, with a wedding cake which contained remnants from the original wedding cakes of the Hoxie and Edwards weddings of 1866, fifty-five years before!

A delightful program of reminiscences “Golden Links” turned their memories back over the long vista that the years unfolded.

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1922-1926

Filled with a fine enthusiasm for his very first pastorate, the **Rev. Thomas A. Goodwin** in 1922 brought his attractive young bride, Olive Reynolds Goodwin, to the Dundee parsonage which was their first home. These were years of precious joy for them, and although they were later to experience shadow with their sunshine in the loss of their precious first born, the sincere and understanding sympathy of friends was but deepened, and their fellowship they rejoice to keep alive even today, in prayers, in letters and in visits.

During the four years of Mr. Goodwin's pastorate, the church exceeded its fine tradition of benevolent giving. These years averaged \$4,556.00 in local expenditures, and \$2,700.00 in benevolences.

For about ten years during this pastorate and that of the succeeding minister, public paid suppers and bazaars were definitely discouraged. The new idea was just being introduced of having an Every Member Canvas, and it was recommended that members should be solicited to subscribe the full amount which they were able to pay, with the tacit pledge that no other solicitations would be made for money during the year.

The church school continued to flourish and win efficiency banners under Mr. Schmeltz's able leadership. Teachers were known to volunteer their services, and attendance and preparation at Teachers' Meetings must meet with approval! The Wyler Private School and the Yeomen School increased the Church School membership, filling the auditorium with classes, and over one hundred primary children downstairs.

The Woman's Guild was ably and efficiently directed by Mrs. Osher Schlaifer, an erudite Phi Beta Kappa, with a few additional college degrees. She was the wife of the new superintendent of schools, Osher Schlaifer, probably the most brilliantly intellectual person ever known in Dundee. Credit should be given him for the fine Men's Club which he organized in the church with nationally known speakers; for the Sunday Evening Club of high-school boys with whom he

met each week for many years; for the quarter-of-a-million dollar Community High School building that was erected through his indefatigable driving force. A dramatic instance of his humanitarianism was shown during the calamitous epidemic of flu that was world wide in its dreadful devastation. In Dundee many deaths had occurred, and in the Italian colony the disease was rampant—whole families lay sick and dying with no one to care for them. Hospitals were overcrowded, and no space available. At Mr. Schlaifer's suggestion, Mrs. Alicia Oatman and Mrs. Ella Eggler, officers of the Dundee Welfare Club, helped him improvise a hospital in the vacant parsonage. No ambulances were available, and with great risk to their own health, Mr. Schlaifer and Edmund Haeger transported all the patients that the improvised hospital could hold. The club furnished a nurse; Mr. Schlaifer looked after the furnace; and Mrs. Oatman and Mrs. Eggler furnished hot soup for the patients. The Schlaifers' son Robert became an Oxford scholar, and is now a professor in Harvard University.

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1926-1930

Everything looks so much more pleasant and agreeable to us when looked at through the softening haze of time. Our ever lengthening chain of memories seems to have only pleasant links; we see the bright things when we look back—not the dark. No doubt there were the usual number of disturbing things, but from this distance the next few years seemed to flow along in a calmly benign course with nothing to mar the general felicity of the times. —Occasionally there comes to a church, a minister of whom one thinks in community terms rather than denominational. And on the crest of this propitious period, in 1926, came a young man, the **Rev. Edward Koster** whom the whole community claimed. He possessed qualities that marked him from the start, for a successful pastorate—a dominant and contagious enthusiasm; a genius for working with others; but withal a gracious urbanity of manner.

Activities flourished. One of the first things accomplished was the redecoration of the auditorium for the first time since it was built twenty-four years previously; the parsonage was completely redecorated; the roofs of the church and parsonage were reshingled; a new forced-air heating plant was installed in the church at a cost of \$3,300.00, and by building an outside, fireproof furnace room, the old style hot-air furnace and pipes were removed, affording more space in the basement for church school and church suppers.

Mr. Koster believed that the future capital of our church was represented in its young people, and every summer, vacation Bible schools were conducted in our church, open to all the children in the community, and assisted by other pastors. These were attended by over 200 children. Women of the church and community contributed their services and for several years these proved very successful.

Weekly church bulletins were printed by the minister. Also an interesting magazine of 12 to 16 pages, "The Congregational Messenger," was published monthly with contributions from members. Several of these repose in the Historian's "Archives."

For a period of six years the Woman's Guild was under the leadership of Mrs. Edmund Haeger, her presidency being thus prolonged because of a petition signed by over eighty members of the Guild requesting that her services be continued. The Guild contributed annually toward Church Benevolences; they installed new indirect lighting fixtures in the auditorium; two hundred new hymnals were presented to the church; new Communion linen bought; choir robes were donated to the senior choir; and surplices made for the junior choir; the serving pantry for the church kitchen was enlarged and made efficient with serving windows and table. This pastorate was still of the opinion that a church need not rely on members of other churches for money or support, and paid public suppers were discouraged. But the good old term "fellowship" was coming into its own, and "Fellowship Suppers" reached a new high, with attendance at times of 200, and

rarely under 150. The newly enlarged basement offered a fine opportunity to become a resplendent banqueting hall; long tables filled the entire space and different committees for each supper brought forth cleverly original ideas for decoration. One supper, especially unique, had twelve long tables, each seating 20 people, each table representing a month of the year, and those with birthdays in that month sat at that table. Each was appropriately decorated with charming ingenuity, and an assorted display of birthday cakes was produced that has never been surpassed by the famous cooks of Dundee!

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At about this time the Baptist Church disbanded, several of its members being welcomed into this congregation. Mr. Koster made a zealous attempt to bring about a federation with the remaining Methodists, but this was not accomplished.

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During this decade a loyal group of prominent businessmen were serving as Trustees. Peter Kildahl, Dean of Trustees, was giving 30 years service on the Board; Guy Hall served 25 years before his retirement; Edmund Haeger was giving 31 years, when he became Trustee Emeritus; George Roulston, 18 years; and Erle Oatman, 11 years before he removed from Dundee. Others giving valuable service as Trustees were Attorney H. Wheeler Brittain, Vernon McDonald, William Dayton Smith, Donald Buchanan, Ralph Shoellhorn, Fred Schuknecht, William Hawley, Arthur Howard, Frank Bopp and Fred Knoll. Marshall Clark and Merle Campbell served several years before their removal from Dundee. Later Trustees, most of whom are serving today (1951), include Elmer Miller, Alfred Edwards, Joseph Estes, Floyd Wickham, Harold Swanson, William Giese, and Lee Ward, the present Chairman of the Board.

Little can one who has not served in this capacity realize the minutiae of detail that must be handled by the Trustees. Every undertaking, small and large, passes through their hands. It is providential that our church possesses qualified men, willing and able to administer this important office.

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In looking over the records of Church and Guild during those years, what could impress one more with the swift passing of time than to read names of those no longer with us, who, only yesterday, were vitally interested and actively engaged in our mutual undertakings. We inwardly sorrow as we think of Nellie Kerch, Alicia Oatman, Bessie Stuart Smith, Bertha Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. Will Dunton, Fred Hall, Guy Hall, William Oatman, Erle Oatman, Francis Wright, Edward Wright, Lincoln Kneebone, Clara Chase, James Brown, Mrs. Fred Holmes, Mrs. Roy Guge, Mrs. Alfreda Keegan, Walter Pagels, Mr. Stiles, Mr. Fink, Mr. James Binnie, Clyde Rewoldt, Mrs. Shedden, Mathilda Schultz, Helen Wickham, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howard, Dick Doane, Mrs. Mary Schuknecht, and the Henry Edgcombs. Others whom we seldom or never see in their far removed homes are the Osher Schlaifers, the Marshall Clarks, the John Tallmans, Mrs. Harry Olsen, Marabelle Patterson, the Merle Campbells, Katherine Keeler, the Dr. Peterson family and Mr. Neil Keegan.

It is disastrous to attempt to name individuals because inadvertently omissions are made. But the records tell an interesting story, and in giving these names as found, it is in no sense done with the idea of underestimating the service of those who may be unnamed and unsung, but whose service may be equally valuable with that recorded. If space permitted, it would be interesting to list the names of that vast army of Sabbath School teachers through the century—many of whom served long faithful years.

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A Century of Singers

Since the very beginning our church has been blessed with excellent singers, from the early day when the fine tenor voice of the first choirmaster, Mr. Hemingway, one of the founders, led the singing.

No records of early choirs have been found, but the legendary fame of many singers is often recalled.

The Dempsters, an early Scotch family, were all exceptionally fine singers. An ancient record states that the two Dempster brothers were well known for their singing both in this country and in Scotland. One of these brothers was the A. R. Dempster who gave the picturesque description of pioneer days, delivered at the 50th Anniversary in 1891 (P. 14). While this family was originally among the strong upholders of Scotch Calvinism, they apparently later came into this church, for Mr. Dempster's fine voice was gratefully utilized in choir service. Mr. Dempster had a sister, Christian, who was Mrs. James Mitchell. She lived to be 96, and could still sing when an old lady. No doubt she added her voice to those services. Her daughter, Miss Katherine Mitchell, also inherited this love of music, and for a number of years she was choir director in our church. She was an aunt of Miss Katherine Keeler, who also formerly sang in the choir, and was at times organist.

The pleasure of being historian lies in unexpectedly uncovering bits of interesting lore, that can be fitted together to form a complete picture. It was delightful then, upon inquiry, to learn that Mrs. Christian Dempster Mitchell was the great-grandmother of our present member and deacon, Mr. Howard Mitchell; and great-great-grandmother of young Clark and Jean Mitchell who sing so spiritedly and joyfully in our junior choir. Possibly we have an embryonic Nelson Eddy in our midst, for through another line, a Grandmother Eddy, the Mitchells are also related to this great artist.

Prof. Marvin Quackenbush, who married Eleanor, a granddaughter of Gen. McClure, wielded the baton in the little brick church, and this baton is still in existence in the possession of Miss Lizabel Gay in New Hampshire. Miss Gay was a later director, as was Mrs. Stella Borden Hemb.

Choir members of early days include Miss Ida Kingsley, Miss Gertrude Hodges, Miss Lois Metcalf, Mr. Peter Kildahl, Mr. Louis Dunton, Mrs. John Perrigo, Mrs. John Herrick, Mrs. Georgia Smith Dahlin, Mrs. Nellie Kerch, all of whose lovely voices filled the little brick church with exquisite melody.

Farther removed in years were Mr. Albert Miller, Miss Emma Childs, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Edwards, Mr. D. H. Haeger, and Mr. and Mrs. Bishop.

Many members of later day choirs began their services during college days, and continued down through the 1930's, giving the church the benefit of their musical gifts through thirty or more years of inspirational music. The various members of the Edwards, Haeger, Walker and Hall families thus contributed a total of approximately 200 years of choir music with never a thought of remuneration! In that day choir music took the place of radio and television, and indeed, was quite as edifying.

The Edwards family supplied the choir with singers through four generations: Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Edwards; Mrs. Lucinda Hall whose unusually gifted voice was shared in solo work and choir for over thirty years; and a third generation: Mrs. Virginia Hall Dorman and Mrs. Ellenor Hall Simpson. A third and fourth generation are Mrs. Beulah Wright Smith and her son Donald Wright. Miss Mary Edwards served as organist. Mrs. Lawrence Wright was a choir member many years.

The Haeger family added its quota of musicians through three generations: Mr. D. H. Haeger, and his children: Mrs. Edna Haeger Walker who served as choir director, giving the benefit of her training under the famous Signor Janotti; Miss Nelda Haeger (Mrs. McCollum); Miss Mary Haeger and Mrs. Edmund Haeger (Betty Mills) were organists; David and Elsa Haeger were choir members, and Edmund Haeger furnished the tenor solos for a period of 34 years. A third generation includes Mrs. Barbara Haeger Estes, Mr. Joseph Estes, and Mrs. Marcy Haeger McQuillan.

For more than thirty years Messrs. Frederick and Guy Hall were faithful choir members, serving also as choristers in Sunday School. Guy Hall's and Herbert Walker's bass and tenor duets were of a high order of music. The songs of the "old quartette," Fred and Guy Hall, Herbert Walker, and H. W. Stiles, were in demand for many occasions.

Mr. Preston Lambert was an organist and choir director for a few years.

The excellent service as choir director which Mrs. Vernon McDonald gave for over twenty years, 1926-1947, began during Mr. Koster's pastorate. A future minister, Mr. H. Shelby Lee, had the following to say, in 1947, of Mrs. McDonald's choir supervision, and his remarks should be recorded:

"I appreciate Mrs. McDonald's willingness to serve her church.

"Many years ago Mrs. McDonald discovered she had a talent for music. With painstaking care and determination she developed this talent until it flowed into more than usual quality. And then she dedicated it to the service of her God and her church. For 21 years she religiously spent her talent to enrich the services of worship in our church.

"I appreciate Mrs. McDonald's tenacity of purpose. The position of choir director is no enviable one. It is beyond question one of the most difficult church positions to fill. Innumerable problems vex one who dares to undertake the job. Certainly anyone who can and will direct a choir for 21 years has, among other attributes, a tenacity of purpose. Mrs. Mac met all problems relative to her position, she met them as they came, she overcame them, and continued strong in her purpose to give her talent to her church.

"I appreciate Mrs. McDonald's patience and resilience of spirit. I know something of the difficulties that constantly hound a choir director. The unwillingness of singers to sing, absentees from rehearsal, temperamental minister to work with, unresponsive congregation, low pay, all these and many more problems may be present. Mrs. Mac took her problems in stride. No greater patience have I seen in a person. She had the spirit that enabled her to absorb the most trying and adverse situations.

"Above all I appreciate Mrs. McDonald's faithfulness. All of us know that her pay was a mere token of appreciation. It did not begin to give compensation for her services. Even so, her faithfulness was unimpaired. Week after week, in snow and sleet and rain and heat, she was always present for rehearsals and services. I have never worked with a more faithful choir director. In the four years I have worked with her, she was never late for a single service. In fact, she was always early, seeing that things were in readiness for a smooth service. I will always look upon her as the most faithful of faithful choir directors.

"Gratefully yours,
"H. Shelby Lee."

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During Mrs. McDonald's leadership, choir members included the Schmeltz sisters, Mrs. Helen Schmeltz Herrold and Catherine Schmeltz McLenden who shared their rare gift of vocal artistry; the Marshall Clark family with their daughters Janice and Kathryn added substantial value; the Misses Enola Rath, Frances Gothard, Mrs. Mary Miller Eichler, Mrs. Dorothy Howard Rewoldt, Mrs. Esther Cleland Batt, Misses Margaret and Doris Cleland gave of their talents through many years, and with Mrs. McDonald are still faithful members of the present day choir; Mrs. Idabelle Wade Lee, Miss Charlotte Angell, Mrs. Carolyn Angell Benthussen, Mrs. Mary Ann Angell Martin, Mrs. Harry Brewer, Allan Tuttle, Howard Fitzsimmons, Arthur Howard, Walter Pagels, Ralph Hoffman and Bernard Bonin; Mrs. Euba Dunton Rust, Mrs. Marjory Dunton Herman, Mrs. Eleanor Dunton Gaines, Mrs. Elsa Peterson Klein, Miss Doris Peterson, Miss Kathryn Biggers, Mrs. Evelyn Biggers Tompkins, Mrs. Helen Eater Parkin, Mr. Vernon McDonald, Mr. John McDonald, Mrs. Jean McDonald Hood, and members of the Edwards, Hall, Haeger, and Walker families before mentioned, all helped to build up a superb choir. Organists were Miss Mary Haeger, Mrs. A. F. Chapman, Mrs. Lois Dunton Faye, Mrs. Arvid Miller, Mrs. Edmund Haeger and Mrs. Herbert Hahn. Through the efforts of Mrs. Faye, an electrical motor replaced the old hand pump.

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1931-1935

At about this time, in the year 1929, came a cataclysmic upheaval in world economics known as the great depression. Events began to be dated B.D. and A.D., Before and After Depression. Through no fault of the new minister, **Rev. George Winters**, who came A.D. 1931, an uphill climb, the steepest since the days of the pioneers, lay before the church.

