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FALLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

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The Falls Presbyterian Church, the church of my boyhood is located at the most northwestern corner of the town, on Ridge Avenue just southeast of School House Lane.

In the fall of 1855 a prayer meetings were conducted in private houses by the Reverend Andrew Culver, of the New School Presbyterian Church and also by the Reverend William Fulton, of the Old School branch of the same denomination.

Sometime in November 1855 the upper room of the famed Old Academy was fitted up for the use of its communicants at a cost of \$70.

The first preaching was conducted by Reverend J. H. M. Knox, of Germantown, during January 1856.

At a meeting held in February of the same year, the majority of the worshippers decided to identify themselves with the Old School Presbyterian Church. The Sunday School was organized in February 1856, with John Kinnier, as the first superintendent.

On February 19th 1856 the Reverend Joseph Beggs, of Roxborough, began to preach as the stated supply, and in October 1856 a petition was presented to the Presbytery, at a meeting in Bridesburg, for permission to organize.

The congregation was regularly organized on November 7th 1856, by the Revs. Job. F. Halsey, Joseph Nesbitt and Joseph Beggs, with Elders Robert Moguee and Francis H. Latch. The sermon was preached by Dr. Halsey from Mark 5:19. The following 22 members composed the church: By Certificate: John Kinnier, Mrs. Mary A. Kinnier, John Hope, Mrs. Janet Hope, Robinson McKinley, Mrs. Jane McKinley, John Morrow, Mrs. Jane Morrow, John Bailey, Mary A. Harper. (The latter from Roxborough Presbyterian Church) By Profession of Faith: Robert Stewart, Elizabeth Scott, Alex. Thompson, Margaret Thompson, John Chadwick, John McClay, Agnes McClay, John Bell, John Maxwell, William Cowan, Samuel McKinley

and John Buchanan.

John Kinnier and John Hope were ordained ruling elders and composed the first session. Rev. Joseph Beggs was continued as supply pastor.

It was in December 1856 that the Lord's Supper was dispensed for the first time. Four new members joined, by confession of faith.

Among those connecting was Mrs. Mary Jane Cowan--later Mrs. Porter--who joined on March 13th 1857 and attended as regularly as he health would permit up until the time of her death in the spring of 1926.

On April 12th 1859 a call was extended to Rev, Joseph Beggs to spend half of his time in the Falls, and on April 28th of that year Mr. Beggs was installed as pastor for half time. The congregation at that time consisted of 51 members.

On June 10th 1859 Elder John Hope was certified to Hope Church of Philadelphia.

From 1861 to 1866 several unsuccessful efforts were made to secure the present site of the church, its efforts finally being culminated in the purchase ^{on Nov. 30th, 1866} from the estate of Andrew Robeson for the sum of \$1,800. The property originally ran from Ridge Avenue through to the river. Part of this ground is now under the jurisdiction of the Fairmount Park Commissioners.

On September 7th 1867 the cornerstone of the church was laid and the building inclosed before winter.

On April 22nd 1868 the Reverence Joseph Beggs resigned from the Roxborough church and devoted his whole time to the Falls communicants.

It might be well to insert here, a brief biography of Doctor Beggs. Joseph Beggs was born near Duncannon, County Tyrone, Ireland, on September 14th 1830. He graduated from Lafayette College in 1851 and from Princeton Seminary in 1855. He served as pastor

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of Roxborough Presbyterian Church from March 24th 1855 to April 22nd 1868 and guided the flock of the Falls Presbyterian Church from April 28th 1859 to April 17th 1894, being pastor emeritus until his death, in Germantown, on April 14th 1899. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Lafayette College in 1882 and an LL.D. from Washington College, Tennessee in 1893. Doctor Beggs served as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery from 1869 to 1891.

On October 11th 1868 the church was dedicated. Rev. J.H.M. Knox, of Germantown preached the morning sermon; Rev. H. S. Dickson, of West Chester spoke in the afternoon, and Rev. Thomas Murphy, of Frankford presided at the evening meeting.

Of the cost of the church which was about \$8,000 a debt of \$2500 was paid with a year.

The pipe organ, which was a gift of Mr. James Dobson, who was the princely friend of the Falls Presbyterian Church for many years, was played for the first time on November 27th 1870. On June 19th, 1905 work was started on the installation of the present-day hydraulic organ.

The parsonage was completed and occupied on March 15th 1871. This provision for the pastor cost in the neighborhood of \$3600.

On November 17th 1872, James McMurtrie and Samuel McKinney were ordained elders. It is here noted that Mr. Kinnier had served alone for a period of 13 years.

On December 14th 1873 Elder John Kinnier was certified to the First Church of Germantown.

On November 15th 1874 John Maxwell was ordained an elder.

On December 10th 1875 Elder Samuel McKinney was certified to the Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The church was thoroughly renovated in 1879, being completed on July 20th, at a cost of \$1900. Addresses at the re-opening were delivered by Revs. Drs. William O. Johnstone, Roger Owen and

Thomas Murphy. 4

The Sunday School was renovated and enlarged and thrown open in January 1882.

On June 8th 1889 the cornerstone of the present Sunday School building, in the rear of the Church, was laid and appropriate addresses made by several clergymen. The building was dedicated on May 11th 1890. John Wanamaker, George S? Graham, W. H. Scott, Robert Ogden, and Revs. Thomas Murphy and W. C. Cattell made addresses. The building was erected at an approximate cost of \$10,000. Mr. John Maxwell superintended the work.

On March 3rd 1891, Josiah Linton, George B. Gallagher and James Starrett were installed ruling elders. On June 15th 1894, Elder James McMurtrie died.

On January 10th 1895, the Reverend Sherman Hoadley Doyle of Moundsville, West Virginia, was installed pastor. On May 12th of the same year Elder George B. Gallagher removed to New York.

On September 1st 1895, Samuel H. Mayberry was ordained an elder. On April 14th 1899 the Rev. Dr. Beggs died at his home in Germantown. The interment was made at Mt. Vernon Cemetery.

Charles E. Hunt and Alexander Starrett were ordained ruling elders on April 15th 1900. On May of that year the Rev. S. H. Doyle was released from pastoral charge and accepted a call to Fourth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia.

On October 25th 1900 the Reverend John Milton Thompson, of Parnassus, Pennsylvania, was installed pastor.

Elder Samuel Mayberry, on November 2, 1900, was certified to Ocean City, N.J.

On May 15th 1904 Rev. J. Milton Thompson was released from pastoral charge to accept a call to Ninth Church, Troy N.Y.

Elder John Maxwell died on November 29th 1904. On December of that year Rev. William Melancthon Glasgow, of Wellsville, Ohio, was installed as pastor.

From November 4 to 7th 1906 a Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration was held, at which a souvenir program was published which contained the photographs of the four pastors up until that time. At that time the Session consisted of W. Melancton Glasgow, Moderator; Josiah Linton, Clerk; Charles E. Hunt, Treasurer; and James and Alexander Starrett.

The Trustees were: James Dobson, President; James Morgan, Vice-President; Guy P. Bible, Secretary; William J. Porter, Treasurer; David Furman, George P. Weer, Walter MacIndoe, William J. Campbell, Ross B. Linton, Frank N. Jardine, Andrew Cantley, Jr., M. Edmunds Dunlap.

The Societies: Charles E. Hunt, Superintendent of the Sunday School, Miss Nellie Crooks, Supt., of the Junior Dept., W. Horace Linton, Supt. of Primary Dept., Miss Louise R. Baedeker Supt. of Beginner's Class, Miss Jennie M. Hughes, Supt. of Home Department, Miss Carrie A. Baedeker, Supt. of Cradle Roll, Ross B. Linton, Chorister, Miss Effie Palmer, Pianist and Willard Clough, Cornetist.

Mrs. Hannah Jardine, President of Ladies Aid Society,
 David G. Hunter President of the Men's Association,
 Mrs. W. M. Glasgow, President Ladies Missionary Society,
 Miss Jennie M. Starrett, Pres. Young Ladies Guild,
 Miss Louise R Baedeker, Supt C. E. Society
 David G. Hunter, Editor of "The Falls Presbyterian".
 John H. McLaren, Sexton.

The Choir:

Edwin F. Sterner, Chorister	Miss Amy M. Young, Organist,	
Mrs. Dr. W. C. Carmany	Ella Dunlap	Carrie A Baedeker
Mrs. Dr. D. J. Boon	Adalaide Ransford	M. Joline Cowan
Minnie H. Mullin	Jean M. MacIndoe	Walter MacIndoe
Sadie M Dunlap	Bessie D Starrett	Wm J. Campbell
Bella W McKay	A Irene Cowan	W. Horace Linton
Anna M. MacIndoe	Violet Ransford	Frank N. Jardine
Sallie M Starrett	M Lillian Hunter	Thomas Mirk
Emma H Maxwell	Bessie Omensetter	David G Hunter
Lillian Omensetter	S Lyle MacMurtrie	Harry Omensetter

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The week beginning November 7th 1926 was celebrated as the Seventieth Anniversary of the founding of the Falls Presbyterian Church and the writer is in possession of an invitation to attend these services as the descendant of John Chadwick, one of the charter members. I gladly accepted the invitation on the Sunday evening of that week. At the morning service, I am told, twenty-six descendants of the charter members arose upon invitation. This humble scribe believes that he, and of course his sister and two brothers, ^{and children} are probably the only residents of the town who can claim two of the charter members as their ancestors. Mary A. Harper was our great grandmother on the maternal side of the house, while John Chadwick was our father's father.

As I write there lies before me a pamphlet describing the proposed new church which is to be erected at the corner of Vaux Street and Midvale Avenue. It was graciously sent to me by the present pastor, William B. Cooke.

The little Booklet contains a list of the 1926 officers of the church. There are listed below:

The Elders

Walter MacIndoe, Clerk
William J. Porter, Treasurer
James Starrett
W. Horace Linton
William H. Halstead
George Hamilton
Alexander Starrett
David Borland

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Churches Falls Presbyterian

Chronicle.
January 11, 1895

—Rev. Sherman H. Doyle was duly installed as pastor of the Falls Presbyterian Church last evening. The late pastor, Joseph Beggs, D. D., presided. Thomas Murphy, D. D., LL. D., of Frankford, preached the sermon. The charge to the Pastor was given by the Rev. Thomas G. F. Hill, of the Wakefield Church, Germantown, and the charge to the people by the Rev. David Wills, D. D., LL. D., of Tacony. Prayer was offered by Charles Collins, D. D.

Chronicle
Oct 19, 1895

—I had the pleasure last Thursday evening of responding to the following: "You are cordially invited to be present at the Reception to be given at the house of Dr. Beggs, Rittenhouse street, Germantown." When I arrived at the Doctor's new and handsome residence, 224 Rittenhouse street, it was fairly ablaze with lights and filled with guests. After a hearty welcome Dr. Beggs escorted me through the house and pointed out the many conveniences. In the rear parlor, which he has reserved for a study, I found a bevy of ladies testing the comfortable qualities of a magnificent maroon colored leather covered couch, which had been that evening presented to the Doctor by his friends, as had two superb baskets of flowers, by Miss Annie Ferguson, and Miss D. May Detwiler.

The reception was a great surprise to Dr. and Mrs. Beggs. As I stood in the parlor and beheld the happy company, and the expression of pleasure that was shown in the countenances of the host and hostess, I felt glad to be there, to witness and participate in what I could not but regard as the rounding out of the full honors of which Dr. Beggs and his good wife are deserving.

As I gazed upon this company my thoughts went back to the year 1856 when, as a boy, I saw the little band of worshippers wend their way to the Old Schoolhouse, to listen to the (then) young preacher, who was to come down from Roxborough to preach the Word of Life. In my thoughts I followed the progress of that beginning, through the years that have intervened, and saw the church prosper, saw it established in its own building; and as one after another of the original band were called to their reward, I saw their children and others take their places. In all this history, growth, prosperity and usefulness one man and one gentle woman, in the persons of Dr. and Mrs. Beggs, have been associated. Outside of the church these two have been associated with the experience and growth of the community. The church, by Dr. Beggs's own voluntary action has a new under Shepherd, who in a sense will also take the Doctor's place in the community. Yet, with all due respect to the new pastor and citizen, Dr. Beggs and his wife will be missed from their long-time associations.

The reception also had in it the

nature of a farewell meeting. The people could not let their honored pastor and friend depart without some additional evidence of their affection. Having, therefore, manifested their love to him who, for so long a time ministered unto them in heavenly things, they will be all the better prepared to rally around their new leader, even as the people of Israel stood by Joshua after the departure of Moses, who had led them so many years. That the analogy of the two leaders may be fully realized in the experience of the Falls of Schuylkill Presbyterian Church, is the wish of your correspondent,—the only Baptist present at the reception. For the sake of completeness I give the names of those present:

- Mr. and Mrs. James Cowan, Mrs. John Porter, Mr. and Mrs. John McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. William Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Sugden, Mrs. David Sugden, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Detwiler, Miss S. May Detwiler, Mr. and Mrs. J. Howard Detwiler, Miss M. Agnes Detwiler, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McClement, Mrs. Robert Evans, Miss Mary Evans, Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Cahall, Mr. and Mrs. George McCauley, Mr. and Mrs. John Hocking, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Fillman, Mrs. Wm. Dunlap, Misses Donaghy, Belle McKay, Sallie and Bessie Dobson, Alice Cartright, Belle, Jenette and Margaret Taylor, Jennie Belle, Lizzie and Mary McMurtrie, Bessie Ford, Annie Ferguson, Alice Kilpatrick, Maggie Bothwick and Sadie Sloan; Mrs. W. Jardine, Frank Jardine, Mrs. Wm. Kilpatrick, Mrs. J. Hanion, Mrs. Carothers, Mr. and Mrs. David Firman, Mrs. D. McMurtrie, Mrs. Fairbrother, Mrs. Emma Holland, Mrs. Cavanaugh, David and Harry Hunter, Mrs. Hugh McKay, Mrs. Geo. McKay, Mrs. McFadden and Linley Kilpatrick.

