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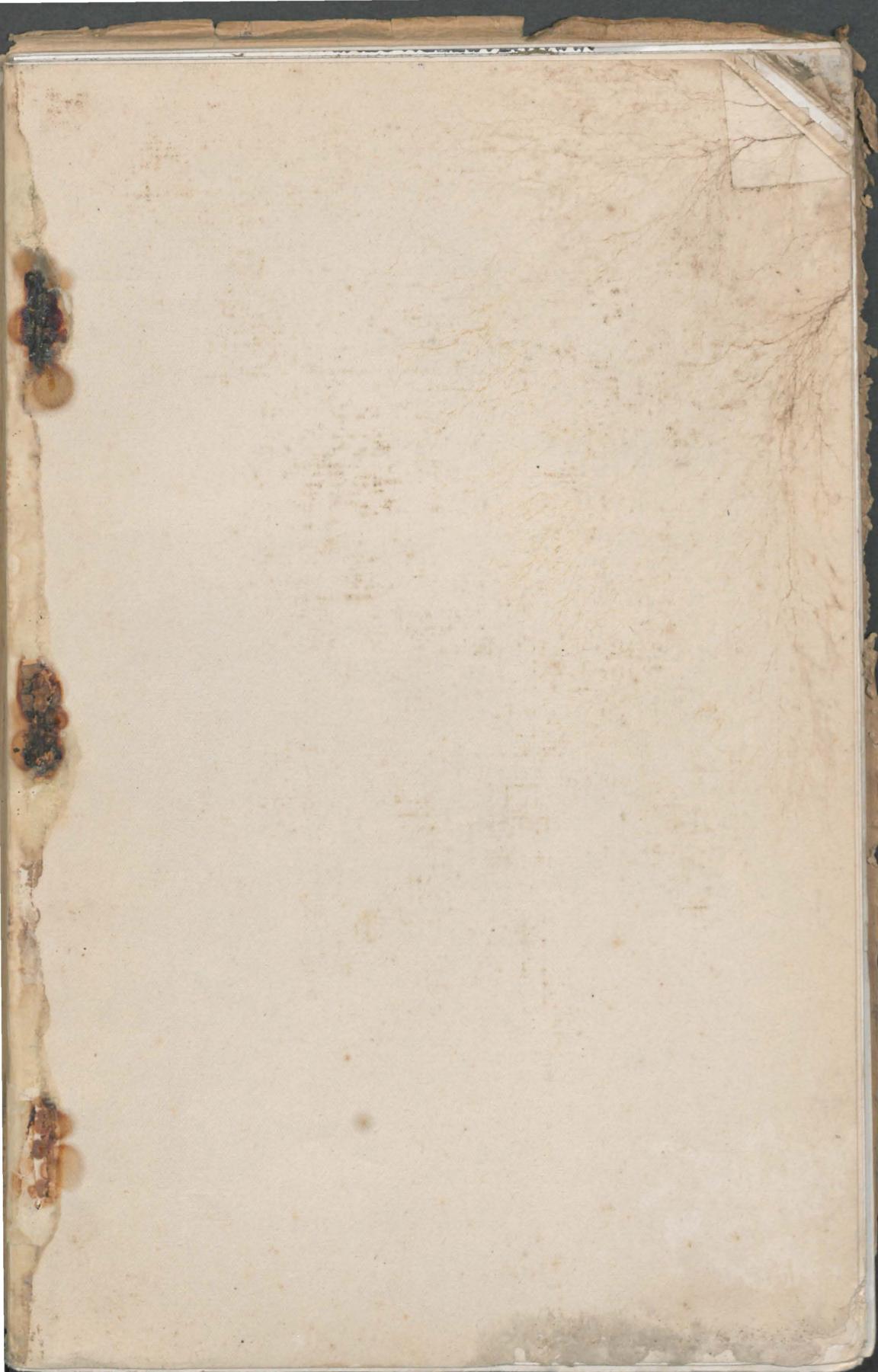
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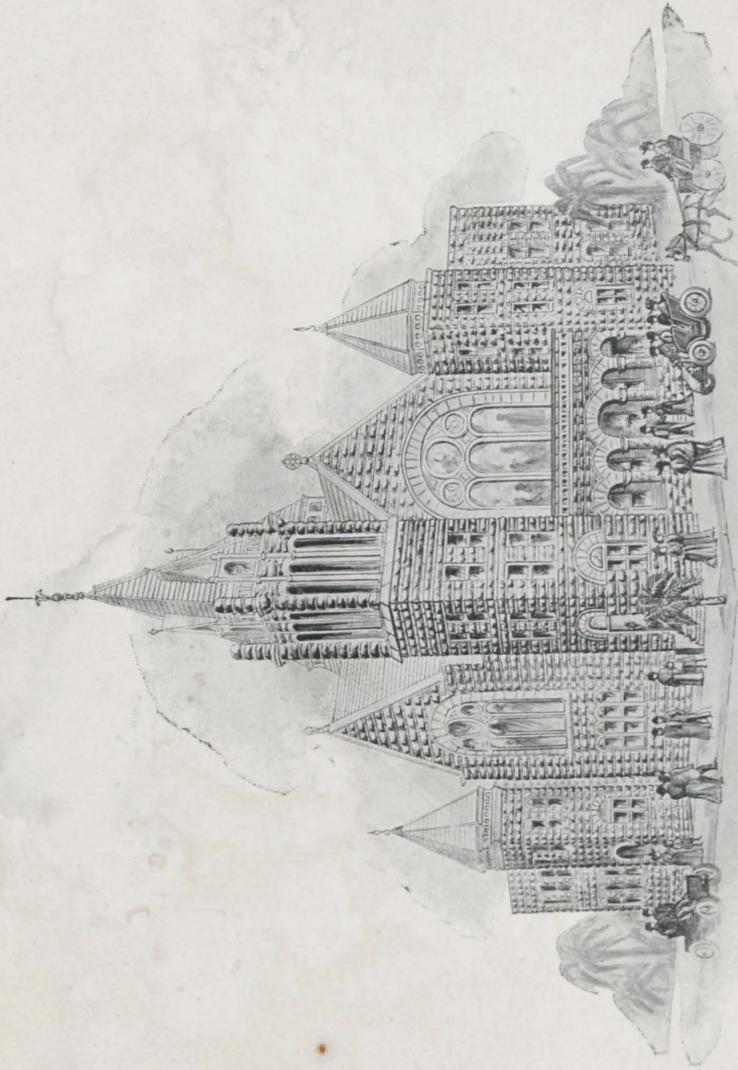
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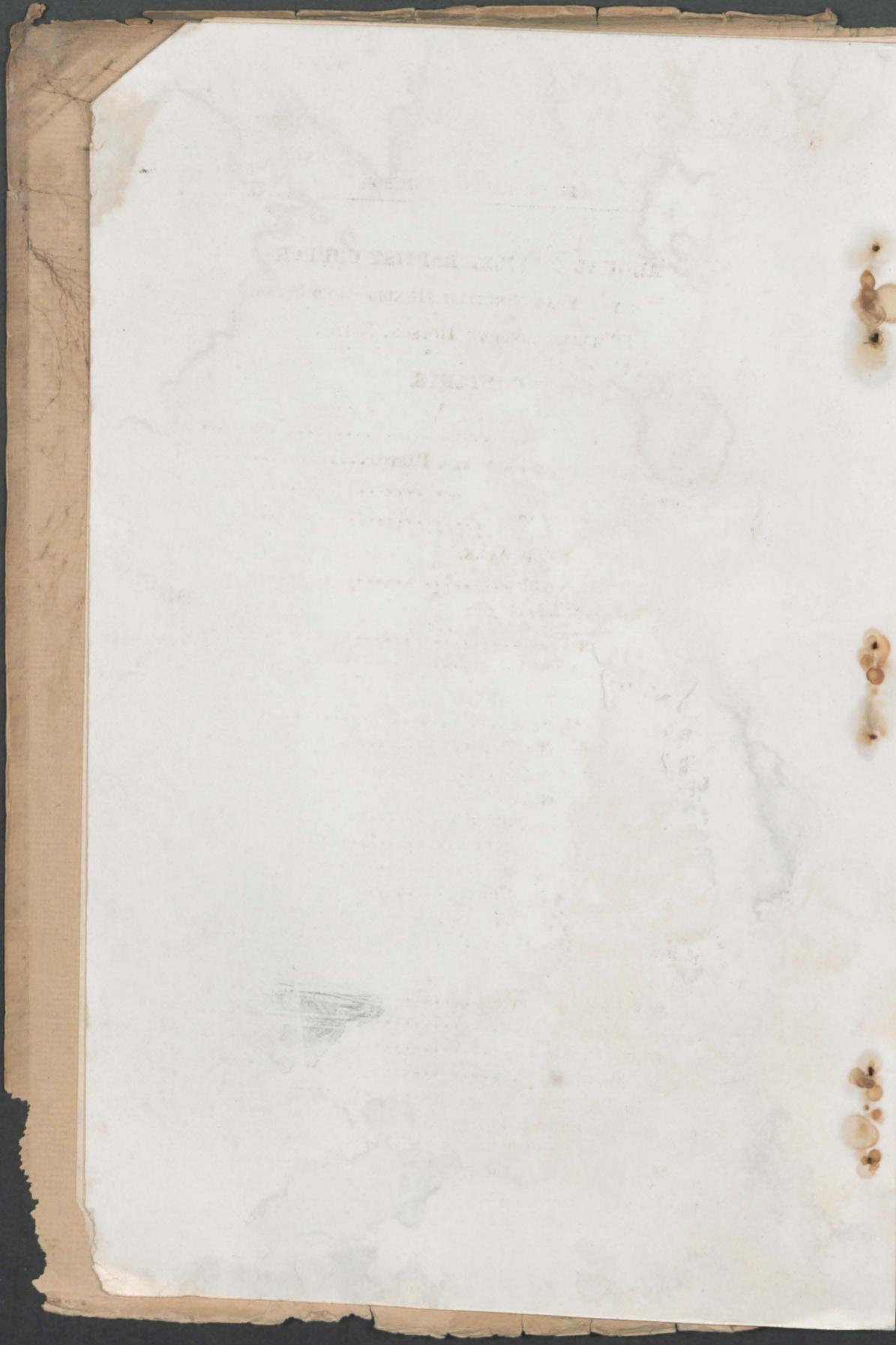
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FOR THE YEAR NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIX.

WILLIAM ANDREW HOBSON, EDITOR.

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A NEW YEAR'S GREETING FROM THE PASTOR

"'Twere better to send a cheap bouquet
To a living friend, this very day,
Than a bushel of roses, white and red,
To lay on his coffin, after he's dead."

The Pastor wishes for the Church and for each member a Happy New Year! He is deeply grateful for the love and co-operation of the best church (to us) in the world. We have had a blessed year together in the Lord's work. As in the past, so in the future, the one great purpose which stirs our hearts and enlists our efforts is the glory of God in the salvation of souls.

The New Year is the time when we re-adjust our relations in matters of business, and make such other changes as will be advantageous to our temporal interests, so in our relation to God and His cause, we should make such changes in purpose and plans as would be best for our spiritual welfare.

Have you allowed the pleasures of the world, the cares of life or the deceitfulness of riches to lead you away from the house of God? The New Year opens with a generous opportunity for you to return. Your Pastor longs to see your face in the Father's house, and the dear Lord waits to be gracious. Life is so precious and withal so short, we cannot afford to lose a day, much less a year in wandering. Did you find little satisfaction in your religion last year? Look well for the cause and remove it. Religion was not designed to make our pleasures less, but to sanctify and multiply the joys of life.

Were you overtaken by some great sorrow during the year and were you brought low in grief? "Whom the Lord loveth, He chasteneth." It was an old soldier of the cross, seasoned and sanctified by suffering that said, "For I reckon that these light afflictions which are for a moment, work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." Even in afflictions, God is gracious.

Has your love for lost sinners, for whom Christ died, grown cold? Come close to the altar fires in the New Year; use the

means which your Heavenly Father has provided for growth in grace; live in sight of Calvary; make Jesus your daily companion—your confidential friend.

“I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service; . . . and be kindly affectioned one toward another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.”

May the New Year bring many a blessing to your spiritual life, and may we one and all find in the year 1907 the greatest usefulness in ministering to the spiritual wants of others, is the wish of—

YOUR PASTOR.

A NEW YEAR PRAYER.

Another year has come, bringing new opportunities and responsibilities. Help us to perform the duties of each day with cheerful hearts and kind faces; help us to play the man; let joy abound with industry. May our feet go blithely on the King's business and our hands grasp each golden opportunity; bring us at the close of the year with duty well done, and though we grow weary on the way, we shall come undisturbed, bearing gathered sheaves on glad shoulders.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

1906

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH.

Pastor W. A. Hobson, D. D.
Pastor's Assistant Miss Grace Humphreys.
Clerk C. G. Harris.
Treasurer A. G. Chappell.

DEACONS.

F. G. Johnson, Chairman.

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E. E. Cleveland, W. C. Powell,
H. J. McCallum, R. E. LaMance.

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| S. J. Melson, | W. S. Jordan, | J. M. Edson, |
| Dr. Lindsay Johnson, | H. S. Winters, | Geiger Jones, |
| E. J. O'Kelley. | | |

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

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| Superintendent Sunday School | H. S. Winters. |
| President B. Y. P. U. | E. J. O'Kelley. |
| President Social Union | Mrs. F. G. Johnson. |
| President W. M. U. | Mrs. W. A. Hobson. |
| President Pastor's Helpers | Mrs. E. J. O'Kelley. |
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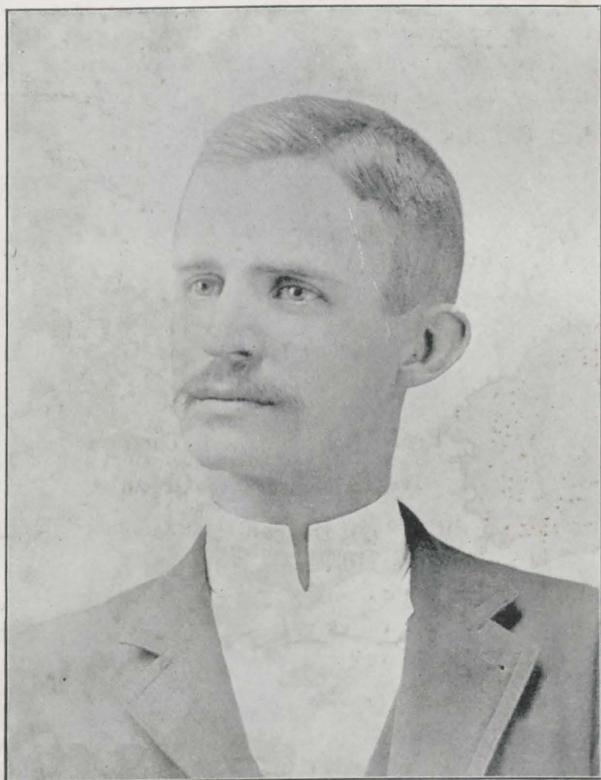
Mrs. Ella G. Ecker, Organist.

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| Mrs. Thomas Hilditch, | A. S. Anderson, |
| Miss Belle Gibbens, | Edward Anderson, |
| Miss Lillian Cawley, | Thos. Hilditch, |
| Miss May Kinney, | John T. Alsop, Jr. |

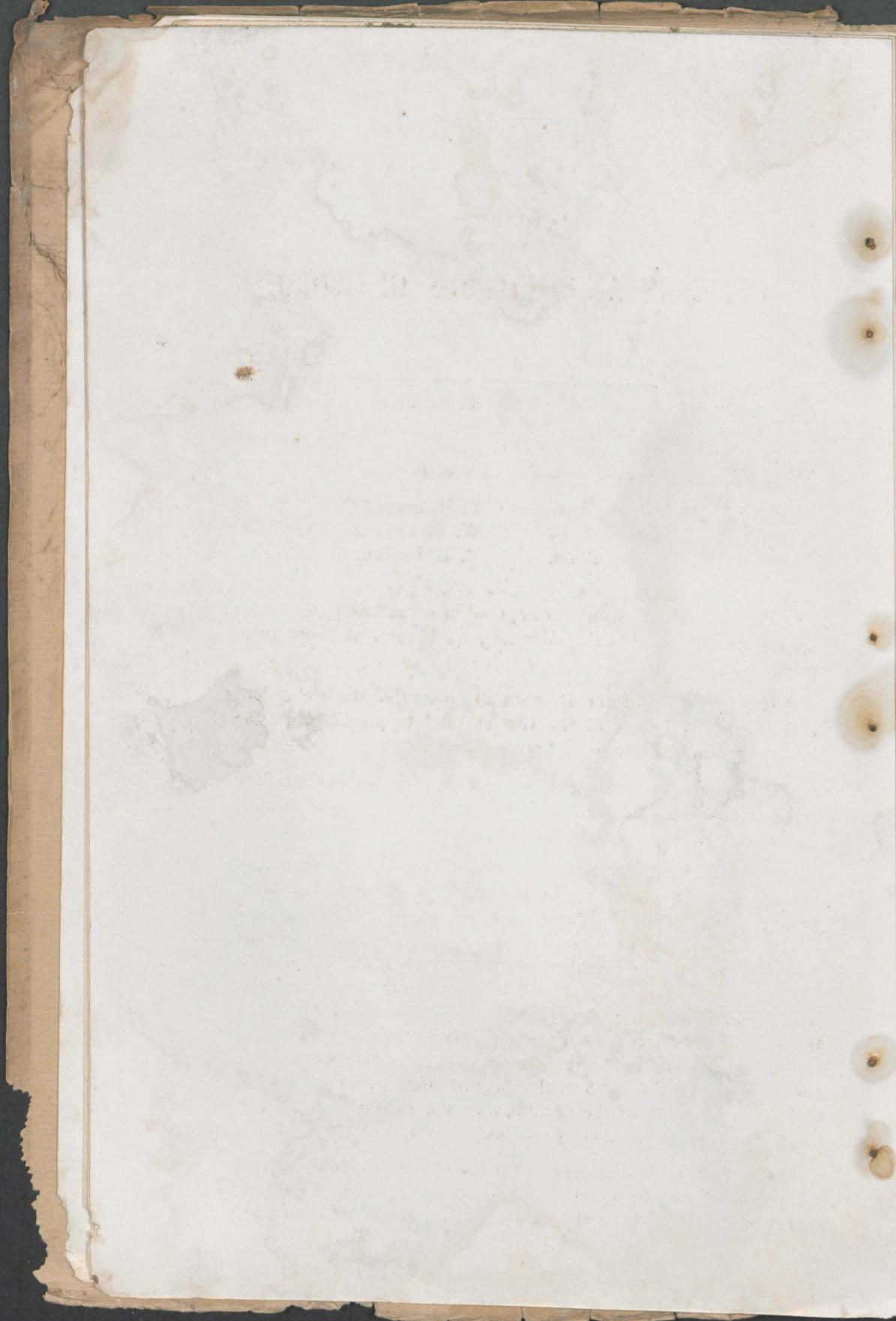
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| G. M. Clark, | S. G. Bouis, | A. G. Thompson, |
| E. O. Painter, | J. M. Edson, | Charles Cooper, |
| C. A. Patten, | C. A. Harper, | H. S. Winters. |



FRANK G. JOHNSON
Chairman of Deacons



OFFICERS AND METHODS OF WORK

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F. G. Johnson, Chairman.

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| E. E. Cleveland, | W. C. Powell, |
| H. J. McCallum, | R. E. LaMance. |

The Board of Deacons is composed of seven brethren, elected by the Church in annual conference, for a term of three years each.

It is the duty of the Deacons to look after the benevolent and spiritual interests of the Church, and to preside with the Pastor in administering the Lord's Supper.

Benevolence, according to our system, includes Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Associational Missions, Ministerial Education, the Orphanage and Relief of the Poor.

The spiritual welfare of the Church is of course a matter of concern to every member, but the Deacons are expected to be especially helpful to the Pastor in maintaining a high standard of spiritual life and wholesome discipline in the Church. In case a member is walking disorderly, it is the duty of the Deacons to labor with him, and if possible reclaim him to the path of Christian life and duty, but if reclamation is not possible, it becomes the duty of the Deacons to report the case to the Church for consideration, with or without recommendation, as they may deem best. Laying on the Deacons the duty of maintaining the discipline and spirituality of the Church, does not release any member from responsibility in these important matters.

It is of the highest importance to the Church that only spiritually minded men be selected to the office of Deacon, "men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom," who will be

a comfort and help to the Pastor, and an honor and inspiration to the church.

We have had a good year spiritually. Dr. H. M. Wharton conducted a great revival in our church during the month of February. A revival atmosphere has been with us all the year and professions of faith and baptisms have been frequent. We have received one hundred and eighty-seven new members, forty-seven by baptism.

The prayer-meetings have been well attended and deeply spiritual. Our Pastor has been leading us into green pastures of living truth in a course of Bible Study in the mid-week prayer-meetings which has been edifying and helpful to all and has stimulated new interest and larger attendance at our prayer-meetings.

MISSION REPORT.

Fred Durant, Chairman.

Mission Committee: Fred Durant, R. E. LaMance, O. D. Turnage.

In submitting report of the Missionary Committee, we will give a brief review of the missionary work of the Church for the year 1906. Without going too much into detail we shall endeavor to show what has been done, as far as we have been able to secure the information. While it takes money to prosecute the Lord's work, it is not always best to give it undue prominence. It is the Spirit of God in the hearts of the people that will accomplish the most in the Master's Cause. Without consecrated men and women to present the cause of Jesus Christ to those in need, the mere money is as fuel without a furnace. It is of consecrated souls—those who are ready to give of themselves, that the Church of our Lord stands most in need.

We must mention in this connection the work done at the Highway Mission. The work was begun there by Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Nuzum, in the establishment of a Sunday School. This work was carried on by these good women with the assistance of Mrs. Thomas and Miss Willie Stetson, who have been more than faithful for at least two years.

The B. Y. P. U. has greatly assisted in this work, paying the house rent for many months, thereby enabling the Mission to have a regular place of meeting.

The Highway Mission, which is in West Riverside, was organized into the Woodlawn Church during the year, a report of which is given elsewhere in the Annual.

Through the efforts of our Pastor, in co-operation with the Home and State Mission Boards, a valuable lot has been purchased in the central part of Riverside, also an excellent lot in South Jacksonville. As soon as practicable, missions will be opened at these two points.