The whole world was changing. Established conditions were universally being upset; an era was ending; and a changing world was challenging the church in ways never before imagined.

Our own church faced internal losses as well. Those were the years when Time's inroads took, one by one, the large group of older members who had been such a bulwark of strength both financially and spiritually. The church, reduced in income, was forced to make drastic cuts in its benevolences and its budget.

For the first time it was necessary for the Guild to assist in

meeting the church budget. The Guild President, Mrs. Arthur Hill, with her engaging personality and her ability for making friends and creating a cordial atmosphere, was more fitted than any other woman in the church, to be the leader of the women during those days. It was no easy task in that rugged time to raise money, but the Guild entered wholeheartedly upon a series of food sales, rummage sales, "exchange" services, and bridge benefits (at 25 cents per person!) that for two years paid \$400.00 of the minister's salary.

Mother-Daughter Banquets had become popular, and for a few years our Guild was hostess to the mothers of the community, with beautifully appointed banquet tables, and toasts and music. This interchange of friendliness among the women of the community created a spirit beyond ordinary evaluation, and established a standard of excellence in Guild history.

The substantial contributions that the Marshall Clarks gave, in all departments of church, church school, choir and Guild, was a potent force during the Koster, Winters, Hill and Lee pastorates. Ministers were wont to remark that if there were about five families in the church, of the caliber of the Clarks, any church undertaking would be a success! Feeling the importance of young people, Mr. Clark carried on the work of the Church School for several years, and Mrs. Clark was tireless in her assistance. Their title could truly be "sowers of 'unseen' harvests."

It was an irreparable loss when the Clarks left Dundee, Mr. Clark continuing professorial work in the University, and Martha Clark grasping the opportunity of further study in attaining her master's degree.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Winters made many warm friendships during their sojourn, and it is a matter of regret that outside circumstances were not more favorable during that time.

1935-1943

The church was in a slowly convalescing stage when **Rev. William H. Hill** came in 1935. Mr. and Mrs. Hill entered devotedly into the task before them, and the church was par-

ticularly blessed during their eight years in Dundee. His kindly and widespread interest in our townspeople won him a host of friends. Both children and adults knew him for his warm sympathy and his human and understanding nature. Having known sorrow himself—a sorrow turned to God-given joy in the recovery of his dear wife—his sympathy for others was deep and comforting. The beautiful homelife of Rev. and Mrs. Hill, and their two daughters, Lorna and Doris Jean, who grew from children into charming young womanhood during their years in Dundee, was a model of felicity, an altar hallowed by tender associations.

The church was served conscientiously and faithfully by Rev. Hill. His particular endeavor was his leadership of the young people in the Pilgrim Fellowship, and through his efforts a number of young folks attended Tower Hill Camp each summer. He added 171 members to the church enrollment during his Dundee ministry. Rev. Hill's wife was more than generous of her strength and abilities in organizing the Fidelis Forum, a group of young women, whose helpful ministrations to the church under her guidance, made this a leading organization. Mrs. Hill's devoted love for "her girls" both in the Fidelis Forum as well as her church school class, welded bonds of deep affection for their beloved counselor.

The Woman's Guild flourished and accomplished many worth-while achievements during the presidencies of Mrs. Edward Wright (now Mrs. W. D. Smith), Mrs. Less Bond, Mrs. Harry Harvey, and Mrs. Floyd Wickham. The kitchen was done over at a cost of \$700.00; an extra lavatory was installed at a cost of \$200.00; rummage sales were held spring and fall proving to be a fruitful source of revenue.

With the Battle of Britain in progress—before we had been drawn into World War II—the Guild devoted each Wednesday to an all day sewing and knitting meeting, hundreds of garments being sent in the appeal for "Bundles for Britain." At this time Guild meetings, which had been held twice a month from time immemorial, began to hold one regular meeting, and one for sewing, which continued during World War II. Now but one Guild meeting a month is held.

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A notable Recognition Day service in 1937, was an honor tendered one of our church members, Miss Katherine Keeler, who was retiring after forty-four continuous years of extraordinary service in the Dundee schools. This event was under the auspices of the Dundee Woman's Club during Mrs. Haeger's presidency, but it was participated in by the entire community; and by the church which held a special Sunday morning service in Miss Keeler's honor. Hundreds of messages from former students were sent to Miss Keeler; a purse of \$500.00 was contributed to her; a gold watch and numerous gifts were presented to this lovable woman. Her lifetime devotion in molding the personalities of three generations of Dundee youth; and her memorable influence over this great concourse of Dundee men, women and children who received the benefits of her tutelage, give to Miss Keeler, unquestionably, the title of Dundee's First Lady. All too often the spiritual beauty of daily tasks is hidden from us, by the veil of daily use. Miss Keeler's service has proved the exception to this.

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During Rev. Hill's pastorate occurred the Centennial Celebration. The Centennial Committee, composed of Rev. W. H. Hill, Mrs. Edmund Haeger, Mrs. Alicia Oatman, Mrs. William Dunton, Mrs. A. H. Hill, Messrs. Francis Wright, Edward Schmeltz, W. D. Smith, and Rev. H. W. Stiles, met countless times during the year previous to the event, planning the May celebration. Every member in the church and every class in the church school were given some special duty; and when, in the early dawn of May 8, 1941, the old church bell joyfully proclaimed Centennial Day, it would have been difficult to find in all the membership, an individual with imagination so dull as not to thrill with exultation at the thought of this once-in-a-century event. We all sensed the privilege of being a part of this pageantry, and all shared the exhilaration of this occasion which made our church become a symbol of a hundred year epic of American life.

The Historical Committee for the Centennial Celebration had unearthed many long-forgotten antiques which were displayed in the Lecture Room. This proved to be an interesting place to gather between sessions, and visitors and members enjoyed the reminiscences of olden times recalled by this collection.

The church itself had been rehabilitated into a beautiful house of inspiration. An innovation in church decorating, this had been given the same consideration that would be bestowed upon one's home. The soft shade of Madonna Blue, in auditorium and lecture room, enhanced its spaciousness; jewel tones in the stained-glass windows were brought out, that had been utterly overlooked before. Floors were sanded and refinished; new dark brown runners were laid in the aisles; and all pews and panelled woodwork were finished in antiqued-ivory.

Tall white pottery vases of great clusters of calla lilies at each side of the altar gave a dignity of restraint to the decor. White lilacs graced the choir loft. The chaste beauty of it all turned our thoughts into deeper channels, — of the faith of our fathers that had made this occasion possible; this in turn gave the touch needed, — a soul, to our Church Centennial.

The ceremonies were officially opened on Thursday evening, May 8, by the Centennial Banquet. Reservations had been made far in advance, for 200 guests, all the church dining-room could accommodate, for a sumptuous turkey dinner.

Spring had suddenly come to Dundee that early May, a full two weeks ahead of its usual time. Great clusters of wild pink crabapple blossoms, lilacs in profusion, and myriads of colorful tulips transformed the immaculately redecorated dining room into a bower of beauty. A huge, tiered birthday cake, ablaze with 100 lighted tapers, was wheeled into the room and cut, while the birthday song was sung.

Toasts, greetings from church officers, visiting ministers and guests, provided a warmth of geniality. The local Catholic Priest, Father Green, and Rev. Father Taylor of St. James, brought congratulations from their parishes. These mutual exchanges did much toward weaving a pattern of inter-denominational harmony.

During these four days, Dundee was a gracious hostess to her distinguished guests and former residents. Friday noon and evening, committees served luncheon and dinner at private homes. On Sunday, dinner and tea were served at the church.

Friday afternoon's program was the Woman's Hour, in charge of Past Presidents of the Guild.

Friday evening's program was an intermingling of the old and new. An outstanding number, "Past and Present," reproduced scenes from olden times, contrasted with scenes of today. Music was furnished by a quartette in quaint costume; a choir of belles of yore were accompanied by a little reed organ. This was interspersed with glorious music from the present-day choir. Rev. Mr. Koster, a former minister, finished the service with an inspiring address.

On Sunday morning was held a Memorial service, during which Communion was administered, and one truly felt

This ground is holy where we walk today,
Our church communion holds a new appeal.
For to this shrine, our dear ones, long away,
This day return — their presence we can feel.
And with us, they review the century
In Peaceful Valley — Beautiful Dundee.

Sunday afternoon touched the chords of memory when more ancient history was brought to life. The young people of the church presented three scenes from early years; the 19 charter members were depicted organizing the church; the second showed the "churching" of early members; the last was a service conducted by "Father" Clark, with old time hymns pitched with a tuning fork; the church pews were bare planks laid across chairs, as in reality the first congregation had been seated. A collection of early day finery was worn, such as Dundee attics have seldom disclosed!

The concluding sermon on Sunday evening was an address by Dr. Irving Maurer, President of Beloit College. The grandeur of his personality shone through his words. This

great man, whose untimely death came but a few months afterwards, gave a masterly finish to the Centennial services.

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Centennial is past, but its memories, faded and mellowed, are stored away in our hearts. — We who have grown to love Dundee love especially the sunsets that come to us across the open fields and the low-lying hills of Peaceful Valley. And we know that long after the sunset hour there comes stealing across the heavens a beautiful rose tinted glow. Just so, long after the last echo of the Centennial has died away, there will steal back across our memories the afterglow of its sweet and abiding remembrance.

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And so the century passes in review, — a hundred year quest that has been a spiritual pilgrimage. This century old church has become a shrine, in whose shadow we today face the challenge of the future.

With airplanes roaring overhead; with streamlined trains like great steel shuttles weaving across the continent; with never ending lines of Sunday traffic; in a chaos of international conflict — this heritage, and this challenge are to be accepted, with the tacit understanding that our quest is to **keep** this church, and its sheltering might, for the years to come.

We can accept this charge only with an uplifting belief in a Power that is more than human; and with an awakening to the need of faith and prayer,—“prayer that has a power to shape the future,” and faith that is deathless and dauntless.

Ten Years Later

In compliance with a request from the Rev. George Alley, this historical sketch is brought up to date, for the observance of the 110th Anniversary of the Church in May, 1951.

V. Mills Haeger
Church Historian

In this year of grace, 1951, we approach a post-century mark;—an odd feeling this. Behind us lies the arch of Time,—a cycle completed;—a century of church-miles whose unfolding made a fairly pleasant story, nothing particularly unusual about it,—just the tale of strong, quiet, stable families who early rooted their fortunes to the good earth that lies around Dundee, and through one hundred years of an unfolding panorama, realized a vision fulfilled.

Today, ten years later, as the new century begins its march down the sands of time, we turn to regard the path that lies ahead. What is revealed in this short decade?

Across the horizon of our lives today, events of the greatest importance are moving. For the second time in these ten years we face the gathering storm clouds of a global war. We note that we have entered the atomic age,—we are living in the shadow of the mysterious atom bomb. This great new power and its vast energies **might** be used for further destruction. But we hope and pray that with its potential possibilities, it may revolutionize the world into an infinitely better place in which to live. In this new age science is moving so swiftly that we cannot even guess what will take place. Atomic power is too new to give us a clue as to what new frontiers may lie ahead. They tell us, indeed, that atomic power, used constructively, gives promise of costless power; of whole cities being air-conditioned; of sea water being utilized for irrigation purposes; of power to blast away mountain ranges; of producing a cure for cancer! All this at a time when most people thought the age of discovery was about over!

The historian who writes this chronicle one hundred years hence may find the people of that era as far removed from our plane of living, as we are from the lives of the Egyptian slaves who were driven to build the pyramids!

Again in this short decade we have seen our whole nation filled with unrest;—the forces of socialism and communism insidiously appearing in high places in our own government. To be sure, our people want social progress, but not at the expense of our beloved American freedom.

Times of crisis are always tests for a people, tests of their

spiritual reserves. As our forefathers met the challenges of their day, so shall we have faith that back of the upheaval and the chaos, there will still emerge constructive trends; and the force of Christianity will in the end prevail.

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September, 1941

(Following the Centennial in May)

During Centennial days, one was conscious of a reawakening in our church,—a feeling of re-consecration of members to their church obligations. When church activities were resumed in September, 1941, a special meeting was held by the Board of Trustees, then composed of Messrs. Haeger, Roulston, Britain, McDonald, W. D. Smith, Buchanan, Shoellhorn and Knoll. They felt that the momentum, both spiritual and material, that had been gained, was too valuable an asset not to be utilized in laying plans for the year ahead.

A preview of these plans for a Back-to-Church movement was given at a family-night supper—a turkey dinner deliciously prepared and served to 175 members—by these same men under the direction of Mr. Brittain.

The meeting which followed launched the program of fall activities. Enthusiasm ran high. Plans were discussed by the Trustees and members, and a number of young men presented: John Tallman, Joseph Estes, Dayton Smith, Elmer Brey, Roland Moar, who had consented to take charge of the Church School and young people. No more promising outlook for church activities had been known in years.

Little could anyone foresee that in three months time, our country would be in the throes of the world's worst war since history began. All available man power was conscripted,—over 300 from this small community, and nearly 100 from our church.

One of the last duties that Rev. Mr. Hill gave to this pastorate, was a little war-time ritual which he consecrated as a part of his war-time services; every evening at the hour when families were gathered for their evening meal, Rev. Hill, him-

self rang the church bell. As the vesper bell pealed forth, the community paused for a moment of prayer for peace.

From another source our village received a touching war-renown. A young Dundee boy, Captain Howard Bollman, piloted his airplane into battle repeating the Twenty-third and the Ninety-first Psalms, and singing the grand old hymn,

“A mighty Fortress is our God
A bulwark never failing.”

Dr. John Holland in his nation-wide radio broadcast stated that the little town of Dundee could wish for no higher honor.

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Immediately following the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, a group of ten or fifteen Guild women formed a Red Cross Sewing Unit. Miss Mae Morse generously opened her home to these all day meetings held every Wednesday all during the war. A grand total of many thousands of hours was contributed by these faithful members, and thousands of garments were sent to the Red Cross.

Red Cross pins and chevrons were earned by Miss Mae Morse, Mrs. Fred Schuknecht, Mrs. Elmer Miller, Mrs. Alicia Oatman, Mrs. Nellie Kerch, Mrs. Emily Worthy, Mrs. Floyd Wickham, Miss May Holmes, Miss Maud Hott, Mrs. Frank Pendexter, Miss Georgiana Hadley, and Mrs. Edmund Haeger.

1943—1947

On a June Sunday in 1943, a young man, the **Rev. H. Shelby Lee**, started his ministry in the Dundee Church. Facing him that summer morning was a congregation of white-haired, middle-aged—and older—members,—alarmingly so! Few, if any, young people were in attendance on that fine morning. . . . Just what Shelby Lee thought of the prospect was never recorded—perhaps it is best so. But we do know he started to do something about it! By September it was an amazing thing to walk into Sunday School and find a Bible class with 30 or 40 members listening attentively to Mr. Lee's discourses. By spring, his Wednesday evening Lenten services held in

the Lecture Room could have posted “Standing Room Only”! The empty pews in church were filling up—with **young** people occupying the front seats! No longer was grey hair the badge of church attendance.

And then things began to happen. The leaven was beginning to work. One heard of his being made chairman of the Tri City Recreational Committee, just organized, and supervising an effective program of recreation and entertainment for young people of the community during the war; one heard of his service on the Board of Directors of the new Chamber of Commerce; of his becoming a Trustee of the Library Board; of the semi-monthly book reviews he was giving to the public at the City Library; one read his column in the Dundee paper, “Reading Maketh—”; one heard his talks at Woman's Club meetings, and Fine Arts, and Guild; of Panel Discussions held in neighboring towns.

A resurgence of enthusiasm infused the entire membership. A new realization of the scope of activities possible to be attained in our church began to dawn upon us. New committees actively began to function in deserving projects; new sponsors and teachers among the primary children gave a commendable service; progress was made in improving the church materially, an extra basement stairway being added for safety and convenience; a new basement floor of cement, topped with asphalt tile was laid; a partition was built dividing the basement to provide facilities for Sunday School classes; a prayer shrine was consecrated to the need of members; a weekly bulletin of news and letters was sent to each of the 100 men in service—later evolving into the “Chapel Chimes”; enthusiastic interest was engendered in a summer Bible Study group which developed into the Religious Seminar; a church bazaar actuated by younger members proved the most profitable in our history. Summing it all—the spiritual power of a magnetic personality had made its leadership felt beyond the limits of our own congregation, and beyond the boundaries of our community.