R. R. S.

Editor CHRONICLE

Dear Sir—As your paper is so largely circulated at Wissabickon and the Falls the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Beggs desire to express through it their sincere and heartfelt thanks to those kind and faithful friends of the Falls Presbyterian Church for their very pleasant and profitable visit to them in their new home in Germantown, on the evening of the 10th inst. Though their coming was a complete surprise, they were very cordially received and the house cheerfully thrown open and taken possession of by the whole party—nearly 80 in number. They did not come empty handed. Their beautiful and valuable presents were thankfully received and duly appreciated. It was refreshing to the Pastor Emeritus and his wife to see the cheerful and pleasant countenances of so many of those with whom they had spent so many years of pleasant profitable intercourse. The evening passed very rapidly; and after partaking of abundant refreshments furnished by one of the best confectioners of Germantown the friends at a late hour departed for home. There was a most cordial handshaking and mutual expression of kind regards and Christian feeling by all.
J. B.

Chronicle, Jan 15, 1897

—The announcement on Sunday morning, of the death of Mrs. Jane R. Evans, wife of Robert Evans, of Laboratory avenue, was sorrowfully received by her many friends, some of whom had heard of her illness but were not prepared to hear of her death. Mrs. Evans was widely known through this community where she and her husband had lived together for many years. She was one of the earliest members of the Presbyterian Church, and throughout its history was a devout worshipper. Besides the church she was extremely fond of her home, seldom mingling in society. In addition to her husband a daughter and two sons mourn her loss.

—America Hall ought to have been at least twice its size, on Monday evening, to accommodate all who desired to attend the Presbyterian Sunday school's annual entertainment.

After a musical selection by the church choir the cantata, "Dream of Fairy-land," was presented, and its cover rendering prepared the large audience, some of whom were glad to get standing room, for what was to follow.

Miss Rae Craven was heard in a solo, her selection being "You,"—rather personal to the listeners. Next thing in order was the "Tom Thumb Wedding," with the little gentlemen's coat tails almost long enough to require pages to keep them from being trodden on. The bridal party consisted of Mark Rowe, the happy groom; Mamie Benham, the blushing bride; Matthew Dunlap, Minister, whose get-up deserved the titles of D. D., L. L. D., Ph. D. and dear knows what all. Ethel Brown, Bessie Benham, Mabel Hill and May Laidlow were flower girls; James McMurtrie, best man; Sadie McMurtrie, maid of honor; Ethel Gray, Sadie Mayberry, Elsie Kyle, Martha Meller, Annie Cantley and Ella Crowthers, bridesmaids; George Spence, Cullen Doyle, Arnold West, Willie McClaren, Eddie Miller and George Wier, were very obliging u-hers who bowed nearly to the floor. It would not do to forget the bride's "parents," Mabel Miller and Ivan Crooks. The latter reluctantly gave the bride away, as the party stood beneath a huge floral bell on the platform, where every one in the hall could see the proceedings. Of the twenty-five guests the only one your correspondent knew was Miss Bessie Omen-setter, a bonnie little fairy, who will have to represent the others.

A charming Tambourine Drill followed after the wedding music had died away, and then came a duet by Misses Palmer and Hodson, after which the people were given a chance to peep into sculptor C. A. Nelson's studio, where a large number of charmingly executed statues, up to life every one of 'em, were tastefully arranged. While everybody in the hall felt they had more than their money's worth, they were glad to remain and listen to a solo by Mr. Thomas West, and to behold the pantomime, "The Old Folks at Home," that was given by sixteen young ladies gracefully appareled in Greek costumes. Following was a vocal duet by Miss Rae Craven and Mattie Beary, exquisitely rendered. The "Vestal Virgins," a spectacular taper-drill by young ladies in Greek costumes and looking like very angels; more music; a tableau representing "The Three Fishers;" more music by the choir, and the programme was concluded by a vocal solo, "Sweet and Low," by Mrs. Edwin Lyndall with a pupil of Prof. Wood as accompanist. Such an array of talent could not be successfully managed by any one individual; consequently the Rev. and Mrs. Sherman H. Doyle, Mrs. A. Nelson and Miss Irene Nelson, each conducted different parts of the programme. It is needless to say that the bountiful supper at the outset put everybody in the best of humor for what was to follow.

R. R. S.

—The Rev. Sherman H. Doyle, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Doyle, were given a surprise and reception last Friday evening in the Sunday School building, by the congregation, upon their return from a three weeks' vacation. They had not the slightest idea what was in store for them and were very much surprised indeed.

Mr. Josiah Linton presided during the rendering of a very fine program, which opened with the "Yachting Glee," by the choir. Then Mr. Linton spoke some pleasant words of greeting, and Mr. Walter McIndoe followed with the solo, "But Thee," which was very sweet. Pastor Doyle then made a short address, brimming over with lovingkindness, and Mr. S. H. Mayberry gave some lively reminiscences and humorous bits which made the folks smile out loud. The choir then gave the "Coffee-mill Song," Fred. Clayton taking the solo and the rest joining in, Mr. Wm. Campbell grinding the coffee-mill all through the chorus.

There were short addresses by Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Charles Hunt and James Sterritt, and the choir wound up with Tennyson's beautiful lyric,

"Sweet and low,
Sweet and low,
Wind of the Western Sea,"

which filled the imagination with soft visions of dreamland,—the pleasant affair ending with a bountiful supply of cake and cream in the basement of the church.

On Saturday afternoon the members of the choir had a picnic on Chamounix Hill. There were a dozen couples in all, and most of them reached home as stiff as clothes-props, with kicking the football. The "new women" must have been pretty much in evidence, for the boys were simply "not in it" when the girls were around, and you couldn't have found a jollier crowd anywhere. There were other games besides and it grew dark before they wanted it to; but it was delightful walking home two-and-two in the moonlight, the couples not too near each other.

R. R. S.

Weekly Forecast: April 26th 1900.

"Rev. S. H. Doyle, pastor of the Falls Presbyterian Church, has received a call to preach in a church in West Philadelphia. He has the matter under consideration."

Weekly Forecast: May 3rd 1900.

"On Sunday, May 13th, Rev. S. H. Doyle will preach his farewell sermon to the congregation of the Falls Presbyterian Church, he having accepted the call of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, located at Forty-Seventh and Kingsessing avenue, West Philadelphia. This announcement has caused widespread regret among the many friends (and they are legion) which he made during his pastorate of almost six years at this place."

Weekly Forecast: May 10th 1900.

"Rev. Sherman H. Doyle will leave on next Thursday to take charge of his new call in West Philadelphia."

Weekly Forecast, Oct. 4th 1900.

"The Rev. J. Milton Thompson, A.M., who has been called to the pastorate of the Falls of Schuylkill Presbyterian Church, and who will be installed as pastor the latter part of October, by a committee of the Presbytery of North Philadelphia, was born near Harrisville, O. August 16th 1871

"The first 15 years of his life were spent on his father's farm. In September 1886, he became a student in Franklin College, and completed his studies in 1891 with honors.

"In the same year, he began to study for the ministry, pursuing his studies in the Western Theological Seminary, and graduated from that institution in 1894. In June 1897, he was united in marriage to Cora A., the daughter of Professor and Mrs. T. M. Sewell, of New Athens, O.

"His first pastorate was in the Evans City and Plains Churches, in Butler County, Pa., where his labors were attended with great success. In July, 1897, a call was extended him from the Parnassus Church, 17 miles north of Pittsburg, in which he was installed pastor, October 13th 1897. In the three years of his pastorate 141 members were received into the church. The benevolences during this period have amounted to \$3000.

"The membership of the church now numbers 292.

"Rev. Mr. Thompson leaves an united and prosperous church, whose members were loath to part with him. His services in the Falls of Schuylkill Church will begin early in October."

Weekly Forecast: November 1st 1900.

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"The installation exercises in which the Rev. J. Milton Thompson became the pastor of the Falls of Schuylkill Presbyterian Church, were conducted on last Thursday evening, by a committee of the Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

"The Rev. S. H. Doyle, Ph. D., the former pastor, presided and proposed the constitutional questions. The Rev. David Wells, D.D., L.L.D., preached the sermon from I Cor. 1-21. The Rev. J. D. Hunter, D.D. delivered the charge to the pastor. The Rev. Richard Montgomery, of Ashbourne, delivered the charge to the people. The closing prayer was offered by Rev. A. Culver, D.D.

"A large choir rendered excellent music for the service, which aside from the hymns consisted of two anthems and one quartette.

"Mrs. Mattis presided at the organ, and the choir was under the efficient direction of Mr. J. Preston Shannon.

"The church was beautifully decorated with palms and cut flowers. The service throughout was a very pleasant one."

Weekly Forecast: July 6th 1905.

"Rev. Dr. Sherman H. Doyle, pastor of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, formerly of the Falls Presbyterian Church, was elected Monday to the moderator-ship of the Philadelphia Presbytery for the coming season."

Forecast: Dec 8-1904 Forecast Mar. 15-1906

REV. W. M. GLASGOW INSTALLED AS PASTOR OF FALLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

A large congregation attended the services at the Falls Presbyterian Church, on Ridge avenue, Tuesday evening, when Rev. W. M. Glasgow was installed as pastor of that congregation.

In connection with the installation ceremonies the Rev. John Calhoun, D. D., moderator of the Presbytery and rector of Mt. Airy Church, presided and propounded the constitutional queries. The charge to the pastor was given by the Rev. Hugh B. McCrone, D. D., pastor of Manayunk Church, while the charge to the people was made by the Rev. John Harvey Lee, of the Second Church, Germantown. The sermon was preached by the pastor of the First Church of Germantown, Rev. Charles R. Erdman, D. D. Special services were also held last evening and will continue through the week. Last evening the sermon was preached by the pastor, while this evening Rev. Alex. Allison, D. D., pastor of the Southwestern Church, will deliver the sermon, and to-morrow evening the pastor will again be heard. Communion services will be held on Sunday.

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Forecast: Sept 21-1905

Presbyterian Church.

The Falls Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. Melancthon Glasgow, pastor, is entering upon a new era of prosperity. The church building is receiving a thorough overhauling. A new stone front of 16 feet depth is being built and the sides are to correspond with those of the Sunday School building. The old gallery is removed, a large choir platform and pulpit are being erected, large trusses are to ornament the ceiling and walls, a fine new pipe organ is being installed and the furnishings of the auditorium are to be renewed. The work will be completed about December 1. The church will then possess three splendid buildings. Improvement is contemplated also in extending the church lawn 15 feet along the side and rear and marking these boundary lines between the church property and the Park with a hedge fence. The old pipe organ was donated by the congregation to the Talmage Memorial Church, of Roxborough.

Next Sunday, September 24, will be rally day in the Sunday School, and the sessions will henceforth be held at 2.15 in the afternoon.

On next Sunday the school will be in the afternoon. A splendid program will be rendered. The pastor will preach at 10.30 A. M. on "When Jesus Was Here," and hopes for a revival of interest upon the part of all members and extends a most cordial invitation to all strangers and friends.

CHURCH MADE BEAUTIFUL

Falls of Schuylkill Presbyterians Reopen House of Worship—Week of Interesting Services Mark Notable Event.

The enlarged, refurnished and renovated auditorium of the Falls of Schuylkill Presbyterian Church, Ridge avenue, below School lane, was reopened last Monday morning with exercises conducted by the Rev. William Melancthon Glasgow, the pastor. The rededictory sermon was delivered by Rev. Dr. John Milton Thompson, of Troy, N. Y., a former pastor of the church. Doctor Thompson's topic, "The Excellencies of the Sanctuary," was based on the text from Psalms xvi: 6, "Strength and Beauty Are in His Sanctuary."

"This psalm," said the preacher, "was first used by King David and the children of Israel, as a hymn of rejoicing upon the occasion of removing the ark of God from the house of Obededom to the tabernacle or sanctuary. It was sung again by the sweet singers of Israel at the dedication of the Temple erected by Solomon. It is appropriate that we should consider the lessons contained in the psalm, in our rejoicing to-day.

"We are assembled here to rededicate this improved and beautiful building as a temple in which to offer prayer and praise to our God. We cannot consecrate it, for this is already holy ground. In our rejoicing we must remember the Rev. Dr. Joseph Beggs, the first shepherd of this people, whose long-continued pastorate created a debt of gratitude this church should never forget. In this day of rejoicing and promise, your opportunities in the kingdom of God are multiplied. The advantages call for the use of your best energies. Begin to-day to do greater things for God, and to expect greater things from God."

The Rev. Hugh B. McCrone, of the First Presbyterian Church, Manayunk, preached in the evening.