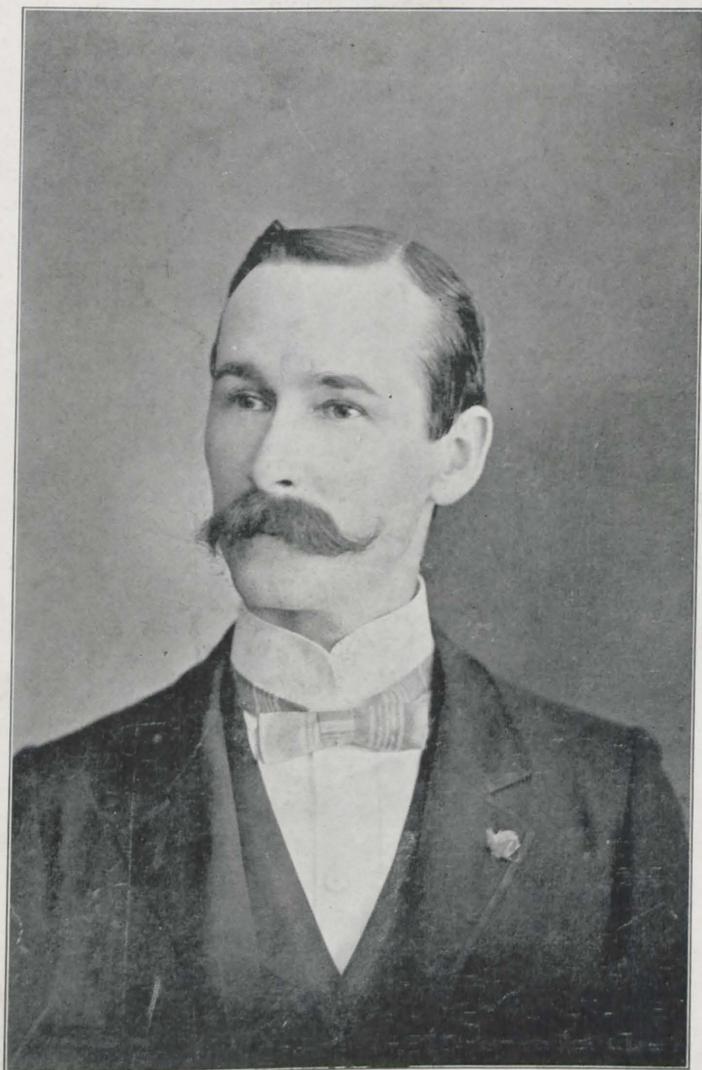
The Woman's Missionary Union has had a good year, and a report of their work will be seen elsewhere.

We pray that the hearts of our people may be set afire with the love of God, and that we may get to work for Christ as a

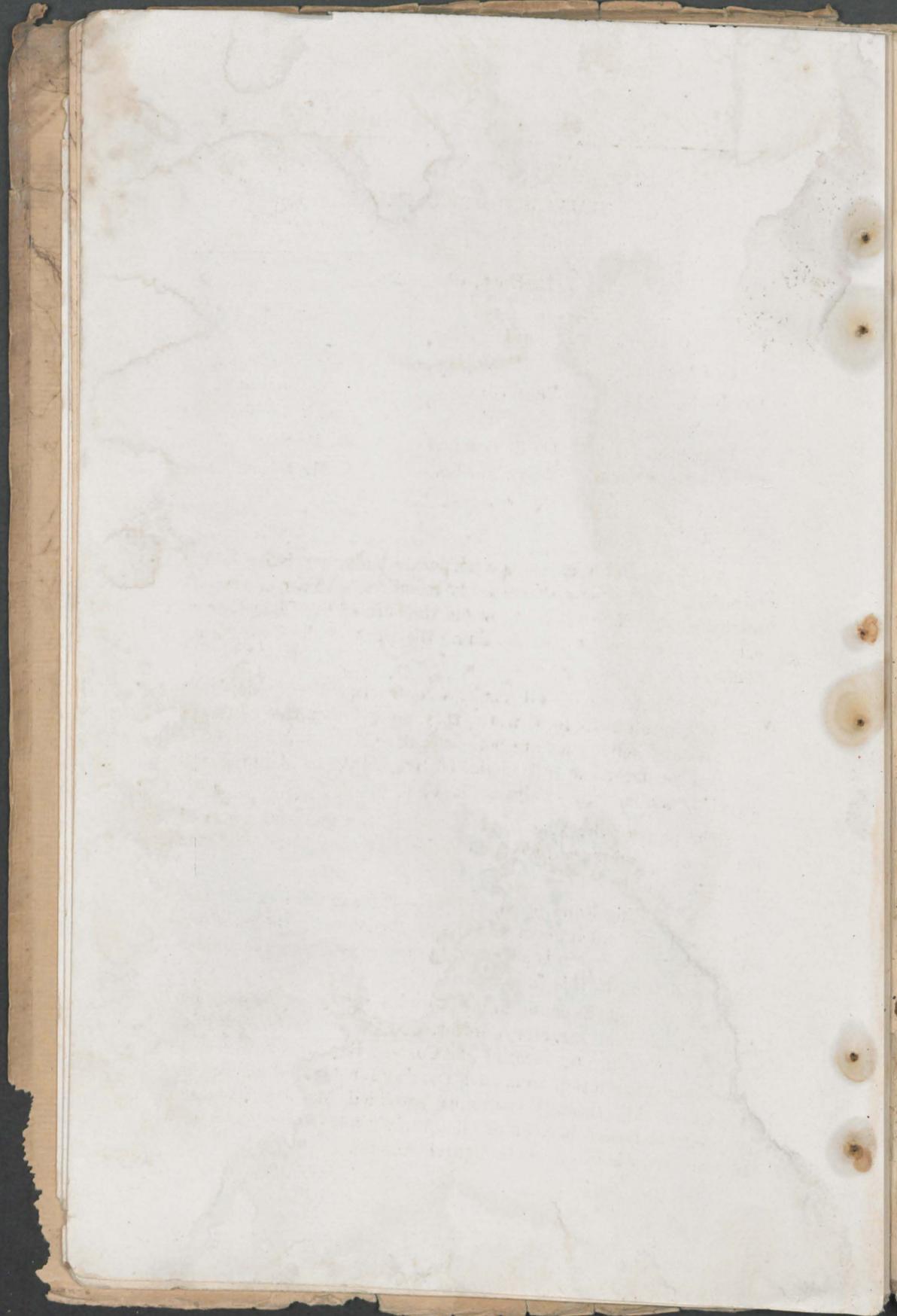
Church, winning souls for the Kingdom. We pray to our Lord for an outpouring of His Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may see our duty clearly and unclouded, and go forward in the work, earnestly trying to spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If permissible, in a report of this kind, there is one recommendation we would like to make. It is this, that the Mission Committee be given a place in the business life of the Church, so that it may come in direct contact with what is being done, and have some part in the work as a committee. This might be done by having the chairmen of the different boards constitute the committee, or it might be well to place the work altogether in the hands of the deacons. But that is for the Church to decide. We believe some change from the present arrangement is necessary, if the committee is to do its best work.

During the year the Church has raised for all missionary objects, \$1,344.17.



J. D. HORN
Chairman Trustees



TRUSTEES' DEPARTMENT.

J. D. Horn, Chairman.

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| S. J. Melson, | D. R. Lauderback, | W. P. Smith, |
| Dr. Lindsay Johnson, | W. S. Jordan, | J. M. Edson, |
| | Geiger Jones. | |

The Board of Trustees is a corporate body, consisting of not less than ten nor more than twenty members, who are chosen annually by the Church, and to whom the care of the Church property and the expense of maintaining the work of the Church, are committed.

The Trustees make all business contracts and provide funds for the Church in its local work; they are a Committee on Ways and Means; their duties are both executive and financial, requiring mature judgment and administrative ability in planning and directing the business affairs of the Church.

The plan of the Trustees for meeting the financial needs of the Church embraces two funds—the Building Fund and the Current Expense Fund.

The Building Fund provides for the debt on the building and organ, with annual interest on same, and repairs on the building. The entire membership is appealed to once a year to make a special contribution to this fund.

The Current Expense Fund includes salary of Pastor, his Assistant, Musical Director, Janitor, and the expenses of lights, fuel, etc. The plan for meeting the Current Expenses is to secure a personal subscription from each member for a stated amount to be paid weekly through envelopes provided for that purpose. An accurate record is kept of all contributions during the year, and due credit is given in the Church Annual.

OUR FINANCIAL SYSTEM.

Current Expense.

Current Expense includes all the regular expense of running our church, such as salary of Pastor, Pastor's Assistant, Janitor, music, lights, fuel, etc. It should be remembered by all that our church is entirely dependent upon voluntary contributions for support, and every member should share in the privilege of helping as he is able. All cannot and should not give the same amount. The Apostolic plan was for everyone to give each week as the Lord had prospered him. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as the Lord hath prospered him."—I Cor. 16:1. This plan is commended for its simple method, its voluntary principle and its equitable apportionment. It is also practicable, meeting the expenses of the church in a systematic and business-like way. If this Scriptural method of giving were observed by every member, the Lord's treasury would never be empty, and our bills would be paid with business promptness, which always adds to the dignity and influence of a church.

Building Fund.

The building fund includes annual payments on church debt and organ, with interest on same, and repairs on the building. It was thought best when we lost our chapel by the great fire of 1901, to erect a building that would be in keeping with the new Jacksonville, and no one will doubt the wisdom of that decision. But it must not be forgotten that the erection, equipment and maintenance of such a building is expensive, and cannot be done without co-operation. In unison there is strength. Some of our members have been nobly loyal and liberal in their contributions to the building fund from year to year. The new members, whom we are so delighted to have share the spiritual blessings and pleasures of a comfortable meeting-house, will not fail to realize the fact that the old temple-guard have been under the strain of this enlarged equipment for a long time, and as all our Baptist people must appreciate the value to our cause of having an adequate, well-appointed church edifice in Jacksonville, so should

all bear a part in the necessary expense of its erection and maintenance.

It is encouraging to note the readiness with which the members have responded to this appeal each year, and the reduction that is being made in the debt. In 1905 we made a payment of about \$8,000.00 on building fund; in 1906, our annual installment was \$3,000.00; for the year 1907, it will be approximately \$3,000.00. The amount still due is \$8,000.00 on the building, and \$800.00 on the organ.

Benevolence.

Benevolence is what we give to outside objects, including Missions: State, Home and Foreign; Ministerial Education, the Orphanages, etc. Benevolence is what we do for others. It has not been possible for our church to do what we would like to do for the general work on account of our present local needs. Since the fire, we have been planning and planting for larger things, and it takes time and money, as well as wisdom and patience for such work. The harvest time will come when both they that sow and they that reap will rejoice together. We have, however, felt the importance of keeping conspicuously before our people, the various objects fostered by our denomination, and are truly grateful for the responses that have come. If we cannot do now what we might do if we were out of debt, we can at least do our best, for those who wait for a convenient season before acting, do very little in life. Most churches are in debt, and if outside objects had to wait until all local debts were paid, the cause of Missions would be seriously effected. Let us one and all do the best we can and we shall surely receive the commendation Christ gave to Mary as she emptied the alabaster box upon her Lord's head, and if the world does not know of our offering of love, as it does of Mary's beautiful tribute, the Master knows, and He appreciates the motive which prompts, even more than the gift bestowed, whether it be large or small.

AN APPEAL FROM THE TRUSTEES.

The Trustees need the co-operation of every member in looking after the finances of the church, and we are confident that the members would all like to help us in this work.

To that end, permit me, as Chairman of the Board, to make a few urgent requests:

1. Make up your mind as to what amount you will give for the year, and send in your subscription at the beginning of the year. You will realize the reasonableness and importance of this request by a moment's reflection. How can those whom you have appointed to attend to the finances of the church make any intelligent plans for the year, unless they know what the members intend to give to the church? If you elect us to look after this work, you should make the work possible by giving your co-operation. If you have not made your subscription already, please do so at once.

2. Make your contributions regularly, remembering that the expense of our church, like that of our homes, goes on all the time, and if we wish to maintain a good business credit, we must pay our bills promptly.

3. In making your contributions, use the envelopes which are provided, with your name printed on them. For your convenience, envelopes are made double, one side for current expenses, and the other for benevolence. Notice this distinction and be sure to put your offerings for church expenses in the "Current Expense" side; for Missions, etc., in the side marked "Benevolence," which is printed in red.

Hoping to have the hearty co-operation of one and all in the work committed to our hands, I am,

Yours for the Master,

J. D. HORN, Chairman.

LIST OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

Regular Subscribers.

The following amounts have been received from regular subscribers to the Current Expense Fund of the Church, and credits are given also on account of Building Fund and Benevolence.

Number of regular subscribers, 348.

| NAME | Current Expense | Building Fund | Benevo- lence |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Adams, R. W..... | 5.00 | 5.00 | ..... |
| Albritton, O. S..... | 12.00 | 25.00 | 6.00 |
| Albritton, O. S. Mrs. | 3.45 | ..... | .05 |
| Anderson, Edward | 26.00 | ..... | 5.00 |
| Andress, D. C., Mrs. | 1.80 | 2.00 | ..... |
| Andress, F. L. | 13.00 | ..... | 3.75 |
| Arrington, J. W. Mrs. | 3.00 | ..... | .35 |
| Baker, T. O. Mrs. | 5.40 | ..... | .29 |
| Ball, P. M. Mrs. | 1.95 | ..... | ..... |
| Barnes, J. H. | 2.90 | ..... | ..... |
| Barnes, J. H. Mrs. | 3.90 | 1.00 | .35 |
| Bartleson, C. W..... | 60.00 | 50.00 | 60.00 |
| Bartleson, C. W. Mrs. | 24.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Bartleson, Charlie, | 4.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Bennett, Walter, Mrs. | 5.20 | 1.00 | ..... |
| Bennett, W. E. Mrs. | 2.70 | ..... | ..... |
| Benson, F. S. | 6.00 | 2.00 | .40 |
| Benson, F. S. Mrs. | 6.00 | ..... | .35 |
| Blair, Virginia, | 4.35 | 1.00 | ..... |
| Blount, D. R., | 3.50 | ..... | ..... |
| Blume, Alice Miss | 38.75 | ..... | ..... |
| Boling, B. E. | 5.00 | 1.00 | 5.00 |
| Boling, B. E. Mrs. | 5.40 | ..... | ..... |
| Bouis, S. G. | 40.50 | 3.38 | 9.50 |
| Bouis, S. G. Mrs. | 13.00 | ..... | .25 |
| Bouis, H. E. | 5.20 | ..... | .42 |
| Bunting, W. S. Mrs. | 5.20 | ..... | ..... |
| Bunting, Wilmer, | 5.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Burton, H. L. | 10.75 | ..... | ..... |
| Burton, H. L. Mrs..... | 10.75 | ..... | ..... |
| Bussey, S. J. Mrs. | 20.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Bussey, Gabriel, Mrs. | 9.95 | | |
| Butler, F. H. Mrs. | 25.00 | | .75 |

| NAME | Current | Building | Benevo- |
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| | Expense | Fund | lence |
| Cawley, Lillian Miss | 13.75 | | |
| Chappell, A. G. | 19.50 | 1.00 | 2.00 |
| Chappell, A. G. Mrs. | 5.85 | | |
| Chappell, Sadie, | 3.90 | | |
| Chappell, George, | 3.90 | | |
| Chappell, Maud, Mrs. | 4.50 | | |
| Chase, George E. | 42.00 | 100.00 | 31.50 |
| Chase, George E. Mrs. | 10.20 | | |
| Clark, E. E. Mrs. | 9.40 | | .20 |
| Clark, G. M. | 13.00 | 10.00 | |
| Clarke, William, Mrs. | 5.95 | | |
| Cleveland, E. E. | 105.00 | | 19.50 |
| Clough, W. G. Mrs. | 6.25 | | |
| Cobourn, G. C., | 5.85 | | |
| Cobourn, G. C. Mrs. | 3.90 | | |
| Cooper, Julie E. Mrs. | 12.00 | 3.00 | 3.00 |
| Cooper, F. L. | 1.90 | .50 | |
| Cooper, F. L. Mrs. | 1.90 | .50 | |
| Copeland, J. H. Mrs. | 3.00 | | |
| Cox, John T. | 11.00 | | .50 |
| Cox, John T. Mrs. | 11.50 | | |
| Croisant, Jennie, Mrs. | 7.00 | | |
| Darby, T. C., Jr. | 4.10 | | |
| Davis, C. J. Mrs. | 4.10 | | .11 |
| Dayton, Thomas J. | 1.00 | | |
| Deidrich, J. T. Mrs. | 6.25 | | 1.00 |
| DeLoach, J. T., | 6.00 | 1.00 | |
| DeLoach, J. T. Mrs. | 6.00 | 1.00 | |
| Dixon, Mollie, Mrs. | 6.50 | 2.00 | 1.00 |
| Dixson, Mary, Miss | 2.30 | 1.00 | |
| Dixson, Lucile, | 2.15 | .50 | |
| Dixson, Ross, | 2.20 | .50 | |
| Dozier, Addie Miss | 8.00 | 1.00 | |
| Dowling, J. Mrs. | .10 | | |
| Drawdy, Jessie, Miss | 12.00 | 5.00 | |
| Drysdale, A. Mrs. | 3.00 | | |
| Durant, Fred | 9.00 | 5.00 | 3.65 |
| Durant, Fred, Mrs. | 9.00 | 5.00 | 3.66 |
| Durrance, J. C. Mrs. | 14.25 | | |
| Eberhardt, W. A. | 4.60 | | |
| Ecker, E. G. Mrs. | 13.00 | 20.00 | |
| Ecker, Erma | 13.00 | 5.00 | |
| Edson, J. M. | 52.00 | 25.00 | 9.00 |
| Edson, J. M. Mrs. | 52.00 | | |
| Ennis, A. M. Mrs. | 13.00 | 13.00 | |
| Fender, Ora May Miss | 4.95 | 1.00 | .15 |
| Fields, S. E. Mrs. | 5.20 | | 5.00 |
| Fields, Maud Miss | 2.60 | | |
| Flynn, C. L. | 10.00 | | 2.25 |
| Flynn, C. L. Mrs. | 6.00 | | |
| Flynn, D. M. | 10.00 | 40.00 | |
| Foster, J. W., Mrs. | 5.20 | | |
| Fountain, J. F. | 2.55 | | |
| Fowler, Giles, Mrs. | 4.00 | | |

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

| NAME | Current Expense | Building Fund | Benevo- lence |
|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Freeland, C. H. Mrs. | 5.25 | 1.00 | .55 |
| Gaskins, George, Mrs. | 2.00 | | |
| Gay, J. H. Mrs. | 5.00 | | .18 |
| Gay, Marion | 5.05 | | |
| Geiger, Ella Miss | 17.50 | 3.00 | |
| Geiger, A. A. Mrs. | 13.00 | 2.00 | .50 |
| Gerald, J. B. | 7.00 | | |
| Gerald, J. B. Mrs. | 7.00 | | |
| Giddens, S. B. Mrs. | 4.00 | | |
| Glover, W. B. Mrs. | .50 | | |
| Gooding, J. W. | 13.00 | 5.00 | |
| Gooding, J. W. Mrs. | 13.00 | | |
| Greer, L. A. Mrs. | 7.00 | | |
| Hagood, J. H. Mrs. | 7.90 | | |
| Hagood, F. J. | 13.00 | | |
| Hagood, F. J. Mrs. | 13.00 | | .50 |
| Hamil, J. E. Mrs. | 4.00 | | |
| Handley, Nancy Miss | 2.00 | | |
| Hargraves, C. H. | 21.50 | | |
| Hargraves, C. H. Mrs. | 21.50 | | |
| Harris, C. G. | 26.00 | 50.00 | 18.25 |
| Harris, C. G. Mrs. | 13.00 | | .50 |
| Hartwick, Beatrix Miss | 8.45 | | 2.55 |
| Hawes, B. E. | 5.80 | 2.50 | |
| Hawes, B. E. Mrs. | 5.80 | 2.50 | |
| Hay, A. G. Miss. | 18.00 | 2.00 | 2.25 |
| Hay, E. S. Miss | 39.00 | 5.00 | 1.75 |
| Hay, Mollie Miss | 3.00 | 1.00 | |
| Hay, J. Q. Mrs. | 7.20 | | .60 |
| Hill, I. S. Mrs. | 13.50 | | |
| Hoagland, A. P. | 4.75 | | |
| Hobgood, B. F. | 1.50 | | |
| Hobgood, B. F. Mrs. | 1.50 | | |
| Hobson, W. A., Pastor | 78.00 | 50.00 | 46.50 |
| Hobson, W. A. Mrs. | 13.00 | | 1.00 |
| Holmes, Frank, Mrs. | 8.25 | 3.00 | .40 |
| Holmes, Jessie Miss, | 5.00 | | |
| Horn, J. D. | 52.00 | | 11.00 |
| Horn, J. D. Mrs. | 5.20 | | |
| Horton, W. D., Jr. | 15.80 | 10.00 | 7.95 |
| Howard, T. B. | 1.50 | 1.00 | |
| Howard, T. B. Mrs. | 1.50 | 1.00 | |
| Howard, T. M. | 2.85 | | |
| Howard, T. M. Mrs. | 2.85 | | |
| Howard, F. L. | 2.50 | | |
| Hughes, G. D. | 5.00 | | |
| Hughes, G. D. Mrs. | 5.00 | | .05 |
| Humphreys, Grace Miss, | 15.60 | 2.50 | 9.70 |
| Hunter, G. Mrs. | 9.50 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Jessup, Ralph, | 1.00 | | |
| Johnson, F. G. | 78.50 | | 14.00 |
| Johnson, T. H. | 12.25 | | |
| Johnson, C. A. Mrs. | 6.30 | 2.00 | |
| Johnson, J. E. Mrs. | 3.50 | | .20 |

| NAME | Current | Building | Benevo- |
|------------------------------|---------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | Expense | Fund | lence |
| Johnson, Lindsay, Dr. | 15.00 | | |
| Jones, W. G. | 25.00 | 100.00 | 15.00 |
| Jones, W. G. Mrs. | 5.00 | | |
| Jones, R. L. | 2.50 | 1.00 | |
| Jones, R. L. Mrs. | 2.50 | 1.00 | |
| Jordan, W. S. | 30.00 | 100.00 | 5.00 |
| Jordan, W. S. Mrs. | 30.00 | | |
| Kennedy, J. C. | 10.00 | 5.00 | |
| Kirkpatrick, J. M. | 7.00 | | .70 |
| Kilpatrick, J. M., Mrs. | 7.00 | 2.00 | .80 |
| Lanier, J. C. | 13.00 | 10.00 | .60 |
| Lanier, M. A. | 4.50 | 1.00 | |
| Lanier, M. A. Mrs. | 4.50 | 1.00 | |
| LaMance, R. E. | 52.00 | | 44.50 |
| LaMance, R. E. Mrs. | 20.00 | | |
| Larsen, Martha, Mrs. | 5.00 | | |
| LaRue, Lena B. Mrs. | 5.50 | 2.00 | |
| Lasseter, James, | 12.00 | | |
| Lauderback, D. R. | 39.00 | | 9.50 |
| Laughlin, Lulu Miss | 2.50 | | |
| Laughlin, Blanche Miss | 2.45 | | .25 |
| Lavender, L. G. Mrs. | 4.10 | | |
| LeBourveau, A. Mrs. | 19.00 | 2.00 | 3.75 |
| Limbough, R. W. Mrs. | 20.75 | 10.00 | |
| Loftin, Samuel, | 13.00 | 5.00 | |
| Lubin, Fred, | 6.50 | | |
| Lubin, Fred, Mrs. | 6.50 | | |
| Lubin, Edward, | 13.00 | | |
| Lundquist, Harry, | 2.60 | | |
| Lyman, W. I. Mrs. | 12.75 | | |
| Mahoney, Lee H. Miss | 7.25 | | 5.25 |
| Martin, J. H., | 4.50 | | |
| Martin, A. C. | 8.40 | 1.00 | |
| Mattair, M. A. Mrs. | 13.00 | | |
| Maxey, L. J. Mrs. | 15.00 | | 5.00 |
| Maxey, H. R. Mrs. | 4.00 | | |
| Maxwell, Leila Miss | .65 | | |
| May, R. L. Dr. | 32.00 | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| Melson, S. J. | 60.00 | 100.00 | 40.00 |
| Melson, S. J. Mrs. | 5.50 | | |
| Mitchell, G. W. Mrs. | 4.00 | | 1.00 |
| Mitchell, Lucile, | 2.45 | | |
| Mixson, Leonora Miss, | 11.25 | | |
| Moore, R. G. Mrs. | 10.25 | | |
| Morin, George E. | 1.20 | | |
| Morin, George E. Mrs. | 1.20 | | |
| Morris, Bessie Mrs. | 6.00 | | |
| Moss, W. S. Mrs. | 3.50 | 1.00 | .50 |
| Myrick, Nellie Miss | 5.30 | | |
| McCall, J. H. | 3.70 | | .35 |
| McCall, Susie Miss | 3.35 | | .35 |
| McCallum, H. B. Mrs. | 13.00 | | |
| McCallum, Maynie, Miss | 5.20 | | |