The Woman's Guild during the presidencies of Mrs. Floyd Wickham, Mrs. Emily Worthy, Mrs. Howard Mitchell, Mrs. James Brown, Mrs. Merle Campbell, and Mrs. Howard Getzel-

man, continued to be an influential and affluent organization. A complete set of beautiful china was bought for the church dining room; new silver was added; the kitchen was electrified; a lovely silver tea set was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Kneebone. Assisting on Guild committees were Mrs. George Roulston, Mrs. Ralph Shoellhorn, Mrs. Elmer Miller, Mrs. H. Wheeler Brittain, Miss May Holmes, Mrs. John McQuillan, Jr., Mrs. Fred Schuknecht, Mrs. Marshall Clark, and Mrs. H. Shelby Lee.

Church members who have been editors of "Chapel Chimes" include Mrs. Jean McIntosh Heyn, Mrs. Mary Hill Sinnock, Mrs. Betty Mills Haeger, Mrs. Ruth Barber Hill, Mrs. Beulah Wright Smith; and assistants in mailing have been Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Taber, the Vernon McDonalds, Mrs. Dorothy Howard Rewoldt, Miss Enola Rath, Mrs. Marcy Haeger McQuillan, and the Werner Heinrichs.

Mrs. Walter McIntosh who became Director of Religious Education at this time attended a teacher training course in Naperville, gaining inspiration and ideas which were incorporated in her excellent work in the Nursery-Primary department which she supervised. A splendid group of young women assisted in this work: Mrs. Annajeanne Pendexter Macdonald, Mrs. Alfred Edwards, Jr., Mrs. Lyman Smith, Mrs. Mary Hill Sinnock, Mrs. Arthur Jensen, Mrs. Lee Ward, Mrs. Jean McIntosh Heyn, Mrs. John McQuillan, Jr., Mrs. Clyde Sharp, Miss Clara Kern, Mrs. Parker Rowe and Mrs. Barabara Haeger Estes.

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For the second time in the hundred year cycle of our church, seven Golden Wedding couples again graced our membership. Seldom has any church been thus honored—twice! Surely a charmed priority exists among us for matrimonial blessedness!—Over 350 years of wedded felicity were represented by these seven Golden Couples: the William Hawleys, the Leonard Sheddens, the Peter Kildahls, the William Duntons, the John Fitzsimmons, the William Dayton Smiths, and the Edward Schmeltzes. Truly goodness and mercy have followed them all

the days of their lives, and as their evening twilight deepens, may its sky be filled for them with stars invisible by day.

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For the infinite blessing that came with the ending of World War II, our church gave deep thanksgiving to our young men who had worn the uniform of our country, and helped make peace a glorious reality.

The following roll is taken from the church record, which unfortunately was never completed. Among these names are sergeants, corporals, lieutenants, captains, majors, colonels, and lieutenant-commanders. Rather than make unforgivable errors in calling a major a lieutenant, or a captain a corporal, the ranking office of these men is omitted.

Dr. Frederick Simpson	Dr. Lyman Smith	David McCurrach III
Joseph Estes	John Tallman	Roy Drinkall
Donald Benthussen	John Tallman, Jr.	Walter Pagels, Jr.
Charles Baresel	Mrs. Edward Wright	John McDonald
David Baresel	Jack Wright	Allan Tuttle
Russell Baresel	Donald Wright	Edmund Hart
Pomeroy Sinnock	Stuart Smith	Howard Fitzsimmons
David Hill	John Hill	Richard Doane
Edwin Hemb	Alexander Binnie	Charles Annell
Arthur Lind	Lester Rath	William Schroeder
Wadsworth Lind	John Eatinger	Neva Mae Peterson
Ellen Kumlien	Magnus Olsen	Arvid Wall
Arthur Miller	LeRoy Drafall	Victor Wall
Arvid Miller	Warren Nystedt	Harold Wall
Oliver Hutchins	Louise Nystedt	Orvall Wall
Wade Kumlien	Lee Roy Simonsen	Henry Kroplin
Herbert Fransen	Alvin Simonsen	Margaret Baltzell
Robert Gill	Robert Youngmans	Marvin Boncosky
Howard Spain	Frederick Youngmans	Ruth Boncosky
Hugo Maha	Dewayne Peters	Malcolm Clark
Melvin Lange	Arthur Howard	Alfred Price
Duane Garrison	Ralph Howard	Erwin Price
George Garrison	Robert Fink	Russell Roesner
Laverne Cleland	Daniel Hubbard	Roy Guge
Bernard Bonin	Milton Hubbard	Melvin Batt
Kenneth Eatinger	Neil Fitzsimmons	Dwight Guge
Tom Miller	Wahlen Fitzsimmons	Morley Tubbs
Richard Shoellhorn	Herbert Hansen	Edmund Stiles
Walter McIntosh, Jr.	James Schroeder	Frank Miller
William Dikeman	John Drinkall	Thomas Angell
Edwin Ahrens	Dale Drinkall	

Church unity is one of the progressive forces to be sought and hoped for in the coming century; but the proposed 'merger' of the Congregational Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church was a warmly contested issue, both nationally and locally, in 1948. In our local church it was voted down in April, a ratio of nine to one.

The national leaders of the minority would not admit defeat, and it has been carried into court, with appeals to higher courts. Those who oppose this merger are not opposed to joining with the E. and R., but favor a Federation of churches wherein each church could retain its own name and its own form of government. Under the proposed union we could do neither.

The church is the one institution that can unify the world, and the Federations that have already begun to be achieved on a large scale are one of the hopeful signs of the new century. In the last three years the World Council of Churches and the National Council of the Churches in the U. S. A. have done much toward broadening the vision of Church unity.

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It is only natural that the personnel of a congregation changes from time to time, through the loss of members; but after the war, for various reasons, an unusually large group of active members removed from Dundee, constituting a very distinct loss to our church and community. Greatly missed are the Marshall Clarks, the William Heyns (Jean McIntosh), the Pomeroy Sinnocks (Mary Hill), the E. J. Harts (Martha Hill), the Jack McDonalds (Annajeanne Pendexter), the John Rubiens, the Edwin Fraziers, the Ralph Naylor, the Merle Campbells, the Sterling Browns, Mrs. C. S. Odorizzi, the Paul Harrods, the Wilbur Edwards, the Lester Heusers, the John Tallmans, the Roy Drinkalls, the Howard Fitzsimmons.

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The profound influence that Shelby Lee exerted upon the large group of young people whose lives were touched and inspired by him is one of the memorable and lovely remembrances of his pastorate.

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Dundee's Holy Hour

Distilling the essence of an holy hour
The mellow tones of Dundee's Sabbath bell
Reverberate from out its belfry tower
Calling the friendly group of Dundee churchly folk.

— And now the bell taps thrice, — the organ speaks, —
The pastor's voice is lifted prayerfully
In words of simple consecration grace he seeks;
— God's blessing rests upon these heads in silence bowed.

Sermon and psalm, clinking collection plate;
Benediction and response, — soon
Will follow the kindly talk at door and gate.
— Winter, springtime, summer, and a harvest moon —
How God must hallow all whose hearts keep here
This fifty-two time ritual of the year.

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For the larger part of 1948 we were without a minister. That was a long interim, and in truth it tested our constancy.

While we had been guided by a personality that had engendered a contagion of spirit amongst us, we had experienced high hopes for our church. Now we must needs hold onto these high purposes with a determination to continue to give our best selves to the creative life of our church. —But it was a long winter! —

The first step was taken early in January when Mr. George Roulston, chairman of the Board of Trustees, appointed a large committee representing all the organizations of the church, to meet together and map procedures. From this group was chosen an active committee to bring candidates to our church: Messrs. Joseph Estes, Vernon McDonald, Alfred Edwards, Lee Ward, and Mrs. Walter McIntosh and Mrs. Pomeroy Sinnock. Many candidates were considered. Our church had grown to be exacting in our demands; we were able to pay a salary more than comparable to that paid in many larger churches; our church plant and parsonage were in excellent condition; and we felt we had a congregation made up of just about the finest people to be found in the United States! — Yes, we could afford to be patient.

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And then — history repeated itself! On another June morning, another young man entered our pulpit, the **Rev. George Douglas Alley**.

Spontaneously there was a stir throughout the congregation; an instinctive realization of genuine worth, and a recognition of sincere goodness was felt. His sermon of devout eloquence revealed a spirit of consecration. The entire service was filled with a richness of spiritual beauty that made a Divine Presence seem very near. Here indeed was God's answer, in our dire need.

Nor was this feeling confined to the minister alone. The congregation quite fell in love with his young wife, the personification of gracious charm.

Immediately a church meeting followed, — utterly heart-warming in its unanimous assurances of this choice. With eagerness we all looked forward to the autumn, when together they would begin their work of leadership.

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. . . We trust Mr. Alley may forgive this brief mention of the tragic day that came a few short weeks later. After a weekend visit with friends, the Alleys were driving back to Dundee. At a crowded intersection, a demoniacal car crashed broadside into their car. — The radiant life of the beautiful Nellie Whittaker Alley lay crushed. Death had taken a tragic toll.

Sorrow laid a pall upon the spirits of our entire community. Sympathy was a small thing to offer Mr. Alley. But our prayers must have helped him to bear this courage-crushing experience. His brave fortitude could have come only from the Infinite Source of all strength. He remained through it all, master of his sufferings.

Many and many a time since those sad days, Mr. Alley has given comfort and inspiration to others in sorrow and trouble. A deep sense of rapport has been welded between him and his parishioners. His gentle courage and strength, and his warm and generous sympathy preach sermons quite as compelling as the brilliantly mature ones which he gives from the pulpit.

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In the previous January, at the Annual Meeting, a Music Committee had been appointed, whose duties comprised the hiring of organist and choir director, and other services connected with the musical phase of the church. This committee supervised the selection of a new concert grand piano for the lecture room. Mr. Parker Rowe is the present chairman of this committee. Members have included Mrs. Walter McIntosh, Mrs. George Roulston, Mr. Werner Heinrich, Mr. Ted Eichler, Mr. Howard Fitzsimmons, Miss Enola Rath, Mrs. Joanne Ellis Alley, and Mrs. Edmund Haeger.

An almost unbelievable attainment for our church was the securing of Charlo Byars Bohl for choir director. Known in Chicago, Elgin and elsewhere for her magnificent voice, and her experience in operatic work, her ability as choir director raises our church music to new heights. There are cathedrals in large cities not blessed with finer music than that which we are privileged to enjoy each Sunday. The high type of anthems, chorales, oratorios and responses brought to us, enhances the entire service, and lifts it to an inspirational plane.

During this same period, Mr. Harold Dyer, an exceptionally competent musician, has served as church organist. His music gives an enriching background throughout the service.

Members of the choir are eager to claim the advantage of this excellent leadership, and several new members have joined with the faithful members of other days. During Mrs. Bohl's directorship, the following have been choir members: Idabelle Wade Lee, Joanne Ellis Alley, Lura Stallings McDonald, Enola Rath, Dorothy Howard Rewoldt, Marcy Haeger McQuillan, Frances Gothard, Mary Miller Eichler, Esther Cleland Batt, Margaret Cleland, Doris Cleland, Georgia Rausch, Mary Rausch, Howard Fitzsimmons, Walter McIntosh, Werner Heinrich, Ted Eichler, Beverly Bullard, Joseph Estes, Robert Creed, Andreas Halle, Duane Smith, Gloria Reimer, Virginia Reid, Madge Phillips, James Greiner, Stanley Gettle, Max Heinrich, Norelda Heinrich, Richard Shoellhorn, Fred Swinerton, Edward Anderson, Robt. Richards, Winchell Reber, Sheldon Levy, Robt. Skinner, Roberta Lamb, Rosemary Prachar.

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Eight years ago the Guild celebrated its one hundredth anniversary. Established in 1843, this is the oldest organization in the church. It has carried on a continuous service, never lacking for able and conscientious women to lead its activities—women who have felt it a privilege to keep this spiritual tradition unbroken for over a century. Thus we find the never-ending procession of Guild members is ever one of perennial youth. As the years pass, and members grow old, always there are new young women to take their place. And always, inter-

woven into the very fabric of Guild associations is the fine loyalty of its friendly ties.

Very proud is the Guild of its present gracious young president, Mrs. Lee Ward. The total financial receipts during her first year, 1950, were over \$3,000.00. During the past summer a series of "Diminishing" Bridge luncheons were given. Starting with 16 guests, each of the sixteen entertained eight; each of the eight, four; this soon becomes involved in higher mathematics! and before one is aware five or six hundred women are entertained, and at a dollar apiece, a tidy sum is netted. Younger matrons assisting Mrs. Ward in Guild activities include Mesdames Jane Giese, Ruth Edwards, Martha Rowe, Margaret Jensen, Maxine Oatman, Peggy Nesbit, Ellenor Hall Simpson, Barbara Haeger Estes, Doris Caesar Smith, Beverly Bullard, Helen Hill, Marcy Haeger McQuillan, Josephine Miller, Joanne Ellis Alley, Mary Miller Eichler, as well as the faithful older members.

The Lee Wards with their ready aptitude for assisting in church work form an efficient combination; Mr. Ward holds the office of Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Mrs. Ward directs the equally prominent Woman's Guild. Typical of the courtesies they have tendered to the church, are the fresh white carnation boutonnieres left on the ushers' table each Sunday morning, for the church ushers to wear; just one of the favors for which the church is indebted to the Wards.

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For a number of years, Miss Mildred Brey has been the efficient Flower Chairman in the church. Gifted with an artist's eye and matchless taste, her hillside garden of breathtaking loveliness sends its beauty to services on innumerable occasions. Several Dundee gardens could be called Ecclesiastical Plots so devoutly do their floral offerings attend church services. Martha Schuknecht's old-fashioned garden of surpassing beauty, seldom stays away from church; Mrs. Bopp's way-side garden of informal loveliness attends matins all summer long; Lura McDonald's great bowls of subtle fragrance pour forth incense-divine when her famed sweet peas grace the

altar; Maud Hott's deep-set garden—a fairy fantasy—shares its flower-poems in church; and Ruth Hill's garden with its miracle soil—producing borders so ravishing, lawns so silken, and flowers so abundant,—brings God's beauty into our church services.

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The Trustees have announced the possibility of remodelling the church during this Anniversary year, the 110th since our founding, and the 50th year of our present sanctuary. It would give the historian great pleasure to record this as a reality!

With the Trustees, Rev. Mr. Alley has planned the church budget for 1951, \$13,474.00, the largest in the history, and this has been over-subscribed.

New members, and old ones returning, give strength to the church. The William Oatmans, Jr., Miss Grace Whittaker, the Merle Nesbits, the Morel Millers, the William Gieses, the Parker Rowes, the Arthur Jensens, Mrs. Helen Hill, the Charles Bullards, Stanley Gettle, the Robert Lowes, the Alan Manns, the Clyde Sharps, the Ted Eichlers, the Carl Hoelzers, Mrs. Lincoln Kneebone, Mrs. Mary Morgan, Mrs. Thomas Smith, the Howard Mitchells, the Donald Benthusens, Mrs. Edna Keefe, the Walter Drafalls, the Martin Melahns, the Albert Pertiets, and the Howard Kellers are welcome additions to the church family.

Many countryside families are furnishing a substantial support to the church in generous gifts, material and spiritual: the Roland Bosworths of Council Hill; Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Simpson (Ellenor Hall) of Lakewood; Mrs. Walter McIntosh of Lakewood; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McIntosh of Inverness Farm; the Joseph Estes (Barbara Haeger) of Canterfield Farm; the Lee Wards of Rutland township; the Alfred Edwards, Jr., a fourth and fifth generation of the Edwards family; Mrs. Frank Pendexter of Meadowbrook Farm; Mrs. Elvyn MacRae and son Donald of Glenbrae Farm; the H. Wheeler Brittain of Lake Beatrice; Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Felix of Iben Farm; Dr. and Mrs. Lyman Smith of the Barrington countryside; the Earl Pritchards, the John Phillips, and Robert Harkness of

Lakewood; Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Taber and the Robert Feslers of Lakewood; Dr. and Mrs. Sumner Koch of Bateman Road; and the Clair Binnies, the Robert Howards, the Harry Brewers, the Leonard Beutlers, the Raymond Boyers, the Elwyn Wyman, the Howard Getzelmanns, the Harold Swansons of the Dundee countryside.