Monday evening a largely attended fraternal service was held, and Tuesday was marked by an organ recital in the evening by Professor Frederic Manson, an augmented choir being, being assisted by Mrs. Holtz, soprano of the Memorial Baptist Church, and Mr. Harry Saylor, baritone of the Northminster Presbyterian Church. Last evening was Sabbath School night, under the direction of Superintendent Charles E. Hunt. There were also addresses by prominent members and appropriate singing by a large chorus of children. The celebration will continue during the remainder of the week. Rev. W. Scott Nevin, of the Cohocksink Church, will preach, and on Friday evening, March 16, the Rev. Robert Hunter, D. D., of Union Tabernacle Church, will deliver the sermon.

On Sabbath, March 18, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered, and every member of the church is urged to be present.

—The Presbyterian church joyfully began on Sunday to celebrate its sixtieth anniversary. The pastor, Rev. Samuel W. Steckel, preached an historical sermon in the morning in which it was shown that the church had its beginning with weekly prayer meetings in the homes of members of that faith in 1855. In November of that year \$70 was spent in fitting up the Old Academy Building in which public services were held beginning in January. At these services the Rev. Andrew Culver of the First church, Manayunk, came down to preach as did the Rev. Wm. Fulton of the Fourth Reformed church. The Rev. Joseph Beggs of Roxborough church was also greatly interested in the movement here and became pastor of the church which was founded November 7, 1856, he having been installed on April 28, 1859, at which time there were 51 members. The present site was purchased on November 30, 1866, and the building dedicated October 11, 1869. The pipe organ was presented by Mr. James Dobson in 1870; the parsonage was first occupied in 1872; the Sunday School building was dedicated May 11, 1890. Dr. Beggs served most faithfully until April 17, 1894, when he was made pastor emeritus, removed to Germantown, where he died April 14, 1899. Other pastors have been, Rev. Sherman Hoadley Doyle, 1895-1900; Rev. John Milton Thompson, 1900-1904; Rev. Wm. Malancthon Glasgow, who passed to his eternal home while pastor, March 2, 1909, 1904-1906; Rev. Benjamin B. Royer, 1909-1914, and Rev. Samuel Wilbert Steckel who has been pastor since 1914.

Owing to the election there were no sessions on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday evening Dr. Thompson, a former pastor, preached an anniversary sermon, and greetings from Rev. B. B. Royer read. This was roll call night, and special music by the choir under

the direction of W. Horace Linton. Last night was fraternal evening. Singing by the Methodist choir, Joseph Smith leader. Rev. Dr. Wm. Barnes Lower, Moderator of Presbytery of Philadelphia North, presided. Address by R. Roberts Shronk on "Religious conditions in the Falls for the last sixty years." Greetings by neighboring pastors.

Tonight will be social evening. Music by the Falls Male Quartette, Joseph Smith leader. The Ladies' Aid will serve refreshments.

On Sunday evening there will be a Musical Festival by the choir.

For Rent—A large Baby Couch, also Apply H. "Forecast" office.

FOR RENT—Three-story dwelling, Apply 1700 Tenth street, Phone 4907.

LOST—On the night of March 22, 1916, a reward of \$25 for information which will lead to the recovery of the relief.

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On Tuesday, from 1148 South 4th to 1148 N. 5th, a black dog, black and white, with white spots on its head, returned to 1148 N. 5th.

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generally liked as that of the black walnut. From the bark and leaves are used for medicinal purposes.—Normal In-

Making Ink Pictures.
You can make a picture in different colors of ink and paper on a piece of white writing paper, which is then folded in the center of the picture. Try it and you will have a picture that is as good as the result.

Through the Ladies' Aid when little Emma came to the table he noticed an apple butter tart with strips of pastry around the top.
"Oh," he exclaimed, "I want a piece of window pie!"—Litt.

Her only answer was a smile, but spoke for plain than words that was much pleased with me.
"I have told you all along," she said, "that the mere union of two inurable pieces of property would be inducement to me. There must be something for beyond convenience."
"Certainly," I replied.
"I cannot it has bothered me know that you had it worth me."
There was suddenly a great progress in which two men were he talked it was rich, but the last might be better. I was curious know how rich she was.
"I have no idea what your worth," remarked suddenly, "do I care?"
"That was my worth \$20,000, which you have \$20,000."
I breathed a sigh of relief. If came to refuse with the other fellow I could outbid him—I was heir \$100,000.
"Don't let us talk of such wide matters. Let us rather speak of the union of hearts which is most important to marriage. Tell me if since you love me you can love me."



*Yours Sincerely,
W. M. Glasgow.*

**POWERFUL SERMON BY
REV. W. M. GLASGOW AT
THE FALLS PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH.**

A Religion for Men.

The Rev. W. Melancthon Glasgow, pastor of the Falls Presbyterian Church, preached a forceful sermon to a large congregation on last Sunday morning on "Religion for Men." He took his text from Acts xiii: 26, "Men and brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and whosoever among you feareth God, to you is the word of this salvation sent." He said in part:

"The ignorant and cynical objector to the Church says that the religion of Jesus Christ is good enough for women and children, but it is not adapted to the superior and harder natures of men. To prove such an assertion he refers to the fact that there are more women than men in the church. But he forgot the other fact that four-fifths of those in the penitentiary are men! If women are naturally better than men, and add to their goodness by devotion to the church, it proves that men are sadly in need of a like religion. The religion of Jesus Christ, however, does not belong exclusively to the one or the other, but belongs to mankind generally, inasmuch as all are sinners."

The speaker advanced three arguments to show that the religion of Christ was for men.

The Example of the Divine Founder.

The text is an appeal to men. "Men and brethren, to you is the word of this salvation sent." "Unto you, O men, do I call." "Quit you like men," etc. Jesus Christ was every inch a man, ideal and perfect. There was nothing effeminate or weak in His make-up. He was a man in every sense of the word, and "it is enough that the servant be as his lord." Some of the elements of true manhood are purity of life, independence of character, honesty of purpose, courage of conviction, faithfulness to conscious duty at any cost, personal responsibility to God and men. Jesus possessed all of these qualities to their highest degree. He is worthy of emulation as an example of ideal manhood as he appeals to the manly and heroic in our nature.

Characteristics of Its Distinguished Advocates.

The religion of Christ has always appealed to the best and noblest in men, and the strongest characters have been drawn to Him. (Here examples were given of Old and New Testament characters, and many men and women in modern times). Religion made these great, and developed the latent qualities which they may have possessed. The religion of Christ as an ethical system, has solved the hardest problem for men. The greatest problem that confronts us is, "how to stand justified before God," and meet our obligations to Him. Christ solved that by His own atoning sacrifice for sin, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the dominance of the principles He taught will solve the minor problems of international relations, capital and

labor, etc.

The Benefits of its Salutary Influence.

What has Christianity done for men? It has transformed the demon into an angel! What has it done for the world? It has elevated, refined and civilized every country where it has been planted. Compare the moral, social and industrial conditions of those countries lying in heathendom with those under the light of Christianity, and you might say, "What has Christianity not done?"

It has had a salutary influence upon our literature: (Milton, Dante, Shakespeare). It has had an influence upon governments: (civil and religious liberty). It has protected life and enhanced property. Our strongest and most influential men are Christian. Our best and most popular books are Christian. Our most beneficent and charitable institutions are Christian. Where do you find such results for the uplifting of mankind among atheists and infidels? The best men and women to-day are Christians, and the association of such kindred spirits into the Church of Jesus Christ for moral and spiritual purposes is the bulwark of privileges and the safeguard of our citizenship.

Mr. Glasgow dealt a scathing rebuke to the promoters of the Pull and other bills passed by the late Legislature, and called upon the people to protest against the endorsement by the Gov.

error of these wicked attempts to legalize crime of the blackest character in our city and State. The large congregation stood, thereby indicating that the "gang" and "white slave dealers" cannot longer outrage decency and justice, by their consent at least.

In the evening Mr. Glasgow preached on "Faith versus Force." Which has accomplished most for the welfare of the world?

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—The Presbyterians concluded celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the church with a musical festival on Sunday evening, and with renewed vigor and inspiration started in for still greater achievements in the coming years. Fraternal night, November 9th, was a great success. The Methodist choir, under the leadership of Joseph Smith, sang several anthems. Dr. Lower, the Moderator, presided, and by his address showed his lecturing ability as a Chautauquin. The greetings from the Baptist, Methodist and Reformed Episcopal indicated the friendly relationship among among the different churches. Dr. Hanna of the Leverington church, Roxborough, added to the interest of the occasion with his kindly greetings. Rev. Z. Montgomery Gibson of Roxborough church, offered prayer, and the pastor, Rev. Samuel W. Steckel, welcomed all in a choicely worded address. Your correspondent took up most of the time in telling of the religious conditions of the Falls during the last sixty years, and showed how devoted members of the Presbyterian faith had done their part in the early history of the town.

—It might be interesting to think of the material conditions which prevailed in the Falls when the Presbyterian church was organized sixty years ago. There was not a paved street in the place, toll gates were located every two miles along Ridge avenue. No one thought of such a thing as a sewer. Two policemen under Mayor Conrad, protected the peace and properties. On Scotts lane was the little Foster mill owned by John Dobson. A few camphene lamps lighted Ridge avenue when there was no moonlight. Nugent's mill stood at what is now Ridge avenue and Crawford street. The laboratory was 8 years old and gave employment to more persons than all the other industries on this side of the river combined. Simpson's print works on the other side of the river employed an equal number. The only way to get to or from the city was to walk or take the 8 o'clock stage in the morning, wait for an uncertain train on the Norristown Railroad or in season the river steamboats. Horse cars came to the Falls July 3, 1859. The Odd Fellows' lodge, then three years old was the only fraternal order in the place. There were no houses beyond

the Norristown Railroad except Charles F. Abbot's, Benj. Johnson's, Samuel Garrett's and the Morgan house. Midvale avenue was known as Mifflin hollow which extended along the brook and through the swamp to the railroad embankment which formed the breast of McMackin's dam. Beyond the dam the valley was a dense wood. Nearly every well-regulated house had its pig sty in which the winter supply of pork was raised. People drank pump water without dreaming of germs, and were healthy. Working men got a dollar a day and that went farther in buying food or coal than three times the amount goes in the present "country wide prosperity." The Falls was a peaceful neighborly village. The people knew each other and when occasion required helped each other.

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clusion of hostilities there was returned
winner of a splendid game by two goals
to three. The line-up followed:

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Defenders	Forster	Forster
Half-backs	Forster	Forster
Strikers	Forster	Forster

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The Heston A. C. have organized
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PRESBYTERIAN S. S.

The annual entertainment of the Sunday school of the Falls Presbyterian Church took place on the evening of Easter Monday in Odd Fellows' Hall.

The programme was of exceptional merit, and included vocal and instrumental music, drills and dialogue and play. Too much praise cannot be given Miss Irene Nelson for the delightful rendition of Cinderella by a company of children and young folks under her direction.

Piano solos were given by Mrs. R. Mattis, Miss Mabel Wilson and Miss Effie Palmer; a duet (instrumental) by Miss Mabel Wilson and Miss Effie Palmer; a solo, by Miss Mattie Beary; a doll drill by eight little girls and a little army of five boys.

In the dialogue entitled "Sylvia's Soldier" the following young folks took part: Charles Garrett, Horace Hughes, Harry Hunter and Miss Sadie Dunlap and Miss Anna Hughes. The united efforts of these young folks to entertain their friends met with a well deserved recognition. The little piece contains a very interesting plot, and teems with a variety of comedy and sentiment, all the different phases of which were brought out by these young players in a manner which was greatly appreciated by those present. The reading of their lines is especially deserving of favorable comment, and while they were apparently lax in stage movement, yet this should not detract from the credit which is due them of being possessed of a latent talent, which needs but the opportunity to burst forth.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Frank Bible Speaks on China

Those who were fortunate enough to be at the service last Sabbath morning will not soon forget the address on "China," which Rev. Frank Bible delivered. Rev. Bible is a Falls boy, having spent some of his early years in this locality. He is well remembered by many people, and many of his friends still live in our midst. He has for some years been one of the foremost and most efficient missionaries of the Presbyterian Church in China. For about a year he, with his family, has been in this country, where he has spoken almost every day in the large cities in the interest of the China Emergency Fund. During this time his family has lived in the Falls and has frequently worshipped with us. They are about to leave for a brief rest at Chautauqua and after about a month there they will turn their faces toward the Orient. The speaker said in part:

"The Chinese have the capacity for intellectual and commercial enlargement equal to any white people. Their country is considered by experts to be one of the richest countries of the world, and its riches are as yet hardly touched. They are the discoverers of many of the most potent factors in civilization, among them gun powder, printing and paper. Their great wall equals, if not surpasses, in point of largeness and difficulty, the Panama Canal. The reason the people have so long been without progress is to be found in their devotion to their noble past. Now, however, they have faced about and believe fully that the best is yet to be. They are open to all progressive ideas that other nations can give them. No nation is more willing to learn."

In the evening there was a musical service by the choir, assisted by Miss Edna Alrich and Mr. John Chidester, which was very much enjoyed. The choir acquitted itself well. Miss Alrich has a rich soprano voice and is always a welcome visitor in the Falls where she has been heard on a number of occasions. Mr. Chidester was formerly a member of the choir, but is now employed in one of the large choirs of Germantown. His many friends are always glad to have him return and his singing is much appreciated.