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

| NAME | Current | Building | Benevo- |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Expense | Fund | lence |
| McCallum, H. J. | 15.75 | 50.00 | 1.50 |
| McCallum, H. J. Mrs. | 10.75 | | |
| McKay, F. J. Mrs. | 3.00 | | .30 |
| McKay, Florrie Miss | 1.00 | | .05 |
| McKay, Irene | 2.05 | | |
| McKay, Helen | 2.65 | | .10 |
| McKay, Alma, Mrs. | 1.10 | | |
| McKeever, S. C. | 4.25 | | |
| McKeever, S. C. Mrs. | 4.25 | | .25 |
| McKinlay, J. D. | 5.20 | 5.00 | |
| McKinlay, J. D. Mrs. | 5.20 | 5.00 | 7.00 |
| McKinlay, Susie Miss | 5.20 | | |
| McKinlay, Lula Miss | 5.20 | 2.00 | .36 |
| McKinlay, John R. | 5.20 | | |
| McKinlay, John R. Mrs. | 5.20 | | |
| McLean, Minnie, Miss | 10.00 | 2.00 | 1.10 |
| McMillan, D. H. | 186.00 | 300.00 | 45.00 |
| McMillan, D. H. Mrs. | 26.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| McMillan, Robert | 13.00 | | |
| McMillan, M. Mrs. | 1.00 | | |
| McMillan, Mae, Miss | .25 | | |
| McMillan, Lula, Miss | .25 | | 1.00 |
| McNelly, J. C. | 8.50 | 5.00 | 1.00 |
| Neil, Mary | .50 | | |
| Neil, Elenor | .60 | | |
| Newenkamp, L. J. J. Mrs. | 5.25 | | 2.19 |
| O'Kelley, E. J. | 13.00 | 30.00 | |
| O'Kelley, E. J. Mrs. | 7.80 | | |
| O'Neal, M. G. Mrs. | 13.00 | | |
| O'Quinn, Ernest, Miss | 2.30 | | |
| Osteen, J. W. | 10.00 | 10.00 | 2.50 |
| Osteen, J. W. Mrs. | 10.00 | | 5.00 |
| Pace, J. H. | 10.00 | | |
| Painter, E. O. | 50.00 | 100.00 | 30.05 |
| Parramore, S. F. Mrs. | 1.00 | | |
| Parsons, A. Mrs. | 11.25 | | |
| Pate, O. W. Mrs. | 4.20 | | .50 |
| Patten, C. A. | 31.50 | 25.00 | 11.25 |
| Patten, F. E. | 6.75 | | .35 |
| Paxon, Ruth, Mrs. | 26.00 | 3.00 | 5.50 |
| Paxon, E. H. Mrs. | 13.00 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Paxton, Charles, Mrs. | 11.50 | | .05 |
| Peacock, Z. H. Mrs. | 39.00 | 2.50 | |
| Peeler, J. M. Mrs. | 2.00 | | |
| Peoples, J. J. | 3.75 | | .25 |
| Pepper, Lottie, Miss | 5.55 | | |
| Perkins, C. W. Mrs. | 13.05 | | .20 |
| Perkins, G. A. Mrs. | 13.00 | 5.00 | |
| Permenter, Belle, Miss | 5.20 | 3.00 | .10 |
| Perry, Arthur, Mrs. | 18.00 | 10.00 | 5.00 |
| Pierce, C. H. | 4.40 | 1.00 | 2.25 |
| Pittman, J. H. Mrs. | 12.00 | | |
| Pitts, F. G. Mrs. | 12.00 | 23.25 | |
| Polk, Alice, Mrs. | 5.20 | | |

| NAME | Current | Building | Benevo- |
|-------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Expense | Fund | lence |
| Pomeroy, E. F. | 26.00 | 5.00 | ..... |
| Pomeroy, E. F. Mrs. | 26.00 | 2.00 | ..... |
| Poole, A. C. | 2.25 |  | ..... |
| Poole, A. C. Mrs. | .75 |  | ..... |
| Powell, W. C. | 229.00 | | 40.00 |
| Powell, W. C. Mrs. | 2.70 |  | ..... |
| Powell, Jessie, Miss | 3.45 |  | ..... |
| Powell, B. R. | 47.50 | 50.00 | ..... |
| Powell, Petrona, Miss | 3.80 |  | ..... |
| Powell, B. R. Mrs. | 23.75 |  | ..... |
| Putnam, A. V. | 8.45 | 1.00 | .75 |
| Putnam, A. V. Mrs. | 3.30 | 1.00 | ..... |
| Raulerson, Lizzie, Miss | 2.30 |  | ..... |
| Reid, Franklin, Mrs. | 10.75 | 3.00 | ..... |
| Reid, Gussie, | 4.30 | | .15 |
| Richardson, Sallie, Mrs. | 1.00 |  | ..... |
| Roach, I. Mrs. | 5.00 | | .05 |
| Roberts, L. L. | 13.00 | 5.00 | 1.50 |
| Roberts, L. L. Mrs. | 5.20 |  | ..... |
| Rolfe, Helen, Miss | 2.20 |  | ..... |
| Romero, Juanita, Miss | 13.00 | | 4.20 |
| Rosebaum, Margaret, Miss | 3.00 | | .10 |
| Ross, W. E. Mrs. | 7.50 | | .05 |
| Salfelder, F. L. Mrs. | 2.60 | 2.60 | ..... |
| Saunders, H. W. | 22.50 | 3.00 | .50 |
| Savage, M. C. Mrs. | 11.10 | 2.50 | ..... |
| Scruggs, S. M. | 26.00 | 25.00 | 26.50 |
| Sewell, G. P. Mrs. | 5.20 | 3.00 | ..... |
| Siler, S. D. Mrs. | 3.00 |  | ..... |
| Siler, Rena | 3.00 |  | ..... |
| Smith, W. P. | 25.00 |  | ..... |
| Smith, W. E. | 11.50 | | .75 |
| Smith, W. E. Mrs. | 11.50 | | .50 |
| Smith, M. C. Mrs. | 6.30 | 1.00 | ..... |
| Smith, B. F. | 12.60 | 1.00 | ..... |
| Smith, Lizzie, Miss | 6.30 | 1.00 | ..... |
| Smith, L. S. Mrs. | .25 |  | ..... |
| Somers, Eunice, Miss | 5.80 |  | ..... |
| Stevens, John M. | 26.00 |  | ..... |
| Stevens, Walter B. | 25.00 | 10.00 | ..... |
| Story, F. D. | 10.00 |  | ..... |
| Story, F. D. Mrs. | 10.00 |  | ..... |
| Strawn, H. C. Mrs. | 26.00 | 10.00 | 9.00 |
| Stubbs, B. P. | 3.00 |  | ..... |
| Sugg, B. B. | 2.65 |  | ..... |
| Sumner, Charles P. | 15.00 | 10.00 | ..... |
| Taurman, Eva S. Miss | 7.00 | 2.50 | 13.45 |
| Taylor, C. D. Mrs. | 8.00 | 2.50 | ..... |
| Thomas, M. F. Mrs. | 8.35 |  | ..... |
| Thomas, J. Mrs. | 2.60 | | .40 |
| Thompson, A. G. | 13.00 |  | ..... |
| Thompson, A. G. Mrs. | 13.00 | | .10 |
| Thompson, T. C., Dr. | 10.00 | | |
| Thompson, A. L. Mrs. | .40 | | .05 |

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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| NAME | Current Expense | Building Fund | Benevo- lence |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Till, W. S. | 4.25 | | |
| Till, Jessie Frieda | 4.25 | | .10 |
| Till, Florence Woodward | 4.35 | | .20 |
| Trowbridge, L. V. | 6.50 | | |
| Till, W. S. Mrs. | 4.25 | | .25 |
| Trowbridge, L. V. Mrs. | 6.50 | | |
| Truslow, Geneva, Mrs. | 10.00 | | .10 |
| Turnage, O. D. | 27.00 | 20.00 | 8.50 |
| Turrentine, Dora Mrs. | 8.25 | 2.00 | .20 |
| Turner, S. E. Mrs. | 5.20 | | 5.00 |
| Underwood, Ethel, Miss | 1.50 | | |
| Upchurch, D. D. | 9.00 | | |
| Upchurch, D. D. Mrs. | 9.00 | | |
| Upchurch, W. G. Mrs. | .25 | | |
| Utley, George B. | 26.00 | 10.00 | |
| Wade, T. F. Mrs. | 13.00 | 3.00 | |
| Wagstaff, W. S. Mrs. | 13.00 | | |
| Walton, Margaret, Mrs. | 13.00 | 2.00 | |
| Walton, Eula, Miss | 5.20 | 1.00 | |
| Watson, J. H. | .15 | | |
| Watson, J. H. Mrs. | .10 | | |
| Weeks, J. S. | 13.00 | 1.50 | |
| Weeks, J. S. Mrs. | 13.00 | 1.50 | |
| Weeks, Mary F. Mrs. | 6.50 | 3.00 | .10 |
| Werden, L. E. Mrs. | 2.00 | | |
| Weston, M. Miss | 52.00 | 25.00 | 3.00 |
| Wheyland, Frank, Mrs. | 6.90 | 1.00 | |
| Williams, D. P. | 8.35 | | |
| Williams, D. P. Mrs. | 5.25 | | .35 |
| Williams, S. F. | 9.50 | 2.00 | |
| Williams, George Percy, | 3.00 | 5.00 | |
| Williams, George Percy, Mrs. | 3.00 | 5.00 | |
| Winney, J. F. | 12.00 | 2.00 | |
| Winters, H. S. | 13.50 | 40.00 | 9.50 |
| Winters, H. S. Mrs. | 5.20 | | |
| Wood, Mable, Miss | .75 | | |
| Woodward, T. L. Mrs. | 13.00 | 2.00 | 1.70 |
| Yale, Ruth, | .85 | | .30 |
| Yewell, Lucy E. Mrs. | 5.00 | | |
| Yewell, Sallie, Miss | 10.00 | 5.00 | |
| Youmans, B. B. | 4.90 | | |
| Youmans, B. B. Mrs. | 4.85 | | .05 |
| Youmans, Julian | 1.70 | | |
| Youmans, Winifred | 1.15 | | |
| Youngblood, J. W. Mrs. | 1.25 | | |

Occasional Contributors

The following members, while not subscribers to church expenses, have given through the envelope system to Current Expense Fund with more or less regularity, and have made contributions to

Building Fund and Benevolence as indicated.

Number of occasional subscribers, 95

contributors

| NAME | Current Expense | Building Fund | Benevo- lence |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Blair, E. G..... | 6.50 | 11.00 | 2.00 |
| Blair, E. G., Mrs. | 8.25 | 3.00 | 1.95 |
| Brown, J. C. | 4.00 | 5.00 | ..... |
| Chambliss, J. O. Mrs. | 9.25 | ..... | ..... |
| Chandler, M. F. Mrs. | 1.25 | 34.50 | ..... |
| Chandler, Eula Miss | 1.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Chappell, L. G. | 5.00 | 5.00 | ..... |
| Cheney, T. R. | 1.75 | ..... | ..... |
| Clark, Charles A. Mrs. | 4.00 | 50.00 | ..... |
| Clarke, William | 2.50 | ..... | ..... |
| Cooper, F. J. | 12.00 | ..... | 1.00 |
| Davis, M. D. Mrs. | 1.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Davis, H. L. | .75 | ..... | ..... |
| Davis, H. L. Mrs. | 1.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Davis, Corine Miss | .50 | ..... | ..... |
| Felch, C. S. | 3.25 | ..... | ..... |
| Felch, Katherine, | .05 | ..... | ..... |
| Felch, Helen, | .05 | ..... | ..... |
| Finn, Herman Mrs. | 17.00 | 25.00 | 10.50 |
| Flynn, D. M. Mrs. | 12.50 | 10.00 | 5.50 |
| Ford, S. J. Mrs. | 4.80 | ..... | 1.00 |
| Ford, W. W. | 2.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Foster, J. W. | .10 | ..... | ..... |
| Gay, J. H. | 1.75 | ..... | 5.00 |
| Golden, G. P. | 1.45 | ..... | .60 |
| Green, W. F. | 1.85 | ..... | ..... |
| Green, W. F. Mrs. | 1.80 | ..... | ..... |
| Griffis, D. B. Mrs. | 1.00 | ..... | .25 |
| Hagood, J. H., Jr. | 3.60 | ..... | 2.00 |
| Hagood, Kathleen, | .15 | ..... | ..... |
| Hall, Helen Miss | 2.50 | ..... | .25 |
| Hart, B. | 1.25 | ..... | ..... |
| Hart, B. Mrs. | 3.25 | ..... | ..... |
| Holmes, J. Mrs. | 2.05 | ..... | ..... |
| Horne, C. D. Mrs. | 5.10 | 3.00 | ..... |
| Houston, W. B. | 1.00 | ..... | ..... |
| Hudson, C. C. | 1.75 | ..... | ..... |
| Hudson, C. C. Mrs. | .50 | ..... | ..... |
| Hughes, Effie | .10 | ..... | ..... |
| Hunt, Theron, | .25 | 1.00 | ..... |
| Hunt, Kate Miss | .10 | ..... | ..... |
| Jennings, Hazel | .10 | | |
| Jones, Kate Miss | .95 | | |
| Kennedy, J. C. Mrs. | 3.00 | | .25 |

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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| NAME | Current Expense | Building Fund | Benevo- lence |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| King, W. G. | 1.75 | | |
| King, W. G. Mrs. | .50 | | |
| Knight, J. L. | 1.00 | | |
| Lightfoot, C. | .20 | | |
| Lightfoot, C. Mrs. | .20 | | |
| Loftin, Floyd, | 1.25 | | |
| Loftin, Ruby Miss | .25 | | |
| Loftin, Adelle Miss | .20 | | |
| Martz, J. C. | 4.50 | 3.00 | |
| Mathews, W. E. | 43.40 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Moore, L. | 4.50 | 35.00 | |
| Moore, L. Mrs. | 4.50 | | |
| McDavid, Rudolph, | 1.10 | | .10 |
| McDavid, Albert, | .20 | | .05 |
| Patten, T. Mrs. | .50 | | |
| Peacock, Z. H. | 39.00 | 2.50 | .50 |
| Peeler, Alice Mrs. | .10 | | .25 |
| Perry, T. A. Mrs. | 5.00 | | |
| Phillips, J. H. | 1.00 | | |
| Phillips, J. H. Mrs. | 1.00 | | |
| Powell, Rosa, Miss | .10 | | |
| Prewitte, Julian Mrs. | .75 | 3.00 | |
| Rioux, H. E. Mrs. | .25 | | |
| Roberts, Christine, | .05 | | |
| Scull, B. F. Mrs. | .70 | | |
| Skipper, I. H. | 10.00 | | |
| Smith, Nellie Miss | .50 | | .05 |
| Smith, Evaline, | .05 | | |
| Sparkman, Mamie Mrs. | 1.25 | | |
| Speer, C. A. | 9.40 | 1.00 | 1.25 |
| Stone, H. G. Mrs. | 11.00 | 10.00 | 5.20 |
| Taylor, C. D. | 6.25 | 2.50 | |
| Terry, E. A. Mrs. | 3.40 | | |
| Terry, A. L. Mrs. | .50 | | |
| Thomas, Ashton Miss | 2.85 | 1.00 | .15 |
| Thomas, S. B. | .25 | | |
| Thomas, Willie Miss | .55 | | |
| Thomas, Ethel Miss | .10 | | |
| Thomas, E. T. | 4.90 | | |
| Thomas, Hudson | .05 | | |
| Thompson, A. L. | .10 | | |
| Thrasher, D. B. | 2.50 | | |
| Thrasher, C. Mrs. | 3.75 | | |
| Townsend, G. H., Rev. | .25 | | |
| Townsend, G. H. Mrs. | .25 | | |
| Townsend, Willie, | .75 | | |
| Wiley, F. G. Mrs. | 3.75 | 1.00 | |
| Williams, A. D. Mrs. | 5.00 | | |
| Williams, D. R. Mrs. | 4.75 | 10.00 | .25 |
| Williams, F. T. | 1.80 | | |

Amounts Contributed to Building Fund Only.

| NAME | Current Expense | Building Fund | Benevo- lence |
|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Adams, R. G. Mrs. | | 1.00 | ..... |
| Amos, William | | 1.00 | ..... |
| Andress, D. C., Rev. | | 2.00 | ..... |
| Gandy, F. D. Mrs. | | 1.00 | ..... |
| Green, Ada Mrs. | | 10.00 | ..... |
| Harper, C. A. | | 25.00 | ..... |
| Martin, J. M., Jr. Mrs. | | 1.00 | ..... |
| Martin, Willie Miss | | 1.00 | ..... |
| Merchant, J. R. Mrs. | | 1.00 | ..... |
| Scott, E. B. | | 2.00 | |
| Tylee, Pearl Mrs. | | 1.00 | |

Amounts Contributed to Benevolence Only.

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| Campbell, L. J. | | | 20.00 |
| Painter, Okle Miss | | | 2.00 |

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER SOURCES.

| NAME | Current Expense | Building Fund | Benevo- lence |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Avent, G. J. | 5.00 |  | ..... |
| "A Friend" | | 10.00 | ..... |
| Baraca Club | | 25.00 | 5.00 |
| Barnes, Leland | .39 | | .02 |
| Barrs, E. A. | | | 1.25 |
| Benson, Lonnie | .12 | | .01 |
| Blair, James, | 1.05 |  | ..... |
| Bowen, Abner B. | .02 |  | ..... |
| Brobston, Edward | 5.00 |  | ..... |
| Brown, Mildred | .52 |  | ..... |
| B. Y. P. U. | | | 40.00 |
| Catlett, B. S. | | 250.00 | 30.00 |
| Chappell Emerson C. | 3.00 | | |
| Chase, G. E. & Co. | | | 25.00 |
| Choir | | | 10.00 |
| Covington, A. D. | 25.00 | | |

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| NAME | Current Expense | Building Fund | Benevo- lence |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| DeLoach, Leo | 1.30 | | |
| Dodge, E. D. | | | 2.00 |
| Edson, J. M. Sr. | | | 5.00 |
| Edson, Milton | .35 | | |
| Edwards, Milton | 13.00 | | |
| Ennis, Frank | 2.60 | | |
| Ennis, Willie | 2.60 | | |
| Fernandina Property | 24.38 | | |
| Ferrell, R. L. | 5.00 | | |
| Ford, Carroll | .05 | | |
| Gerald, Elizabeth | 3.00 | | |
| Gunn, G. M. | 1.35 | | |
| Hall, G. P. | | | 1.00 |
| Hobson, Tolbert Francis | 2.60 | | .15 |
| Horn, Milton, | 2.65 | | |
| Hunter, Miss, | | | 3.00 |
| Jennings, W. S. | | 25.00 | |
| Johnson, M. B. Mrs. | .10 | | |
| Jones, R. T. | .25 | | |
| Lubin, Mary Miss, | .05 | | |
| MacArthur, R. S., Dr. | | 50.00 | |
| McMillan, Jack, | | | 1.00 |
| Nettles, Laura Mrs. | 1.00 | | |
| O'Neal, H. N. | | 10.00 | |
| Perry, A. F. | 2.00 | | |
| Philathea Society, | | 15.00 | 5.00 |
| Pickett, S. S. Mrs. | 1.00 | | |
| Porter, T. V. | | | 10.00 |
| Roach, Margar C. | .02 | | |
| Shaw, H. B. | | | .25 |
| Smith, Beulah, | | | 10 |
| Social Union, | | 400.00 | |
| Stapleton, J. S. | 1.00 | | |
| Spiller, Mrs. | | | .50 |
| Sunday School, | | | 47.52 |
| Sugg, R. E. | .05 | | |
| Thomas, C. J. | | | 1.00 |
| Triay, E. J. Mrs. | 5.00 | | |
| Walker, F. P. Mrs. | 1.25 | | .10 |
| Williams, J. J. | | | 10.00 |
| W. M. U. | | | 66.07 |
| (Without Name), | | 2.00 | |
| Youmans, Harold, | .05 | | |

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts:

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| From Regular Pledges, | \$4,699.62 | |
| From Petty Collections, | 1,462.78 | |
| For Building Fund, | 3,630.59 | |
| For Benevolence, | 1,345.17 | |
| | | \$11,138.16 |

Disbursements:

| | |
|---|------------|
| Account Pastor's Salary, | \$2,500.00 |
| Account Music, | 1,222.75 |
| Account Building Fund, | 3,223.70 |
| Account Benevolence, | 1,243.15 |
| Account Salaries, | 782.85 |
| Account Visiting Minister, during vacation, | 57.80 |
| Account Printing, Stationery and Stamps, | 272.22 |
| Account Revival Books, | 37.15 |
| Account Water, Lights, Gas and Telephone, | 169.22 |
| Account Dr. H. M. Wharton, | 276.62 |
| Account Miscellaneous, | 362.04 |
| Balance Cash on Hand, | 990.66 |
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\$11,138.16

Balances as Follows:

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| Account Building Fund | 406.89 |
| Account Benevolence | 102.02 |
| Account Current Expenses | 481.75 |
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| | \$990.66 |

ASSETS.

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| Unpaid Pledges account Current Expenses, | \$278.70 |
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LIABILITIES.

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| Principal on Bonded Debt | \$1,000.00 |
| Interest Earned on Bonded Debt | 105.00 |
| Interest Earned on Organ | 191.33 |
| Accounts Payable | 177.88 |
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| | \$1,474.21 |

ARTHUR G. CHAPPELL,
 Treasurer.
Correct:

D. R. LAUDERBACK, Chairman,
 J. M. EDSON, Jr.,
 J. W. GOODING,

Auditing Committee.

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| The following items which did not pass through the Treasurer's hands: | |
| Adding to the Treasurer's total of | \$11,139.16 |
| Sunday School | 425.22 |
| Young People's Union | 88.80 |
| Woman's Missionary Union | 118.52 |
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We have a grand total for the year 1906 of\$11,771.70

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

H. S. Winters, Superintendent.

Associate Superintendents:

E. O. Painter,
R. E. LaMance,

Mrs. E. J. O'Kelley,
Mrs. Fred Durant.

Secretary W. D. Horton.
Treasurer Albert Barrs.
Librarian O. D. Turnage.
Organist Miss Helen Rolfe.

Teachers.

Children's Department:

Miss Alice Hoffman, Miss Katie Walker.
Miss Margaret Warren, Mrs. C. W. Perkins,
Miss Lucile Mitchell, Miss Juanita Romero,
Miss Effie Hughes, Mrs. F. S. Benson,
 Miss Virginia Blair.

Intermediate Department:

Mrs. J. D. McKinlay, Mrs. H. G. Stone,
Miss Lula McKinlay, Miss Ella Geiger,
Mrs. A. V. Putnam, Mrs. Mollie Dixon,
Mrs. E. J. O'Kelley, Geo. B. Utley,
Mrs. W. S. Till, Miss Eva Taurman,
Miss Willie Stetson, Miss Rosa Powell.

Adult Department:

W. A. Hobson, H. J. McCall,
A. V. Putnam, Miss Nellie Myrick,
H. S. Winters, Miss Marianna Weston,
H. J. McCallum, W. J. Pitt.