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Under Mr. Alley's supervision in 1949, the church building and grounds underwent extensive improvement. An excerpt from the local paper states:

"The entire church building was tuck-pointed and doctored; the heating system completely renovated, and the former forced-air, replaced by steam radiators. The sanctuary and the Fellowship and Sunday School rooms were redecorated. The most important project was the addition of the new pastor's study at the rear of the church, including a work room and church office. The office-study unit is a most inviting place. The main room is 15x20 feet, panelled in pine with Salem finish, and furnished in maple. The windows have draperies of a warm red, and between them, the fireplace of flat-cut orchard stone with mantel and tiled hearth, forms an interesting focus point. Carpeting is a blue-green broadloom with harmonizing chair and settee-cushions. Well chosen etchings adorn this room and the reception room which opens from it. Woodwork here is enamelled white, and the walls are dark bottle green. The small work room opening off this reception room provides a place for storing supplies and operating mimeograph and other machines. Books lend their color and warmth to the study. The east end of the basement has been converted into a small chapel and is also used as a meeting room for the young people's fellowships and other groups. Downstairs walls have been tinted a pale green, and sheer white curtains grace the windows. Throughout the church these additions and improvements have been made possible by the Haeger-Estes gift of \$10,000.00." (Elgin Courier.)

The pastor further adds: "It is impossible to fully express the meaning which the new office and Pastor's study have already had in the life of our church. The Pastor, who spends all of

his mornings at work in this setting is the first to benefit from the refined and comfortable atmosphere. Few ministers, even in churches several times as large as ours, are privileged to work in a place so conducive to quiet study and meditation. Then too, this room has meant much to others who use it regularly. All boards and committees of the church are free to use it for their meetings. The Intermediate Church School Class on Sunday mornings, and the Senior Youth Fellowship on Tuesday evenings find it a warm and hospitable locus for youth's search after Christian truth to be applied in the living of today.

"Here, those who come to the Pastor with problems and difficulties of any kind, find an oasis of quiet and refreshing beauty, in the midst of a troubled life. The warmth of harmonizing colors, and of the fire on the hearth, — the copy of Hofmann's 'Head of Christ' looking down from above the mantel, — all of these are but outward and visible signs of the fact that the church stands ready to help in any time of need. Just to spend a little while in such a place, even if no one else is around at all, helps one to go away, feeling more at peace.

"Every church needs an informal, homelike setting for the administration of each of the ordinances of the church. Surely this was one of the things uppermost in the mind of the Pastor and the Trustees when this room was planned, and especially when decorations and furnishings were chosen. Persons facing a difficult task, calling for renewed spiritual strength, may come in at any time to share in the service of Holy Communion. Here, many little children have been christened, and dedicated to God, in the presence of parents and a few close friends. Already, seven couples have been united in marriage before the hearth. Each of these bear promise of things to come. All are suggestive of the ways in which people unite themselves to the Church, and of the ways in which the Church takes people to her heart."

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During these three years of Mr. Alley's Dundee ministry, 82 new members have been recruited for the church; he has trained 40 young people in Confirmation classes; he has de-

veloped a very fine Junior Church, for Juniors, Intermediates and Senior young people, with Mr. Alley as their leader. He gives several afternoons each week to hospital calls, his generous ministry to the sick and shut-ins, and his able counselings to those in need of help, constitute one of his major services to this parish.

The active membership in the Religious Seminar, the Couple's Club, the Church School and Youth Fellowship, has had almost a complete turnover during these three years; Mr. Alley's work has involved rebuilding these organizations on old but good foundations, with new people, and a strong interest has been reawakened in each of them.

The Religious Seminar meets twice a month with a supper preceding the lessons, which this winter have been on the Early History of Congregationalism. Persons active in this group are Rev. and Mrs. George Alley, the Charles Bullards, the Alfred Edwards, the Ted Eichlers, the Joseph Estes, the William Gieses, the Carl Hoelzers, the Robert Lowes, the Alan Manns, the Morel Millers, the Merle Nesbits, the William Oatmans, the John Phillips, the Parker Rowes, the Fred Simpsons, the Lyman Smiths, the Lee Wards, the Vernon McDonalds, the W. D. Smiths, Misses May Holmes and Enola Rath, Mrs. Walter McIntosh, Stanley Gettle, and the Arthur Jensens.

The Couple's Club has a membership of some fifteen couples. The President is Mr. Milton Rakow; Secretary is Mrs. John Hauschild; Chairman of Program Committee is Mr. Howard Keller, and Mrs. Warren Krahn also serves on this committee. Members include the George Alleys, the Andrew Bernas, the Clair Binnies, the Elmer Breys, the Robert Daudts, the Hauschilds, the Kellers, the Krahn's, the Clarence Krugers, the Martin Melahns, the Elmer Millers, the Howard Mitchells, the Rakows, the Clyde Sharps, and the Harold Swansons.

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In 1947, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howard, the Howard family presented a donation \$500.00 for starting an Explorer Unit of the Boy Scouts, under the sponsorship of our church. Rev. Alley is a member of this Advisory Board, and

of the Cardunal (Carpentersville, Dundee and Algonquin) District Committee of the Boy Scouts Organization. He is a member of the Cardunal Minister's Association.

Being deeply interested in music, he has taken part in the Elgin Choral Union; and has played in the Barrington Music Club Orchestra.

Mr. Alley is President of the Ministerial Group of the Northern Association, being chairman of both the Program Committee and the Advisory Board and also Chairman of the Nominating Committee. He was the preacher at the 1949 Annual Meeting.

During the summer months he teaches in Summer Conferences at Pilgrim Park, Illinois, and Tower Hill, Michigan, in both Junior and Senior High School groups. He has been director of music for six of these conferences in the past three summers. He has been much in demand for speaking engagements for Young People's Conferences, both local, and state; and for church groups, largely in relation to Christian Education, and Church Music. He is frequently called upon for Chapel talks and Commencement Addresses in Dundee and elsewhere; and he recently gave the college Baccalaureate address in Prentiss, Mississippi. His Panel Discussions include the Elgin Musicians Club, and the Dundee P.T.A. He is looking forward to attending, as delegate, the General Council in Cleveland, this summer.

A large contribution to State Conferences has been given by Mr. Alley. His major outside activity since coming to Dundee has been his chairmanship of the State Committee on summer conferences, which involves planning each year, for 17 Young People's Conferences, held in Pilgrim Park, Tower Hill, and Merom, Indiana. These Conferences are attended by 1,500 young people each summer, under the leadership of 150 faculty people. This Committee recruits Deans, approves faculty, and aids in training of both. In addition to these things, he is a member of the State Christian Education Committee; of the State Conference Resolution Committee; and was the Devotional Leader of the State Conference held in Elgin in 1949.

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The phase of this pastorate which gives the historian the utmost joy in recording occurred only last summer.

One sunny morning the Dundee mailman, wearing a most discreet air, placed in the mailbox of each church member a significant stiff white envelope — the type that betokens happy news of an approaching wedding. This wedding was of particular moment to our church people: this invitation disclosed the (happily anticipated) fact that Mr. Alley was to wed the lovely Miss Joanne Ellis.

With them, the entire congregation rejoiced as one.

On their wedding day our little church was filled to capacity, to witness one of the most touchingly beautiful exchanges of nuptial vows ever held in our church. The rites were impressively spoken by Dr. John Gordon, lifelong minister of Rockford; and when George and Joanne knelt before him at the altar, and the beautiful voice of Charlo Byars Bohl was lifted in a song of benediction, the prayer uppermost in the hearts of everyone present was that the life-road of this man and wife might be protected ever, in the sunlight of God's love.

The bride was by no means unknown in Dundee. During the years of her musical education in Evanston, she was a frequent guest in the home of her aunt, Mrs. Walter McIntosh; and after she continued her musical career in Elgin and Dundee, the church was often given the pleasure of hearing her lovely voice of unusual quality and charm.

The bride herself comes from a family of homiletical trends. Back in the British Isles, a great-grandfather, his three brothers, and an uncle were all Congregational ministers, — one of them an author, and a teacher in Oxford. In this country, a grandfather Ellis who came from Wales and later became a captain in the Civil War, built and presented the Congregational Church to the people of Kewanee.

Now that Mrs. Alley is an established member of our church and choir, the congregation feels that in the Alleys, George and Joanne, we are doubly blessed.

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And so the wheel of time has turned again. In terms of the age-old history of religion, the life of our hundred-and-ten year old church is but a short experience; but in terms of its service to this community, its life-span lengthens into a richly constructive record.

A rich past is a good thing to have. With a tradition of achievements behind us, we have the accumulated experiences of generations to guide us in the happenings of tomorrow's new morning. Every generation must carry its own weight; and as our forefathers met, and overcame their problems by their faith in the Living God, so today shall we.

At long last, thinking persons everywhere are realizing that **religion** underlies everything worth having in life. Science may be outmoding many of the things of a past day, but it can never outmode religion.

Faith in God is timeless. And it will remain the same fresh and vital factor through the endless years ahead for our descendants, that it is today.

"It is by the Will of God, and the Word of God and the Aid of God that all human progress is made."

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A Golden Aureole of Memories

"And a chapter of remembrance was written."—Malachi 3: 16.

The remembrance of beauty, — the beauty of childhood scenes, — of old homes, — of a church, — of old friendships, — always seems one of the enriching experiences that life holds for us. The present cannot be held; the future is not yet known; but the past is ours — to keep! Our mind in recalling memories of the past, transmutes almost everything into loveliness; and to weave together these fading memories with traditions that have survived long-sleeping generations, is to weave a tapestry rich in design.

In the miraculous way of nature, with her artistry in making odd little co-incidents dovetail, this tapestry reveals today a somewhat singular incident, — one of Time's whimsical little pranks.

Windsor, Connecticut is a little town settled more than 300 years ago in 1635. With its village green, its steepled meeting house, its stone fences, its towering trees, and its old white clapboard houses, it is a typical colonial village.

Back in 1635, three of its founders were William Stiles, Thomas Barber, and Simon Mills.

Some years later came a minister, the Reverend Timothy Edwards. Two of his sons were born in Windsor, — Jonathan Edwards, born 1703, became the Eminent Divine of early day Congregationalism. Jonathan's brother, Nathaniel, in later years was to become the grandfather of Alfred Edwards, born 1803, — the first of the name to come to Dundee in 1839. Today his granddaughters (descendants of the Windsor family) are Florence Edwards Wright, Mary Edwards, and Lucinda Edwards Hall, living in Dundee.

For many years in Dundee, lived the late esteemed Rev. Mr. Stiles. His Windsor progenitor was an early historian.

Still standing in Windsor after many generations, is the home of Thomas Barber. Dundee claims his descendant, Ruth Barber Hill.

And living a short way down the street in Dundee for upwards of 40 years, is Betty Mills Haeger, a ninth generation from Simon Mills of Windsor and Simsbury.

Friendships deep-rooted — with a common past! — Would Theosophy explain this as the homing instinct of Kindred Spirits!

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More illustrious in historical antecedents are the Mayflower descendants in our church, two of whom are known to the historian.

On board the Mayflower was a young man, George Soule, hired servant and close associate of Governor Winslow. Of the 41 adult men on board, he was the 35th to sign the Mayflower Compact, the document that is the cornerstone on which our Declaration of Independence stands, giving a clear affirmation of the place of God, in our American way of life. It was signed on board the ship while the Mayflower was still at sea off the coast of America, on November 11, 1620. (This day is, again, our celebrated Armistice Day, three hundred years later.)

Today, George Soule has many illustrious descendants in America who proudly point to him as their ancestor. It was altogether interesting to learn that the Leonard Shedden family in our church, is in a direct line from him. Miss Bernice Shedden, our church clerk, owns a fund of early day lore, in her valuable histories and scrapbooks.

Second of our favored members in Mayflower lineage, is Mr. George Roulston, who descends from Richard Warren, one of the prominent men on board. (Ten years later, in 1630, John Warren, Richard's brother, came to Massachusetts in the fleet with Winthrop and Saltonstall. This Warren also has a descendant in Dundee, Betty Haeger; (would that he might have had the foresight to come with his brother on the Mayflower!) The Warren family in England was a very ancient one; they came in 1066 with William the Conqueror with whom they were related both by marriage, and by common ancestry.

GOLDEN FAMILIES

"—types of the spiritual church which God hath reared—"

In our small church, twelve Golden Families, — families that have had continuous membership thru fifty, seventy-five, one hundred years! Thru the centuries that lie ahead may our church ever be able to use this golden yardstick in measuring its history. And when these golden families no longer are represented, may there be younger families of today that shall attain this distinction.

The harvest which these families have garnered, is a distillation of their many years of service, and shining through it all, across the years, is their loyalty today.

(In the following citation of these families, occasional items of geneological interest are mentioned; but these sketches make no pretense of being geneological records).

1841 THE PERRY FAMILY 110 years

But one member in the church today can trace her ancestry through the entire history of the church, 110-years—Miss Josephine Perry, of all our members, is descended from a Founder. Amos Perry was her great, great grandfather. He was very early in Dundee, his name being recorded in some of the voting lists as early as 1837.

Five generations of this family have resided in Dundee: Amos, Cyrus, Frederick, Franklin, and Josephine.

Amos Perry came from New York, his forefathers having been early settlers in Connecticut. Back in England in 1500, an ancestor was a minister of renown—the Rev. John Perry.

Through a number of years, Miss Josephine Perry has given valuable service in our Dundee schools. Two generations of our children have learned the rudiments of their knowledge from her thorough tutoring. To Miss Perry, who has known so intimately, and helped every child in the community, these lines may well be inscribed:

"She walked with little children's hands held fast in hers,

In tender sympathy for their every need.

With quiet throness she taught them

Taking them as they came,—the dull,—the quick,—the weak, the strong.

And led them,—not alone with book and rule

But with her sincere heart's desire

To shape men and women for the world.

Modestly she might refute this praise

And smiling say—"I had to make my living"

Bravely she has done that very thing

Gloriously made a living—and a life."



To follow chronologically the golden families, the Duntons were active members for a period of one hundred years, before death removed the last members from our church. They deserve pre-eminently a place in this Honor Roll.

THE DUNTON FAMILY

1841—1947 106 years

With vivid memories uppermost, it is impossible to realize that the Duntons are no longer represented in our church;—that the little pew in front of the Dunton-Edwards window is no longer occupied by "Will and Gussie."

At the Centennial celebration ten years ago, William Dunton could trace his ancestry not alone to one, but to **four** of the original founders: General George McClure and his wife Sarah; and to their daughter Eleanor and her husband, S. B. Tourtelotte.

The Tourtelotte's daughter Julia, was the first person to receive baptism from the old pewter baptismal font now restored to use in the church; and from which eventually five more generations of this family were christened.

In 1860, Julia Tourtelotte married Oscar Dunton, the son of William and Mary Taylor Dunton who had come by covered wagon from New York, and became members in 1844.

Oscar and Julia Tourtelotte Dunton were the parents of the late Louis and William Dunton.

Through Louis Dunton, seven generations have attended this church. Louis and Frane Hungerford Dunton were the parents of Euba, Mrs. Harold Rust; and Lois, Mrs. Addis Faye. Mrs. Faye's son, LaVere and his young son, round out seven generations from Gen. McClure, the founder,—the longest family record in the church.

The late William and Augusta Kramer Dunton were parents of Marjory, Mrs. Abbot Herman; and Eleanor, Mrs. George Gaines. None of these later generations reside in Dundee, but Mrs. Gaines of Geneva retains membership in the home church.

In 1945, the late William Dunton passed away, and two years later his beloved wife followed.

For over 50 years they had lived in the home to which William had taken his wife as a bride. Here were born their two daughters; here their daughters were married; in this same home, Will and Gussie celebrated their golden wedding; and here they passed into eternal rest.—Truly a place of sacred associations.