Next Sabbath the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. The members are especially urged to give this their attention. The preparatory service will be held on Friday night.

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Unveil Memorial
Tablet at Falls
Presbyterian Church

Honor Late Rev. Jos. Beggs

The Presbytery of Philadelphia North met in the Falls of Schuylkill Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, May 11, at 10 o'clock, and was opened with devotional exercises, conducted by the Rev. Harle W. Hathaway, pastor of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, of Germantown.

The morning and afternoon sessions of the Presbytery were presided over by the Moderator of the Presbytery, Rev. W. Beatty Jennings, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Germantown.

The most interesting event at the morning session to the readers of "The Forecast" was the reception of the Rev. J. Marshall Linton, who has accepted a call to the Disston Memorial Presbyterian Church, of Tacony, and will be installed over that church Tuesday evening, June 1.

Mr. Linton was a former member of the Falls Presbyterian Church and has had great success in his first charge at Buffalo during the last seven years.

The climax of the day's proceedings was reached in the evening session in the unveiling of a beautiful mural bronze tablet to the memory of the first pastor of the church, Rev. Joseph Beggs, D.D., LL.D., who gave a life of faithful service to the Falls Presbyterian Church for more than 40 years. Mr. Beggs assumed the duties of supply at Falls of Schuylkill Church in 1856. He became pastor in 1859 and served until 1890. For nine years following his resignation he was pastor emeritus.

The meeting was presided over by the Rev. Hugh B. McCrone, pastor of the Wakefield Presbyterian Church, of Germantown, and inspiring addresses were made by the following members of the Presbytery, who were closely and intimately connected with Dr. Beggs in the work of the Presbytery: Rev. Richard Montgomery, stated clerk of the Presbytery and pastor of the Ashbourne Presbyterian Church; Rev. Charles Burns, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Bristol; Rev. J. F. Shepard, pastor of the Conshohocken Presbyterian Church; Rev. Leighton W. Eckard, D.D., secretary of the Philadelphia Bible Society, and James Starrett, an elder of the Falls Presbyterian Church. Remarks were also made by the pastor of the church, Rev. S. W. Steckel. The closing prayer was offered by the Rev. Z. Montgomery Gibson, Ph.D., one of the successors of Dr. Beggs, of the Upper Roxborough Church.

The church and church grounds were beautifully decorated with flowers and evergreens for the occasion and the ladies of the church provided a most bountiful collation for the noon and evening meals. A number of beautiful anthems were sung by the choir and in the early part of the service the tablet was unveiled by one of the nieces of Dr. Beggs, Miss Joline Beggs, of Chester, Pa. The tablet is a gift to the church by Miss Catherine Joline, a sister to the wife of Dr. Beggs. This red-letter day in the history of the Falls Presbyterian Church included the introduction of 200 copies of the Revised Hymnal and a reference to the silver anniversary of the dedication of the Sunday School building.

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Historic Events Worth Preserving

Fall of 1855.—A prayer meeting conducted in private houses by Rev. Andrew Culver, of the New School Presbyterian Church, and Rev. William Fulton, of the Old School Church.

November, 1855.—The upper room of the Academy, on Queen Lane, fitted up for services at a cost of \$70.

January, 1856.—First preaching service conducted by Rev. J. H. M. Knox, of German-town.

February, 1856.—Majority of worshippers voted to identify with Old School Presbyterian Church.

February 12, 1856.—Sabbath-school probably organized, with John Kinnier, Superintendent.

February 19, 1856.—Rev. Joseph Beggs, of Roxborough, began to preach in the afternoons as stated supply.

October, 1856.—A petition presented to Presbytery, meeting at Bridesburg, for an organization.

November 7, 1856.—Congregation regularly organized by Revs. Job F. Halsey, Joseph Nesbitt and Joseph Beggs, with Elders Robert Mogee and Francis H. Latch. The sermon was preached by Dr. Halsey from Mark 5: 19. The following twenty-two members composed the church:

By Certificate.—John Kinnier, Mrs. Mary A. Kinnier, John Hope, Mrs. Janet Hope, Robison McKinley, Mrs. Jane McKinley, John Morrow, Mrs. Jane Morrow, John Bailey (Mary A. Harper) *From Roxborough Presbyterian Church*

By Profession.—Robert Stewart, Elizabeth Scott, Alex. Thompson, Margaret Thompson, John Chadwick, John McClay, Agnes McClay, John Bell, John Maxwell, William Cowan, Samuel McKinley and John Buchanan.

John Kinnier and John Hope were ordained ruling elders and composed the first session. Rev. Joseph Beggs was continued as supply.

December, 1856.—The Lord's Supper was dispensed for the first time. Four connected by profession.

March 13, 1857.—Among those connecting was Mrs. Mary Jane Cowan (now Mrs. Porter), who is still a regular and consistent member.

April 12, 1859.—A call extended to Rev. Joseph Beggs for half time.

April 28, 1859.—Rev. Joseph Beggs installed pastor for half time. Congregation now reported fifty-one (51) members.

June 10, 1859.—Elder John Hope certified to Hope Church, city.

1861.—Several unsuccessful efforts made to secure present site for a church.

November 30, 1866.—The present site was purchased from the estate of Andrew Robeson for \$1,800. The original property ran to the river.

September 7, 1867.—Cornerstone of church laid, and building inclosed before winter.

Historic Events Continued

- April 22, 1868.—Rev. Joseph Beggs resigned Roxborough and devoted his whole time to this congregation.
- October 11, 1868.—Church dedicated. Rev. J. H. M. Knox, of Germantown, preached in morning; Rev. H. S. Dickson, of West Chester, in afternoon; and Rev. Thomas Murphy, of Frankford, in evening. Cost of church, about \$8,000. A debt of \$2,500 paid within a year.
- November 27, 1870.—The pipe organ, the gift of Mr. James Dobson (still our princely friend), was played for the first time.
- March 15, 1871.—Parsonage completed and occupied. Original cost, about \$3,600.
- November 17, 1872.—James McMurtrie and Samuel McKinney ordained elders—Mr. Kinnier having served alone for thirteen years.
- December 14, 1873.—Elder John Kinnier certified to First Church, Germantown, where he still resides.
- November 15, 1874.—John Maxwell ordained an elder.
- December 10, 1875.—Elder Samuel McKinney certified to the Reformed Presbyterian Church.
- July 20, 1879.—Church opened after a thorough renovation. Cost, about \$1,900. Addresses by Revs. Drs. William O. Johnstone, Roger Owen and Thomas Murphy.
- January, 1882.—Renovated and enlarged Sabbath-school rooms opened. Cost, about \$450.
- April 28, 1884.—Twenty-fifth anniversary of pastor's installation signaled by a refurbished church, at a cost of about \$1,200. Several ministers made congratulatory addresses. The historical sermon was published.
- June 8, 1889.—Cornerstone of Sabbath-school building laid by pastor, and appropriate addresses made by several clergymen.
- May 11, 1890.—Sabbath-school building dedicated. Addresses by Hon. John Wanamaker, Messrs. George S. Graham, W. H. Scott, Robert Ogden, and Revs. Thomas Murphy and W. C. Cattell. Approximate cost of building was \$10,000. Mr. John Maxwell superintended the work.
- March 3, 1891.—Josiah Linton, George B. Gallagher and James Starrett installed ruling elders.
- April 17, 1894.—Rev. Joseph Beggs, D. D., LL. D., released from charge and made pastor emeritus.
- June 15, 1894.—Elder James McMurtrie deceased.
- January 10, 1895.—Rev. Sherman Hoadley Doyle, of Moundsville, W. Va., installed pastor.
- May 12, 1895.—Elder George B. Gallagher removed to New York.
- September 1, 1895.—Samuel H. Mayberry ordained an elder.
- Summer of 1896.—Addition built to parsonage and interior conveniences made. Cost, about \$2,000.
- April 14, 1899.—Rev. Joseph Beggs, D. D., LL. D., died at his home in Germantown. Interment at Mt. Vernon Cemetery.

Historic Events Continued

- April 15, 1900.—Charles E. Hunt and Alexander Starrett ordained ruling elders.
- May 1, 1900.—Rev. S. H. Doyle released from pastoral charge and accepted call to Fourth Church, Philadelphia.
- October 25, 1900.—Rev. John Milton Thompson, of Parnassus, Pa., installed pastor.
- November 2, 1900.—Elder Samuel H. Mayberry certified to Ocean City, N. J.
- August, 1903.—Church renovated and aisles carpeted.
- May 15, 1904.—Rev. J. M. Thompson released from pastoral charge to accept call to Ninth Church, Troy, N. Y.
- November 29, 1904.—Elder John Maxwell deceased.
- December 6, 1904.—Rev. William Melancthon Glasgow, of Wellsville, Ohio, installed pastor.
- June 19, 1905.—Work began for the installation of a new pipe organ.
- September 13, 1905.—Ground broken for front addition to the church building.
- March 11, 1906.—Reconstructed and refurnished church opened with appropriate exercises continuing a week. Approximate cost, \$18,000, largely made payable by the princely gifts of Mr. James Dobson.
- June 15, 1906.—Parsonage remodeled at a cost of about \$600.
- November 4-7, 1906.—Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration. (Consult this Program.)
- November 7, 1906.—The membership at the organization, in 1856, was twenty-two (22); to-day the full roll contains four hundred and eighteen (418) members. The church began in a small rented room on Queen Lane; to-day it owns a property fronting on Ridge Avenue and bounded on two sides by Fairmount Park, free of debt, worth at least \$35,000. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."





Joseph Beggs, D. D., LL. D.
Supply from 1856 to 1859
Pastor from 1859 to 1894



Sherman Hoadley Doyle, D. D.
Pastor from 1895 to 1900

BIOGRAPHY.—Joseph Beggs was born near Duncannon, Co. Tyrone, Ireland, Sept. 14, 1830; graduated from Lafayette College in '51, and from Princeton Seminary in '55; Pastor of Roxborough, Pa., March 24, 1855 to April 22, 1868, and of this church from April 28, 1859 to April 17, 1894, being Pastor Emeritus until his death at Germantown, Pa., April 14, 1899. D. D. from Lafayette College in 1882, and LL. D. from Washington College, Tenn., in 1893. Stated Clerk of Presbytery 1869 to 1891.



John Milton Thompson, D. D.
Pastor from 1900 to 1904



William Melancthon Glasgow
Pastor since 1904

Dr. Benj Bunn Royer
Rev. Samuel W. Steckel
Rev. Wm. B. Cooke - left Oct 12 - 1930
Rev. Aaron T. Mayskens - Came
Nov. 10 - 1931

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Josiah Linton

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Mrs. Hannah Jardine
Mrs. George Kyle
Mrs. Josiah Linton
Mrs. Frances M. MacIndoe
Mrs. John H. MacLaren
Mrs. James McMurtrie
Mrs. Deborah McMurtrie
Miss Jennie McMurtrie
Mrs. W. D. Miller
Mrs. Thomas Mirk
Mrs. James Morgan
Mrs. John Neeley
Mrs. Richard Norris
Mrs. B. W. Omensetter
Mrs. C. A. Palmer
Mrs. F. H. Ross
Mrs. Sara K. Rosshorough
Mrs. Dr. C. K. Rowe
Mrs. R. H. Roy
Mrs. Caroline Seffert
Mrs. James Starrett
Miss Bella W. Taylor
Mrs. Geo. P. Weer

Edwin F. Sterner
Miss Amy M. Young
Mrs. Dr. W. C. Carmany
Mrs. Dr. D. J. Boon
Miss Minnie H. Mullen
Miss Sadie M. Dunlap
Miss Bella W. MacKay
Miss Anna M. MacIndoe
Miss Sallie M. Starrett
Miss Emma H. Maxwell

Committee on Music

Miss Lillian M. Omensetter
Miss Ella J. Dunlap
Miss Adelaide Ransford
Miss Jean M. MacIndoe
Miss Bessie D. Starrett
Miss A. Irene Cowan
Miss Violet Ransford
Miss M. Lillian Hunter
Miss Bessie M. Omensetter
Miss S. Lyle McMurtrie
Miss Carrie A. Baedeker
Miss M. Joline Cowan
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Miss Nellie Crooks
Miss Lillian M. Omensetter
Miss Jean M. MacIndoe
Miss Mary C. Mellor

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Miss Sallie M. Starrett
Miss Carrie A. Baedeker
Miss Mamie Cantley
Miss Florence B. Miller
Miss Bessie D. Starrett
Miss Bessie M. Omensetter
Miss Reba E. Dunlap
Miss Bertha Y. Jones
Miss Bertha Dorsey
Miss M. Lillian Hunter
Miss I. May Myers
Mrs. W. M. Glasgow
Mrs. G. C. Wagner
Mrs. A. H. Bates
Mrs. W. J. Porter
Mrs. Martha G. Hunter
Mrs. R. B. Linton
Mrs. W. D. Miller
Mrs. Robert Kirkwood

Program for Celebration

Sabbath, Nov. 4th, 1906

- 10.30 A. M. Historical Sermon by the Pastor
 2.15 P. M. Sabbath School Exercises
 7.30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. S. H. Doyle, D. D.,
 a former pastor, now of the 4th Presbyterian Church

Monday Evening, Nov. 5th, 8 o'clock

A Fraternal Service

Rev. Dwight C. Hanna, Moderator of Presbytery, Presiding.