The Sunday School is the training department of the Church, not for the children only but the entire membership. Every member of the Church should be enlisted in the Bible School, either as learner or teacher. The total enrollment for the year is five hundred and fifty-six; total collections, \$425.22. Our system of classification in the school anticipates the co-operation of all our people from the youngest to the oldest.

I. Children's Department.

1. The Cradle Roll includes children too young to attend Sunday School.
2. The Kindergarten includes those who are not old enough to read, from three to six.
3. The Primary includes those beginning to read, from the ages of six to ten.

II. Intermediate Department.

The Intermediate Department embraces the young boys and girls, approximately from the age of ten to fourteen.

III. Young People's Department.

This Department embraces young people of both sexes, and has organized classes for Bible study, with a teacher, a president, a secretary and treasurer. They meet on Sunday morning for Bible study and on Friday evening to attend to matters of business and for social fellowship.

THE MIZPAH CLASS.

This is a class of boys and girls from the age of fourteen to seventeen, with the following officers:

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| Teacher | Miss Marianna Weston. |
| Assistant Teacher | Mr. R. E. LaMance. |
| President | Miss Mary Long. |
| Vice-President | Miss Corine Davis. |
| Secretary and Treasurer | Miss Florrie McKay. |
| Assistant Secretary and Treasurer .. | Miss Anna Fowler. |
| Reporter | Miss Sadie Chappell. |

Committees:

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| Volunteer | Miss Mabel, Wood, Chairman. |
| Social | Miss Marion Gay, Chairman. |
| Missionary | Miss Abbie Handley, Chairman. |

THE PHILATHEA CLASS.

The Philathea Class is a class of young ladies, with the following officers:

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| Teacher | Mr. George B. Utley. |
| President | Miss Okle Painter. |
| Vice-President | Miss Jessie Holmes. |
| Secretary | Miss Bessie Williams. |
| Treasurer | Miss Eunice Somers. |

Committees:

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| Visiting | Miss Jessie Holmes, Chairman. |
| Social | Mrs. C. L. Flynn, Chairman. |
| Membership | Miss Helen Montreville, Chairman. |

The class was organized in the month of February, 1904, with a membership of seventeen. The present membership is thirty-six.

THE BARACA CLUB.

This is a class of young men, with the following officers:

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| Teacher | Miss Nellie Myrick. |
| Assistant Teacher | A. M. Jennings. |
| President | G. M. Clark. |
| Vice-President | F. L. Andress. |
| Secretary | C. H. Pierce. |
| Assistant Secretary | T. R. Cheney. |
| Treasurer | J. C. Lanier. |
| Librarian | J. J. Peoples. |
| Press Reporter | S. F. Williams. |
| State Secretary | Thos. J. Dayton. |

Committees:

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| Social | L. W. Anderson, Chairman. |
| Hustlers | C. A. Patten, Chairman. |
| Sick, | F. E. Patten, Chairman. |
| Instruction | C. A. Speer, Chairman. |

The Baracas were organized March 18, 1904, with a membership of twelve. The present membership is one hundred and seventy-one. During the year, the Club was re-organized, and adopted the By-Laws of the National Union of Baracas, securing a charter from the Baraca Union of America. The Club banquet

at the Windsor Hotel was well attended and a most enjoyable occasion. The social spirit of the Club is excellent, and its sick members are looked after with much care. The Club also has a Business Bureau, to assist its members in securing business positions.

IV. Adult Department.

The Adult Department is divided into the Bereans or the younger adults, and the Adult Bible Class. A class of Bereans is being organized, which will meet on Sunday morning for Bible study and on Friday nights for special study in missions and literature, and for social fellowship.

V.. The Home Department.

The Home Department is for those who, for any reason, are so situated that they cannot attend the Sunday School, and yet would like to keep up with the course of study. Among such persons are the disabled, those whose business is such as to prevent Sunday School attendance, those whose household duties keep them at home, etc.

Teachers' Meeting.

The teachers' meeting, under the direction of the Pastor, meets on Wednesday evening in the Pastor's study at the close of the mid-week prayer-meeting.

Teachers' Training Department.

A Teachers' Training Class is being organized by the Superintendent, with a view to training persons for the work of teaching. A definite course of study has been adopted, viz: That arranged by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and diplomas will be awarded to those completing the courses, by the International Convention of Sunday School Workers.

KINDERGARTEN DEPARTMENT.

Miss Alice Hoffman, Principal.

The kindergarten work in our Church is growing in public favor each year. Our people are beginning to appreciate the great importance of training up a child in the way it should go.

Miss Hoffman, the principal in this department, is a capable woman with the best of training for her special work. Those interested in kindergarten work are asked to visit our Kindergarten where they will find a well-conducted school and a happy band of children. If you have children of kindergarten age (from two to seven years) you will be perfectly safe in trusting them to the care of Miss Hoffman.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION.

E. J. O'Kelley, President.

Miss Eva Taurman,
Vice-President.

Miss Margaret Rosenbaum,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Committees:

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| Devotional | Mrs. Fred Durant, Chairman. |
| Membership | Mrs. C.G. Harris, Chairman. |
| Missions | Mrs. E. J. O'Kelley, Chairman. |
| Social | Mrs. F. G. Johnson, Chairman. |
| Music | A. G. Chappell, Chairman. |
| Instruction | W. A. Hobson, Chairman. |

It gives us great pleasure to be able to report that our Union is in a very flourishing condition in every way, spiritually, financially and numerically. In the early part of the year the President set out with the earnest hope that the Union might raise and pay out for Missionary Work during the year \$100.00, and before the year was more than half out this purpose had been accomplished, and the Union has continued to contribute liberally for Missionary

Work, having given in all for Missions, \$128.80. Aside from this the young people have done faithful work in the Mission Sunday School in West Riverside.

The attendance and spiritual condition of the Union were never better and the readiness with which each member takes an active part in the work of the Union when called upon, is gratifying to all.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Mrs. W. A. Hobson, President.

Mrs. S. G. Bouis,
Vice-President.

Mrs. A. G. Chappell,
Treasurer.

Mrs. F. S. Benson,
Secretary.

Miss Ashton Thomas,
Corresponding Secretary.

Committees:

Benevolence Mrs. S. E. Fields, Chairman.
Entertainment Mrs. F. G. Johnson, Chairman.

The Woman's Missionary Union has had a prosperous year. The work in the society is missionary and benevolent. During the year the Union has raised from dues and special offerings \$184.59, and has contributed to our mission in West Riverside, the Orphanage, the State, Home and Foreign Mission Boards, and the poor of the city. Special contributions have been made to the Tichenor Memorial, Aunt Carrie and the Margaret Home. The year has been one of cordial fellowship in the work.

We sadly miss the presence and labors of Mrs. W. C. Powell, whose sudden death occurred on March 25th. She was a noble woman, wise in counsel and capable in service. Her beautiful life of devotion to the Master is an inspiration to all.

The work of the Missionary Union lies at the heart of all Christian service, and should have the support of everyone. Special effort has been made to enlist all the women of the church in the Missionary Union, and while all has not been accomplished that might be, the membership of the society has been considerably increased, and it is hoped that the movement will not be given up until the women of the church are thoroughly awakened to the spirit and work of missions.

PASTOR'S HELPERS.

Mrs. E. J. O'Kelley, President.

Mrs. S. G. Bouis, Vice-President. Mrs. F. G. Johnson, Secretary.

Committees :

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| Central | Mrs. C. G. Harris, Chairman. |
| Riverside | Mrs. C. W. Bartleson, Chairman. |
| Springfield | Miss Sallie Yewell, Chairman. |
| LaVilla | Mrs. W. S. Moss, Chairman. |
| West LaVilla | Mrs. E. G. Blair, Chairman. |
| East Jacksonville | Mrs. D. P. Williams, Chairman. |
| Fairfield | Mrs. A. A. Geiger, Chairman. |

The Society of Pastor's Helpers was organized in January, 1905, with Mrs. W. C. Powell as president. It is composed of ladies of the Church who are willing to give a part of their time to Church work, and its object, as indicated by the name, is to help the Pastor in his work, by visiting the sick, calling upon new members and Baptists who have recently come to the city, interest persons in the Church and Sunday School, and look after the Home Department of the Sunday School.

The Society in co-operation with the Pastor, seeks to carry good cheer and comfort to those who on account of sickness or other infirmities, are unable to attend the church services. More than two thousand visits have been made, and several prayer-meetings held with the shut-ins. The President wishes to thank the members of the Society for their hearty support in the work, and trusts that we may accomplish even more good in the new year in the two-fold capacity of members of the Church and Helpers of the Pastor.

During the year the Society was called upon to give up its first president, Mrs. W. C. Powell, whose death was a great loss to both the Society and the Church.

LADIES' SOCIAL UNION.

Mrs. F. G. Johnson, President.

Mrs. C. G. Harris, Vice-Pres. Mrs. H. G. Stone, Asst. Sec'y.
Mrs. W. S. Till, Secretary. Mrs. S. J. Ford, Treasurer.
Executive Committee: Mrs. Frank Holmes, Chairman.

The Social Union was organized in 1896, and has been an active society of the Church each year since. The aim of the organization is to promote sociability among the members of the Church and to aid the Church in financial emergencies.

For the last two years the Union has been making special contributions to the Building Fund, and in this way the Society has rendered valuable aid to the Trustees of the Church, in reducing the debt on the building. During the past year, the Union has paid to the Building Fund \$400.00 and to Missions, \$25.00.

The Silver Teas which have become such an interesting and successful feature of the Society's work were begun in the spring of 1906. They are held each month, and are free to all; strangers and new members are especially welcome. A free-will offering is taken at each meeting for the Church Building Fund.

Other sources of income to the Society are the dues of the members, cake sales and the Easter Bazaar.

EDITORIALS

A REVIEW AND A PREVIEW.

The old year is gone and the new has begun. As we attempt to recount the mercies of God in the past, we are overwhelmed with a sense of the divine goodness. Like Israel's sweet singer, we can say, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

A Review.

Increase in Membership.

During the year 1906, we have received one hundred and eighty-seven into the fellowship of the church, forty-seven by profession of faith and baptism, and one hundred and forty by letters from other churches. Present membership, five hundred and fifty-seven.

The work has gone steadily forward, as is seen from the reports of the different departments. These reports have been compiled with care and furnish interesting and valuable information.

Effects of Prosperity.

The year has been one of development within the church. Great growth in the recent past has created new conditions, leading to situations and changes which call for wisdom and patience. Assimilating and unifying people of different ideas and customs, who have been suddenly brought together in large numbers, is a difficult and delicate task. The first great need is that of knowing one another. Then there is the need of organization, so that every one shall find the place best suited to his tastes and talents.

Back to the Bible.

In these days of new things, we are in danger of neglecting some of the best things, because they are old. The Bible stands among the things which are tried and true. If we are to glorify the Father in bearing much fruit, the roots of our faith must strike below the surface into the deep, rich soil of God's Word; if our Church is to withstand the floods of worldliness which beat upon it on every side, it must be built upon the impregnable Rock of Scripture; if our hearts are to be nourished up in the words of faith and good doctrine, we must feed upon the Word of Life.

We live in a time when the Bible is studied too little in the home, and the responsibility of the church to teach its great truths, is all the more imperative on that account. In a series of Sunday morning sermons on "Christianity During the First Century" along with the study of Acts in our mid-week prayer-meetings, the Pastor is seeking to stir the hearts of his people with a new love for the Old Book.

The Shut-ins.

During the year, interest has developed in a new and beautiful work. The question of how to reach the shut-ins of our congregation has been solved by the Pastor's Helpers and the Woman's Missionary Union. These two organizations have united in the blessed work of holding afternoon services, at some suitable time during the week, with those who are unable to attend church. Since they cannot go to church, we take the church to them. In addition to religious services, where, on account of sickness or financial loss, aid would be appreciated, each one carries along some substantial token of sympathy and love, and in this way

"We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burdens bear,
And often for each other flows
The sympathizing tear."

As I look back over the work of the year, the memory of these meetings with the Lord's shut-ins lingers with fragrance, reminding me of the angel's salutation to Cornelius, "Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God."

Wharton Meeting.

The series of revival meetings conducted by Dr. H. M. Wharton last February was a means of grace to our church. The labors of this gifted and beloved brother were greatly blessed of God. Our people were graciously revived, and the whole city gave expression of their interest in the meetings and their appreciation of Dr. Wharton. We received fifty-eight members at the close of the meeting, and others have come in since.

The Training School.

While at the Southern Baptist Convention last May, the Pastor secured the co-operation of Dr. B. W. Spilman, Field Secretary for the Sunday School Board, in arranging for a Training School for Christian workers, to be held with our church November 25th to December 2d. This first session of the Training School proved to be so interesting and helpful that it was determined to organize a permanent institution, to be known as the Florida Training School for Christian Workers, which will meet once a year with the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville. The following officers were elected: W. A. Hobson, President; Miss Grace Humphreys, Secretary; H. S. Winters, Treasurer; B. W. Spilman, Dean of the Faculty. A Board of Trustees was elected, consisting of E. O. Painter, R. E. LaMance, W. C. Powell, T. J. Dayton, J. M. Edson and C. A. Patten.

At the first session one hundred and nine scholars were enrolled, and twenty-six churches were represented. This good work, while under Baptist control, is open to all who are interested in Christian work. The next session will be held February 16-23, 1908.

Our Missions.

Cherry Street Mission, which was begun two years ago through the efforts of Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Nuzum, was organized into the Woodlawn Baptist Church on August 5th. The Presbytery consisted of W. A. Hobson, Chairman; S. M. Scruggs, Secretary; W. L. Mahon, John Ellison, C. L. Williams, R. E. LaMance, Geo. E. Chase, W. S. Jennings and F. G. Johnson. The new church is located on Woodlawn Avenue in West Riverside. Our Church gave to this new organization nineteen members; they have called a pastor for all his time and are now erecting a house of worship to cost \$2,500.00. The Pastor, Rev. G. H. Townsend,

whose membership was in the First Baptist Church, was ordained to the full work of the ministry on August 12th, by Rev. D. C. Andress and the Pastor of the First Church. Brother Townsend has entered upon his work with commendable zeal, and the outlook for the Woodlawn Church is good.

With the assistance of the Home Mission Board, we have purchased a lot in the central part of Riverside, on the corner of Park and Margaret Streets, at a cost of \$2,000.00, and expect soon to open a mission in that part of the city. Riverside is one of the most beautiful residence sections of the city, and the lot which we have secured is admirably located, one block from Riverside Park.

We have also secured a lot in South Jacksonville, by the assistance of the State Board of Missions, with a view to starting a Baptist Church in that section of our city which lies on the south side of the river. And so the good work goes on, but we should remember that Paul may plant and Apollas may water, but God giveth the increase.

Main Street Church.

Our brethren of the Main Street Church have had a good year. The First Church rejoices with them in their recent revival. Pastor Mahon and his people are doing a good work, and the Lord is blessing their labors.

A Preview.

It is easy to see from what God has already done for us that he is planning for larger things in the future. "What mean these stones?" Do they not remind us that the Lord led us out of the wilderness and over the Jordan—that He is leading us into the land of promise? It will not be long before the Baptists of Jacksonville will have a half dozen well-equipped churches in this growing city. I hear the "sound of a-going in the tops of the mulberry trees"; a vision of hope like the dawn, gladdens my eyes; my heart beats faster as I hear the tread of coming multitudes to our beautiful city on the St. Johns! Shall we greet them with the gospel; shall we lay sure foundations for their feet; shall we, as Christian men and women, who stand for the truth as it is in Jesus, prepare the way of the Lord in this commercial center of our beloved Florida? God helping us, we will endeavor so to do.

CHURCH MUSIC.

Good music is a necessary feature in public worship. The church is redeeming and reclaiming its own, for music is truly the divine art. In the Old Testament times, when Judaism was in its glory, the music of the temple was on a magnificent scale. A great choir, led by the chief musician was the chief feature in Jewish worship. Nothing, not excepting prayer and preaching, is more truly worship than singing God's praises. Prayer may be selfish, preaching may be defensive, but praising God with jubilant joy is the nearest approach to pure worship that man can make. Music is the voice of praise, the soul of worship, and the church of God is its rightful home.

The church lost the art of worship when she was fighting for existence, or struggling for reform. Her worship in such a conflict was a groan, a sigh, a heroic defense, but that battle is won, and as naturally as a bird freed from the fowler's snare, she goes forth with a song of joy.

Certainly music may and should be made to fill an important place in public worship. Why should the church sit idly by and see Satan and his hosts capture the music of the sanctuary and carry it away to the resorts of sin? Why should places of amusement be made attractive and the house of God neglected? God is worthy of the best. Every musical instrument on earth should find a welcome in the house of God: the organ, the trumpet, the harp with a thousand strings, the human voice. "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord."

THE CHOIR PROBLEM.

The music problem must be faced and solved by our churches. The church can no longer answer the demand for good music with the trite reply, "Choirs give trouble," or "Some people object to paid choirs and musical instruments in the church." Very few people of ordinary intelligence raise such objections. The time was when an organ in the church was looked upon as an instrument of Satan. Besides we need not expect to please everybody. If in some sections of the country there is a lingering

prejudice against musical instruments and trained singers, it will soon pass away, for music, like virtue, brings its own reward.

The question of paid singers is more serious. Some confessedly good people object to paid choirs, on the ground that hired singing is an offence to God. But was not the same objection urged against a paid ministry? And even now, in some out-of-the-way places, such objections are heard against the use of money in promoting religion, whether in the local church or on the foreign field. They want preachers after the pattern of John the Baptist, inexpensive in food and dress. To be sure, when one has the gift of a good voice, and is able to cultivate it and donate it to the church, there is no objection to his doing so; but very few people are so fortunate. For the most part, accomplished singers are under the necessity of paying out of small earnings for voice training, and when they have finished their course in music, they are dependent upon their voice, at least in part, for a livelihood. Besides, unpaid singers are sometimes, though not always, irregular in attendance, and do not feel the same personal responsibility to the church as if they were being paid for their service by the church.

The question of how to select a choir, whether from among the members of the church or from the outside, is sometimes troublesome, and there can be no iron-clad rule. It would be a very happy condition if the members of the choir were also members of the church, in case everything went on harmoniously with the choir and the church, but very unhappy if friction should arise in the choir or in the church on account of the choir.

The whole question of church music should be studied earnestly and thoroughly and handled with wisdom, grace and firmness. The choir can be made a powerful adjunct to the pulpit. Of course it is out of the question to have persons in the choir that are of bad repute in the community, no matter how well they may sing. The music should be *en rapport* with the spirit of worship; the choir, the minister and the people being in spiritual accord. Any lack of reverence, whispering, silly grins and senseless nods in the choir detract greatly from the spiritual effect of a service, and should not be tolerated, for such conduct will soon become a fixed habit with light-minded people and will do more to dissipate the spirit of worship than anything could do, unless it be irreverence in the minister, which we would not think of tolerating.

SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE.

Habit has more to do with one's disposition than heredity or circumstances. Little things play havoc with our tempers, like the little foxes that spoil the vines. The great sorrows of life do not shut out the sun so often as do life's petty trials. Crucial trials come like the storm and crush us in the darkness, but like the storm, they pass away, leaving our souls clearer and sweeter, and our windows open toward Jerusalem. Great afflictions lift our hearts toward God and set our affections on things above.

The habit of looking on the dark side makes one miserable. Why not cultivate the habit of looking on the bright side of things. "Cheerfulness," says Samuel Johnson, "is worth more than a thousand a year," and, like gold, it is good in all lands. Cheerfulness is born of love and gives value to friendship. So long as we love, we serve; so long as we are loved by others, even sacrifice is a joy.

Happiness builds her home on the sunny side of life, where flowers grow, mocking-birds sing and happy children play. A happy heart is man's best friend, no matter what comes. It takes the drudgery out of common duties, and sweetens the bread of life. It seems so good to live when one is happy. As Phillips Brooks has so well said, "It seems as if life might all be so simple and so beautiful, so good to live, so good to look at, if we could only think of it as one long journey, when every day's march had its own separate sort of beauty to travel through."

For the New Year let us all adopt Riley's motto:

"The inner side of every cloud
Is bright and shining;
I therefore turn my clouds about
And always wear them inside out,
To show the lining."

Banish gloomy feelings and suspicious thoughts, drive out the demon of worry and discontent, open your heart to the pure, sweet breath of love, and like the flower, take in sunshine and give out beauty. If you would have a fragrant, beautiful life, keep on the sunny side.

ORDER IN WORSHIP.

“God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.”

However we may differ from our Episcopal brethren as to the ritual in public worship, there cannot be any reasonable objection to an intelligent arrangement of the service, such that the leader and the congregation may be at ease as to what to expect and how to conduct the service. All churches have substantially the same fundamental elements in religious worship, namely, reading the Scriptures, singing, prayer and preaching. These four principal features in worship may be so arranged by the leader as to give both order and variety, thus making a full-orbed service. For instance, the Scripture reading may be by the minister only, or it may be by the minister and congregation responsively, or by the minister and people in unison. Then, again, the prayer may be led by the minister, the people joining in silent accord, or it may be led by the minister, the people joining audibly at the close, using such selected prayer as would be suitable for congregational worship, preferably the Lord's Prayer.

The music may be so arranged as to give variety and add interest to the service. The choir and congregation may sing together or the choir alone, or a part of the choir, as a quintet, a quartet, a trio or a solo. Antiphonal singing is very effective when properly executed, the choir singing one part and the congregation another.

In any event, order helps in bringing the public service up to its best effect. Certainly a service can be made too elaborate, or too formal. We Baptists have no ritual or uniform order of worship. We are afraid of form, but one fails to see any good reason why we should discard all form. In fact, we cannot conduct a public service without form. It may be a confused and awkward form, but certain things are done, and done in some sort of way. Paul advised the Corinthian Church to “Do everything becomingly and in order.” What is the objection to proceeding in an orderly way, and planning a service with a view to including all the people?

Everyone should have some part in every service. The day has passed when the sermon is everything in public worship. The sermon has its place and is important, but a service that has several features and is conducted in an orderly way is more acceptable and effective than one that is dominated by a single feature, though that feature should be the sermon. Order gives variety and richness to the service without detracting from the spirit of worship.

THE MODERN CHURCH.

A thing is not good because it is old, nor bad because it is new. The church cannot be a living organism except by constant renewal. If it drops behind the march of the living present, it is soon buried with the dead past. The faith once delivered to the saints is good for the saints of all times, but those elements in religion which are human, are as subject to modification and improvement, as are other things human. We believe in a living, moving, mighty Church.

The Church of today is out of harmony with the spirit of the times, unless the place of meeting and the service itself are made comfortable and attractive. We adorn the home and make it as cheerful, attractive and comfortable as possible, why not do the same for the church?

The service, too, might as well be bright and cheerful as to be gloomy and depressing. Of course there are times when deep solemnity should fill all hearts as the only appropriate feeling, but a service that is always profoundly solemn, does not appeal to us. There is a time for weeping and a time for rejoicing. A glad, cheerful, radiant service is just as spiritual and often times more helpful than a service that is full of sighs and sobs.

Good music, a cordial atmosphere, kindly greetings, and courteous attentions are wonderful helps in building up and holding up a congregation. System and good judgment in the management of the finances have much to do with the prosperity of a church. The habit of discussing the business matters of the church and taking high pressure collections at the public service is bad; it is neither business nor religion. The business interests of a church should be looked after by business men in a business way.

The church must have some method of conducting its finances, and the best methods are always the most satisfactory to the membership as a whole and brings the best results to the church.