Peaceful Valley lost one of its gentlest spirits when Mrs. Dunton died. Indeed it lost **more** than the dear personality that we know and loved as Gussie Dunton. Our community lost something intangible,—something that Time alone, stole relentlessly from our midst. It was almost as tho we had witnessed the passing of an era,—and perhaps

that is what it was when we said farewell to the last one of a long line such as the Dunton family had been in Dundee for a century.—Dundee and the Duntons!—the two names seemed to belong together, they had been associated for so many long years; and now to speak the one without the other, gives rather a lonely feeling.

Mrs. Dunton herself, sensed something of this feeling. After the death of her husband, she said, "It gives me such a queer feeling when I think that I am the last one to bear the Dunton name in Dundee."—And now her long journey is ended. But she has left a heritage of gracious memories. The majesty of everyday goodness was woven into the very fiber of Gussie Dunton's life. She wore an almost visible halo.

THE WALKER FAMILY

1843—1944

101 years

The Walker family, well represented through four generations, and throughout the century, but no longer having members living in Dundee, should also be included in the list of worthy members who helped in building our church.

Mr. Eaton Walker, one of the outstanding pioneer settlers, came from Uxbridge, Massachusetts. His wife, Chloe Taft Walker belonged to the Taft family from which has stemmed one President of our country (and we trust, another to be).

The Walkers became members on May 20, 1843. Many stories are told of Eaton Walker's intrepidity. During the Civil War, his home became a "station" of the Underground Railway for fugitive slaves. In his basement was a secret panel which led to an inner room where runaway slaves were safely hidden overnight.

The Eaton Walkers were parents of William Eaton, and Addie who became Mrs. Homer Hoxie, from whom the Hoxie line descended. None of these are now living in Dundee. Mrs. Addie Hoxie was a member 71 years.

William Eaton Walker married Mary Foster, their children being Walter, Herbert, and Anne Taft Walker who is now the only surviving member of this family, married Edna Haeger Walker. Both of them possessing musical ability of surpassing quality; they have always been identified with musical circles.

Herbert and Edna Haeger Walker are the parents of Marian, Mrs. John Cutter, all of whom reside in Los Angeles; and Richard Eaton Walker of Oak Park, with his daughter, Patricia.

The late Mrs. Mary Foster Walker, the Matriarch of the Dundee family, lived to approach the century mark, being 98 years of age, mentally active and alert up to the time of her death. Of all the events which happened in our church through a period of approximately 70 years, she kept a vital contact and the church to her was her supreme interest. She was a saintly personality.

THE EDWARDS FAMILY

1847

104 years

The smoke had scarcely ceased to curl from the wigwams in the old Indian village down below the elbow bend of the river when in 1839, a family came by covered wagon and by ferry boat from New York state. And here, in Dundee the Beautiful, this family has lived, grown and prospered for over a century. Today the Edwards family perpetuates the true spirit of the pioneers, linking the traditions of the past with the superior achievements and realities of the present.

In 1839, Alfred Edwards, a young man of 36, came with his wife, Lucinda Bosworth Edwards, and their family; Henry, who became the progenitor of the Dundee family, was but a child of four at the time.

Some of the earliest blood of the Colonists flowed in their veins. Ancestors had taken part in the French and Indian wars,—in the Revolution, in the Battle of Bunker Hill. In the old country, the family has been traced to the ancient lines of barons and kings in Wales.

From the day Alfred Edwards opened business in Dundee, he prospered. His early merchandizing commanded a large and lucrative trade, and as his business grew, he extended his operations into other fields, expanding his interests with the growth of the rapidly advancing country around him. Gradually he acquired many hundreds of acres of farm land, at one time operating one of the largest dairy businesses in this section.

His home was built in the early 1850's—this brick house has recently been restored to its original beauty, and is now occupied by Mr. John Test, a great grandson of Alfred Edwards.

Henry Edwards, his son, soon after returning from the Civil War, married the beautiful Miss Ellen Adelaide Dunton, the daughter of William and Mary Taylor Dunton of 1844, and thru this second line the Edwards family traces again for 107 years membership in this church.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Edwards merited an esteemed place in the life of this community, interested in all affairs pertaining to the welfare of the church and community. Mr. Henry Edwards served on the School Board at the time the present grade school was built. He became president of the Illinois Iron and Bolt Works, and thru his foresight and fearless vision, developed this business from infancy to maturity.

Children of Henry and Addie Dunton Edwards were Alfred, Florence (Mrs. Francis Wright); Mary; and Lucinda (Mrs. Guy Hall).

Alfred Edwards (third generation) deceased in 1950, lived for upwards of 50 years in Elgin, where he was one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of that community.

In 1946, his son Alfred (fourth generation in Dundee) with his wife, Ruth Farmiloe Edwards, returned to Dundee to make their

home, building upon a beautiful eminence overlooking the river, on land once owned by his great grandfather.

Alfred and Ruth Edwards are following the splendid course of previous generations in the church; Alfred serving as Trustee, and both taking an active part in church work. Their children give a fifth generation to this branch of the family in Dundee: Peter, Anne, and Alfred Henry Edwards.



Florence Edwards (Mrs. Francis Wright) with a church membership of 67 years, dating back to 1884,—thru her long and endless devotion to this church, is our Golden Member Emerita. She it is who has known our church thru a longer span of time than any other person; today she continues to give it her interest and her support. Her husband, the late Francis Wright, was a faithful member up to the time of his death in 1945.

Six Dundee generations have been given this family through the Wrights. Their two sons were Edward, deceased, joined in 1912; and Lawrence in 1914, now of Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The former Mrs. Edward Wright,—now Mrs. W. D. Smith,—who joined in 1922, is today one of our most tireless workers,—indefatigable in her efforts to make a success of whatever she undertakes,—Guild presidency; committee work; D. A. R. activities, music, any one of a dozen accomplishments. During the war, she donned the uniform of our country, and with her two sons, gave two or three years in patriotic service. Her sons are Jack, and Donald Wright,—her daughter, Peggy, Mrs. Robert Mason. Their children are the sixth generation of this line. Lawrence Wright and his wife, Florence Maha Wright, have two daughters of the fifth generation.



Lucinda Edwards Hall and Guy Carpenter Hall gave years of devoted attention to S. S. work and choir music. Their two daughters are fourth generation: Virginia, Mrs. David Dorman, now of Birmingham, Michigan; and Ellenor, Mrs. Frederick Simpson. Dr. Simpson is rapidly becoming one of the foremost members of the medical profession in Elgin. The Simpson home is in the beautiful Lakewood subdivision, once a part of the acreage of Ellenor Simpson's great grandfather,—once again knitting together the threads of past traditions, with those of the present.

The fifth generation of this line: Douglas and Carol Dorman; and Fred, Tommy, Susan, and Jon Simpson.

THE CRICHTON FAMILY

1848

103 years

The Crichton family was first recorded on Nov. 1, 1848, when Mr. John Crichton, one of the early Scotch settlers of this vicinity, became a member of this church. Five generations of this family have attended this church.

The late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crichton joined in 1872. Their large farm home was northwest of Dundee at the place that geologists claim to be one of the terminal moraines of the Wisconsin glacial period. The great accumulation of stones left strewn over the surface of the land is a regular feature of glacier phenomena. These have been cleared away thru the years, and piled in heaps along the boundaries of the fields; but the many queer shapes have held great interest for geologists.

This farm home abounded in an atmosphere of hospitality that made it a favored meeting place for Guild groups, and for the young people of the church. One of the Crichton daughters now living in Dundee is Mrs. Jennie Crichton Fitzsimmons (Mrs. Roy). Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitzsimmons became members in 1912. Miss Ruth Fitzsimmons, a member since 1927, is the only child remaining in Dundee. Others were Morris, 1929, Alan, 1931, and Howard, 1936, the latter being noted for his beautiful singing. Mrs. Bessie Crichton Miller (1912) (Mrs. Fred M. Miller); Miss Bethea Crichton, 1912, Mr. Raymond Crichton, 1912; and Mrs. Margaret Price Lange, 1908, are active members.

The late Mrs. James Crichton was a member for over 70 years. A fifth generation includes the children of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Fitzsimmons.

THE HAEGER FAMILY

1873

78 years

Almost one hundred years ago, in 1853, one of the old sailing vessels of that day, that had spent six weeks in crossing the ocean, sailed down thru the Great Lakes, and the passengers disembarked at Detroit.

Among them was a young lad of 14, David Henry Haeger, who with his parents had come to America to seek their fortune. The family came to this section of Illinois, where the elder David bought Spring Lake Farm, as he called it, a few miles north of Dundee,—now the beautiful Hardy estate.

Young David had been educated in Stephenhagen, and with the thoroughness of the German schools, he could speak French fluently, and was well grounded in mathematics, including Trigonometry, even tho but a lad.

David Haeger's life in America reads like a story. Fortune seemed to crown his every effort. He amassed for that day a sizeable fortune,—

an eloquent testimonial for Free Enterprise! At the time of his death in 1900, age 61, he was operating three factories making brick and tile; he had lumber and coal yards and grain elevators in Dundee and Elgin; and his farms covered over 2,000 acres of land, many stocked with dairy cattle. On the hill in Dundee, overlooking the river valley, was the homestead where all his children were born: Nelda, (Mrs. Dr. McCollum) deceased; Edna (Mrs. Herbert Walker); David, deceased; Mary; Elsa; and Edmund, the only member of this family living in Dundee. It remained their home for over fifty years.

David H. Haeger served a number of years as president of the Dundee School Board. Mrs. David Haeger became one of the best-loved pioneer residents of the community. She was known for her charitable ministrations. Before the advent of the auto, the Haeger carriage was to be seen regularly each Saturday distributing baskets of food to families worthy of relief. Her whole life was devoted to kindly deeds and service to others. She was the personification of Dundee hospitality. The old Haeger homestead of almost 30 rooms was rarely without guests, many times the minister and his family being given a home for months at a time. Her religion was unflinching, and the Haeger pew at church was seldom without occupants. This same pew now holds her descendant grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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Edmund Haeger, like his father before him, has stood for everything that has conspired to make our community a better place in which to live. The church and town have been enriched because of his useful and full life. He has been spoken of as "one of the great figures in one of the best towns in America.—Dundee's foremost benefactor." He served as president of both school boards 1918-'25—during the time the Community High School was built.

With his son-in-law, Joseph Estes, a young man of sound business ability and integrity, their unusual achievements in the Ceramic Industry have been a source of deep satisfaction. The factories in Dundee and Macomb now give employment to over 600 men. Joseph Estes has entered into church and community life in its many phases, serving as Trustee, choir member, and chairman of the Tri-City Recreational Committee.

Mrs. Edmund Haeger (Betty Mills) since coming to Dundee as a bride nearly 40 years ago, has become imbued with the spirit and charm of this delightful old town and church. With a taste for things of historical interest, she has had a real pleasure in trying to preserve in this chronicle, something of the beauty of those years and friendships even tho it be but a random sheaf of memories. Would that it could have been more complete,—would that more luminous words might have conveyed her thoughts.

In common with other members whose ancestry is rooted in the colonial days of America, Betty Mills Haeger's ancestry traces to Governor Thomas Dudley, early governor of Massachusetts colony, and one of the founders of Harvard; and to Governor William Leete, fourth governor of Connecticut. Mrs. Haeger and her two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Haeger Estes and Mrs. Marcy Haeger McQuillan, have contributed a share to civic duties, each having served as president of the Dundee Woman's Club and its various departments. Her two daughters are rarely gifted in music and carry on the Haeger tradition of hospitality.

Grandchildren, a fourth generation in the church, are Victoria Estes (Tory); Nicky Estes; Alexandra (Lexy) Estes; and John III, and David McQuillan.

THE HALL FAMILY

1885

66 years

A poignant emotion is felt in recording that the members are all deceased of a family whose life in this community stretched across more than half of this church's century,—a family deeply rooted and well known in the social, church, and business life of Dundee.

Mr. Charles F. Hall, one of the early storekeepers of the village; his wife, Mrs. Julia Fairchild Hall, and their two sons, Fred and Guy Hall, contributed a large share to the cultural life of the community. Mr. Fred Hall was President of the School Board for a number of years; and was gifted in musical and literary attainments. His wife, Mrs. Mittie Hall, was one of the most graciously lovely women ever known in Dundee circles.

It is Mr. Guy Hall who is more recently remembered. Because of his connection with his father's store back in the days when it drew a wide trade from the surrounding countryside, he was widely known and greatly liked. He had a distinguishing sense of humor and wit, much enjoyed by his friends, and his was a fine and friendly personality.

He was identified with the musical circles of the town,—a member of the choir for over 30 years and one of the male quartette which was a popular unit in Dundee for many years.

The Hall name is now borne by his wife, Mrs. Lucinda Edwards Hall, who still resides in the home where she went as a bride almost fifty years ago,—her girlhood Edwards home directly west, across the street, and the parental Hall homestead on the north across the highway. This circle of homes was the heart of the social life of the community for many, many years.

The two Hall daughters are Virginia, Mrs. David Dorman of Birmingham, Michigan; and Ellenor, Mrs. Frederick Simpson of Dundee. Grandchildren are Douglas and Carol Dorman; Tommy, Fred, Susan, and Jon Simpson.

THE KILDAHL FAMILY

1885

66 years

Mrs. Louise Schmeltz Kildahl, 1885.

Mr. J. Peter Kildahl, 1900—Dean of Trustees.

These grand people described on P. 33.

THE WESTERMAN-SCHMELTZ FAMILY

1886

65 years

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Westerman, 1886. Present member, Mrs. Rosa Westerman Schmeltz, 1886. The late Mr. Edward Schmeltz, 1885.

Sixty-five years ago, on March 13, 1886, among the candidates taken into church membership, a group of six young people stood before the altar in the lovely little pink brick church that stood in the same spot that our present church now occupies. Little could that good minister—long gone to his reward—have foreseen that all six of these candidates were destined to become Golden Members. This is an epitome of triumph! These six are: Rosa Westerman (Mrs. Edw. Schmeltz), William Hawley, Jennie Fairweather (Mrs. Leonard Shedden), Mary Edwards, Katherine and Lily Keeler.

The places are legion in which their usefulness has been unselfishly given. A charmed chronicle is the recital of their services. Our church reflects the true value of their excellence.

Mr. Westerman left a legacy of \$500.00 to the church.

Third and fourth generations of this family, no longer living in Dundee, are Mrs. Clifton McLendon (Catherine Schmeltz) and children Anne, Molly, and Robert of Wisconsin Rapids.

Mrs. Helen Schmeltz Herrold and children of Washington.

THE KEELER FAMILY

1886

65 years

Mrs. James Keeler (Isabel Mitchell) joined the church in 1886. Her sister, Miss Katherine Mitchell, was an early church secretary, her beautifully kept records giving much valuable history. She was for many years director of the church choir. Mrs. Keeler lived to be past ninety and could recite long poems that she had herself written. Her mother, Mrs. Christian Dempster Mitchell, lived to be 96; she had been a beautiful singer; and was a great reader of Shakespeare and Burns. Her great-great-grandchildren are today members of the church,—Jean and Clark Mitchell, children of Howard Mitchell, our present Deacon.

The present members of this family are Misses Katherine and Lily Keeler. Miss Katherine Keeler has been a remarkable personality throughout her life of service in Dundee. This is given a more complete description on page 50.

THE SHEDDEN FAMILY

1886

65 years

Intensive service is the term to be used in describing the contributions made by the Shedden family in this church. Their membership makes a chart of over half of the years of our church and every one of those years has been filled with week-by-week service.

The late Mrs. Leonard Shedden was tireless in her devotion to church activities,—in Guild, in Missionary work; and for over 40 years she was a faithful church school teacher, seldom missing a Sunday. Who could compute the number of children to whom she has revealed the teachings of the Bible?

Mrs. Shedden's interest was actively centered also in many local organizations. She was the first president of the Legion Auxiliary, supremely fitted to be so, in giving a son whose life was lost in battle. She was a twenty-five-year member and past-president of the Woman's Relief Corps. She was one of the delegation of Gold Star Mothers that visited France after World War I.

Miss Bernice Shedden has been the complement of her mother in most of these worthy tasks, both in the church and in patriotic organizations. She is our present church clerk, and an authority on church history.