Members of Presbytery and neighboring Pastors will make brief congratulatory and reminiscent addresses. We expect the Rev. Andrew Culver, D. D. to speak, who preached here fifty years ago.

Special music by the Church Choir.

Tuesday Evening, Nov. 6th, 8 o'clock

Exercises by Church Organizations

Elder Charles E. Hunt, Presiding.

The various Congregational Societies will present brief histories and reports, and the exercises will be interspersed with literary productions and musical performances.

Wednesday Evening, Nov. 7th, 8 o'clock

Re-union of Old Members

Elder Josiah Linton, Presiding.

Former members of the congregation, and especially those of earlier years, are invited to be present to relate experiences and renew acquaintances. Mr. John Kinnier, one of the first Elders ordained in 1856, is expected to be present and address the meeting.

Refreshments will be served, and a general social gathering will close the jubilee celebration.

Presbyterians To Hold Celebration *Forecast Oct 26-1916* Organized Church Nov. 7 60 Years Ago; Its History



REV. S. W. STECKEL

On November 7 next the Falls Presbyterian Church will have been organized sixty years. In celebration of the event an anniversary service will begin next Sunday morning, continuing Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings and close the following Sunday night.

At next Sunday morning's service the present pastor, the Rev. Samuel Wilbert Steckel, will preach an historical sermon.

Wednesday evening will be "Congregational Evening," when every member of the church will attend to answer to the roll call and extend their greeting to a former pastor, the Rev. J. Milton Thompson, D.D., who will preach. Also it is expected that a letter of fraternal greeting from the last predecessor in the pulpit of the church, the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bunn Royer, who is now at St. Paul, Minnesota, will be read. The choir, under the leadership of Horace Linton, will render special music.

Thursday evening will be "Fraternal Evening," when neighboring pastors and members of the Presbytery will bring their greetings and congratulations. The widely-known journalist, R. Robert Shrook, local historian, is scheduled to speak on "Religious Conditions in the Falls for the Last Sixty Years." The music will be furnished by the choir of the Falls Methodist Episcopal Church, led by Joseph Smith.

Friday evening will be "A Social Evening." The music will be rendered by the reputed Falls Male Chorus, under the direction of Joseph Smith. Readings by Miss Frances Leedom Hess will be interspersed in the musical program. Refreshments will be served by the Ladies' Aid Society.

"The Consecration of Social Life" will be the Y. P. S. C. E. topic for

Sunday evening, November 12. This is the monthly consecration meeting of the society and will be led by the Social Committee, of which Miss Margaret Starrett is chairman.

The "Sixtieth Anniversary Musical Festival" will bring the anniversary service to a close on Sunday evening, November 12.

The Falls of Schuylkill Presbyterian Church had its beginning with weekly home prayer meetings organized in the fall of 1855 by a number of determined and enthusiastic adherents of that faith, who at that time had to journey to Manayunk to hear God's Word interpreted to them according to the way they had been taught and their consciences dictated. In these meetings the promoters were occasionally assisted by the Rev. Andrew Culver, of Manayunk, and the Rev. William Fulton, of the Dutch Reformed Church of the same place.

The meetings being well attended, the faithful in November, 1855, fitted up, at a cost of \$70, the upper room of the "Old Academy" on Queen lane, which cradled the other creeds in becoming established in the Falls. The first sermon to the Presbyterians of the Falls in that building was preached in the month of January, 1856, by the Rev. J. H. Mason Knox, D.D., then of Germantown and later on president of Lafayette College at Easton, Pa. On February 19, 1856, Rev. Joseph Beggs, of the Roxborough Presbyterian Church, began to preach in the afternoons as stated supply. Under the administration of Dr. Beggs renewed hopes of success began to be entertained. So much so that in October of that year, 1856, a petition was presented to the Second Presbytery of Philadelphia, as it was then called, asking for a church organization. The petition being favorably entertained, a committee was appointed to visit the Falls and, should the way be clear, organize a church.

The committee met in the old Academy building on November 7, 1856, and organized the church, which is known today as the Presbyterian Church of the Falls of Schuylkill. The first membership consisted of twenty-two persons, ten by certificate and twelve by profession. Rev. Joseph Beggs was continued as supply.

On April 12, 1859, a call was extended to Rev. Beggs for half time, and he was installed on the 28th day of the same month. The congregation now reported 51 members.

The congregation having outgrown the capacity of the old Academy, several unsuccessful efforts were made during the year 1861 to secure the present site for the church. It was not until November 30, 1866, when the present site was purchased from the estate of Andrew Robeson for \$1800, the original property running to the river. Active measures were at once taken for the erection of the building, and the success was so great that on September 7, 1867, the cornerstone of

the church was laid and the building enclosed before the winter.

The Rev. Joseph Beggs on April 22, 1868, resigned from his Roxborough pastorate to devote his whole time to the new congregation. He assumed the important work of raising the principal parts of the funds for the erection of the church building, thus enabling the formal opening and dedication on October 11 of the year he became full pastor. The morning sermon at the dedication was preached by Rev. J. H. M. Knox, of Germantown; the afternoon by Rev. H. S. Dickson, of West Chester, Pa., and the evening by Rev. Thomas Murphy, of Frankford.

The cost of the church was \$8000, a debt of \$2500 remaining on the building. The balance due was paid off in the short space of twelve months through the self-sacrificing efforts of the congregation.

A beautiful pipe organ was present-

ed in the year 1870 by James Dobson. A handsome and commodious parsonage adjoining the church was commenced in the fall of the same year and occupied by the pastor and his family on March 15, the year following. Extensive repairs and alterations were made in the church edifice in 1879, amounting to \$2000. The sacred edifice was recarpeted and reupholstered, the cushions and backs of the pews were covered with the best mohair plush at a cost of \$1200, all the material having come from the Dobson mills, preparatory to celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the installation of the pastor.

The anniversary celebration was fittingly observed on April 28, 1884. Several ministers made congratulatory addresses. Rev. Beggs delivered an historical sermon most eloquently, which has been perpetuated in book form.

A Sabbath School building, which has always been the wish of the pastor, was started, the cornerstone laid June 8, 1889, and the building dedicated May 11, 1890. Addresses were delivered by the city's most prominent men. The approximate cost of the building was \$10,000. A member of the church, John Maxwell, had charge of the work.

Rev. Joseph Beggs, D.D., LL.D., was released from his charge April 17, 1894, and made pastor emeritus. He died at his home in Germantown five years later, April 14.

The next pastor was the Rev. Sherman Hoadley Doyle, of Moundville, West Virginia, who was installed January 10, 1895. After a successful pastorate at the local church he accepted a call to a West Philadelphia church and was released from pastoral charge May 1, 1900. In the summer of 1896 an addition was built to the parsonage and interior conveniences made at a cost of \$2000.

Rev. John Milton Thompson, of Parnassus, Pa., succeeded, being installed October 25, 1900. During his charge, in August, 1903, the church was renovated and the aisles carpeted. On May 15, 1904, he accepted a call to Ninth Church, Troy, N. Y.

Rev. William Melancthon Glasgow, of Wellsville, Ohio, assumed the pastorate December 6, 1904. His administration was marked by additions to the church. A new pipe organ was installed June 19, 1905. Ground was broken for a front addition to the church building on September 13, 1905. The reconstructed and refurnished church, which had cost approximately \$18,000, largely made possible by the princely gifts of James Dobson, was opened with appropriate exercises continuing a week on March 11, 1906. In June of the same year the parsonage was remodeled at a cost of about \$600. Mr. Glasgow died while at the local charge on March 2, 1909. The Ladies' Guild erected a tablet in his memory shortly after his death.

After a brief vacancy the Rev. Dr. Benjamin Bunn Royer was installed at the church December 2, 1909. He resigned March 31, 1914, to accept a call at St. Paul, Minnesota, where he now has a pastorate.

The summer following Dr. Royer's resignation the pulpit was filled by Rev. Samuel Wilbert Steckel, who had been stated supply for a year at the Greenwich Street (Philadelphia) Presbyterian Church, after having left a charge at Providence, Rhode Island. He was installed formally September 10, 1914.

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Weekly Forecast
November 16th
1916

Presbyterian Celebration Closed Sunday

Sermon of J. M. Thompson, Former Pastor

The sixtieth anniversary celebration of the Falls Presbyterian Church came to a close on Sunday evening with the sixtieth anniversary musical festival given by the church quartet and chorus under the direction of W. Horace Linton. The festival was superbly interesting and the church was filled to hear the rendition of music and hymns.

On congregational evening (Wednesday) the sermon was preached by the Rev. J. Milton Thompson, D.D., of Far Rockaway, New York, a former pastor at the church. The sermon is printed in this week's issue of the paper.

At the Fraternal Evening meeting on Thursday Rev. William Barnes Lower, moderator of the Presbytery of Philadelphia, North, presided. Rev. Charles L. Seasholes, of the Baptist church, made an address of greeting.

Addresses were also made by Rev. A. Percival Hodgson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; Rev. Walter E. Oakford, rector of the Grace Reformed Episcopal Church; Rev. D. C. Hanna, pastor of the Leverington Presbyterian Church, Roxborough, and Rev. Z. Montgomery Gibson, pastor of the Roxborough Presbyterian Church. An address on the last 60 years of religious life in that section of the city was made by Colonel R. Robert Shronk. The address will be printed in part in a later issue.

The music was furnished by the members of the choir of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was in charge of Joseph Smith.

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Forecast
April 24-1918

FALLS PRESBYTERIANS SELECT OFFICERS

At the annual business meeting of the Falls Presbyterian Church the present officers were continued: The Session, the pastor, Rev. William B. Cooke, moderator; Walter MacIndoe, clerk; Herbert Johnson, treasurer; James Starrett, Alexander Starrett, Charles A. Palmer, David Borland, George Hamilton, W. Horace Linton; the trustees, James Dobson, president; David Furman, vice president; William J. Porter, secretary; George C. Wagner, financial secretary; David G. Hunter, treasurer; William J. Campbell, Edwin Baker, David Borland, John M. Kyle. Reports showed an increase in membership to 410, with expenditures of some \$4500 for current expenses and about \$2500 for benevolences from all departments. In the New Era canvass pledges were received doubling the amount to be given through the nine benevolent boards of the denomination, and considerably increasing the amount of local support, including individual gifts of new hymn books for the Sabbath School and prayer meeting and the expense of the weekly calendar. The Sabbath School has completed six years under the present superintendent, W. Horace Linton, and shows marked prosperity, especially in regularity of attendance and increase of benevolences.

The Christian Endeavor Society has elected these officers: President, Allcia Furman; vice president, Lillian Jones; secretary, Margaret Calhoun; treasurer, Marian G. Morrow. Under the leadership of the pastor each Sabbath evening the society is studying "Jack and Janet in the Philippines." Last Wednesday evening an illustrated lecture on the Philippines was given.

Last Friday evening with Nathan Adams as chorister and Miss Margaret C. Starrett at the organ, the choir sang John S. Wotty's sacred cantata, "From Gethsemane to Calvary," with soloists—sopranos, Misses Lavinia Starrett,

Helen Haigh, Nellie Groves; tenors, Walter MacIndoe, Harry Omensetter; altos, Mrs. W. H. Linton, Misses Edna Starrett and Lillian Jones; basses, W. Horace Linton and Lloyd Stamm.

On Sabbath evening the school and congregation united in their annual Easter service of praise.

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Forecast 15
May 9-1918

NEW MINISTER GLADLY RECEIVED

The Rev. William B. Cooke, who will be formally installed, soon as pastor of the Falls Presbyterian Church, and his sister were presented with beautiful bouquets during the session at the Falls Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening, May 1, James Starrett making the presentation.

On Sunday in the Sunday School room Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery presented the minister-elect and his sister with bouquets as did the Sunday School.

The Rev. Mr. Cooke is a graduate of Princeton University and of the Theological Seminary connected with that institution.

His first charge was at Steelton, Penna., where he remained for ten years. During the summer of 1910, he, accompanied by his sister, traversed the United States to San Francisco, from there sailing the broad Pacific for Manila, where he labored at the Presbyterian Church established for the English-speaking people settled there.

In January, 1914, they were homeward bound by way of India, Egypt, Palestine and European countries, stopping off for several months during the summer of 1914 to minister in Scotland's churches.

The arrival in America was made in September, 1914, when the clergyman assumed his pastoral work among American congregations. In the fall of 1916 during the illness of the pastor of Summit Presbyterian Church, Germantown, Mr. Cooke labored there. During the winter of 1917 he was at Lewistown, Penna., which gained fame through the lone train-robber.

The Rev. Mr. Cooke and his sister may be listed among the "globe-trotters." He has many trinkets which he brought from the Oriental countries.

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East Falls Herald
June 4 - 1925

FALLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

4510 RIDGE AVENUE
Below School lane

Pastor, the Rev. William B. Cooke,
4504 Ridge avenue. Phone, ROX
1878-W.

Weekly services:

Sunday at 10 A. M., Sunday School;
11 A. M., preaching; 7 P. M., Christian
Endeavor; 7:45 P. M., praise ser-
vice and preaching.

Wednesday at 8 P. M., prayer meet-
ing.

Tomorrow, Friday evening at 8
o'clock, a preparatory service will be
held, with an address by the pastor,
looking to the quarterly communion
on Sunday. Following this service a
meeting of the session of the Church
will be held to meet with candidates
for admission to the Church.