Another feature which aids much in keeping church matters in the public minds, is to use the daily press. A large majority of the people, are interested in the moral and spiritual welfare of the community. Shall the church news stay out of the papers because the so-called secular news goes in? If the daily paper can be used to promote the spiritual interest of the community, why not? The great papers are seeking to meet all the needs of the public, and no small attention is being paid to the churches, and the churches are awakening to the newspaper as a mighty means of usefulness.

Jacksonville is fast becoming cosmopolitan in the spirit and character of its citizenship. Worn out customs, like threadbare garments, must give way to the new. Most ^{assuredly} ~~assembly~~ churches should be conservative as well as progressive, but ultra conservatism has its dangers.

The First Baptist Church does not boast of anything, but its Pastor is justly proud of the spirit that prevails in the membership. Our people are progressive, but not radical; we believe in the best things, but are conservative in making changes; we seek to assimilate the old and the new in methods of work and worship.

The modern church is not drifting away from the New Testament pattern; it is moving toward it. The best churches of the present day are better than those of the past; the church of the Twentieth Century that is organized, edified, Spirit-filled and directed, approaches more nearly the New Testament standard of a Christian church than did the churches of the First Century. Bad as we are, we are growing better every day; far as the churches are from perfection, they are better than at any former time.

After all is done that can be done by organization and methods of work, the church is a magnificent corpse without the life-giving and power-giving Spirit. The only living church is one that is quickened, guided and empowered by the Holy Spirit. What the fire is to the fuel; what the driving wheel is to the great mill; what the dynamo is to the electric plant—the Spirit of God is to the church.

SELECTION OF A CHURCH LOT.

A good location is a matter of great importance in planting a new church. The Baptists are accused of hunting flowing streams and trees with swinging boughs for convenience in baptizing and in hitching their horses, which may be ideal for the country, but when we are looking for the location of a Baptist church in the city, there are other things to be considered.

We want our new churches located in the new centers of population and on the most desirable lots, which should be large enough, not only for the present, but for the probable future demands. It is better to pay a good price for a desirable location than to accept a poor location as a gift.

Our Jacksonville churches have reason to congratulate themselves upon the admirable location of their churches. The First Church occupies a central location on one of the best lots in the city; the Main Street Church is well located in the center of Springfield, one of our most prosperous suburbs; the Woodlawn Church has a good location in West Riverside, and the lots which we have recently secured in Riverside and in South Jacksonville are the very best that could be had.

FACTS ABOUT OUR FINANCES.

From the Treasurer's report and the membership roll, it will be seen that 636 persons have held membership with us during the year; that 348 are regular subscribers and weekly contributors to the current expenses of the church; 95 contribute occasionally, leaving only 193 who have contributed nothing to current expenses in any way that can be recorded; 156 have made contributions to building fund; 480 have made no contribution to the building fund during the year. One hundred and twenty have contributed to benevolence; while 516 have made no contribution to benevolent objects. This is a good showing, but it falls below the Scriptural

plan. "Let every **one** of you on the first day of the week lay by him in store as the Lord has prospered him." A **weekly** offering from **every** member, in proportion to the Lord's blessing is the Scriptural method of giving. May we not yet hope to see the question of church finances solved by this simple New Testament method?

THE FIRST CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEW CHURCH.

It is out of the ordinary to find a man who is not a church member take a real, earnest interest in churches. Mr. B. S. Catlett is an exception to the general rule in this respect. It will be news to some to know that Mr. Catlett made the first contribution toward rebuilding our church after the fire of 1901.

The Pastor, discouraged and doubtful as to what to do, dropped in at Mr. Catlett's office shortly after the fire, and in going over the distressing situation, Mr. Catlett spoke in a hopeful tone, and turning to his desk, wrote out a check for one thousand dollars, and as he handed it to the Pastor, said, "Doctor, don't be discouraged, there will be some way out of the wilderness. Take this as my first contribution to your new church building, and go to work with a view to erecting a good building; don't build cheaply, and remember that I stand ready to help you more as you may need it." At a later date, Mr. Catlett gave fifteen hundred dollars, and at another time \$500.00 and again \$250.00. Mr. Catlett is not a church member, but his mother is a Tennessee Baptist and a woman of noble Christian character. As we pen these lines, a sincere prayer goes up to the Father in Heaven, that this man who gives his money so generously to the cause of Christ, may give to the Master his heart and life also.

THE CHURCH BOSS.

An amusing but striking picture of the church boss appeared on the front page of the Ram's Horn in the issue of December 8th. The scene is the interior of a church with the audience seated and the minister standing in the pulpit. A cord tied to each of the minister's hands passes through a pulley attached to the ceiling

and descends into the hands of a sour-looking man, who is engaged in pulling first one string and then the other, holding check on the minister. Under the picture is written in large letters, "The Church Boss," and in smaller type, the significant explanation, "He likes the preacher as long as he can control him."

EDITORIAL BRIEFS.

God Is Love.

We have had refreshings from the presence of the Lord all along the way.

The First Baptist Church of Jacksonville was established in the month of July, 1838.

Those who live nearest to God are most generous to men.

It should not be forgotten that the Home Mission Board came to our rescue in an hour of need. This Board gave us \$5,000.00 in the erection of our new house of worship. Remember this in making your offerings to Home Missions. The Board is also helping liberally in the mission work of the city.

Did you ever hear an idle church member say, "I would do more work in the church, but my efforts are not appreciated"? A good servant will seek the approbation of his Master, rather than praise from his fellow servants.

It is not possible to get out a record of the year's work without some mistakes occurring, but we have made an honest effort to be accurate in every detail, and if any mistakes are found they are either due to lack of information or are purely accidental.

Are you a trunk Baptist, a has-been Baptist, or a true Baptist? A trunk Baptist is one who has deposited his membership in his trunk, a has-been Baptist is one who has left his membership at the old home church; a true Baptist is one that lives for the Lord wherever his lot is cast. Which are you? "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

One of our new members, willing to justify herself for doing so little in the Church, said to the Pastor, "Oh, I was a good church worker before I came to Jacksonville"; and a delinquent

brother boasted of having been superintendent of the Sunday school in a South Carolina church, but said he had decided to take a rest. Jacksonville is a poor place for a retired Baptist. The cause needs the active, united effort of us all. Are you an active or a retired worker?

It is gratifying to see how the Church is increasing its contributions to benevolence. The amount raised this year for outside objects is \$1344.17. This goes beyond anything we have done before, but it is only a prophecy of what we can do when our Church is freed from debt. Much attention has been given to Mission topics in the various departments of the Church, notably in the Woman's Missionary Union, the B. Y. P. U. and the mid-week prayer meetings.

For the ensuing year, the Mission Committee has been discontinued and this important feature of our work has been committed to the Deacons. We would urge that every member cultivate the habit of giving something each week to Missions, as indicated on the Benevolent side of the duplex envelope for weekly offerings.

Among the portraits which appear in the Annual will be found a good likeness of Mrs. W. C. Powell, who died March 25, 1906. Mrs. Powell was the first President of the Pastor's Helpers. Her dignified and quiet manner; her good judgment and self-control; her devotion to her Church and Pastor; and above all, her love for the Master and the spiritual tone of her life, made Sister Powell a most suitable person for such a position. Mrs. Powell was a gifted and cultured woman, and greatly beloved by all who knew her. The Church and Pastor deeply sympathize with Deacon Powell and the family in their sore bereavement.

Co-operation in Christian service means:

1. Come. Heb. 10:25.
2. Contribute of your substance. Ps. 116:12.
3. Consecration of your service. Rom. 12:1.

He must be poor indeed who in presence, in purse, in service, has nothing to give for the good of humanity and the glory of God. Are there any who cannot do something if they would?

If you can't go to church, if you are too poor to pay anything for its support, if you are so situated that you cannot do personal work, you can at least be a well-wisher to the good work, and pray for the workers, and that is co-operation.

Keeping the line of duty
 Through good and evil report
 We shall ride the storms out safely,
 Be the passage long or short;
 For the ship that carries God's orders
 Shall anchor at last in port.

In making our annual reports, we have had great difficulty and much loss of time in hunting up amounts contributed by individuals and organizations, not reported to the church treasurer. We earnestly plead for competent treasurers in all departments of the church, and ask that all amounts given by individuals or societies be sent through the church treasurer, so records can be made by him and incorporated in his report at the close of the year. If you give money to any charitable or benevolent cause, make your check payable to the church treasurer, and not to the person soliciting. This will give credit to the church for the work done by the members. Please remember this request.

The Pastor is indebted to his Assistant and the heads of departments for valuable information and help in presenting so complete a report of the year's work. Co-operation is the secret of successful effort. We hope to make the Annual better each year, and to this end we would urge that all departments exercise care in selecting departmental secretaries and treasurers, making sure that only competent persons are put in these important positions. If the records are properly kept as the work progresses, it will be easy to compile the Annual at the close of the year.

All checks should be made payable to the church Treasurer, who will endorse the check, and enter the amount on the church books to the credit of the individual or department sending it, and in making his annual report to the church, the Treasurer will have such information on his books as will enable him to adequately report the contributions of the church to all objects. Let's have a complete report of our work for the year 1907.

As we pass along on the journey of life, we have our halting places, where we stop a while for rest or worship, for a moment of rapturous joy, or a season of deepest sorrow; and before passing on, we erect a pillar of stone, and consecrate our Bethel of hope or our Ephrath of grief. In reviewing the three years since we entered our new church, certain events occur to us, some of them marked by joy and others sanctified by sorrow. It will be of interest to recall in this connection that the cornerstone of the new church was laid February 2, 1903; the opening of the auditorium was on February 14, 1904; Dr. B. D. Gray preached the first sermon; Mr. J. W. Gooding was the first person baptized in the new baptistry; the first marriage was that of Mr. E. H. Paxon and Miss Lillian Fay Melson; the first funeral was that of Mary Kate Hobson.

IN MEMORIAM

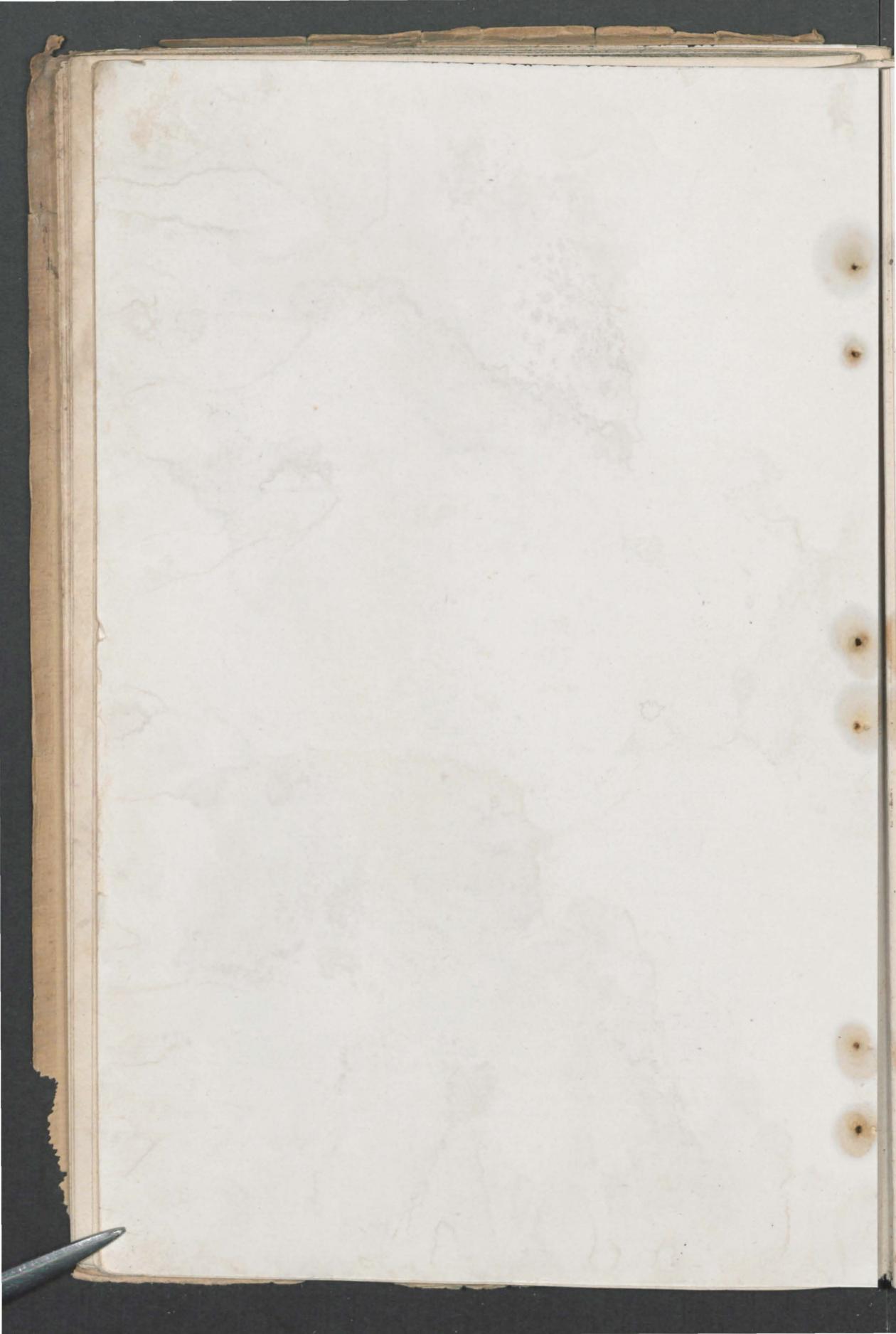
OUR HONORED DEAD.

During the year, six of our members have fallen on sleep, and rest from their labors. Though we shall see them no more in this earthly temple, we hope to greet them in the house not made with hands.

Mrs. W. C. Powell.
Rev. Robert McClellan.
Miss Addie Dozier.
Mr. W. A. Stowe.
Mrs. H. W. Schliecher.
Mrs. Floyd Loftin.



MARY KATE HOBSON
Daughter of Pastor and Mrs. W. A. Hobson
Born Aug. 11, 1897; died June 16, 1904





MRS. W. C. POWELL
First President Pastor's Helpers

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CLIPPINGS AND COMMENTS.

IF I KNEW.

If I knew the box where the smiles are kept,
No matter how large the key,
Or strong the bolt, I would try so hard
'Twould open, I know, for me.
Then over the land and the sea, broadcast,
I'd scatter the smiles to play,
That the children's faces might hold them fast
For many and many a day.

If I knew a box that was large enough
To hold all the frowns I meet,
I would like to gather them, every one,
From nursery, school and street.
Then, folding and holding, I'd pack them in,
And, turning the monster key,
I'd hire a giant to drop the box
To the depths of the deep, deep sea.

—Selected.

A SIMPLE SERMON.

There's only one method of meetin' life's test;
Jes' keep on a-strivin' an' hope fur the best.
Don't give up the game an' retire in dismay
'Cause hammers are thrown when you'd like a bouquet.
This world would be tiresome, we'd all get blues
If all the folks in it held just the same views;
So finish your work; show the best of your skill,
Some folks won't like it, but other folks will.

If you're leadin' an army, or buildin' a fence,
Do the most that you kin with your own common sense,
One small word of praise in this journey of tears
Outweighs in the balance 'gainst cart loads of sneers.
The plants that we're passin' as commonplace weeds
Oft prove to be jes' what some sufferer needs.
So keep on a-goin'; don't stay standin' still,
Some folks won't like you, but other folks will.

—Washington Star.

The following beautiful tribute to our church appeared in the Baptist Courier, of Greenville, S. C., March 30, 1905. The twelve-year-old boy to whom reference is made is Charlie Bartleson, a son of one of our trustees:

A SUNDAY IN JACKSONVILLE.

I wish every Baptist in South Carolina could see the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla. Just a few, very few years ago the house of this most wonderful congregation was destroyed by fire; now they are worshipping in one of the nicest houses in the South. What strikes one most forcibly are the "odds" these people have to fight against. Today, for instance, there was not a room in any of the hotels to be had. Thousands of tourists are here, and while one of the largest hotels is just diagonally across the street from the church, I don't think there was a tourist attending service. The street cars are going by the church at full speed every ten minutes, carriages and automobiles lined up on both sides of the street waiting to be called, and a baseball game in town to add to the detraction from church going, and yet standing room was at a premium at this church, people going thirty minutes before the hour so as to get seats.

After preaching, the doors of the church were opened and twelve applicants went forward and at the night service seven of these were baptized; and the doors of the church being opened again, there were two or three more who joined the church. The baptizing was impressively done by the pastor, Dr. Hobson. As he led a little girl of eleven into the water he quoted, "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven," and added, "She comes upon her own profession of faith," and a lady sitting near me exclaimed, "Beautiful, beautiful!" So impressive was it you could have heard a "pin drop." Then after several men and women, came a boy. This time the pastor said, "At twelve years of age the Master was found with the learned men and when rebuked by his mother for remaining behind, giving her anxiety, he replied, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" "Who will say this boy is not old enough to accept Christ?" the pastor asked.

Now, next let us notice how a stranger is met. As you enter the church one of the deacons is standing at the door, shakes hands cordially, then he calls an usher, who also gives you the "glad hand," asks if you have a preference as to location of a seat, assuring you all seats are free. By this time, reaching your seat, you are perfectly at home. On leaving the church, at least

six to ten members of the church are at the door shaking hands, again asking you to come back again.

Is there not a lesson for many churches whose members never think of speaking to a poor lonely "drummer," even at church, hundreds of miles away from his home? The devil is getting in some good work here, too, but if the other churches in Jacksonville have such members and such preachers as Dr. Hobson, they can whip many more devils than Florida can hold.

Wishing them God-speed, I am

Only a Drummer.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Our membership roll includes all who have held membership with us at any time during the year. After eliminating those who have changed their membership since the first of January, 1906, we have a present membership of 557.

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| Adams, Betsy, Mrs. | 1337 West Adams. |
| Adams, R. G. Mrs. | Fisher and Wilson. |
| Adams, R. W. | 1029 Davis. |
| Albritton, John A. | 316 Date. |
| Albritton, O. S. | 2064 Laura. |
| Albritton, O. S. Mrs. | 2064 Laura. |
| Amos, William, | 28 Ocean. |
| Anderson, Edward, | Park and Copeland. |
| Andress, D. C. Rev. | 525 Hogan. |
| Andress, D. C. Mrs. | 525 Hogan. |
| Andress, F. L. | 525 Hogan. |
| Archibald, Mabel Mrs. | 1221 Main. |
| Armstrong, A. S. | 322 West Ashley. |
| Armstrong, A. S. Mrs. | 322 West Ashley. |
| Arrington, J. W. Mrs. | 417 East First. |
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| Baker, T. O. Mrs. | 429 West Duval. |
| Ball, P. M. Mrs. | 35 West Duval. |
| Barnes, J. H. | 919 Laura. |
| Barnes, J. H. Mrs. | 919 Laura. |
| Bartleson, C. W. | 126 Roselle. |
| Bartleson, C. W. Mrs. | 126 Roselle. |
| Bartleson, Charlie, | 126 Roselle. |
| Barwick, W. P. Mrs. | 521 Main. |
| Bean, E. Mrs. | 315 West Beaver. |
| Beebee, H. B. | 218 Forest. |
| Beebee, H. B. Mrs. | 218 Forest. |
| Bennett, Walter Mrs. | 25 East Third. |
| Bennett, W. E. Mrs. | 1413 Liberty. |
| Benson, F. S. | 222 West Adams. |
| Benson, F. S. Mrs. | 222 West Adams. |
| Bethea, A. M. Mrs. | 600 Delma. |
| Bethea, Dessie. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Blair, E. G. | Myrtle and Enterprise. |
| Blair, E. G. Mrs. | Myrtle and Enterprise. |
| Blair, Virginia. | Myrtle and Enterprise. |
| Blount, D. R. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Blume, Alice Miss | 528 West Ashley. |
| Boling, B. E. | 221 East Eighth. |
| Boling, B. E. Mrs. | 221 East Eighth. |

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| Bouis, H. E. | 1718 Main. |
| Bouis, S. G. | 1718 Main. |
| Bouis, S. G. Mrs. | 1718 Main. |
| Boyer, Geo. B. | 425 West Duval. |
| Boyer, Geo. B. Mrs. | 425 West Duval. |
| Brice, W. T. | Lamont, Fla. |
| Brinson, P. P. Mrs. | St. Augustine, Fla. |
| Brooks, L. H. Mrs. | 216 Madison. |
| Brown, J. C. | King and Herschel. |
| Brown, J. W. Mrs. | Arcadia, Fla. |
| Bunker, S. H. | 1823 Hubbard. |
| Bunker, S. H. Mrs. | 1823 Hubbard. |
| Bunting, W. S. Mrs. | 106 West Adams. |
| Bunting, Wilmer, | 106 West Adams. |
| Burton, H. L. | 321 East Church. |
| Burton, H. L. Mrs. | 321 East Church. |
| Bussey, Gabriel, Mrs. | 231 Riverside. |
| Bussey, Ruby, | 231 Riverside. |
| Bussey, S. J. Mrs. | 230 Bridge. |
| Butler, F. H. Mrs. | 334 Post. |
| Byrd, R. E. Mrs. | 902 Laura. |
| Campbell, Benjamin, | 1001 Roselle. |
| Campbell, L. J. | 1001 Roselle. |
| Cannon, May Miss | 955 May. |
| Cawley, Lillian Miss | 331 West Church. |
| Chambliss, J. O. Mrs. | 430 Roselle. |
| Chandler, Eula Miss | |
| Chandler, M. F. Mrs. | |
| Chappell, A. G. | 629 Newnan. |
| Chappell, A. G. Mrs. | 629 Newnan. |
| Chappell, George, | 629 Newnan. |
| Chappell, L. G. | 418 Liberty. |
| Chappell, Maud Mrs. | 231 East Church. |
| Chappell, Sadie | 629 Newnan. |
| Chase, George E. | 231 East Church. |
| Chase, George E. Mrs. | 231 East Church. |
| Cheney, T. R. | 10 West Bay. |
| Clark, Chas. A. Mrs. | 40 West Forsyth. |
| Clark, E. E. Mrs. | 1420 Park. |
| Clark, G. M. | 215 Market. |
| Clarke, Edward, | New Mexico. |
| Clarke, Marion, | 35 West Forsyth. |
| Clarke, William, | 35 West Forsyth. |
| Clarke, William Mrs. | 35 West Forsyth. |
| Cleveland, E. E. | 115 West Adams. |
| Clough, W. G., | 127 East Seventh. |
| Clough, W. G. Mrs. | 127 East Seventh. |
| Clough, W. G. Jr. | 127 East Seventh. |