Leonard Shedden was church custodian from 1910 until the mid-1940's. The church bell never missed a stroke by a moment in all those years; many a cold winter night he was at the church by three o'clock in the morning to have a warm comfortable place for morning service; and these things are but typical of his long faithful service.

A deep strain of patriotism has been inherent in this family from the earliest times. They have the distinction of being Mayflower descendants, being in direct line from George Soule, the thirty-fifth signer of the Mayflower Compact. Their ancestors had a part in the early French and Indian Wars; later ancestors were in the Revolution, and the Battle of Bunker Hill; in the Civil War; and in World War I, Clarence Shedden gave his life in France.

Present members in the church are Leonard Shedden, joined 1900. Bernice Shedden, 1916.

Warren, James, and Harold Shedden no longer live in Dundee.

THE GRIFFITH FAMILY

1886

65 years

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Griffith, 1886. A lifetime of service in countless offices,—guild work, church treasurer, Deaconess, Trustee, Committee work, was the contribution the Griffiths gave to the welfare of their church.

Mr. Griffith bestowed \$1,000 and Mrs. Griffith, \$3,000 to the church. Present member is Mrs. Alsy Griffith Stiles, 1900, a Golden Member.

Former members are Mr. Milo Griffith of Racine; and Mr. Wilmer Griffith of Elgin. LeRoy and LeVerne Griffith are no longer living.

THE HAWLEY FAMILY

1835

After the long trek across the lonely prairies in groaning wagons and ox carts, how unbelievably beautiful to the settlers, must have been the first glimpse of our river valley,—its vast ravine filled with yellow sunlight,—the river winding slowly through the middle depth,—the green masque of shadowy trees on the distant slope;—a bit of New England set down in these prairies.

How could anyone wish to go further!

Among the very first to become the tamers of this wilderness in 1835, was Philip Hawley who came with his family from Massachusetts. He was the grandfather of William Hawley, our venerated member of today, who at the age of 87 is our senior member to live in Dundee his entire lifetime.

William Hawley's father was George Hawley who was but six years of age when he came with his parents to Dundee.

When George Hawley became a young man, he in partnership with A. B. Brinkerhoff and William Hull, opened an early-day brick yard (in the place where the Potteries now stand).

A. B. Brinkerhoff built the present Dr. Cubbins' home, 219 West Main; and Mr. Hull built the Robert Duff home on West Main.

It would be interesting to list the early homes built of this old Dundee brick, the clay being of such superior quality, that when old houses have been torn down in recent years, the brick has been found to be as firm and solid as when first laid.

In 1871, D. H. Haeger (father of Edmund), when a young man of 32, sold his Flint Creek farm near Barrington and bought a third interest in these brick works. The next year he bought the remaining shares, and thus was instigated the forerunner of the Haeger Potteries!

William Hawley married Della Nichols, both being Golden Members of our church. Both have had an active part in a past day, in contributing to the welfare of the church and the community. Mr. Hawley served a number of years as Trustee. They have celebrated their Golden Wedding, and have children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, giving six generations from Philip Hawley to this family. The Hawley daughters are all gifted artists of distinction. These later generations live in California, Indiana, and Illinois. Blanche, Mrs. C. W. Hollar; Darlene, Mrs. O. Nelson; and Ardys, Mrs. Robert Hopkins, have the following children and grandchildren: William Hollar has Tommy Lee and Susan; Betty Hollar (Mrs. Koleston); Darlene, Mrs. Ray Carroll; Norma, Mrs. Wayne Dohrn, has Gail, Jerry, and Terry; and Barbara, Mrs. Robert Hageman has Barbara Rae; and Joanne Hopkins.

65 years

THE BINNIE FAMILY

1888

63 years

One of the countryside families faithful in attendance for three generations. Members include the late Mr. James Binnie, 1888. Mr. Clair Binnie, 1924—present Deacon. Mrs. Clair Binnie, 1937. Ralph, Gary, Alice, and Nancy Binnie. Miss Hazel Binnie, 1930. Alex Binnie, 1924.

THE OATMAN FAMILY

1837

From a past that is preserved in memory thru the careful recordings in blessed old books, no name is more frequently nor more honorably mentioned in connection with the early growth of our community, than the Oatman name.

Deeds of men like the Oatmans are so woven into the tissues of the town's history, that their name will be preserved as long as there is a Dundee.

In 1837, when this new country was a wilderness of dense forest growth, with a clearing for a tiny unnamed settlement, the Oatman family first came, John Oatman and his wife and large family. The Oatmans were distinguished men and through 114 years, descendants of John Oatman have played an important part in the success and prosperity of this town.

Jesse Oatman, son of John, was the member from whom the present family is descended. He and his wife, Lucy Curtis Oatman in 1837, selected the site for their home, to be built where the Methodist Church now stands. Soon a gathering of the settlers was called for a house-raising of the Oatman home,—and this turned out to be the first town-meeting ever held in the settlement. At this meeting, it was proposed that they find a name for the new village. As no decision could be made, it was determined to cast lots to see which one present should select the name. The choice fell to a Scotchman, Alexander Gardiner, who accordingly announced the place should be called "Dundee" after his native city in Scotland. This received the unanimous acclaim of all present, and Dundee the Beautiful was christened!

This pioneer Oatman home became the place where the earliest religious meetings of all denominations were held. This was before the Congregationalists had thought of organizing; and these meetings were of Methodists and Baptists. The Oatman family was early identified with the Baptist church which for many years held their allegiance.

This site was the home of the family for a number of years. Being located on the trail that was most traveled (now Main Street), it developed into a post-road which eventually became established between Chicago and Rockford, with a stage coach carrying passengers and mail over this route. Mrs. Oatman soon extended her hospitality to accom-

moderate the transient travelers who occasionally passed thru here, and this early hotel became a popular stopping place.

Mrs. Lucy Curtis Oatman was a woman of unusual charm and beauty, as an old picture attests. She had both wit and wits,—being both witty and wise, traits carried on in her two grandsons, Erle and William Oatman, known for their inherent and subtle sense of humor. Her beauty was undoubtedly passed on to her granddaughter, Marabelle Oatman, who from all accounts was the most beautiful young woman ever known in Dundee.

It is pleasant to imagine the good times the pioneers enjoyed in this hospitable home. In 1837 this was about the only place in the settlement where social gatherings could be held, and we can picture the spelling-bees, the singing schools, the taffy pulls, and popcorn parties that whiled away the long winter evenings for the settlers,—heat provided from the blazing logs in the deep-throated hearth.

The present Oatman family is descended thru George F. Oatman, who entered into business in his father's store. As the general mercantile business grew and prospered, and their dairy farms increased, gradually they took over the milk business of this entire territory, and by the 1880's, they were operating ten creameries,—the forerunner of the famous Oatman Condensed Milk Factories.

George Oatman married in 1874, Louise ("Jennie") Torrence, a young lady from the Ohio Female College at Delaware, Ohio. Her ancestry was deeply rooted in colonial and Revolutionary days.

Children of George and Jennie Oatman—the fourth generation from John Oatman, were Erle, William F., and Marabelle, (Mrs. Eddy), all of whom are deceased.

Erle Oatman was a Trustee of our church for 11 years, 1907-'18. His wife, Clarabel Borden Oatman served several years as superintendent of the Primary Department.

William Oatman and his wife, Alicia Whittaker Oatman, both deceased, held the admiration and affection of the entire church and community. William Oatman was taken in the prime of his life, but not before he had seen the results of his sound business judgment and his shrewd integrity that had established a business of nation-wide importance.

Alicia Oatman who died in 1947, is fondly remembered today,—socially, spiritually, intellectually, as one of the best-loved women that ever lived in this community. Her gay humor brightened every social group of which she was a part. She was utterly charming and lovable.

The children of William F. and Alicia Oatman, a fifth generation in Dundee, are William and Lawrence Oatman, today a part of our church and community life, residing in the beautiful Oatman homestead.

William and Maxine Swan Oatman have two children, Rachel and David, now in college, who give a sixth generation to this estimable family in Dundee.

THE MILLER FAMILY

If our pastor were asked to name the family in the church today that could be counted on most dependably to get things done, it is easy to surmise his answer:—the Millers. Elmer Miller, as a member of the Board of Trustees for the past eight or ten years, has accomplished more things than can easily be told.

If a new basement stairway is needed, Elmer Miller waves a magic wand and a fine stairway appears, where noone dreamed a stairway could be placed; if a new basement floor is to be laid, Mr. Miller oversees the work to its faultless completion; if a head-usher is needed, Elmer Miller is the man; if there is noone to ring the church bell on Sunday morning, who but Elmer Miller could be there to look after this trifling (?) duty,—or to see that the humns are posted—or that a capricious furnace be properly regulated;—duties that are largely behind the scenes, but only a minister knows how much a smoothly running church service depends on such things.

The Miller pew is never vacant. Mrs. Carrie Miller, now the Matriarch of these generations, has given a fine family to the world. There is not a woman in the church who merits more admiration than Mrs. Myrtle Miller Angell, one of our praiseworthy deaconesses.

Mrs. Theodore Eichler, Jr. (Mary Miller) is a faithful choir member; and serves on the Religious Education Committee. Mr. Eichler was chairman of the Music Committee for a time; and has also been a member of the choir.

Mrs. Elmer Miller is an estimable member of the Guild; the Benthusen family (Carolyn Angell) renders further service, Donald Benthusen having served as Deacon. The present members of this family include:

Mrs. Carrie Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Eichler, Jr.
Mary Elizabeth Eichler
Mrs. Myrtle Miller Angell
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Benthusen
Jean and Bonnie Benthusen
Miss Charlotte Angell
Mrs. Mary Ann Angell Martin

THE HUNT FAMILY

1842

With Accent on Imagination

The present is indebted to the past for much of the charm that comes down to us from early days. Existing mementos of olden times are precious heritages. But there is also inspiration in places that have entirely disappeared. Time and encroaching business districts have taken their toll of some of the loveliest of our old homes. We may stand before sites of homes long since vanished, and in the mind's eye envision the men and women who were once so vital in building Dundee,—forward-looking people, they had to be.

The beautiful old Hunt home was one of these. When Henry Hunt came to Dundee in 1842, a young man in his early 20's, he found conditions most primitive as compared to his home in the east. But he selected a home site, and on that spot he spent the rest of his long distinguished life, and there three important generations of this family added eminence to the name, before it passed on from this vicinity.

Before leaving his boyhood home, Henry Hunt had married in 1840. Esther Ann Edwards, granddaughter of Isaac and Esther Foote Edwards (there were four or more generations of "Esthers" in this family). The young Mrs. Hunt was a niece of Alfred Edwards who had come west in 1839.

In 1857, the Hunts built their large brick mansion which for many years was considered the finest in Dundee. This house faced south on Main Street, and was across the street directly north of the City Hall. Their extensive grounds stretched through to the opposite end of the block. A row of huge maples bordered the yard. At about the place where the Brey building now stands, grew their beautiful rose garden, with brick bordered paths and vine clad summer house remembered for its beauty as late as the turn of the century. Part of a stair railing from this old mansion is now incorporated in the George Roulston home which occupies part of the old Hunt grounds.

For many years, Henry Hunt was active in the early church being a Trustee from 1859-1865. His wife was an early president of the Guild in 1866. Today a memorial window in our church is dedicated to "Esther Ann Edwards Hunt—1819-1887." How many of us have ever wondered who this woman might have been, never suspecting her interesting story until the old records reveal something of the pattern of American life in her day.

Henry Hunt became one of the foremost men of the state,—in 1868, after many local honors, he was elected to an important position in his congressional district as a member of the State Board of equalization, and he became a personal friend of the Governor, and the leading men of the State.

He was prominent in mercantile business of Dundee. In 1871, he built, at a cost of \$12,000, the three story Hunt Block (now called the Sternberg Building) directly east across the street from his home. In 1872, he established the first bank in Dundee.

The four Hunt daughters were known for their vivacious charm. Ellen Hunt married Mr. A. B. Brinkerhoff who built and took his bride to the home just up the slope from her father's home, now occupied by the Dr. Wm. Cubbins family.

Lydia Hunt married another Mr. Brinkerhoff and removed from Dundee. Henrietta Hunt married Irving Cobb (an ancestor of the author?) and removed from Dundee. Esther Hunt married Edgar C. Hawley, oldest brother of our senior church member, Wm. Hawley. They were married in 1871 in the old homestead, and here they continued to live and bring up their family. E. C. Hawley went into partnership with his father-in-law, and became one of the most prominent citizens of Dundee. He served several terms in the State legislature. Their children were Henry, who died when six years of age; William, Esther, and Etta. The only living member is Etta, Mrs. Ouimet of Redding, California.

These are some of the interesting personalities we see when we look down the long avenue of the past.

THE DR. PETERSON FAMILY

Back in the horse-and-buggy days before autos and paved roads came into use, a familiar sight in this vicinity was Dr. Peterson in his horse-drawn buggy. With a country practice scattered over a wide area, he was frequently away from his home two and three days at a time, catching brief intervals of sleep in his carriage between sick calls.

Dr. Peterson was a physician and scholar of unusual attainments. He came from Germany at the age of 28, and for a time was professor of foreign languages in eastern cities before coming to Illinois to study medicine and take up practice. He married Miss Mabel Preston, an early music teacher in Elgin and Dundee, and a descendant of some of the prominent colonial families of Revolutionary renown. The old Peterson homestead at the corner of Oregon and Second Streets, where they lived for 57 years, is one of Dundee's historic spots. It was built in 1851.

Members of the Peterson family, all of whom attended this church, are Elsa, Mrs. John Klein, wife of the Professor of Languages at the University of Maine; Waldemar; Dr. Max, a research physicist of Cambridge, Mass., formerly a member of the faculty of Lehigh University; Dr. Moritz died in 1941; and Dorothea.

WILLIAM DAYTON SMITH

Blessed with qualities that invite friendliness, there seems to be one man in our church on whom the passing of the years has had little effect.

William Dayton Smith ("Double-Dee") in years is 80, but he has managed to keep what most of us lose many years earlier: an open mind, and an attitude that recognizes change, and accepts it unhampered by a reliance on things that are past.

Few businessmen have compiled so fine a record. Now that he has retired, he can look back upon his work of a lifetime with the famous Jewel Tea Company, which he has known from its beginning until it has reached the pinnacle of one of the largest organizations in America; and regarding this stupendous achievement can say **all of which I saw, and a part of which I was!**

It is not this splendid record however that endears him to all who know him. It is something not easily defined; possibly it can be summed up in the overworked word, personality. It is what he is, more than what he has done, that makes "Double-Dee" Smith one of Dundee's best-loved citizens.

BESSIE STUART SMITH

Deceased March 28, 1948

Time flies so swiftly on its golden wings that unconsciously little individual characteristics of friends are often effaced.

But not so with Bessie Stuart Smith. Just speaking her name brings the spell of her personality so vividly before us, that its living presence can almost be felt. One recalls her unaffected hospitality and her warmth of greeting; one sees her at the head of her long bountiful dinner table surrounded by family and friends; one pictures her in her garden of roses, shears in hand and basket on arm, moving among her treasures of velvety richness that spilled over trellis and fence, and filled beds with a riotous charm of color.

Bessie Stuart Smith was a woman of wide interest and vision; a civic worker giving of herself to both town and national betterment. She served as State President of the Legion Auxiliary and as National Vice President of this great organization. She was an honored guest on a trip to England, France, and Italy, where she was entertained by the great leaders of those countries. Her friends were numbered from all walks of life. She was as much at home with the great, as with the lowly friends—real friends—who helped her tenderly care for her roses.

Any life so full, so generous, so unpretentious, so seasoned with the grace of humor, was surely a successful life.—When the hour announced the sudden dawn for her departure, she was ready to start,—Forward pilgrim, into the morning, and unafraid!

Following is the 1951 List of Contributing Members and Friends.