Next Sunday morning, June 7, the
sacrament of the Lord's supper will
be administered, according to custom,
at the 11 o'clock service, and new
members will be welcomed into fel-
lowship.

On Sunday evening, at 7 o'clock,
the Endeavor Society will continue
the study of the text-book "Teaching
the Teacher" with the lesson on
Paul's second missionary journey, un-
der the lead of John Morrow, who
will have charge during June.

On Tuesday evening the Ladies'
Aid met at the home of Mrs. W. Hor-
ace Linton, 4814 McKean street.

The pulpit flowers, last Sunday,
were in memory of Charles A. Pal-
mer, who passed away a year ago.
They were the gift of Mrs. Palmer,
of New Queen street, and her daugh-
ters. After the evening service they
were presented to a family friend,
Mrs. G. W. Benham, of Ridge avenue,
who is ill.

The Sunday School classes and de-
partments made the following sub-
scriptions to the Building Fund last
Sunday: George Hamilton's ladies'
Bible class, \$500; Mrs. Hamilton's
girls' class, \$500; Mrs. Montgomery's
class, \$500; James Starrett's men's
Bible class, \$200; Mrs. William J.
Campbell's class, \$100; W. Horace
Linton's class, \$200; Mrs. Margaret
Moon's class, \$200; Alexander Star-
rett's class, \$100; beginners depart-
ment, Mrs. George C. Wagner, \$100;
Miss Nellie Groves' class, \$50; Miss
Elizabeth Moore's class, \$50; Miss
Dorothy MacIndoe's class, \$50; Miss
Elizabeth Hill's class, \$100; William
J. Porter's class, \$100; David Hun-
ter's class, \$100; Mrs. Harry Morrow's
class, \$200; total \$3050.

Saturday evening, at Queen lane
and Cresson street, a cake sale and
supper will be held by Mrs. Hamil-
ton's class of girls: Helen Hocking,
Dorothy Baker, Annie Lane, Hannah
Doran Zimmerman, and others. A
Dutch supper of potato salad and oth-
er good things will be served. All
are invited.

East Falls
Dec - 10 - 1925

Church Acquires Property
The officers of the Falls Presby-
terian Church made settlement on
Thursday at the East Falls Bank and
Trust Company for the property pur-
chased at Midvale avenue and Vaux
street.

Suburban Press
August 22 - 1929

LEAVES \$500 TO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Falls of the Schuylkill Pres-
byterian Church is bequeathed \$500
in the will of Florence C. Buchanan,
3461 Sunnyside avenue, which was
filed for probate on Saturday.

Three properties on Sunnyside
avenue are left to the Presbyterian
Orphanage in the statement, which
names a sister, Mary Buchanan,
and other relatives to receive the
residue of her \$8009 estate.

Manayunk Chronicle
July 21 - 1882

HONORARY DEGREES. — From the
National Baptist we learn that the degree
of D. C. L. (Doctor of Civil Law) has
been conferred by Judson University,
Arkansas, upon our genial neighbor and
correspondent, Senator Horatio Gates
Jones, of Roxborough. And very fit,
too; for the Civil Law often seems to
need a good deal of doctoring. Possibly,
though, the degree of D. A. H. L. (Doc-
tor of Antiquarian and Historic Lore)
would have been equally appropriate.

Rev. Joseph Beggs, pastor of the Falls
Presbyterian Church, received the degree
of D. D. (Doctor of Divinity) from his
Alma Mater, Lafayette College, of Easton,
Pa., at the celebration of its Fiftieth
anniversary, June 28th. Dr. Beggs be-
longed to the Class of 1851, and stands
deservedly high among the College
Alumni, who generally impose all the
lion's share of any work that is to be
done upon his capable (not to say capa-
cious) shoulders.

Suburban Press
July 3 - 1930

Wills \$40,000 To Church at East Falls

Mrs. Arthur Ringgold Spen-
cer Provides for Fath-
er's Memorial

CHAUFFEUR BENEFITS

Deceased Was Killed in Auto
Crash Near Consho-
hocken

The will of Mrs. Arthur Ringgold
Spencer, of Villanova, the former
Florence Dobson, was probated on
Monday in Norristown, giving
\$40,000 to the Falls Presbyterian
Church, at 4510 Ridge avenue, and
leaving the residue of an estate
listed at \$100,000 and upwards to
her husband, who is a lawyer.

Mrs. Spencer was killed June 19
in an automobile collision at Ridge
and Butler pikes, at Harmanville,
near Conshohocken. She was riding
with Mrs. Mildred L. Biddle Cad-
walader, wife of Dr. William B.
Cadwalader, and Mrs. Grace D.
Tuck Devereux, widow of Alfred
Plumstead Devereux. Both women,
who were also of Villanova, were
seriously injured.

The testament, written June 21,
1917, directs that the \$40,000 be-
quest shall be made if it can be
withdrawn from her estate without
unduly sacrificing her securities, and
it shall be used to build a new
church edifice to be known as the
"Dobson Memorial Church." Her
father, James Dobson, was a prom-
inent carpet manufacturer and the
Dobson family has lived at Falls of
the Schuylkill for many years.

The present church building, at
Ridge avenue and School lane, was
built about seventy-five years ago.
Rev. William B. Cooke is pastor.

The testatrix directed that a
trust fund sufficient to create an
annual income of \$500 be created
for Robert Kyle, who has been an
employee of the Dobson family for
many years. The residue is given
to her husband who is assistant dean
of the college at the University of
Pennsylvania. He is named execu-
tor of the estate.

Mr. Spencer is also to receive the
income from all property over
which Mrs. Spencer had power of
appointment. At his death the
principal of this fund is to be di-
vided into six parts, one of which
goes to the trustees of the Falls of
Schuylkill Presbyterian Church out-
right. Mrs. Bessie Dobson Eastman,
a sister, is to receive two shares in
trust and three other sisters, Mrs.
Sarah D. Norris, Mrs. Maria S. D.
Norris, and Mrs. Mary D. Jeffries,
are to receive one share each in
trust. The principal of these shares
is to revert to the sisters' heirs at
their deaths.

1856 — 1926

Seventieth Anniversary

Falls of Schuylkill
Presbyterian Church
4510 RIDGE AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.



November 7th—14th, 1926

Our Pastors

REV. JOSEPH BEGGS, D.D., LL.D., 1856-1894 REV. WILLIAM MELANCTHON GLASGOW, D.D.,
REV. SHERMAN HOADLEY DOYLE, D.D., 1895-1900 1904-1909
REV. JOHN MILTON THOMPSON, D.D., 1900-1904 REV. BENJAMIN BUNN ROYER, D.D., 1909-1914
REV. SAMUEL WILBERT STECKEL, D.D., 1914-1917
REV. WILLIAM B. COOKE, 1918-

Anniversary Committee

<i>Chairman,</i> WALTER MACINDOE	<i>Asst. Secretary,</i> JAMES MONTGOMERY	
<i>Secretary,</i> WILLIAM A. FITZPATRICK	<i>Treasurer,</i> WILLIAM J. PORTER	
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MISS MARY H. COOKE	WILLIAM H. HALSTEAD	HARRY S. OMENSETTER
MRS. JOHN MONTGOMERY	GEORGE HAMILTON	GEORGE C. WAGNER
MRS. GEORGE McCLENAHAN	JOHN E. SMITHIES	DAVID G. HUNTER

The Evening Service 7.45

- THE ORGAN PRELUDE—"Berceuse" Kinder
- SELECTIONS—THE HILYARD INSTRUMENTAL QUARTETTE
- HYMN 159—"O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth"
- RESPONSIVE READING—Selection 37
- ANTHEM—"A Song in the Night" Woodman
- SELECTION—THE HILYARD INSTRUMENTAL QUARTETTE
- THE GENERAL PRAYER
- HYMN 725—"O Happy Day"
- THE ANNOUNCEMENTS
- THE OFFERTORY
- ANTHEM—"Lord God, We Worship Thee" Stults
- SELECTION—THE HILYARD INSTRUMENTAL QUARTETTE
- THE SERMON
- HYMN 20—"The Day Is Gently Sinking"
- THE BENEDICTION
- THE ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Fantasy on Duke Street" Rockwell

NOVEMBER 10TH, 11TH, 12TH
A Week of Fellowship

WEDNESDAY—HOME NIGHT. ELDER JAMES STARRETT, *Presiding*
 CONGREGATIONAL DINNER AT 7.00
 OUR AGENCIES AND ACTIVITIES:

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| The Session, Walter MacIndoe, Clerk | The Ladies' Aid |
| The Trustees, William J. Campbell | The Young Ladies' Guild |
| The Sunday School, David Furman | The Christian Endeavor |
| The Missionary Society, Miss Mary H. Cooke | |

MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP
 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

THURSDAY—OUR GUESTS. OUR PASTOR, *Presiding*. 8.00 P. M.
 DEVOTIONAL SERVICE
 GREETINGS, MEMORIES, EXHORTATIONS:

- The Presbytery of Philadelphia North—Rev. H. H. Crawford, D.D., Moderator; Rev. Richard Montgomery, S.T.D., Stated Clerk; Rev. J. Marshall Linton, a Son of our Church.
- Our Neighboring Pastors.
- Former Officers of Our Church.
- Our Pastors—Drs. Steckel, Royer and Thompson.

SOPRANO SOLOS—MISS HELEN HAIGH
 MUSIC AND FELLOWSHIP

FRIDAY—A SOCIAL EVENING. ELDER W. HORACE LINTON, *Presiding*. 8.00 P.M.
 MRS. RACHAEL TROOST STEUMPPIG, *Soprano*.
 FALLS MALE CHORUS
 MR. AND MRS. SUNSHINE, *Mental Telepathy*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

A Lord's Day of Hope and Vision
and Joy

THE SCHOOL. 10.00 A. M.

THE MORNING SERVICE, 11.00

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

"Prelude on Hanover".....Leslie
"Oh, Worship the King".....Leslie

THE DOXOLOGY

THE INVOCATION

ANTHEM—"Festival Te Deum".....Buck
CHOIR

HYMN 302—"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

THE JUNIOR CHOIR—"Building, Daily Building"

THE GENERAL PRAYER

HYMN 155—"Ye Servants of God"

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY—"Melody".....Wilmot
SOLO—Miss Nellie Groves

THE SERMON, by the REV. LEWIS SEYMOUR MUDGE, D.D., LL.D.,
The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

THE PRAYER OF APPLICATION

HYMN 301—"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

THE BENEDICTION AND SILENT PRAYER

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Postlude in C".....Schuler

AFTERNOON SERVICE OF PRAISE, 3.15

Led by THE SMITH FAMILY CHOIR

THE ORGAN PRELUDE—"At Evening".....Kinder

Soprano	Alto	Bass	Tenor
MRS. FRANK HALEY	MRS. THEO. L. MACKENZIE	THEO. L. MACKENZIE	WALTER SMITH
MRS. CHAS. WILCOX	MISS ELSIE CLAYTON	DONALD MACKENZIE	STANLEY SMITH
MISS G. SMITH	MRS. H. WEBSTER	CHAS. WILCOX	JOSEPH SMITH
MRS. GEO. ECKERLIN	MRS. T. DUNLAP	THOS. DUNLAP	HARROLD WEBSTER
MISS DOROTHY HOLMES	MRS. S. SMITH		
MRS. GODFREY MYERS			

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Festive March".....Maxson

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

A Lord's Day of Hope and Vision
and Joy

THE SCHOOL. 10.00 A. M.