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| Cobourn, G. C. | 1724 Cedar. |
| Coborun, G. C. Mrs. | 1724 Cedar. |
| Cooper, F. L. | 921 East Duval. |
| Cooper, F. L. Mrs. | 921 East Duval. |
| Cooper, F. J. | 921 East Duval. |
| Cooper, Henry C. | 921 East Duval. |
| Cooper, Julia E. Mrs. | 335 East Monroe. |
| Cooper, Percy | (Membership Removed.) |
| Cooper, T. J. | Savannah, Ga. |
| Copeland, J. H. Mrs. | Fisher and Wilson. |
| Cowles, W. T. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Cox, John T. | 836 Park. |
| Cox, John T. Mrs. | 836 Park. |
| Croisant, Jennie, Mrs. | 328 East Duval. |
| Culverhouse, T. C. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Darby, T. C. | 24 East Duval. |
| Darby, T. C., Jr. | 24 East Duval. |
| Daughtry, D. T. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Daughtry, D. T. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Davis, Corine Miss | 923 East Church. |
| Davis, C. J. Mrs. | 765 West Duval. |
| Davis, H. L. | 923 East Church. |
| Davis, H. L. Mrs. | 923 East Church. |
| Davis, M. D. Mrs. | 923 East Church. |
| Davis, T. M. Mrs. | 1818 East Duval. |
| Davis, Walter, | 923 East Church. |
| Dayton, T. J. | 419 West Monroe. |
| Deidrich, J. T. Mrs. | 216 Hogan. |
| DeLoach, J. T. | 18 West Beaver. |
| DeLoach, J. T. Mrs. | 18 West Beaver. |
| DeWitt, W. R. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Dickenson, W. J. Mrs. | Main and State. |
| Dixson, Lucile, | 519 East Monroe. |
| Dixson, Mary Miss, | 519 East Monroe. |
| Dixson, Mollie Mrs. | 519 East Monroe. |
| Dixson, Ross, | 519 East Monroe. |
| Douglass, Daisy, | 734 Grape. |
| Dowling, Josephine Mrs. | Massey Building. |
| Dozier, Addie Miss | (Deceased.) |
| Drawdy, Jessie Miss | Bristol, Conn. |
| Drysdale, A. Mrs. | 1640 Cedar. |
| Dunlap, G. F. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Durant, Fred, | 731 Oak. |
| Durant, Fred Mrs. | 731 Oak. |
| Durrance, J. C. Mrs. | 1910 Market. |
| Eberhardt, W. A. | 744 West Monroe. |
| Ecker, E. G. Mrs. | 22 East Duval. |
| Ecker, Erma | 22 East Duval. |

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| Edson, J. M. | 520 Hogan. |
| Edson, J. M. Mrs. | 520 Hogan. |
| Ennis, A. M. Mrs. | 825 May. |
| Ennis, W. P. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Ennis, W. P. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Eno, Edward, | (Membership Removed.) |
| Ewing, H. J. Mrs. | 521 Main. |
| Ewing, J. A. Mrs. | 41 West Beaver. |
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| Felch, C. S. | 935 Oak. |
| Felch, C. S. Mrs. | 935 Oak. |
| Felch, Helen, | 935 Oak. |
| Felch, Katherine, | 935 Oak. |
| Fender, Ora Mae Miss | 1641 Laura. |
| Fender, Robert B. | 1641 Laura. |
| Fielding, T. B. | 1320 East Monroe. |
| Fields, Maud Miss | 531 West Adams. |
| Fields, S. E. Mrs. | 531 West Adams. |
| Finn, Herman Mrs. | 1590 Main. |
| Flake, Charles | 518 Phelps. |
| Flynn, C. L. | 33 West Adams. |
| Flynn, C. L. Mrs. | 33 West Adams. |
| Flynn, D. M. | 130 West Monroe. |
| Ford, S. J. Mrs. | 103 East Sixth. |
| Ford, W. W. | Lenox Hotel. |
| Foster, J. W. | 1203 East Beaver. |
| Foster, J. W. Mrs. | 1203 East Beaver. |
| Fountain, J. F. | Milltown, Ga. |
| Fowler, Giles Mrs. | 1524 Silver. |
| Freeland, C. H. Mrs. | 1210 West Monroe. |
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| Gandy, F. D. Mrs. | 20 Stonewall. |
| Gaskins, George Mrs. | 414 Market. |
| Gay, J. H. | 813 Laura. |
| Gay, J. H. Mrs. | 813 Laura. |
| Gay, Marion, | 813 Laura. |
| Geiger, A. A. Mrs. | 315 Franklin. |
| Geiger, Ella V. Miss | 1475 Spearing. |
| Gerald, J. B. | 33 West Seventh. |
| Gerald, J. B. Mrs. | 33 West Seventh. |
| Gerow, Willis Mrs. | 833 May. |
| Giddens, S. B. Mrs. | 1804 Main. |
| Glover, W. B. Mrs. | 1510 Laura. |
| Golden, G. P. | 131 West Bay. |
| Gooding, J. W. | Fisher and Wilson. |
| Gooding, J. W. Mrs. | Fisher and Wilson. |
| Goodwin, L. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Green, H. P. Mrs. | 1749 Oak. |
| Green, W. F. | Grover and Blue Avenue. |

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| Green, W. F. Mrs. | Grover and Blue Avenue. |
| Greer, L. A. Mrs. | 33 West Seventh. |
| Griffis, D. B. Mrs. | Bayard, Fla. |
| Guthrie, R. D. | 440 West Duval. |
| Guthrie, R. D. Mrs. | 440 West Duval. |
| Haddock, Freddie, | (Membership Removed.) |
| Haddock, W. H. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Hagood, F. J. | 414 Market. |
| Hagood, F. J. Mrs. | 414 Market. |
| Hagood, Gideon, | 413 West Adams. |
| Hagood, J. H. | 413 West Adams. |
| Hagood, J. H. Mrs. | 413 West Adams. |
| Hagood, J. H. Jr. | 413 West Adams. |
| Hagood, Kathleen, | 413 West Adams. |
| Hagood, Malcomb, | 413 West Adams. |
| Hagood, Wilbur, | 413 West Adams. |
| Hall, B. S. | New York City. |
| Hall, B. S. Mrs. | New York City. |
| Hall, Helen Miss | 130 West Monroe. |
| Hall, Martha Miss | 1802 East Duval. |
| Hamil, J. E. Mrs. | 215 East Duval. |
| Handley, Nancy Miss | 146 East First. |
| Hardiman, Mattie, | 1210 East Adams. |
| Hargraves, C. H. | 1825 Laura. |
| Hargraves, C. H. Mrs. | 1825 Laura. |
| Harper, C. A. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Harris, C. G. | 222 West Ashley. |
| Harris, C. G. Mrs. | 222 West Ashley. |
| Hart, B. | 777 Lemon. |
| Hart, B. Mrs. | 777 Lemon. |
| Hartwick, Beatrix, Miss | 222 West Adams. |
| Hawes, B. E. | 1017 West Monroe. |
| Hawes, B. E. Mrs. | 1017 West Monroe. |
| Hawk, W. S. Mrs. | 1923 Hubbard. |
| Hay, A. G. Miss | 325 West Duval. |
| Hay, E. G. Miss | 325 West Duval. |
| Hay, J. Q. Mrs. | 1423 West Church. |
| Hay, Mollie Miss | 325 West Duval. |
| Hayman, Leland T. | 417 Roselle. |
| Hicks, E. D. Mrs. | 46 West Union. |
| Hill, George. | 183 Cherry Avenue. |
| Hill, Inez S. Mrs. | 408 West Ashley. |
| Hill, M. Mrs. | 183 Cherry Avenue. |
| Hinson, R. J. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Hinson, R. J. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Hoagland, A. P. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Hobgood, B. F. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Hobgood, B. F. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |

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| Hobson, W. A., Pastor, | 125 West Church. |
| Hobson, W. A. Mrs. | 125 West Church. |
| Hodges, Ida Mrs. | 1599 Smith. |
| Hodges, J. W. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Hollomon, J. A. | 1414 Hubbard. |
| Holmes, Frank Mrs. | 2006 Silver. |
| Holmes, J. Mrs. | 35 West Eighth. |
| Holmes, Jessie Miss | 35 West Eighth. |
| Horn, J. D. | 37 West Seventh. |
| Horn, J. D. Mrs. | 37 West Seventh. |
| Horne, C. D. Mrs. | 129 East Fourth. |
| Horton, W. D. Jr. | S. B. Hubbard Co. |
| Houston, W. B. | 411 East Duval. |
| Houston, W. B. Mrs. | 411 East Duval. |
| Howard, F. L. | Jensen, Fla. |
| Howard, T. B. | 1326 East Adams. |
| Howard, T. B. Mrs. | 1326 East Adams. |
| Howard, T. M. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Howard, T. M. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Hudson, C. C. | Main and Tenth. |
| Hudson, C. C. Mrs. | Main and Tenth. |
| Hughes, Effie | Eleventh and Silver. |
| Hughes, G. D. | Eleventh and Silver. |
| Hughes, G. D. Mrs. | Eleventh and Silver. |
| Humphreys, Grace Miss | 919 Laura. |
| Hunt Kate Miss | 525 West Monroe. |
| Hunt, Theron, | Myrtle and Enterprise. |
| Hunter, B. O. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Hunter, G. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Hyde, Elizabeth J. Mrs. | 769 May. |
| Ingraham, C. J. | |
| Jamison, Lizzie Mrs. | 623 Myrtle. |
| Jenkins, Claude Mrs. | 501 West Monroe. |
| Jennings, Hazel, | North Springfield. |
| Jessup, Ralph, | (Membership Removed.) |
| Johnson, C. A. Mrs. | 153 West Eighth. |
| Johnson, Edith, | 108 Copeland. |
| Johnson, F. G. | 121 West Fourth. |
| Johnson, F. G. Mrs. | 121 West Fourth. |
| Johnson, F. L. | 121 West Fourth. |
| Johnson, F. L. Mrs. | 121 West Fourth. |
| Johnson, J. E. | 108 Copeland. |
| Johnson, J. E. Mrs. | 108 Copeland. |
| Johnson, Leslie, | 108 Copeland. |
| Johnson, Lindsay Dr. | 221 Laura. |
| Johnson, O. S. | 1419 Walnut. |
| Johnson, T. H. | 1603 Walnut. |

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| Johnson, W. H. | 39 East First. |
| Jones, Kate Miss | 217 West Union. |
| Jones, R. L. | 1564 Ionia. |
| Jones, R. L. Mrs. | 1564 Ionia. |
| Jones, W. G. | 423 Main. |
| Jones, W. G. Mrs. | 423 Main. |
| Jordan, W. S. | 1224 Hubbard. |
| Jordan, W. S. Mrs. | 1224 Hubbard. |
| Joyner, Claude Mrs. | 402 West Ashley. |
| Keith, C. E. Mrs. | 329 Riverside. |
| Kelley, A. T. Mrs. | 39 East First. |
| Kellog, Alice, | (Membership Removed.) |
| Kellogg, Ruth, | (Membership Removed.) |
| Kennedy, J. C. | 423 Main. |
| Kennedy, J. C. Mrs. | 1536 Silver. |
| Kennedy, L. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Kilpatrick, J. M. | 429 West Duval. |
| Kilpatrick, J. M. Mrs. | 429 West Duval. |
| King, Malinda Miss | Non-resident. |
| King, W. G. | (Membership Removed.) |
| King, W. G. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Kingsland, B. L. Mrs. | Non-resident. |
| Knight, C. A. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Knight, C. A. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Knight, J. L. | Dewey, Fla. |
| LaMance, R. E. | 1460 Laura. |
| LaMance, R. E. Mrs. | 1460 Laura. |
| Lampkin, G. B. Mrs. | City. |
| Lanier, M. A. | 18 West Beaver. |
| Lanier, M. A. Mrs. | 18 West Beaver. |
| Lanier, J. C. | 208 West Bay. |
| Larsen, Martha Mrs. | 521 Main. |
| LaRue, Lena B. Mrs. | 112 Julia. |
| Lasseter, James | 212 East Duval. |
| Lauderback, D. R. | 125 West Church. |
| Laughlin, Blanche Miss | 1478 Spearing. |
| Laughlin, Lulu Miss | 1478 Spearing. |
| Lavender, L. G. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| LeBourveau, A. Mrs. | 334 Winter. |
| Lightfoot, C. | 528 West Church. |
| Lightfoot, C. Mrs. | 528 West Church. |
| Limbough, R. W. Mrs. | 712 Riverside. |
| Linton, W. S. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Loftin, Adelle Miss | 825 East Ashley. |
| Loftin, Floyd, | 825 East Ashley. |
| Loftin, Floyd Mrs. | (Deceased.) |
| Loftin, Ruby Miss | 825 East Ashley. |

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| Loftin, Samuel, | 825 East Ashley. |
| Lovell, Walter, | (Membership Removed.) |
| Lubin, Edward, | Fisher and Wilson. |
| Lubin, Fred, | Fisher and Wilson. |
| Lubin, Fred Mrs. | Fisher and Wilson. |
| Lundquist, Harry, | 133 East Eleventh. |
| Lyman, Walter I. | 96 Cherry. |
| Lyman, Walter I. Mrs. | 96 Cherry. |
| Lynch, C. M. Mrs. | 225 Washington. |
| Lytle, James L. Mrs. | 730 Park. |
| Mahoney, Lee H. Miss | (Membership Removed.) |
| Mann, H. T. | 519 Riverside. |
| Mann, H. T. Mrs. | 519 Riverside. |
| Mann, Roxy Miss | Wauchula, Fla. |
| Marjenhoff, F. D. Mrs. | 101 Jackson. |
| Martin, A. C. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Martin, J. H. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Martin, J. H. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Martin, J. M. Jr. Mrs. | 510 West Duval. |
| Martin, Willie Miss | 510 West Duval. |
| Martz, J. C. | 708 West Adams. |
| Martz, J. C. Mrs. | 708 West Adams. |
| Mathews, W. E. | 435 West Monroe. |
| Mattair, M. A. Mrs. | Victoria Hotel. |
| Maxey, L. J. Mrs. | 1590 Main. |
| Maxey, H. R. Mrs. | 1545 Laura. |
| Maxwell, Leila Miss | 1313 East Duval. |
| May, R. L. Dr. | 17 West Beaver. |
| Melson, J. D. | 1600 Silver. |
| Melson, S. J. | 1600 Silver. |
| Melson, S. J. Mrs. | 1600 Silver. |
| Merchant, J. R. Mrs. | Gainesville, Fla. |
| Middlemas, J. P. Mrs. | 923 May. |
| Mills, J. B. Mrs. | Copeland and Park. |
| Mitchell, A. J. Mrs. | 427 East Adams. |
| Mitchell, G. W. Mrs. | 222 Cedar. |
| Mitchell, Lucile, | 222 Cedar. |
| Mixson, Leonora Miss | 21 East Duval. |
| Monroe, Willie J. Miss | Manchester, N. C. |
| Mooney, A. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Moore, L. | 432 East Duval. |
| Moore, L. Mrs. | 432 East Duval. |
| Moore, R. G. Mrs. | 1963 Oak. |
| Morgan, J. P. | Daytona, Fla. |
| Morgan, J. P. Mrs. | Daytona, Fla. |
| Morgan, Laura Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Morin, George E. | 121 West Fourth. |
| Morin, George E. Mrs. | 121 West Fourth. |

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| Moring, J. W. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Morris, Bessie Mrs. | 422 LaFayette. |
| Moss, W. S. Mrs. | 1316 West Adams. |
| Myers, J. L. Mrs. | 127 East Seventh. |
| Myrick, Nellie Miss | 805 May. |
| McClellan, Robert Rev. | (Deceased.) |
| McEachern, J. D. | 433 East Second. |
| McEachern, J. D. Mrs. | 433 East Second. |
| McEachern, J. L. | 433 East Second. |
| McCall, H. J. | 235 East Monroe. |
| McCall, Susie Miss | 235 East Monroe. |
| McCallum, H. B. Mrs. | 104 East Fifth. |
| McCallum, H. J. | Alachua, Fla. |
| McCallum, H. J. Mrs. | Alachua, Fla. |
| McCallum, Maynie Miss | 104 East Fifth. |
| McDavid, Albert | Abbeville, S. C. |
| McDavid, Rudolph | 218 West Ashley. |
| McKay, Alma Mrs. | 1210 West Monroe. |
| McKay, Florrie Miss | 910 Hogan. |
| McKay, F. J. Mrs. | 910 Hogan. |
| McKay, Helen | 910 Hogan. |
| McKay, Irene | 910 Hogan. |
| McKeever, S. C. | 1543 Silver. |
| McKeever, S. C. Mrs. | 1543 Silver. |
| McKinlay, J. D. | Postoffice Box 476. |
| McKinlay, J. D. Mrs. | Postoffice Box 476. |
| McKinlay, John R. | Postoffice Box 476. |
| McKinlay, John R. Mrs. | Postoffice Box 476. |
| McKinlay, Lula Miss | Postoffice Box 476. |
| McKinlay, Susie Miss | Postoffice Box 476. |
| McLean, Minnie Miss | 124 East Second. |
| McMillan, D. H. | 124 East Second. |
| McMillan, D. H. Mrs. | 124 East Second. |
| McMillan, Lula Miss | 146 East Fourth. |
| McMillan, M. Mrs. | 146 East Fourth. |
| McMillan, Mae Miss | 146 East Fourth. |
| McMillan, Robert | 124 East Second. |
| McNelly, J. C. | (Membership Removed.) |
| McVeigh, D. E. | 1510 Myrtle Avenue. |
| McVeigh, D. E. Mrs. | 1510 Myrtle Avenue. |
| McVeigh, Rosa Lee Miss | 1510 Myrtle Avenue. |
| McVeigh, Willie Belle Miss | 1510 Myrtle Avenue. |
| Neal, E. Leon | Bartow, Fla. |
| Neal, Harry B. | Waycross, Ga. |
| Neil, Elenor | 1516 Ionia. |
| Neil, Mary | 1516 Ionia. |
| Newenkamp, L. J. J. Mrs. | 27 West Duval. |
| Newsome, J. A. | (Membership Removed.) |

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| O'Kelley, E. J. | 36 West Sixth. |
| O'Kelley, E. J. Mrs. | 36 West Sixth. |
| O'Neal, M. G. Mrs. | 228 Hogan. |
| O'Quinn, Ernest Miss | (Membership Removed.) |
| O'Quinn, Ruby Miss | White Springs, Fla. |
| Osteen, J. W. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Osteen, J. W. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Pace, J. H. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Painter, E. O. | 1445 Hubbard. |
| Painter, E. O. Mrs. | 1445 Hubbard. |
| Painter, Okle Miss | 1445 Hubbard. |
| Palmer, J. E. | Macon, Ga. |
| Parramore, F. S. Mrs. | 1224 Hubbard. |
| Parsons, A. Mrs. | Mayport, Fla. |
| Pate, O. W. Mrs. | 336 West Monroe. |
| Patten, C. A. | 1101 East Church. |
| Patten, F. E. | 1101 East Church. |
| Patten, T. | 816 East Ashley. |
| Patten, T. Mrs. | 816 East Ashley. |
| Patterson, J. W. Mrs. | Atlanta, Ga. |
| Paxon, E. H. Mrs. | 1934 Laura. |
| Paxon, Harry Mrs. | 1643 Boulevard. |
| Paxon, Ruth, Mrs. | 1625 Main. |
| Paxton, Charles, Mrs. | 1526 Main. |
| Peacock, Z. H. | 923 Laura. |
| Peacock, Z. H. Mrs. | 923 Laura. |
| Peeler, Alice Mrs. | 245 Parker. |
| Peeler, J. M. Mrs. | 714 West Monroe. |
| Peoples, J. J. | 226 Cedar. |
| Pepper, Lottie Miss | 520 West Monroe. |
| Perkins, C. W. Mrs. | 1444 Market. |
| Perkins, G. A. Mrs. | 19 West Duval. |
| Permenter, Belle Miss | Quincy, Fla. |
| Perry, Arthur Mrs. | Riverside and Lomax. |
| Perry, T. A. Mrs. | Lake Butler, Fla. |
| Phillips, J. H. | R. F. D. No. 2. |
| Phillips, J. H. Mrs. | R. F. D. No. 2. |
| Pierce, C. H. | 419 West Monroe. |
| Pittman, J. H. Mrs. | 106 West Adams. |
| Pitts, F. G. Mrs. | 315 West Duval. |
| Polk, Alice Mrs. | 222 West Adams. |
| Pomeroy, E. F. | 411 West Ashley. |
| Pomeroy, E. F. Mrs. | 411 West Ashley. |
| Poole, A. C. | 211 West Adams. |
| Poole, A. C. Mrs. | 211 West Adams. |
| Pope, Frank Mrs. | 1437 Boulevard. |
| Powell, B. R. | DeLand, Fla. |
| Powell, B. R. Mrs. | DeLand, Fla. |

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| Powell, Jessie Miss | 130 West Monroe. |
| Powell, Petrona Miss | 130 West Monroe. |
| Powell, Rosa Miss | 130 West Monroe. |
| Powell, W. C. | 130 West Monroe. |
| Powell, W. C. Mrs. | (Deceased.) |
| Prewitte, Julian Mrs. | 55 East Third. |
| Pringle, Sarah Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Putnam, Andrew | (Membership Removed.) |
| Putnam, A. V. | 1237 West Adams. |
| Putnam, A. V. Mrs. | 1237 West Adams. |
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| Raleigh, Sallie Miss | 1532 Walnut. |
| Raulerson, Lizzie, Miss | 222 Clay. |
| Ray, L. J. Mrs. | Live Oak, Fla. |
| Register, M. E. Mrs. | Non-resident. |
| Reid, Franklin | South Jacksonville. |
| Reid, Franklin Mrs | South Jacksonville. |
| Reid, Gussie | South Jacksonville. |
| Richardson, Sallie Mrs. | 14 Stonewall. |
| Rioux, H. E. Mrs. | Traveler's Hotel. |
| Roach, I. Mrs. | 117 West Church. |
| Roberts, Christine | 920 King's Road. |
| Roberts, L. L. | 47 East Sixth. |
| Roberts, L. L. Mrs. | 47 East Sixth. |
| Robertson, A. M. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Roff, F. J. Mrs. | 1225 Riverside. |
| Rolfe, Helen Miss | 2024 Laura. |
| Romero, Juanita Miss | Baltimore, Md. |
| Rosenbaum, Margaret Miss | 36 West Sixth. |
| Ross, Adelle Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Ross, Charles | (Membership Removed.) |
| Ross, W. E. Mrs. | 1835 Laura. |
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| Sabiston, J. I. Mrs. | 344 West Ashley. |
| Salfelder, F. L. Mrs. | 222 Clay. |
| Saunders, H. W. | 222 West Adams. |
| Savage, M. C. Mrs. | 408 West Ashley. |
| Schleicher, H. W. Mrs. | (Deceased.) |
| Scott, E. B. | 1935 Hubbard. |
| Seruggs, S. M. | South Jacksonville. |
| Seull, B. F. Mrs. | West Riverside. |
| Sellers, M. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Sewell, G. P. Mrs. | 215 Newnan. |
| Siler, Rena, | (Membership Removed.) |
| Siler, S. D. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Skipper, I. H. | Benedict, Pollak & Co. |
| Smith, B. F. | 1216½ West Monroe. |
| Smith, Evaline | King's Road and Myrtle. |
| Smith, Lizzie Miss | 1216½ West Monroe. |