Rev. and Mrs. George Alley	Mr. and Mrs. Donald Buchanan
Mrs. Faye Alley	Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith
Mr. and Mrs. William Hawley	Mrs. Clara Bogue
Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kildahl	Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McDonald
Misses Helen and Annabel Cook	Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Beutlers
Misses Katherine & Lily Keeler	Mr. and Mrs. Morel Miller
Mrs. Alsy Griffith Stiles	Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shoellhorn
Mr. Leonard Shedden	Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bullard
Miss Bernice Shedden	Dr. and Mrs. Fred Simpson
Mrs. Eleanor Dunton Gaines	Dr. and Mrs. Lyman Smith
Mrs. Rosa Schmeltz	Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brey
Mrs. Ellen Egger	Mrs. Donald Kahl
Miss Mary Edwards	Mr. and Mrs. George Roulston
Mrs. Florence Wright	Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schuknecht
Mrs. Lucinda Hall	Mrs. Ida Pendexter
Mrs. Janet McIntosh	Mrs. Esther MacRae
Mr. Walter McIntosh	Mrs. Hattie Rath
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ward	Miss Enola Rath
Lee Jr. and Richard Ward	Miss Maude Rath
Miss Mildred Brey	Miss Genevieve Rath
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rundin	Mr. Jack Rath
Mrs. Edward Rundin	Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pritchards
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bosworth	Mr. and Mrs. David McCurrach
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Edwards	Mrs. John Cleland
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Brittain	Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Batt
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur McIntosh	Miss Doris Cleland
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Giese	Mr. and Mrs. Clair Binnie
Mrs. A. H. Hill	Miss Hazel Binnie
Miss Mae Morse	Mr. Alex Binnie
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Oatman	Mr. and Mrs. Warren Krahn
Mr. Lawrence Oatman	Mrs. Emma Krahn
Miss Grace Whittaker	Miss Mildred Bopp
Mr. and Mrs. Merle Nesbit	Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Bopp
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller	Mr. Harold Bopp
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Eichler	Mrs. Anne Doane Hartmann
Mrs. Carrie Miller	Mr. Richard Doane
Mrs. Myrtle Angell	Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fitzsimmons
Miss Charlotte Angell	Miss Ruth Fitzsimmons
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Benthusen	Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rakow
Jean, Bonnie and	Mrs. Leonard Rakow
Tommy Benthusen	Jeri Rakow
Mr. Tom Angell	Mrs. Martin Melahn
Mrs. Mary Ann Martin	

Sandra Melahn
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Melahn
Mrs. James C. Brown
James D. Brown
Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Daudt
Mrs. Less Bond
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keller
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knoll
Dr. and Mrs. Sumner Koch
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Berna
Mrs. Howard Getzelman
Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Einwach
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Simmons
Mr. and Mrs. Parker Rowe
Mrs. Roland Moar
Mr. and Mrs. Forrester Svendsen
Mrs. Thomas Smith
Lyle Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Duane Garrison
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stolley
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Smith
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wickham
Mrs. Edna Keefe
Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mitchell
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swanson
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swanson
Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Taber
Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Wyman
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Sharp
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Theiss
Mrs. Fred Theiss
Mrs. Robt. Smith
Miss Maud Hott
Miss May Holmes
Mrs. Alice Hill
Mrs. Helen Hill
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zarndt
Mr. Oscar Borchardt
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lange
Mrs. Chester Allen
Mr. Louis Lange
Mrs. John Eagan
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Krueger
Mr. Kenneth Krueger
Carol Jean Krueger
Mrs. Sophie Krueger
Mrs. Carl Baresal

Mrs. Nettie Droegemueller
Mr. Russell Baresal
Mrs. Phyllis Baresal Rohrsen
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Boncosky
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Boncosky
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowe
Mrs. Leroy Simondsen
Janice Simondsen
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Simondsen
Martin Simondsen, Jr.
Mrs. John Gothard
Miss Frances Gothard
Mrs. Jerda Fink
Mrs. Emily Worthy
Mr. and Mrs. Martin Schuring
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Falbe
Mr. and Mrs. Clark St. Peters
Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Briesch
Mrs. Ruth Briesch
Mr. Richard Briesch
Mrs. Florence Drinkall
George Laurishke, Jr.
Mrs. Fred Miller
Mrs. Carl Lange
Miss Clara Kern
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duval
Mrs. Margaret Jensen
Mrs. Victor Grace
Mrs. John Hauschild
Carol and Sharon Hauschild
Mrs. Ivan Sinnett
Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hubbard
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hubbard
Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Howard
Mrs. Dorothy Rewoldt
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reimer
Miss Gloria Reimer
Miss Josephine Perry
Mrs. Mary Morgan
Mrs. Lincoln Kneebone
Tommy Kneebone
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Perteit
Mr. and Mrs. Ted Peterson
Miss Shirley Fletcher
Miss Florence Keegan
Mrs. Ruby Keegan Sullivan
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rewoldt

Mrs. Walter Pagels
Ronald Pagels
Miss Georgianna Hadley
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Price
Mr. Wm. Raywood
Mr. and Mrs. Harris Raywood
Mrs. Rose Eickhoff
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Reams
Mrs. W. F. Reimer
Mr. Mark Biggers
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Boyers
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Davis
Mrs. Peter Dall
Miss Ethel Dall
Mr. and Mrs. Morris Dalby
Mrs. Oliver Hutchins
Mrs. Theo Stenstrom
Mrs. F. J. Maha
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoelger
Mr. and Mrs. John Phillips
Mr. and Mrs. Alan Mann
Mrs. Carrie Keegan
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Shepard
Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Harkness
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reese
Miss Alice Reese
Miss Shirley Reese
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. LeSourd
Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Gill

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rover
Mrs. Roy Richards
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Golderman
Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Teeple
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Frost
Mrs. Helen Gatz
Mrs. Theodore Spoo
Mrs. K. N. Tompkins
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Theissings
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willig
Mrs. Otto Youngmans
Mrs. Minnie Matthies
Mrs. H. W. Pearsall
Miss Dorothea Peterson
Mr. Robt. Mundhenk
Mr. Walter Egoroff
Mrs. George Webb
Mrs. Jennie Schroeder
Miss Caroline Schroeder
Miss Ione Fischbach
Mrs. Rachel Rausch
Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Reid
Miss Virginia Reid
Mr. Harold Eatinger
Mrs. Frank Miller
Miss Virginia Orrell
Mrs. Marcy Haeger McQuillan
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Estes
Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Haeger

Contents of the Corner Stone

- Pictures of pastors, N. C. Clark, A. R. Thain, W. B. Millard, W. L. Ferris, J. E. Reilly, M. S. Freeman, G. T. McCollum.
- Picture of Deacon Ellison (1881-'98).
- Picture of Mrs. Eleanor Tourtelotte, Founder
- Picture of brick church of 1853, exterior and interior.
- Deeds to Alfred Edwards' and Eaton Walker's pews.
- Program of Semi-Centennial Celebration, 1891.
- Copy of paper read at Semi-Centennial by D. H. Haeger.
- Copy of paper read at Semi-Centennial by Mrs. Harding.
- Lists of all officers and members of church, 1901.
- Lists of all officers and teachers of church school, 1901.
- List of contributors to new church (1901).
- A Bible.
- Keys of old church of 1853.
- Penny and nickel of 1901.
- Elgin "News" of Oct. 4, 1901.
- Dundee "Hawkeye" of Oct. 4, 1901.
- "Chicago Inter-Ocean" of Sept. 19, 1901, concerning the assassination of President McKinley.
- Picture President McKinley.
- A number of religious magazines of that date.

Bequests and Memorial Gifts

- \$ 400.00 Bequest, Mr. A. B. Brinkerhoff.
- \$1,000.00 Bequest, Mr. Duncan Forbes.
- \$ 500.00 Bequest, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Westerman.
- \$1,000.00 Bequest, Mr. C. E. Griffith.
- \$3,000.00 Bequest, Mrs. C. E. Griffith.
- 1945 \$5,000.00 Memorial, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Haeger Haeger-Estes Families.
- 1947 \$10,000.00 Gift, Haeger-Estes Families.
- 1947 \$ 500.00 Gift, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Howard, Howard Family. Sponsoring an Explorer Socut Unit.
- Sterling Silver Collection Plates, in memory of Miss Gertrude Hodges.
- 1897 Communion Table and Chairs, Mr. D. H. Haeger.
- 1897 Communion Service, Mrs. D. H. Haeger.
- 1902 Pulpit and Pedestal, Edwards Family.
- 1935 Baptismal Font Pedestal, Dunton Family.
- 1941 Wooden Cross and Candleholders, Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Hill.
- 1941 Pulpit Chairs, Mrs. C. H. Schultz.
- 1941 Eighteen Chairs for Choir Loft, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Haeger, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Estes.
- 1947 Silver Communion Chalice, in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dunton, Marjory Dunton Herman, Eleanor Dunton Gaines.
- 1948 Silver Tray and Tea Service, Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Kneebone.
- 1948 Lacquered Brass Altar Cross, Candlesticks, Two Vases and Missal Stand. In memory of Mr. Clyde Rewoldt.
- 1949 Tea Table, Silver Candelabra, Silver Bowl and Serving Plates. In memory of Bessie Stuart Smith.
- 1949 200 Folding Chairs, Miss Mary Edwards.
- 1950 Lacquered Brass Collection Plates. In memory of Ellsworth Hanna, Janet Hanna McIntosh, Winifred Hanna Ellis.

1902 — Windows

- Cathedral Window—Edwards and Dunton Families.
- Cathedral Window—Haeger Family.
- Memorial Window—Hugh Todd, May 30, 1899.
- Memorial Window—Esther Ann Edwards Hunt, 1819, '87.
- Memorial Window—Minnie E. Schmeltz, 1874-'97.
- Memorial Window—Samuel Wilder.
- Memorial Window—Almena Wardle.
- Memorial Window—George E. Boynton.
- Memorial Window—Julia McClure.

PASTORS

N. C. CLARK	1841-'43
SPENCER BAKER	1843-'44
J. V. DOWNS	1844-'46
E. E. WELLS	1847-'51
N. C. CLARK	1851-'52
D. S. DICKINSON	1852-'53
GEORGE BENT	1853-'55
N. C. CLARK	1855-'57
A. G. HIBBARD	1857-'58
I. CROSS	1858-'60
W. MORGAN	1860 (3 mo.)
G. W. WAINWRIGHT	1861-'64
I. B. SMITH	1865-'68
D. D. HILL	1868 (6 mo.)
N. C. CLARK	1868 (6 mo.)
D. D. HILL	1869-'72
A. R. THAIN	1873-'77
W. B. MILLARD	1877-'83
W. L. FERRIS	1883-'89
J. E. REILLY	1889-'94
M. S. FREEMAN	1894-'98
GEORGE T. McCOLLUM	1898-'05
H. WILLIAM STILES	1906-'16
JOHN BUSHNELL	1917-'18
WALTER L. FERRIS	1918-'21
THOMAS A. GOODWIN	1922-'26
EDWARD H. KOSTER	1926-'30
GEORGE WINTERS	1931-'35
WILLIAM H. HILL	1935-'43
H. SHELBY LEE	1943-'48
GEORGE ALLEY	1948-

Trustees During 110 Years

Squire Simpson	1841-'45	J. W. Herrick	1889-'92
Eaton Walker	1845-'49	Wm. Irwin	1889-'91
G. W. Bullard	1845-'58	C. F. Hall	1889-'92
John Rankin	1849-'51	Wm. Dunton	1890-'91
Luke Hale	1849-'56	Thos. McKendrick	1892-'94
Jas. Brown	1849-'53	Henry Yagle	1893-'94
Wm. Hemingway	1851	Duncan Forbes	1905-'09
Thomas Thompson	1853	E. B. Quackenbush	1905-'09
C. J. Wiltsie	1853	W. F. Walker	1905-'08
Chas. Smith	1853	F. F. Hall	1905-'09
John M. Smith	1859-'75	E. T. Oatman	1907-'18
Hope Davis	1859-'66	H. W. Walker	1910-'14
H. E. Hunt	1859-'65	E. A. Schmeltz	1910-'16
William Dunton	1859	F. B. Wright	1919-'22
Anson Buck	1859	Mark Benson	1924
Squire Simpson	1859-'63	H. R. Edgcomb	1823-'25
J. C. Cockerton	1859	Mary Edwards	1927
Hugh Todd	1859-'71	Wm. Hawley	1919-'27
L. A. Crabtree	1861-'76	F. J. Bopp	1926-'30
Thos. McDonald	1865	F. B. Eater	1928-'29
George Giddings	1865-'84	J. P. Kildahl	1904-'34
H. Rosencrans	1867-'69	G. C. Hall	1910-'35
A. B. Brinkerhoff	1867-'69	F. C. Schuknecht	1930-'34
H. C. Edwards	1867-'84	A. E. Howard	1929-'36
Hazard Browning	1868-'69	E. H. Haeger	1915-'46
Ruhl Todd	1870-'80	George Roulston	1931-'49
Samuel Browning	1870-'86	W. D. Smith	1932-'44
David Miller	1871-'75	D. B. Buchanan	1935-'44
W. E. Clute	1872-'73	H. W. Brittain	1936-'44
H. M. Skeel	1872-'73	Ralph Shoellhorn	1937-'44
W. E. Walker	1873-'94	V. R. McDonald	1937-'47
Daniel Crichton	1874-'76	Elmer Miller	1943-
D. H. Haeger	1876-'86	James Binnie	1943-'47
E. C. Hawley	1877-'84	Fred Knoll	1943-'46
J. R. Smith	1877-'86	Clarence Krueger	1943-'49
James Hodges	1879-'87	Marshall Clark	1946-'48
Albert Miller	1885-'86	Merle Campbell	1947-'48
G. F. Taylor	1887-'88	Alfred Edwards	1947-
C. E. Griffith	1887-'94-1910	Lee Ward	1948-
Jacob Westerman	1887-'94	Joseph Estes	1948-
Harry Richards	1887-'88	Harold Swanson	1949-
L. B. Dunton	1889-'91	Floyd Wickham	1950-
M. Quackenbush	1889-'91	William Giese	1950-

DEACONS

Elihu McEwen	1841-'55
Francis Northway	1844-'62
John Crichton	1849
Squire Simpson	1856-'81
James Todd	1860
Hugh Todd	1862-'99
Horace Rosencrans	1866-'72
G. W. Bullard	1872-'73
Hope Davis	1873-'81
Geo. Giddings	1881-'98
Wm. Ellison	1882-'98
Chas. Rover	1885-'97
Jacob Westerman	1897-'24
G. W. Hunt	1900-'04
L. B. Dunton	1900-'27
C. P. Bogue	1920-'26
James Inman	1925-'28
Hugh Kent	1925-'300
Harry Richards	1929-'39
Guy Jensen	1931-'32
Wm. LeSourd	1934-'36
Roy Fitzsimmons	1931-
W. A. Dunton	1933-'45
Floyd Wickham	1935-'44
Frank Bopp	1937-'40
Albert Krahn	1939-'41
Fred Schuknecht	1940-'45
Clair Binnie	1942-
Harold Swanson	1945-'47
Howard Mitchell	1946-'50
Donald Benthusen	1947-'50
Harry Brewer	1947-'49

Vernon McDonald	1949-
Walter Drafall	1949-'50
Clyde Sharp	1949-
Robert Howard	1949-
Warren Krahn	1951-

CHURCH CLERKS

S. K. Tourtelotte	1841-'44
C. B. Wells	1845-'48
E. E. Wells	1848-'49
J. D. Davis	1853-'54
L. D. Kendall	1854-'58
C. W. Merrill	1858-'60
C. J. Wiltsie	1860-'66
Geo. Giddings	1866-'67
F. S. Bosworth	1867-'68
H. G. Torrence	1868-'82
E. C. Hawley	1883
Albert Miller	1884
W. E. Walker	1885
C. F. Hall	1886-'87
Wm. Hawley	1887-'90
Mrs. Julia Hall	1891
Katherine Mitchell	1892-'02
Jacob Westerman	1902-'15
Wm. Dunton	1916-'24
V. R. McDonald	1925-'30
E. A. Schmeltz	1931
Mrs. Wm. LeSourd	1932
Francis B. Wright	1933-'44
James Brown	1944-'46
Bernice Shedden	1946-

Church School Superintendents

Edward Schmeltz	1898-1926
Edmund Haeger	1927-'29
Mrs. L. B. Dunton	1930
Marshall Clark	1931-'36; 1940
Rev. Geo. Winters	1934
Harry Harvey	1937-'39
Rev. W. H. Hill	1941-'43
Rev. H. Shelby Lee	1943-'47
Rev. Geo. Alley	1948-