THE MORNING SERVICE, 11.00

THE ORGAN PRELUDE
"Prelude on Hanover".....Leslie
"Oh, Worship the King".....Leslie

THE DOXOLOGY

THE INVOCATION

ANTHEM—"Festival Te Deum".....Buck
CHOIR

HYMN 302—"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

THE JUNIOR CHOIR—"Building, Daily Building"

THE GENERAL PRAYER

HYMN 155—"Ye Servants of God"

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY—"Melody".....Wilmot

SOLO—Miss Nellie Groves

THE SERMON, by the REV. LEWIS SEYMOUR MUDGE, D.D., LL.D.,
The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

THE PRAYER OF APPLICATION

HYMN 301—"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

THE BENEDICTION AND SILENT PRAYER

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE—"Postlude in C".....Schuler

AFTERNOON SERVICE OF PRAISE, 3.15

Led by THE SMITH FAMILY CHOIR

THE ORGAN PRELUDE—"At Evening".....Kinder

Soprano	Alto	Bass	Tenor
MRS. FRANK HALEY	MRS. THEO. L. MACKENZIE	THEO. L. MACKENZIE	WALTER SMITH
MRS. CHAS. WILCOX	MISS ELSIE CLAYTON	DONALD MACKENZIE	STANLEY SMITH
MISS G. SMITH	MRS. H. WEBSTER	CHAS. WILCOX	JOSEPH SMITH
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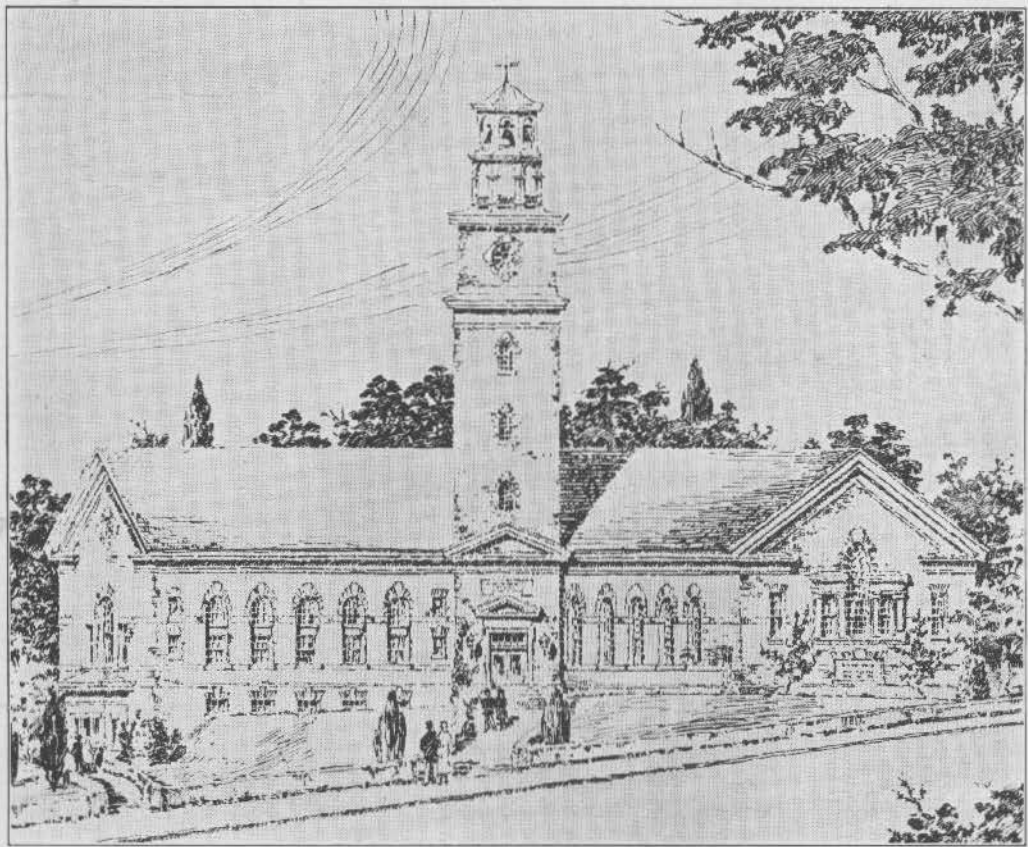
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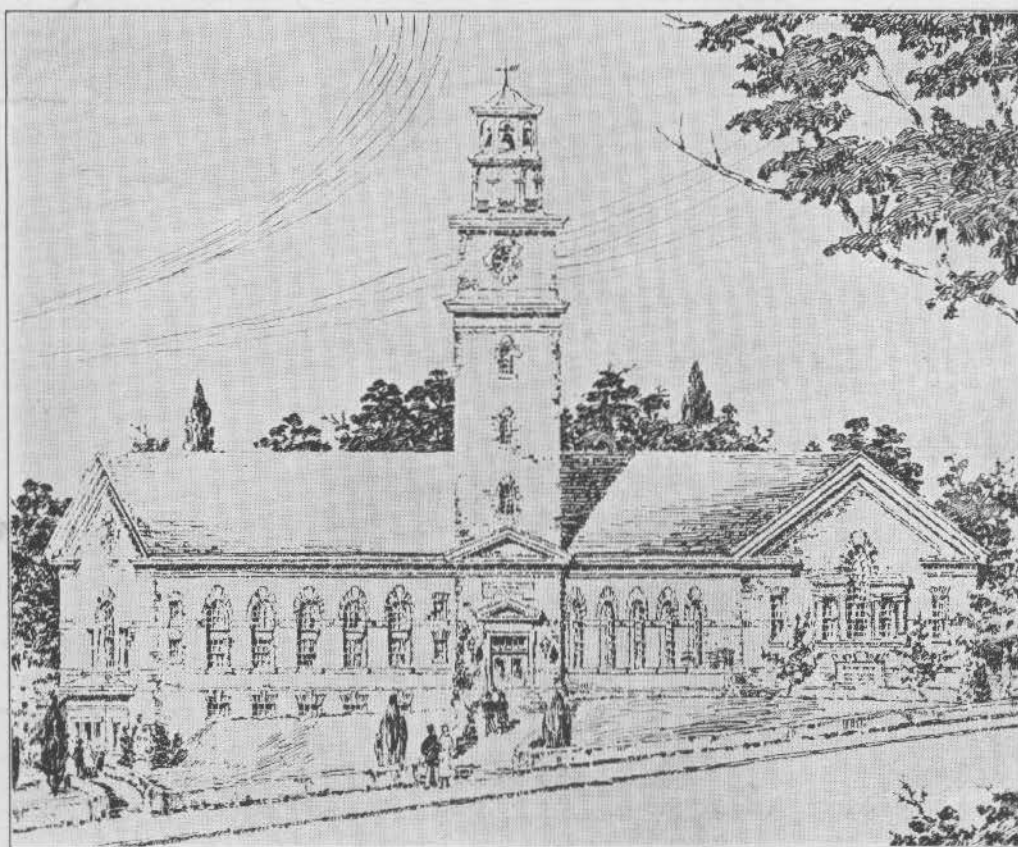
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AEOLIAN GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS

The Aeolian Group, of East Falls, held its last monthly meeting at the home of Miss Clara Neely, 3519 New Queen street.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Russell Weer; Vice President, William Montgomery; Treasurer, Nellie Groves; Recording Secretary, Sara Shivers, and Financial Secretary, Samuel McClenahan.

The Auditing Committee reported that the books of the Group were in good shape. The Group has had a most successful year, having taken in ten new members, beside conducting various affairs which resulted in good times and in accruing funds, which were distributed between the Building Fund of the Falls Presbyterian Church, and several other worthy causes.

The Group has mapped out an interesting program for the coming year. Several features of which will be a mystery play called, "The House of the Flashing Lights," to be given on Easter Monday night; a strawberry festival, to be held early in June; several suppers and numerous other events, which will undoubtedly be of great interest to the residents of this section.

Endeavorer Conference A Success

Meetings at Falls Presbyterian Church Were Well Attended

STONE GIVES TALK

Rally to Be Held in Roxborough on Tuesday of Next Week

Last Saturday the Northwest Branch Christian Endeavor Societies held a Green Lane Echo Conference at the Falls Presbyterian Church, Ridge avenue, below School lane. This was the first time an Echo Conference was held and it met with such success it is felt that this will be an annual affair.

The conference started with a song service at 2:15 p. m., led by Conrad Schaffer, the Branch musical director, and assisted by Miss Anna Howard, pianist. The Sunday School lesson was taught by L. Kingsley Barnes, a well-known Bible teacher. Next was a service held on the lawn where the leader was Charles Ehly, and a very inspiring address was given by Rev. Richard P. Mallery, the pastoral counselor of the Branch.

The service following was held in the church building. Charles Jansen led this meeting and Rev. George A. Palmer, pastor of the Maranatha Tabernacle, in Darby, and also a well known radio speaker, brought a splendid message. Miss Florence Marley and Miss Ruth Marley sang at this service.

A supper, that the girls of the Social Committee prepared was enjoyed by all who partook of it. All those who attended gave the highest of praise to Miss Marion Eckenroth, Miss Martha Furman and the committee for the efforts on their part to make the supper a real part of the conference. Eugene Stone brought greetings from the Philadelphia C. E. Union following the supper, and A. C. Chadwick, Jr., editor of the Suburban Press, spoke concerning the splendid relationship between the Suburban Press and the Northwest Branch.

At 7 p. m. the evening service started. The first service being held in the Sunday School room, which had a capacity attendance. Russell Weer was the leader and Mrs. Grace Livingston Hill, world-famous author and speaker, gave an address that went deep into the hearts of all those who attended. Miss Grace Wolfington sang two solos at this service, one being the Green Lane theme song, "There's a Rainbow Shining Somewhere." The

decision service which concluded the program was held in the church. William Montgomery, president of the Branch, led this service, at which Miss Marion Walker sang and Rev. George Stellwagon, of Drexel Hill, gave an inspiring address.

On Sunday morning, October 4th at 8:15 the monthly Branch Quiet Hour was held at the Wissahickon M. E. Church. Miss Margaret Kirkpatrick, the Branch devotional chairman was the leader and Rev. W. J. Bawden, pastor of that church was the speaker. The message was helpful and inspired all at the early morning service.

On Tuesday, October 13th, at 7:45 p. m. in the Roxborough Presbyterian church, at Port Royal avenue and Ridge avenue, the Northwest Branch will hold its October Rally. Rev. Warren R. Ward, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 58th and Chester avenue, will be the speaker. A fine program has been planned and it is expected to have a large attendance at the Rally. As most of the cars only run to Summit avenue a special trolley service has been requested for this evening. Cars will run every seven minutes.

Christian Endeavor Union

January 1931

THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

On the evening of February 2, 1881, in the parsonage of the Williston Congregational Church in Portland, Me., the Rev. Francis E. Clark gathered together a group of the young folks of his Congregation and founded the first Society of Christian Endeavor. The first newspaper article about the new society appeared in the "Congregationalist," in August, 1881. It was an article by Dr. Clark, entitled, "How One Church Cares for Its Young People."

News of the new organization spread, and by October of the same year we find the Rev. Charles Perry Mills forming the second society in the North Congregational Church in Newburyport, Mass. When only six societies were recorded, on June 2, 1882, the first Christian Endeavor Convention was held in the Williston Church. The following year Dr. Clark published the first Christian Endeavor Book, entitled "Children and the Church."

At the convention held in Old Orchard, Me., in July, 1885, the United Society of Christian Endeavor was formed. This name was changed, however, by the International Convention in Cleveland, Ohio, July, 1927, to "The International Society of Christian Endeavor." The Hon. W. J. Van Patten, of Vermont, served as its first president.

The first local Union was formed at New Haven, Conn., in January, 1886, and in October of the same year the Christian Endeavor Organ, "The Golden Rule," now "The Christian Endeavor World," was established. It was also during this year that Dr. Clark became president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, giving from that time on his entire life to the

work. In the spring of 1888 he made his first foreign journey in the interests of Christian Endeavor, when he laid the foundation of the organization in England. The first Christian Endeavor Day was observed on February 2, 1888.

Some of the most notable of Christian Endeavor Conventions were: That in New York City in 1892, when 35,000 came together; that in Montreal in 1893, the first held outside the United States; the Cleveland Convention of 1894, held during the great railroad strike; that of Boston in 1895, with more than 56,000 registered delegates—our largest Convention; that of Washington, 1896, held in three large tents near the foot of the Washington Monument; that of San Francisco in 1897, when nearly 30,000 delegates attended, half of them from the East; that of Atlantic City in 1911, which was the first to be addressed by a President of the United States—President Taft. Des Moines, Iowa, 1923, was the first at which a voice amplifier was used. Thirty thousand persons heard the Sunday afternoon addresses. At Portland, Oregon, 1925, Dr. Daniel A. Poling became president, and at Cleveland, Ohio, 1927, launched the "Crusade with Christ" campaign.

The World's Christian Endeavor Union has held Conventions in Washington, London, England; Geneva, Switzerland; Agra, India; Chicago, Ill.; New York City, London, England, and Berlin, Germany.

Today we find that Christian Endeavor has spread into every country of the globe, but it is especially strong, next to the United States, in Great Britain, Germany, Canada, South Africa, Australia, India, China and Japan. It is found in about eighty evangelical denominations, in most of which it is the only young people's society.

Presbyterians Observe 75th Anniversary

Dr. Richard Montgomery
Preached at Opening Ser-
vices in Falls Church

SELECT NEW PASTOR

Mrs. James Dobson and Dav-
id Furman, Sr., Are
Oldest Members

Rev. Richard Montgomery, of Wyncote, Pa., stated clerk of the Presbytery of Philadelphia North, formally opened the 75th Anniversary Celebration at the Falls Presbyterian Church, Ridge avenue below School House lane, last Sunday morning.

Dr. Montgomery read as his Scripture lesson the 10th Chapter of Luke, and selected for his sermon topic, part of the 15th verse of the 3rd chapter of First Timothy: "The house of God which is the church of the living God."

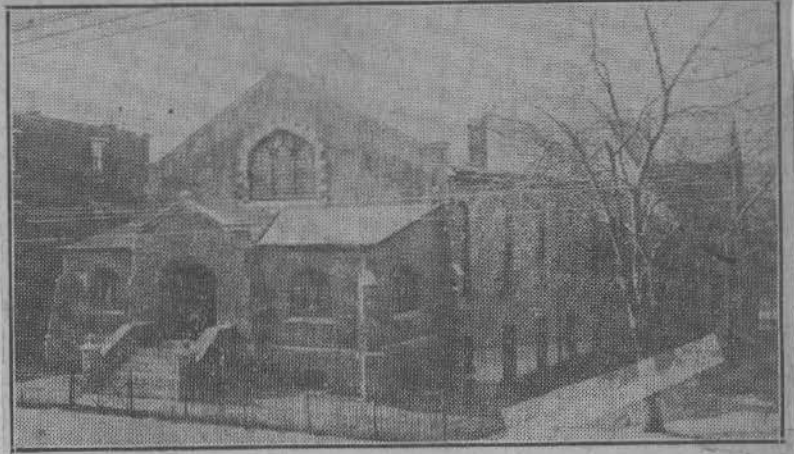
With fifty years ministry behind him, and a personal acquaintance with the late Dr. Joseph Beggs, first regularly-appointed pastor of the Falls Presbyterian Church, Dr. Montgomery delivered a most learned address concerning church origin, history and government, and measured its value—not so much in facts and figures—but in the spiritual results obtained by the Christian church since its beginning.