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| Smith, L. S. Mrs. | 511 West Monroe. |
| Smith, M. C. Mrs. | 1216½ West Monroe. |
| Smith, Nellie Miss | King's Road and Myrtle. |
| Smith, W. E. | 2139 Main. |
| Smith, W. E. Mrs. | 2139 Main. |
| Smith, W. P. | 522 Hogan. |
| Somers, Eunice Miss | 514 LaFayette. |
| Sparkman, Mamie Mrs. | 501 West Monroe. |
| Speer, C. A. | 760 West Duval. |
| Stein, L. | 121 Florida Avenue. |
| Stevens, John M. | Hogan and Forsyth. |
| Stevens, Walker B. | 418 West Duval. |
| Stone, H. G. Mrs. | 1446 Market. |
| Story, F. D. | 128 East First. |
| Story, F. D. Mrs. | 128 East First. |
| Stowe, W. A. | (Deceased.) |
| Straton, C. E. | 43 West Ashley. |
| Straton, C. E. Mrs. | 43 West Ashley. |
| Strawn, H. C. Mrs. | Riverside and Lomax. |
| Streety, Julia Miss | (Membership Removed.) |
| Stringer, Sibel Mrs. | 1650 Market. |
| Stubbs, B. P. | 834 East Church. |
| Stubbs, Leila Ray | 834 East Church. |
| Sugg, B. B. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Sumner, Charles P. | 504 Riverside. |
| | (Membership Removed.) |
| Taurman, Eva S. Miss | 122 West Beaver. |
| Taylor, C. D. | 122 West Beaver. |
| Taylor, C. D. Mrs. | 215 West Adams. |
| Taylor, J. M. | 103 East Sixth. |
| Terry, E. A. Mrs. | 1164 Highway. |
| Terry, A. L. Mrs. | 521 East Forsyth. |
| Thomas, Ashton, Miss | 909 Laura. |
| Thomas, E. T. | 909 Laura. |
| Thomas, Ethel, Miss, | 909 Laura. |
| Thomas, Hudson | 1526 Main. |
| Thomas, J. Mrs. | 909 Laura. |
| Thomas, M. F. Mrs. | 909 Laura. |
| Thomas, Samuel. | 909 Laura. |
| Thomas, Willie Miss | 33 West Duval. |
| Thompson, A. G. | 33 West Duval. |
| Thompson, A. G. Mrs. | 218 East Church. |
| Thompson, A. L. | 218 East Church. |
| Thompson, A. L. Mrs. | 602 West Adams. |
| Thompson, T. C., Dr. | Myrtle and Enterprise. |
| Thrasher, C. Mrs. | City. |
| Thrasher, D. B. | 37 West Adams. |
| Till, Florence Woodward | 37 West Adams. |
| Till, Jessie Frieda | |

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| Till, W. S. | 37 West Adams. |
| Till, W. S. Mrs. | 37 West Adams. |
| Townsend, G. H., Rev. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Townsend, G. H. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Townsend, Willie | (Membership Removed.) |
| Trowbridge, L. V. | 565 Winter Place. |
| Trowbridge, L. V. Mrs. | 565 Winter Place. |
| Truslow, A. R. Mrs. | 225 East Second. |
| Tucker, M. H. Mrs. | 1536 Silver. |
| Turnage, O. D. | 1944 Main. |
| Turner, R. B. | 339 West Adams. |
| Turner, S. E. Mrs. | 805 May. |
| Turrentine, Dora Mrs. | 440 West Duval. |
| Tylee, Pearl Mrs. | 127 East Seventh. |
| Underwood, Ethel Miss | 15 East Sixth. |
| Upchurch, D. D. | 130 West Monroe. |
| Upchurch, D. D. Mrs. | 130 West Monroe. |
| Upchurch, W. G. Mrs. | 404 East Fifth. |
| Utley, George B. | 740 Park. |
| Vinzant, Theresa, | (Membership Removed.) |
| Wade, T. F. Mrs. | 312½ Newnan. |
| Wagstaff, W. S. Mrs. | 124 Florida Avenue. |
| Walton, Eula Miss | 1106 Talleyrand Avenue. |
| Walton, Margaret Mrs. | 1106 Talleyrand Avenue. |
| Wamboldt, N. C. | Talleyrand Avenue. |
| Wamboldt, N. C. Mrs. | Talleyrand Avenue. |
| Warner, F. A. | |
| Watson, J. H. | Lake City, Fla. |
| Watson, J. H. Mrs. | Lake City, Fla. |
| Weeks, J. S. | 1629 Ionia. |
| Weeks, J. S. Mrs. | 1629 Ionia. |
| Weeks, Mary F. Mrs. | 535 East Second. |
| Weeks, May Miss | Non-resident. |
| Werden, L. E. Mrs. | Lenox Hotel. |
| Werden, Raymond | Lenox Hotel. |
| Weston, M. Miss | 130 Riverside. |
| Wheeler, A. | 703 May. |
| Wheyland, Frank Mrs. | 414 East Third. |
| Whitaker, Hattie Miss | 305 West Church. |
| White, Edith L. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Wiley, F. G. Mrs. | 222 East Sixth. |
| Williams, A. D. Dr. | 209 West Ashley. |
| Williams, A. D. Mrs. | 209 West Ashley. |
| Williams, Bessie Miss | 209 West Ashley. |
| Williams, D. P. | 827 East Church. |
| Williams, D. P. Mrs. | 827 East Church. |
| Williams, D. R. | 322 East Church. |

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| Williams, D. R. Mrs. | 322 East Church. |
| Williams, Essie, Miss | 209 West Ashley. |
| Williams, F. T. | 209 West Ashley. |
| Williams, George Percy | 322 East Church. |
| Williams, George Percy Mrs. | 322 East Church. |
| Williams, S. F. | 222 Riverside. |
| Wilson, J. D. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Wingate, L. H. | 501 West Adams. |
| Winney, J. F. | 1717 Hill. |
| Winters, H. S. | 2024 Laura. |
| Winters, H. S. Mrs. | 2024 Laura. |
| Wood, Harry | (Membership Removed.) |
| Wood, Mable Miss | 133 Phelps. |
| Woodham, B. Mrs. | Atlanta, Ga. |
| Woodward, T. L. Mrs. | 221 East Second. |
| Wooten, L. B. | 1901 Main. |
| Wynn, Mellie Miss | 20 Russell. |
| | (Membership Removed.) |
| Yale, Ruth | 1326 Market. |
| Yewell, Lucy E. Mrs. | 1326 Market. |
| Yewell, Sallie Miss | (Membership Removed.) |
| Youmans, B. B. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Youmans, B. B. Mrs. | (Membership Removed.) |
| Youmans, Julian | (Membership Removed.) |
| Youmans, Winifred | (Membership Removed.) |
| Youngblood, J. M. Mrs. | Non-resident. |
| | (Membership Removed.) |
| Zoller, P. J. Mrs. | |

HISTORICAL

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Jacksonville, Florida, was established in July, 1838, under the name of Bethel Baptist Church. There were six charter members—Rev. Joseph McDonald and wife; Elias G. Jaudon and wife, and two colored persons, Peggy and Baccus, slaves of Mr. Jaudon. The church was organized by Rev. Ryan Frier, State Missionary. Rev. Joseph McDonald was elected pastor and Elias G. Jaudon deacon. The first meeting place was the government block house, which stood near the County Court House. In 1840 the Church purchased the lot on which the McTyeire Memorial Church now stands. Five years later this property was sold to the Methodists, and the Baptists removed to LaVilla, where they remained for about five years, when it was thought best to secure a more central location. Deacon Jaudon purchased a lot on Church Street, between Hogan and Julia and gave it to the Church, upon which a meeting house was erected, and the congregation entered the new building in the spring of 1861. During the Civil War the church was used as a hospital by the Federal troops, and left greatly damaged.

At the close of the war, an effort was made to separate white and colored members, but the colored members being in a majority, refused to give possession to the whites. A satisfactory agreement was reached in 1868, and the negroes went to themselves. The name of the Church was now changed to Tabernacle Baptist Church.

In 1892 the Church sold its property to Mr. J. R. Parrott, and purchased the lot which we now occupy. The name was changed to First Baptist Church. An effort was made to erect a new Church, but the congregation, not being financially able to complete the building, worshipped in the Sunday School lecture room of the proposed edifice until it was burned down in the great conflagration of 1901.

The fire was a crisis in the history of the Church, and the whole city as well. The burned chapel lay in the midst of the ruins of a once beautiful and prosperous city. It occupied a position well nigh the center of the burned district, which covered an area of one hundred and forty-four blocks. Before the fire had died out the Pastor called the officers of the Church together at the Benson House on Adams Street, and suggested that he be

allowed a leave of absence in which to solicit help in the erection of a new church edifice. That was a terrible and trying hour. In the darkness without, the city lay a smouldering heap of ashes. The homes and business houses of thousands of the people were in ruins. It was a scene of desolation without, but within, where the church was in prayer and tears, the light of hope began to shine. It was unanimously agreed that the Pastor be given indefinite leave of absence, and he left the day following for the Southern Baptist Convention, which was in session in the city of New Orleans. At the Convention he was given a most sympathetic hearing, and a collection was taken in cash and subscriptions to the amount of \$4,000.00. Dr. Hobson went from New Orleans to Springfield, Mass., where he made a plea before the Northern Anniversaries, and succeeded in enlisting the help of our brethren in the North. From there he went to the New York and Brooklyn Associations, the New York Baptist State Convention, and after pressing the canvass in many cities, he closed his work in Washington, D. C., and returned to Jacksonville the 1st of January, 1902, having succeeded in raising \$16,000.00, a sum sufficient to enable the congregation by liberal local contributions, to erect the magnificent stone structure in which they now worship, an achievement of which all are justly proud and humbly grateful. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

The building committee, under whose direction the new Church was erected, consisted of the Pastor, W. A. Hobson, chairman; H. J. McCallum, secretary; C. W. Bartleson, George E. Chase and B. S. Catlett. The church was designed by the Pastor and erected under his personal supervision. Work on the pastorium was begun in May of 1902, and in October of the same year, the pastor and his family moved into the new home. The pastorium cost \$5,000.00, and the church \$50,000.00, approximately. The pipe organ and the church furniture cost about \$10,000.00.

The cornerstone of the new building was laid on Monday, February 2, 1903, with appropriate ceremonies. Those taking part were Pastor W. A. Hobson, Dr. A. J. S. Thomas, of Greenville, S. C., President John F. Forbes, of Stetson University and Mayor D. U. Fletcher, of Jacksonville. The first service held in the new auditorium was on February 14, 1904. This was a red-letter day for the Baptists of Jacksonville. Immense audiences were present at both the morning and evening services. The occasion was inspiring. The services were conducted by the Pastor, assisted by Dr. B. D. Gray, Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and Dr. Kerr Boyce Tupper, of Philadelphia. Dr. Gray delivered a masterful address on Home Missions in the South at eleven o'clock, and Dr. Tupper preached a great sermon at night on "The Philanthropic Christ."

SERMON BY PASTOR HOBSON.

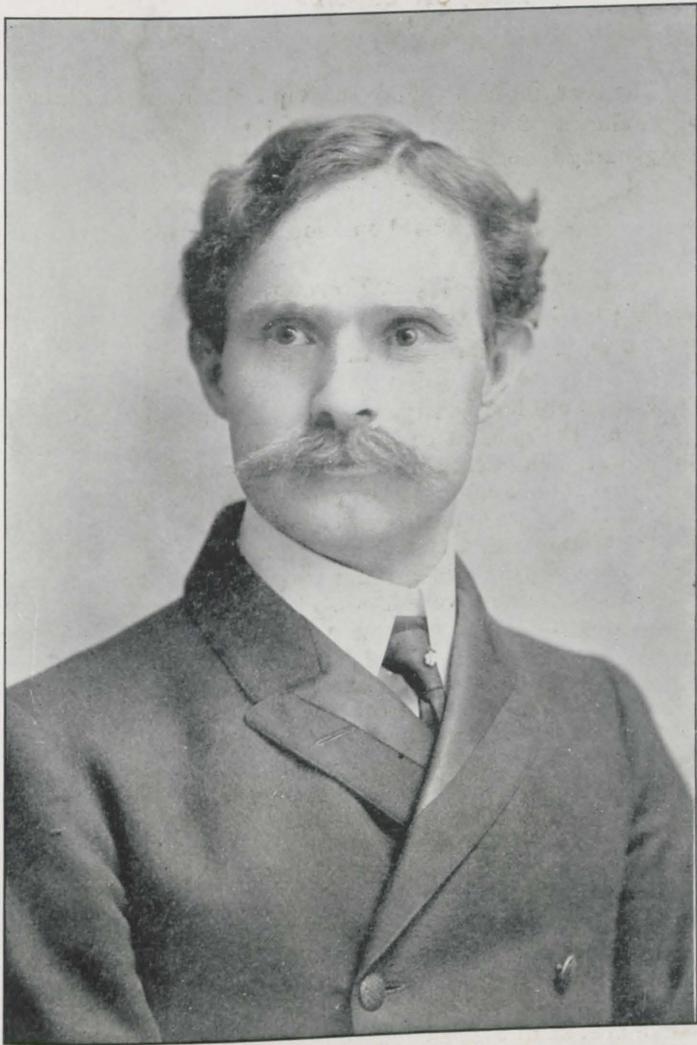
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The Stone Laid in Zion for a Foundation.

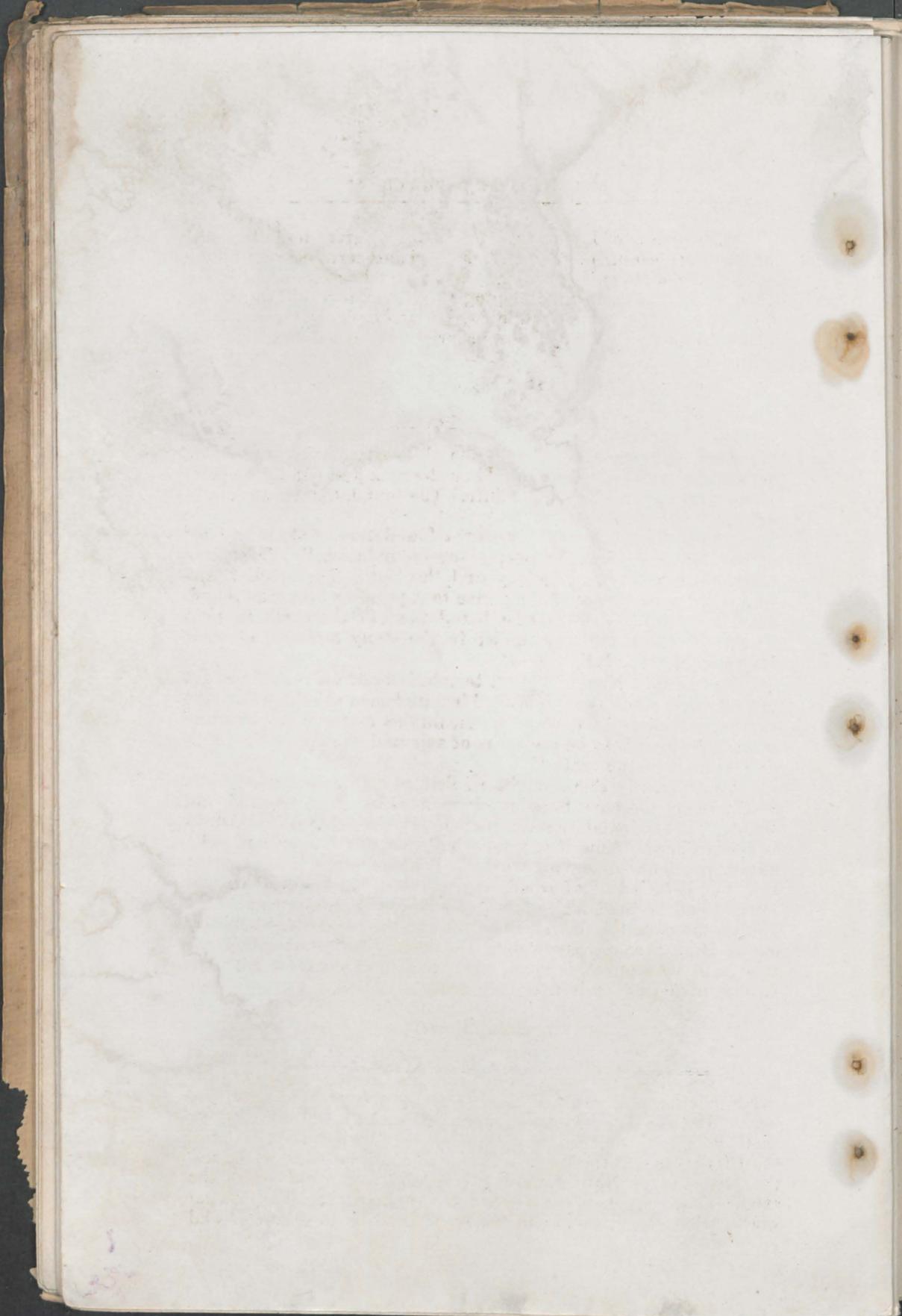
Text—Isaiah 28:16: "Therefore, thus saith the Lord God, behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation."

Stones are frequently mentioned in the Bible. Job speaks of laying up the gold of Ophir as the stones of the brooks. Small stones were convenient missiles for the hand or for use in a sling, and were sometimes used as projectiles by engines of war. A heap of stones was sometimes raised over the bodies of the dead as a protection and a memorial. Stones were also used for grinding at the mill, for well-curbings and coverings, and for sepulchres. Certain huge stones were used as landmarks, religious memorials, or in commemoration of some great event. Samuel erected such a stone between Mizpah and Shen, which he called Ebenezer, or stone of help, saying, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us," in memory of his victory over the Philistines. Joshua required stones to be taken from the bed of the Jordan as the people passed across the river and had them put in a heap at Gilgal in the eastern border of Jericho, as a memorial of God's deliverance of his people. "And Joshua spake unto the children of Israel saying When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones? Then shall ye say, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land."

The most important use of stone was in buildings and the city walls. Frequent reference is made to the stones of the Temple. The foundation of the Temple consisted of great costly hewn stones, and the superstructure was also of stone. In the text Isaiah speaks of a tried foundation stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation laid in Zion. The stone which the builders refused, says the Psalmist, is become the head of the corner, and Jesus applies this passage to Himself in the parable of the husbandmen and their treatment of the son of the householder. Reference is also made to the same passage by Peter in Acts, 4th chapter, and in his First Epistle Peter applies our text to Christ, and speaks of believers as "living stones, chosen of God, and precious."



W. A. HOBSON,
Pastor First Baptist Church



The custom of laying the cornerstone of great buildings with appropriate ceremonies, and of emphasizing certain great truths, of which the stone is a fitting symbol, has the sanction of Scripture, as well as custom. In laying the cornerstone in the foundation of our new church building, let us emphasize some of the many lessons which may be appropriately learned from such an occasion.

Stone is a symbol of stability and power.

Sustaining Power.

Our first lesson is drawn from the sustaining or upholding power of stone. We should build on the rock and not on the sand, if we wish our structure to endure. The foundation means everything to the building.

"Therefore, I lay in zion for a foundation, a stone, a tried stone, a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation." There is a close kinship between geology and theology. The solidity, stability and permanence of stone give to it peculiar fitness as foundation material. God laid the foundations of the earth in solid rock, and the mountains rejoice in the stony strength of their impregnable foundation.

Seeing that Nature's great temple is built on rock, it is not strange that God-loving and God-inspired men should follow the divine method and cut from the mountains material for building a temple which is to be the home of spiritual worship, "the pillar and ground of the truth."

Paul gives to this thought a spiritual application and points to Christ as the sure foundation upon which every man should build. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build on this foundation, gold, silver, precious stones, his work shall abide when it is tried by fire, but if he build of wood, hay, stubble, his building will be burned and he shall suffer loss." Jesus closes the sermon on the mount, the mountain on which he sat and the great stone boulders about Him, perhaps, suggesting the image, by commending the wise man who built his house upon a rock in contrast with the foolish man who built upon the sand.

Resisting Power.

The earth is supported and its parts are held together by its stony structure. Its rocky ridgeways, like great chains, hold the earth together and give to it solidity and power to resist wind and wave. But for its backbone of stone and rocky mountain-ribs, the earth would be reduced to a common level, without the Andes, the Himilayas and the Rockies the earth could no more withstand the elements of Nature than a boneless man could resist the attack of a relentless foe. What the rocks are to the physical world, what the bones are to the body, truth is to character and

civilization. Christianity has centrifugal as well as centripetal power. The Church should be as stone against wrong, and sunshine toward righteousness. Religion, pure and undefiled, blends beauty with strength, and when she loses her power, her beauty soon fades away. It was not long after Sampson lost his locks until his eyes were plucked out. We hear a good deal these days about muscular Christianity, aggressive Christianity, etc., and there is something in what we hear. Not that the Church is to rise up in arms of steel against a world of sin, not that muscular Christianity means physical force, but that the Church should have a robust, vigorous, aggressive life against evil in all forms. The Church of the twentieth century should fight with the same invincibility and the same weapons as did the Church of the first century.

The Church is not a weak institution, unless it chooses to be so. Its founders were not feeble men. Its royal conquering Head possessed all power in heaven and in earth, and with the pledge of power and the promise of His presence, He sent the disciples forth to "teach all nations."

Our ascended Lord said, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." The cross is both magnetic and dynamic. It is a friend to sinners and a foe to sin. Jesus was no weakling submitting to inevitable murder. Twelve legions of angels stood encircling the Hill of Zion on that eventful night. Heaven's army in white uniform touched wings from the throne of God to the Garden of Gethsemane.

The Church that is without power is without God. The triumphant Christ has power to make the very stones cry out. Therefore, the Church should not conform to the world, but should form the world after the pattern and by the power of Christ. God pity the Church that takes its ideals and standards from the world! The Church should set her face steadfastly against sin in high places and low places; she should resist the world, the flesh and the devil as beauty resists deformity, as light resists darkness, for the Cross of Christ is a Gibraltar against which no armada of error can prevail.

Enduring Power.

We have seen how our "cornerstone" may symbolize upholding power and resisting power, let's carry the symbol on to completion and include enduring power. The difference between a stone foundation and a foundation of softer material is, that one perishes and the other endures. Did you ever hear a certain class of trembling saints speak with bated breath about decadent Christianity, the pulpit losing its power, etc. They say the Church has lost its grip on the world, and the Bible is left behind in the race with literary trash. Why, bless you! The Church never had any grip on the world; its grip is on God! The world is en-

mity against God, and was never subject to His law. The Bible was never in the race with literary trash. The Bible has always kept good company. It was the companion of Shakespeare and Milton, Bunyan and Tennyson, and all the world's literary geniuses.

"Ye fearful Saints, fresh courage take,
The clouds, ye so much dread,
Are big with mercies, and shall break
With blessings on your head."

It will be a long time before the Bible goes out of print or the world undermines the foundation of the Church. When the heavens and the earth have passed away the Word of God will abide, "for the Word of the Lord endureth forever; for the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting and his truth endureth to all generations."

Jesus did not lay the foundations of his Church on the shifting sands of time, but upon the unfailing truth of God, with the pledge of His presence and power to the end of days. We have nothing to fear from the enemy of truth. "Upon this rock will I build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The prevailing power of Christianity is strikingly set forth in the vision which Daniel saw, of a stone cut out of the mountain without hands, which smote the image of iron and clay, breaking it in pieces and becoming a great mountain which filled the whole earth.

In conclusion, let us turn our thoughts away from the stones which, after all, must perish 'mid falling stars and burning worlds, and turn to the unfailing Christ, the tried Stone, the precious Cornerstone, laid in zion for a sure foundation; away from the house that is made with hands to the Temple in which ye, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable unto God by Jesus Christ: for, "Behold I lay in zion a chief cornerstone, elect, precious; and he that believeth on him shall not be put to shame."

**ADDRESSES AT THE
LAYING CORNERSTONE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.**

The following valuable history is taken from the Florida Times-Union of February 3, 1903, and will be of interest to our members:

With appropriate ceremonies, the cornerstone of the First Baptist Church of Jacksonville was laid yesterday morning in the presence of a large concourse of people. The occasion was one of marked interest, and the exercises were carried out with great success. The fact that Governor Jennings was unable to be present was, however, a source of regret. Doctor Hobson received a telegram from the Governor stating that it would be impossible for him to attend, and expressing his regrets. The exercises were opened by a Scripture reading by the pastor, Rev. W. A. Hobson, D. D. This was followed by a prayer offered by Rev. A. J. S. Thomas, D. D., of Greenville, S. C. The choir and congregation then sang the hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord."