Treasurers

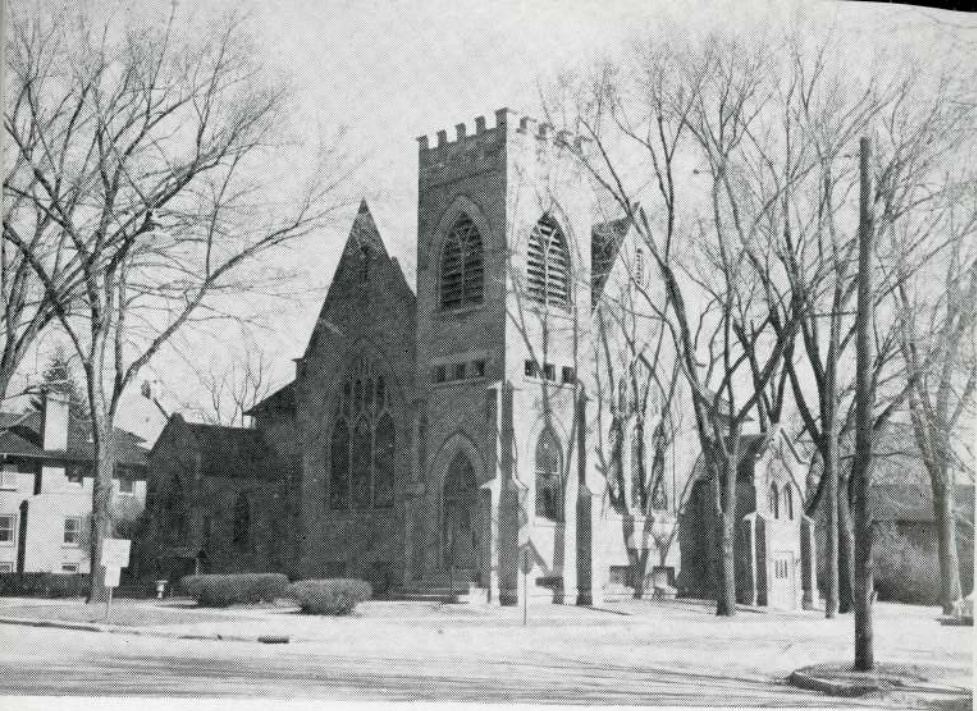
C. E. Griffith	1889-1924
Francis Wright	1925
W. S. LeSourd	1926-'29
V. R. McDonald	1930-'36
Donald Lax	1937-'42
Edward Reimer	1942-

**Presidents of Woman's Guild
including the "Female Benevolent Association"**

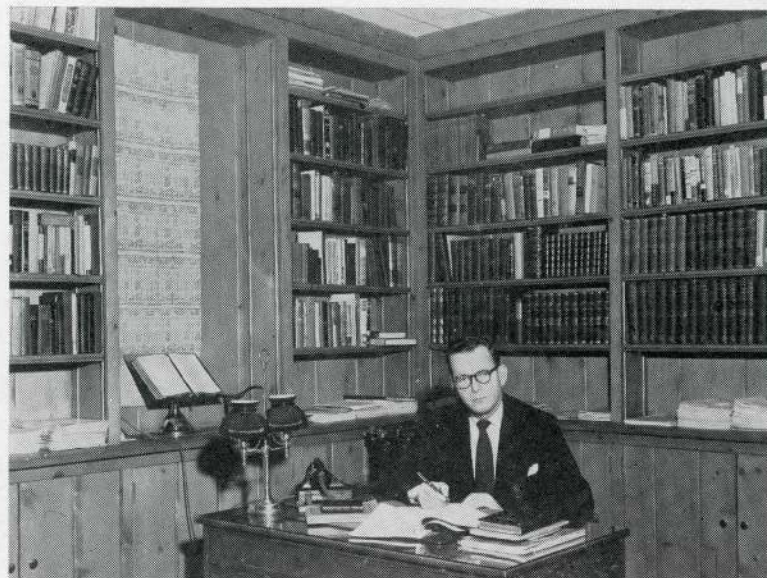
Mrs. Sarah McClure	1843-'45	Mrs. D. H. Haeger	1895-'97
Mrs. Elizabeth Perkins	1846	Mrs. C. F. Hall	1898-'99
Mrs. (Rev.) Wells	1847-'49	Mrs. Mary Walker	1900-'02
Mrs. Alfred Edwards	1851	Mrs. Anna Boynton	1902-'09
Mrs. Wm. Dunton	1852-'53	Mrs. Mary Walker	1910-'11
Mrs. (Rev.) George Bent	1854	Mrs. Della Carr	1912-'20
Mrs. Alfred Edwards	1855	Mrs. Wm. Dunton	1921-'22
Mrs. (Rev.) Clark	1856	Mrs. Osher Schlaifer	1922-'23
Mrs. Thomas Thompson	1857-'58	Mrs. Louis Dunton	1923-'24
Mrs. Wm. Dunton	1859-'60	Mrs. Edmund Haeger	1925-'31
Mrs. (Rev.) Wainwright	1862	Mrs. A. H. Hill	1932-'33
Mrs. Alfred Edwards	1865	Mrs. Edward Wright	1934
Mrs. H. E. Hunt	1866	Mrs. L. B. Dunton	1935
Mrs. (Rev.) I. B. Smith	1867	Mrs. Less Bond	1936-'37
Mrs. Dr. Baldwin	1868	Mrs. Harry Harvey	1938-'39
Mrs. Dr. Crabtree	1870-'73	Mrs. Floyd Wickham	1940-'41
Mrs. A. B. Brinkerhoff	1875-'79	Mrs. Emily Worthy	1942-'44
Mrs. Addie Edwards	1880	Mrs. Jas. Brown	1945
Mrs. George Giddings	1881	Mrs. Howard Mitchell	1946
Mrs. D. H. Haeger	1882-'83	Mrs. Merle Campbell	1947-'48
Mrs. Jacob Westerman	1886-'88	Mrs. Howard Getzelman	1949
Mrs. Wm. Perrigo	1889	Mrs. Lee Ward	1950-
Mrs. Mary Walker	1890-'93		

*Interesting Dundee Homes
and
A Few Church Officials*

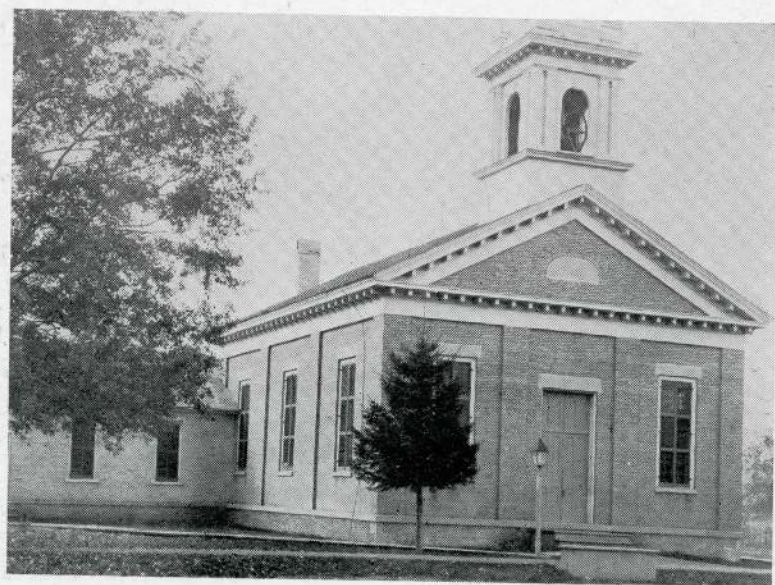




Church of 1951.—Built 1901-'02.



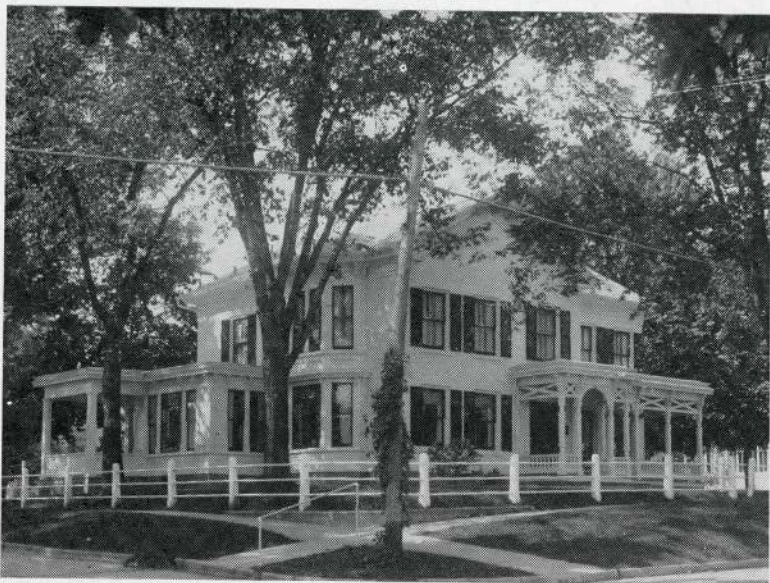
The Reverend George Alley
in the new church study—1949.



Church of 1853—1901.



The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. George Alley. 1951.



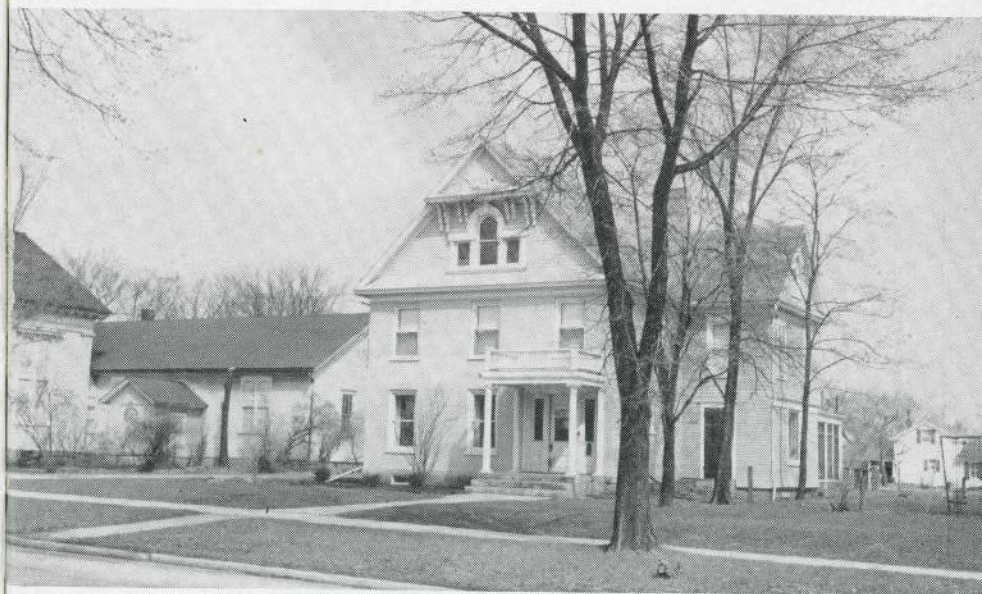
The Henry Edwards Homestead for over 70 years. Built in 1850's. The lore of the olden time that hovers hereabouts charms one's imagination.



The Henry Edwards Family about 1883. Children: Alfred, Florence, Mary, and Lucinda.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Edwards III and Peter, Anne, and Alfred IV.



Home of the John Test Family. Built by his great-grandfather, Alfred Edwards, in early 1850's.



Three Generations

Edmund Henry Haeger, seated; Joseph Freeman Estes, standing;
David Henry Haeger (in picture).



The David Haeger Homestead.

Original part built 1862-'63. Bought by David Haeger 1871. Re-
modeled 1877 and 1899. Where Nelda, Edna, David, Edmund, Mary,
and Elsa were born.



Mrs. Edmund Haeger.



The Edmund Haeger Homestead.
Barbara and Marcy's childhood home.

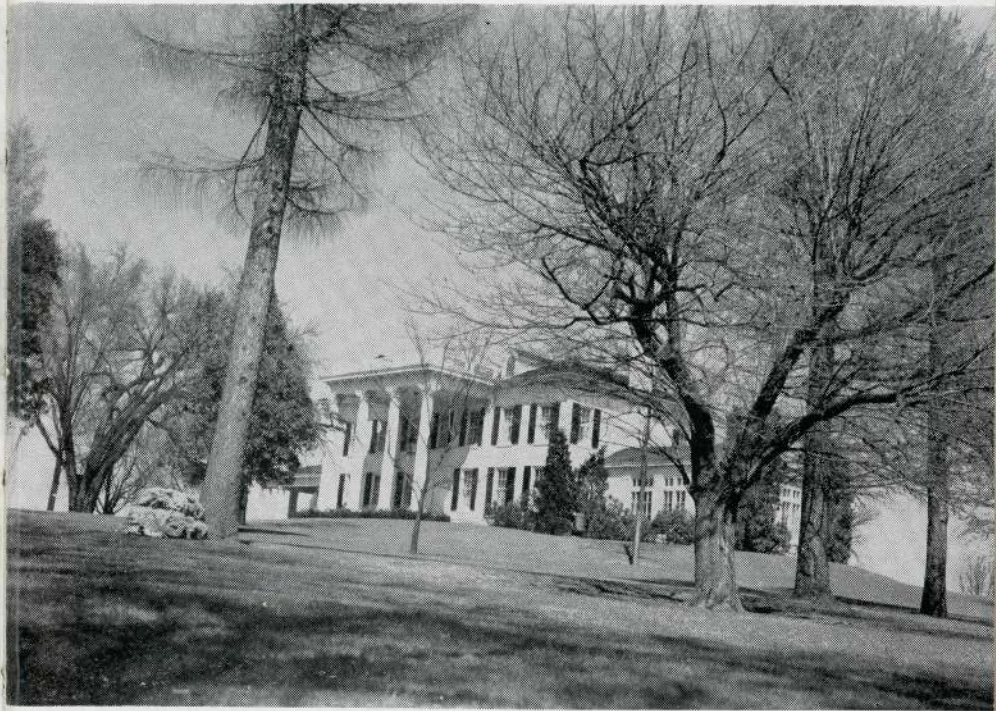


Barbara Haeger Estes



Marcy Haeger McQuillan

The Haeger Daughters.



Canterfield Farm, 1835

Home of Joseph and Barbara Haeger Estes and children: Tory, Nicky, and Lexy.

Original part of house, built 1835, by Capt. Thomas Thompson.

Thru this gracious doorway, 116 years ago, there came in calico and sunbonnets the pioneers of the new village, Dundee.

In July, 1835, and September, 1835, the first voting in Dundee Township was held in this home.



The **Doctor William Cubbins Home**. Built by A. B. Brinkerhoff—
1865-'66. Later the Hall homestead for 50 years.



Home of **Mr. and Mrs. William Oatman II** and children David and Rachel. Built by William I and Alicia Oatman, 1918-'19.



The **Arthur Hill Homestead**. Built 1880. Mary, Jack, and Martha's
childhood home. Looking from their beautiful garden.



The **Donald Buchanan Home** since 1930's. Originally built in 1850's
by F. S. Bosworth. In 1870's became home of G. F. Oatman. Here
Erle, William, and Marabelle Oatman were born. Later William and
Alicia Oatman brot up their family here: William II and Lawrence.



The Dr. and Mrs. William Giese Home. Children: Stephanie and William II. Built by Andrew Chapman in early 1870's.



"Council Hill," home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bosworth, on land originally owned by his great-grandfather, I. C. Bosworth.



Home of Attorney and Mrs. H. Wheeler Brittain. Children: John and Beatrice Acree. Overlooking beautiful Lake Beatrice.

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Home of the Morel Millers. Built by George W. Bullard, 1874, on site of one of earliest schoolhouses.



Home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ward, and Lee Jr. and Richard.



The Rev. and Mrs. H. Shelby Lee. Former minister, 1943-'48.



Mr. Lee Ward, chairman Board of Trustees.
Mrs. Lee Ward, president Woman's Guild.



Home of the Ralph Shoellhorns. Children: Richard, Susan, and Kent.



Mrs. Walter McIntosh