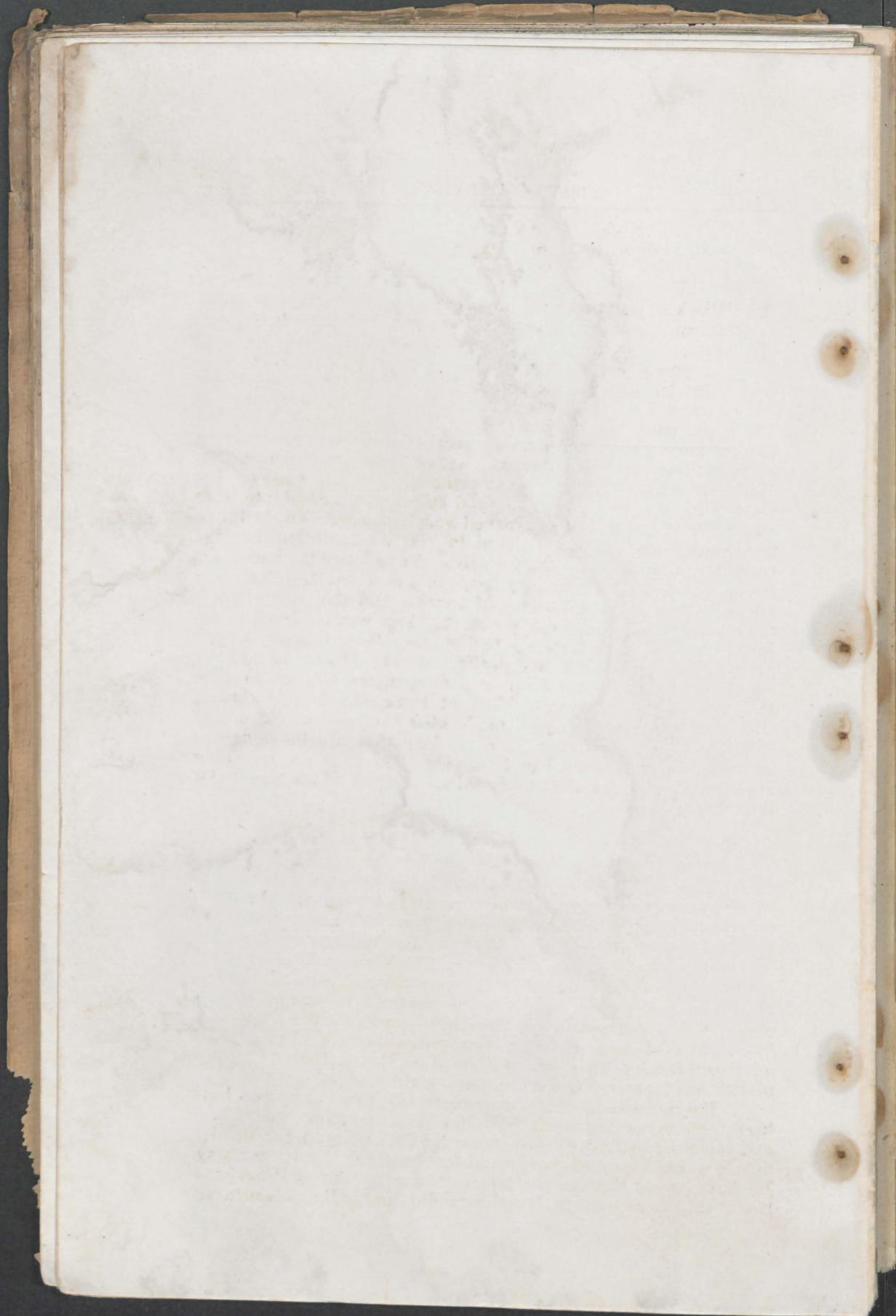
Jacksonville and Its Churches.

Mayor Fletcher delivered the following address on Jacksonville and Its Churches:

"About 1 o'clock p. m., May 3, 1901, an alarm of fire rang out, calling the department to some small buildings in the northwestern portion of the city. An unusually well-manned and equipped department had for nearly ten years successfully prevented any serious burning. With absolute confidence, established by such a record, in the men whose particular business it was to attend that alarm, the people kept quietly about their affairs, giving little heed to the small but growing smoke in the remote section. Very soon another blaze was started by the falling sparks. The previous dry weather, the hot sun, the rising wind, made favorable conditions for the rapid spreading of the flames. Particles of burning wood were taken far into the air to fall upon wooden roofs ripe for ignition, and soon there were numerous centers from which the destructive flames leaped and snapped, joining each other in high glee over their merciless destruction of property and relentless terror to the people. Wide and high the waves of flame leaped and laughed in a very riot of fury! Billows upon billows of fire! Avalanche upon avalanche of smoke and ashes rolled and swept over the fairest portion of a beautiful city, leaving desolation behind, while grim peril fled before!



PASTOR HOBSON LAYING CORNER STONE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Feb. 2d, 1903



Black Friday.

“Black Friday that sulphurous day proved to be in very truth. Ten thousand people, night came to find homeless. Four hundred and fifty acres, covered with comfortable and happy homes and commodious public buildings, including churches and schools, and convenient business houses, that midday, were stripped by night-fall of every vestige of material that heat and fire will consume. The green trees, the flowers and verdure of spring that greeted us that morning created a scene we shall not soon behold again over that territory the setting sun was to leave a smoking Sahara. With an insignificant beginning, the ruin ended only at the water's edge. Twenty-four hundred buildings vanished into 'thin air.' The very pavements groaned and blistered. Wonderful to relate, only six persons perished in that conflagration, but the treasures, more precious than jewels and fine linen, the household goods, the accumulations of years, the altars and firesides, were all consumed, as in a furnace of wrath. Did the people wring their hands and weep and lose heart? There was too much to do. From one end of the country to the other came tidings of sympathy, messages of cheer and proffers of aid. The needy must be cared for, the houseless must be sheltered, the hungry must be fed. To this work our neighbors at home, our friends abroad, and our fellowmen everywhere devoted themselves. Soon, our sufferers took new courage, and ere long the pathetic sight was witnessed of those who had been robbed of their all, searching among the ruins for the old foundations upon which to rebuild their homes.

Churches Rebuilt.

“Every church has gone back, nearly all upon the old site—better than before. The public buildings are more magnificent, more modern, better adapted. The school buildings are far superior to the ones in that track of fire. The business houses are far more costly and imposing than the ones they supplanted. In less than two years over twenty-seven hundred buildings, greatly superior to those destroyed, have been constructed in this city. The signs of disaster have practically disappeared. The city has advanced much beyond where it stood on May 2, 1901. The population has increased five thousand to eight thousand.

“The business interests have expanded; new enterprises have been undertaken among us. Capital has sought investment here and labor has found its just reward. Prosperity smiles upon a people whose hope and energy and fortitude no calamity can stay. We have passed through the flames unharmed. Surely Providence has blessed us as a whole, notwithstanding individual misfortunes.

Some Details.

“Places of worship were quickly provided, either by temporary shacks or in some other manner. The ashes were not cold before plans were being devised to restore the church buildings. Congregations took added interest in their churches. With commendable enthusiasm, a deep sincerity and the highest purposes and abounding faith, they determined to make the last estate better than the first. The Jewish Synagogue was the first permanent structure to go up. The First Christian Church manifested great zeal, and acquired a new site and soon made ready for occupancy their handsome building. The First Presbyterians have reason to be proud of their magnificent stone building of Gothic design, taking the place of the old frame. McTyeire Memorial Methodists have partly restored and remodeled their former building and greatly improved it. The Mount Zion (colored) Church, of brick and stone, is a credit to the race and the city where it prospers. The Lutheran pressed-brick and stone building is a vast improvement over the frame building it replaces. Trinity Methodist—Snyder Memorial—is assuming splendid proportions in substantial Georgia granite and Bedford Stone. The Union Congregational, of pressed brick, will be both artistic and durable. St. John’s Episcopal, of Bedford stone and terra cotta, will be superior in every respect to the very unique and commodious building which went down. The Catholics occupy a temporary structure, but are perfecting plans for a grand church, in harmony with their parochial hall and orphanage, already replaced.

First Baptist Church.

“This First Baptist congregation deserves especial praise for the undaunted and ambitious effort to have here, of stone, a building costing some \$50,000, which shall signify their religious ardor and faith and impress upon society their deep concern in their glorious work. The pastor’s elegant residence, adjoining, is finished. In a few months this church will welcome to their devotions the determined little band who have labored so persistently in the cause of righteousness. From out these walls will go influences for the uplifting of men. Over the roof and to the very foundations will break the light that symbolizes truth, virtue and piety. Wonderful, almost miraculous, has been the accomplishment of these comparatively few, noble hearts, in the restoration of their respective churches. Material aid counted, but it seems there must have been some unseen power back of their efforts.

“Napoleon, in addressing his soldiers in Egypt, said: ‘Forty centuries look down upon you from those pyramids. Do your best.’ When these churches are finished, we may say to the people

of this community, and all who come within our gates: 'These holy tabernacles, erected and dedicated as they are, look down upon you—walk uprightly!' 'In the midst of the sun is the light, in the midst of light is truth, and in the midst of truth is the imperishable being.'

Good Advice.

"We may quote even pagan philosophers, and say with Marcus Aurelius, they admonish, 'Do not act as if thou wert going to live ten thousand years. Death hangs over thee. While thou livest, while it is in thy power, be good.'

"It is natural that we should feel a pride in the material growth of our city, the increase in our commerce, the development of enterprises, the prosperous condition of business. We may justly boast of our climate, the beauty of our city, and its natural advantages, but realize we must that the true glory of a nation or community must consist in the moral and intellectual pre-eminence of the people. And these, emphatically, our churches stand for.

"Let the churches 'reign at once in light and love.'"

Dr. Forbes' Address.

Following Mayor Fletcher, Rev. John F. Forbes, D. D., president of Stetson University, was introduced, and delivered the following able address:

The Church and the School.

"Religion is imbedded in the very roots of our being; man is essentially religious; he is, and must be, conscious of his dependence and limitations, of the fact that there are forces outside of himself that control and limit his life, and he never believes that these forces are utterly foreign to him. They are superior to him, but they are in some sense kin to him, and can be approached and appealed to by him. They can give him safety and salvation. Hence the fear of some and the speculative theory of others, that religion will perish from the earth, is without warrant or foundation. Religion will not perish until man perishes, until the race ceases to be. But there is ebb and flow in the tides of religious life, as there is in the tides of the commercial life of man. Religion can be cultivated, fostered, nourished and invigorated in the life of any nation, or it may be neglected and allowed to become weak and ineffective. When the religious life of a people is strong and vigorous, then are they most effective in every way. There is a moral and spiritual seriousness, a simplicity, virility and downright earnestness that promotes every form of human activity.

"The great religious revivals of the world have marked the periods of the greatest achievement. When religion ceases to be vital, and sinks into creeds and forms, into elaborate ritual and ceremony, into complex organization and ecclesiastical machinery—the form without the power, then constructive and creative energy lessens, if it does not disappear altogether. Man must be in close soul-touch with God; must feel his heart-beats keep time with the infinite, with the center and source of all energy—the Almighty will and thought and love,—if he is to achieve anything great or lasting. Hence the importance to the community, to the nation, of all those agencies and organizations that promote and maintain true religion. Among these the church stands out with more than princely supremacy—indeed she is, in the Western world, the foster-mother and inspirer of them all. What tongue or pen can construct an adequate eulogy of the church! Can properly set forth her beauty and her power! Her almost infinite and eternal service to humanity! Always imperfect and fallible, sometimes sluggish and formal, in rare instances even tyrannical and corrupt, still, to too great a degree undeveloped and unspiritual, she yet has preserved through the ages God's clearest message to men, has kept alive, even in darkest ages, the consciousness of God, and of God, too, as father and mother and brother, as Savior and Redeemer and Comforter. She has formed a casket of God's own making in which His precious truth has been preserved amid the shock and carnage, the strife and passion, the upheaval, revolution and destruction of the Christian centuries.

"Through her ministrations life has not only been made tolerable, but even glorious to countless millions, who must otherwise have been crushed by the hopelessness and misery of their lot, and she has flashed the sunlight of her joy and peace into the blanched faces and terror-stricken hearts of other millions who were ready to launch into the dread world of mystery that we call death. Such service has the church rendered; but is not her work done? May not the school take her place? Is not this mighty, modern force, the public school, with its product—universal education—usurping the place and performing the work of the church? Is not all possible good to be secured through universal intelligence, viz: good citizenship, good morals and good wealth? Such a doctrine is being taught in some quarters, and is naturally accompanied by an attempt to discredit the church, to describe it as a decaying organization whose work is done, or is rather being better performed by a new and more effective social contrivance—the public school. The idea of universal education is a very recent one, as is indeed its correlate organization, the free public school.

A Thought.

"A mighty thought has seized the world. It is that man is to be redeemed through education. If he is taken young enough

the child may be moulded into any shape you please, and so the thought of the world is turned toward the children as never before, and this thought has crystallized into the public school from the kindergarten on up to the university. This, say they, is the mighty, modern agency for the world's redemption, for the healing of humanity's diseases and the curing of its ills and the bringing in of a complete and glorious civilization—an ideal race, a new humanity. This modern education was to be, and has been in this country, entirely divorced from religion. Religion must be ignored; it was and is essentially a pure intellectualism, and abstract cultivation of the intellect. Since the State took it, and the State must be entirely divorced from the church, therefore, the education must be non-religious, if not irreligious. The Bible must not be read, prayer must not be offered, nor hymns sung, nor any religious instruction given.

“The battle was fought out first in the Northern States, where the free schools were first established, and everywhere the battle went against religion. In our Southland the free schools are of such recent origin, it has involved such a struggle and so much sacrifice to establish them at all, and they are so largely in the country, where there is a strong religious sentiment, that the demand that all religious exercises, including reading the Bible and prayer, be excluded from the public schools, has not been so insistent or imperative. Now, let us assert, as strongly as language can affirm it, over against any and all theories to the contrary, that there can be no final solution of the educational problem, no proper development of the youth of any age or people, that does not include religious development. This is the fundamental truth from which we take our start. There is no right education which does not include religious education.

“Then we have but one possible solution of the problem if the free public schools are to be permanent and are confined by law upon her so heavy a responsibility. Through all the past, supplement this intellectual training with vital religious instruction through the church, the home and the Sunday school.

The Church's Responsibility.

“If this be correct, then the church has never before had laid upon her so heavy a responsibility. Through all the past education has been under the control of, and directly conducted by, the Church, and she has been enabled thus to make it predominantly and effectively religious. Our own day, even this very time, is witnessing the mighty change, whereby the State is to control and direct education apart from the Church, and so the Church is confronted with the problem of how to reach the child religiously; how to give him spiritual as well as intellectual development. It is true there are not wanting signs of doubt as to the perfection of the present free public school system. On the one hand, the

results are criticised as being unsatisfactory, and on the other, many of our greatest and best men are giving the warning suggested above, that an education that is not religious can never give us an ideal man nor an ideal State; one State at least has reversed its Supreme Court decision that the Bible may not be read in the public schools, and there are signs of a reaction from the extreme, and, shall we say, fanatical and dogmatic demand for the exclusion of every trace or allusion to religion, not to mention the cultivation and nourishing of it; but notwithstanding these more favorable indications, it would still seem that the American public school in that universal and permanent form which it is gradually assuming, North and South, is not to take into account nor assume any responsibility for the religious development of those whom it instructs.

Ready for the Task.

"If this be true, then I repeat that the Church has now laid upon her the most difficult responsibility of all the ages, and there are not wanting signs that she appreciates it, and is adapting herself to and fitting herself for the new and tremendous task; nay, has already undertaken, and is already nobly achieving it. There are three special phenomena which reveal this attitude and activity of the Church, viz: the institutional church, so-called, the young people's movement and the Sunday school. The first of these is trying to reach the people, young and old, through their social life and needs, and thus bring them into vital and helpful contact, with religion; the second of these is a great and spontaneous movement, proceeding on the one hand, from the Church, and expressing her profound sense of the need of special religious organization, instruction and training for the youth; and on the other hand, proceeding from the young people themselves, and revealing the universal human need of, and craving for, religious development, activity and growth. Is it not profoundly significant that while in their more strictly educational features these great organizations of young people are supplying exactly what the public schools lack in one direction, namely, definite and systematic religious instruction; in their devotional features they at the same time supply in another direction the needed development of the emotional and mystical elements in religion so entirely lacking in the public schools? But it is the third and oldest of these phenomena that promises possibly most in the direction we have been indicating.

"Not that the Sunday school is now by any means as efficient as it should be, but the Church is gradually waking up to the possibilities of this simple and yet most effective agency for the religious instruction of the young.

Work of the Sunday School.

“Sunday schools, if they are to be really and permanently most efficient, must have ultimately, and so will have, especially trained, expert, possibly paid teachers, in at least large and wealthy churches; they will have a much more rational and systematic method of dealing with their great textbook, the Bible; they will have graded pupils and graded lessons, and will carry on real, live investigation and study in the higher grades, at least, and not the milk-and-water, made-to-order, mechanical and lifeless method of too much of our present day Sunday school work. The work will be real, will be truly educational, while at the same time it is truly and deeply and reverently religious. The Sunday school has been a mighty recruiting agency for the Church in all these years of its existence. It has, of course, been much more than that, but it has had its primary and chief significance as the nursery of the Church. It will remain the nursery of the Church in the years to come, but it will, I believe, also take a wider function; it will, with a more complete organization, be the Church’s most effective agency for reaching out beyond her immediate boundaries, and giving to the youth of our land the religious instruction they need. The Church, I have said, never had a greater task than she has today, and it may be added, she was never stronger nor better equipped for it. They speak without knowledge who talk of the Church’s decadence. This beautiful temple, whose cornerstone we are laying today, these other beautiful temples rising so thickly around it are typical of the condition of the whole Church. She is rising out of her past with new glory and new power, prepared to do well and nobly God’s work in this age, as she has in the ages past, only ever better in spirit and achievement. Now, as always, she is to preach the eternal gospel of God, the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, and the Revealer of the very inmost nature of God the Father. The Church will always have the trumpet at her lips, and will ‘proclaim liberty to the captives and the opening of the prison to them that are bound,’ but she will also have the Textbook in her hand, and the spirit of Jesus, the Great Teacher, in her heart, and she will go forth to instruct the nations in righteousness. We do well to celebrate this day. The laying of the cornerstone of this church is, for this city, the evidence that the higher and nobler elements of our common human nature are cultivated and cherished here, and thus that it affords a suitable abiding place for those who love righteousness and goodness. For our State, a guarantee of security and peace throughout her borders; for the republic, the building of a bulwark of that righteousness which exalteth a nation; and for the world, the pledge and promise that the life of the Man of Nazareth, revealing, as it did, the very central principle of all life, ‘dying to live,’ is still regnant and is to be finally and universally triumphant.”

Contents of the Cornerstone.

- Rev. Dr. Hobson then laid the cornerstone, in the box in which were placed the following articles:
- Historical sketch First Baptist Church.
 - List of members First Baptist Church.
 - Officers of First Baptist Church.
 - Stenographic report of Dr. W. A. Hobson's first address to his people after the fire.
 - Program of the exercises at the laying of the cornerstone.
 - Copies of the addresses delivered at the laying of the cornerstone.
 - Copy of the Florida Baptist Witness.
 - Prospectus of the Windsor Hotel, accompanied by cards from the proprietors, Mrs. A. R. Dodge and F. T. Cullens.
 - Report of the Jacksonville Relief Association, by Mayor D. U. Fletcher.
 - Minutes of the Florida Baptist Convention, and of the Jacksonville Baptist Association, by E. H. Rennolds.
 - Copy of the Southern Advance, containing address of Dr. Hobson at the Southern Baptist Convention.
 - History of the Social Union of First Baptist Church.
 - A 10-cent shin plaster, by Mrs. Alice Peeler.
 - A silver dime, by Cooper Myers.
 - A 50-cent coin, dated 1849, by S. M. Scruggs.
 - Aces of Ashes, by Mrs. R. J. McClintock.
 - Visiting card, by Maynie McCallum.
 - Telegram of regrets of not being able to be present, from Governor Jennings.
 - Copy of the Baptist Courier.
 - Photographs of Mary Kate and Frank Hobson, by Mrs. W. A. Hobson.
 - Steel plates with the names of S. J. and G. G. Ford, by Mrs. S. J. Ford.
 - A copy of the Times-Union.
 - A copy of the Metropolis.
 - Old deed to La Villa property by A. La Bourveau.

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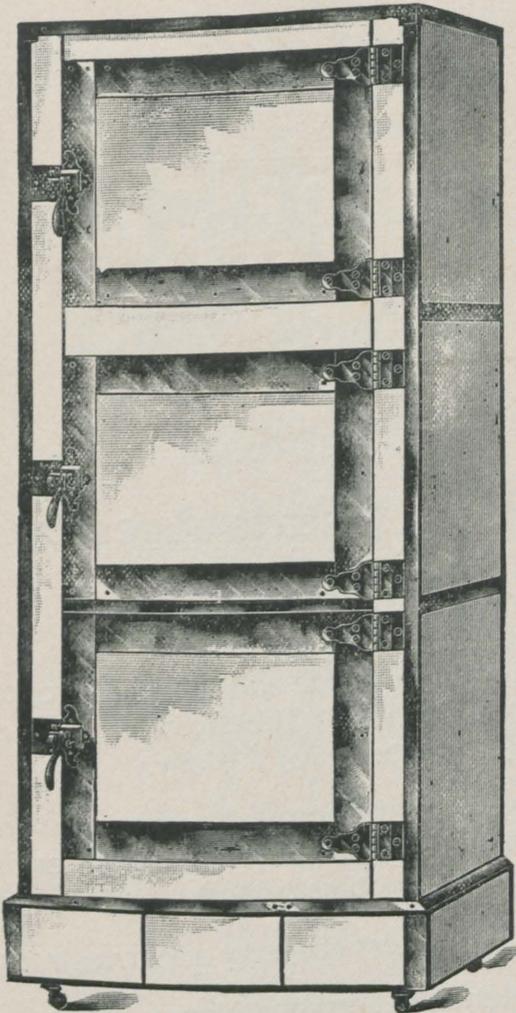
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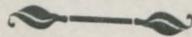


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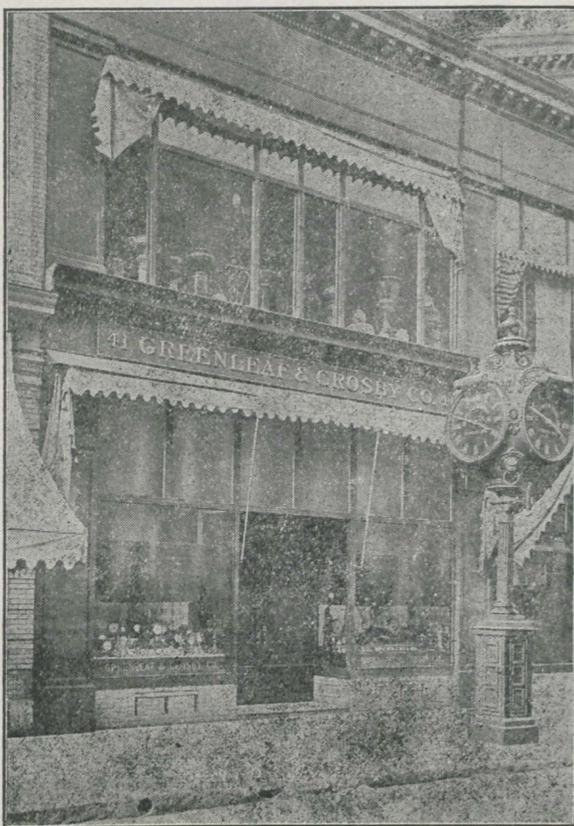
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