In a brief history of the Falls Presbyterian Church, in a program issued last Sunday morning, were printed several interesting items which should be added to those which were published in this newspaper last week.

In May of 1925, during the pastorate of Rev. William B. Cooke, a campaign was started to raise a building fund of \$50,000 to be used in the erection of a new church structure. Subsequently a tract of land was purchased at the corner of Midvale avenue and Vaux street.

It was also noted that the oldest living member of the congregation is Mrs. James Dobson, who is approaching her 92nd birthday. David Furman, Sr., who has been a member of the Board of Trustees, for a longer time than most people can remember, became connected with the Falls Presbyterian Church, on the same day as Mrs. Dobson, but

FALLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The members of the above church are celebrating the congregation's Seventy-Fifth Anniversary this week. The religious group was formed in November, 1856, and the cornerstone of this building laid on September 7, 1867. The structure was completed for services early in the following year. Services, appropriate to the diamond anniversary started last Sunday and will continue until November 15th.

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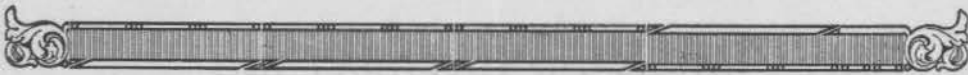
On Sunday evening, the service was conducted by representatives of the various church organizations, with the recently-called pastor, Aaron T. Muyskens being present to greet the members of the congregation.

It is expected that Mr. Muyskens will assume his new duties on Sunday, November 22nd.

Last night was observed as Young Peoples' Night. Tonight the Thursday evening Bible Class will meet, and tomorrow evening has been reserved for the Congregational Banquet.

The Diamond Anniversary celebration will be extended until Sunday, when the sermons will be preached, morning and evening, by Rev. Dr. J. Milton Thompson, of Far Rockaway, N. Y., a former pastor of the Falls church.

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Seventy-fifth Anniversary

Falls of Schuylkill Presbyterian Church
4510 RIDGE AVENUE, PHILADELPHIA, PA.



November 8th—15th, 1931



Sunday, November 8th

REVEREND RICHARD MONTGOMERY
OF WYNCOTE, PA.

Guest Preacher

The Morning Service 11.00

THE ORGAN PRELUDE
THE DOXOLOGY
THE INVOCATION
HYMN
THE SCRIPTURE LESSON
THE GENERAL PRAYER
THE ANTHEM BY THE CHOIR
"There is a Blessed Home".....Marks
THE ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CLERK OF SESSION
THE OFFERTORY
HYMN
THE SERMON
THE PRAYER OF APPLICATION
ANTHEM BY CHOIR
Gloria in Excelsis.....Farmer
HYMN
THE BENEDICTION
CHORAL RESPONSE
THE ORGAN POSTLUDE

The Evening Service 7.30

CHURCH ORGANIZATION NIGHT

ORGAN RECITAL 7.30—MRS. M. S. MOON, *Organist*
"Toccatina".....Nevin
"Ave Maria".....Gounod
Offertoire in D Minor.....Batiste
THE CALL TO WORSHIP—Psalm 100
HYMN 117—Verses 1, 2, 6, 7
INVOCATION—Elder Alex. Starrett
HILYARD QUARTETTE—Selected
SCRIPTURE READING—Psalm 103
GENERAL PRAYER—Elder James Starrett
HYMN 608—Verses 1, 3, 4
EXERCISE BY SUNDAY SCHOOL—Psalm 84
EXERCISE BY LADIES' AID SOCIETY—Psalm 24

HILYARD QUARTETTE—"Going Home".....*Dvorak*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM BY CHOIR—"Trust in the Lord".....*Largo-Handel*

OFFERTORY

MUSICAL SELECTION, C. E. Society—"Living With Jesus"

EXERCISE BY THE GUILD—Psalm 23

EXERCISE BY MISSIONARY SOCIETY—Psalm No. 1

MUSICAL SELECTION, Aeolian Group—"Awakening Chorus"

HILYARD QUARTETTE—(a) Hymn Medley
(b) Selected

ADDRESS

HYMN 391—Duke St., Verses 1, 2, 3, 5

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

ORGAN POSTLUDE

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE FALLS OF SCHUYLKILL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA

Prayer meetings held in the homes of Presbyterian families during Autumn of 1855, under the guidance of Rev. Andrew Culver, Pastor of the Manayunk Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Mr. Fulton, of the Fourth Reformed Church of Manayunk.

First meeting place for Divine Worship in the upper room of the Old Academy Building on Indian Queen Lane.

Room fitted up as a place of worship at the cost of \$70.

First sermon preached by Rev. J. H. Mason Knox, of Germantown.

Sabbath School established in February, 1856, Mr. John Kinnier the first Superintendent.

Church organized November 7, 1856. Sermon preached by Rev. Job F. Halsey, on the text Mark 5th-19th verse.

Ten members admitted by certificate, twelve members admitted on profession of faith.

Ground purchased for new church, corner stone laid September 7, 1867.

Dr. Beggs called to the pastorate on half time, April 12, 1859.

Dr. Beggs called to the pastorate on full time April 22, 1868.

Church dedicated to the worship of Almighty God October 11, 1868.

Debt of \$2500.00 paid off in one year.

First pipe organ presented by Mr. James Dobson and played for first time November 27, 1870.

Building of manse begun in Autumn of 1875.

Dr. Beggs and family move into the manse March 15, 1876. Cost of manse, \$3600.00.

Corner stone of Sunday School laid June 8, 1889, by Dr. Beggs. Sunday School completed at cost of \$10,000 and dedicated May 11, 1890.

Guest speakers were Hon. John Wanamaker and George S. Graham, District Attorney of Philadelphia.

Dr. Beggs resigned owing to advancing years and failing health. Resignation reluctantly accepted April 17, 1894.

Dr. Beggs elected Pastor Emeritus April 17, 1894.

Death of Dr. Beggs in Germantown, April 14, 1899. Pastor of our church 38 years.

Church building remodeled and addition built on the front, new pews installed, new pulpit and choir loft built, church recarpeted; the cost of the building work paid by Mr. James Dobson.

New Bartholomay pipe organ installed and paid for by gifts of the people with assistance from Carnegie Foundation.

Architect for the church alterations was Harry G. Mac Murtrie, one of our own boys.

All the improvements were made during the pastorate of Dr. Glasgow.

Death of Dr. Glasgow March 2, 1909.

Campaign for raising a Building Fund of \$50,000 started in May, 1925, during pastorate of Rev. Wm. B. Cooke.

Building lot at Midvale Avenue, Coulter and Vaux Streets, purchased for \$27,500, and all improvements subsequently made.

Rev. Wm. B. Cooke resigns his charge October 12, 1930.

Rev. Arion J. Muyskens elected pastor October 28, 1931.

Oldest living member of church is Mrs. James Dobson.

Oldest living members on church roll, Mrs. James Dobson and David Furman, Sr. Both united with church on profession of faith.

Number of members received into the church in seventy-five years, 1535 members.

CHARTER MEMBERS

John Kinnier, Mrs. Mary A. Kinnier, John Hope, Mrs. Janet Hope, Robinson McKinley, Mrs. Jane McKinley, John Morrow, John Bailey, Mary A. Harper, Robert Stewart, Elizabeth Scott, Alexander Thompson, Mrs. Margaret Thompson, John Chadwick, John MacLay, Mrs. Agnes MacLay, John Bell, John Maxwell, Wm. Cowan, Samuel McKinley and John Buchanan.

Notices and Reports

We welcome to our pulpit as guest-preacher Rev. Richard Montgomery, D. D., of Wyncote, Stated Clerk of Presbytery of Philadelphia, North, and cordially welcome him.

Our pastor-elect, Rev. Arion S. Muyskens, has notified the Clerk of Session that he accepts the call to our pulpit; Providence permitting, he will assume charge on Sunday, November 22, 1931. He also expects to be with us on November 8th, November 11th and November 13th, and help celebrate our Seventy-fifth Anniversary.

All are cordially invited to Young People's Night on Wednesday evening, November 11th, and the Congregational banquet on Friday evening, November 13th.

Following the example of Tommy Noonan, who believes implicitly that if we ask, we shall receive, our organist is wondering if there is a family in the congregation possessing a music cabinet that is no longer in use. If so, would they care to donate it to take care of the organ music. The appearance of the cabinet won't matter, as it can be placed in back of the piano. Our organist thanks you.

AEOLIAN GROUP NOTICE

Have you ever missed going some place and then wished for all your life you had attended. Well, that's what going to happen if you miss the regular Monthly Meeting of the AEOLIAN GROUP in the Sunday School Room tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. All members of the Sunday School over sixteen years are eligible to join and share lots of fun with us. Just see Sam McClenahan.

A good time in store for everyone tomorrow night.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NOTICES

The regular C. E. Prayer Meeting tonight at 7 o'clock in the Sunday School Room. The leader will be Helen Kehoe with Russell Weer as speaker. This will be our Consecration Meeting. All are most cordially invited.

The Christian Endeavor will resume its Thursday Evening Bible Class with Mr. L. Kingsley Barnes as leader, this Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Sunday School Room. This class is not restricted to Endeavorers and we extend to the congregation and their friends a most cordial invitation to meet with us. We trust that the members of the congregation who attended last Spring will be with us this Fall.

PRAY MUCH.

COME.

Falls Presbyterian Church Organized 75 Years Ago

Congregation Was Mothered By Manayunk Presbyterian and Fourth Reformed Churches.—Dr. Joseph Beggs Was Its First Clergyman.—Rev. Aaron T. Muyskens Receives Unanimous Call as New Pastor.

At a congregational meeting held at the Falls Presbyterian Church, 4510 Ridge avenue, last week, Rev. Aaron T. Muyskens received a unanimous call to accept the pastorate of that church.

Mr. Muyskens, formerly served in New Jersey, and will on November 10th, next, present his credentials to the Philadelphia Presbytery, so that he may assume charge of the local church as soon as possible.

Beginning next Sunday, the Falls Presbyterian congregation will hold a series of services in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the church.

In the fall of 1855, prayer meetings were held in private homes at the Falls of Schuylkill, by Rev. Andrew Culver, of the Manayunk Presbyterian Church and Rev. William Fulton of the Fourth Reformed Church.

In November of the same year, the upper room of the Old Academy building on Indian Queen lane, southwest of the Norristown branch of the Reading railroad, was fitted up for services at a cost of \$70, and in January of 1856, the

first preaching service was conducted by Rev. J. H. M. Knox, of Germantown. The following month, on February 12th, 1856, the Sabbath School was organized with John Kinnier, as superintendent.

On February 19th, 1856, Rev. Joseph Beggs, of Roxborough, began to preach in the afternoons as stated supply. And in October of 1856, a petition was presented to the Presbytery, at a meeting in Bridesburg, asking for an organization.

The congregation was therefore, regularly organized on November 7th 1856, by Revs. Job F. Halsey, Joseph Nesbitt, and Joseph Beggs, with Elders Robert Mogee and Francis H. Latch. The sermon was delivered by Dr. Halsey, from Mark 5:19. The following twenty-one members composed the church: By Certificate: John Kinnier, Mrs. Mary A. Kinnier, John Hope, Mrs. Janet Hope, Robinson McKinley, Mrs. Jane McKinley, John Morrow, Mrs. Jane Morrow, John Bailey, Mary A. Harper. By Profession: Robert Stewart, Elizabeth Scott, Alexander Thompson, Margaret

Thompson, John Chadwick, John McClay, Agnes McClay, John Bell, John Maxwell, William Cowan, Samuel McKinley, and John Buchanan.

John Kinnier, and John Hope were ordained ruling elders and composed the first session. Rev. Joseph Beggs was continued as supply.

The Lord's Supper was dispensed for the first time in December of 1856, with four new members being added, by profession.

Mrs. Mary Jane Cowan, who later became Mrs. Porter, and who lived until but a few years ago, joined the church on March 13th, 1857.

The present site of the church was purchased from Andrew Roberson on November 30th, 1866, at which time the property ran down to the water-line of the Schuylkill river.

September 7th, 1867, saw the cornerstone of the church laid, and the building was enclosed before winter. On April 22nd, 1868, Rev.

Joseph Beggs, resigned his pastorate at Roxborough, and devoted his entire time to the Falls congregation. The church was dedicated on October 11th, 1868. The late James Dobson, always a benefactor of the church, presented a pipe organ to the congregation and it was played for the first time on November 27th, 1870.

On November 17th, 1872, James McMurtrie and Samuel McKinney were ordained elders. John Maxwell was ordained an elder on November 15th, of 1874.

The Sunday School building came into being in 1890, the cornerstone being laid, on May 11th of that year. Addresses were made by the late John Wanamaker, Messrs. George S. Graham, W. H. Scott, Robert Ogden, and Revs. Thomas Murphy, and W. C. Cattell. The structure cost approximately \$10,000.

On March 3rd, 1891, Josiah Linton, George B. Gallagher and James Starrett were installed as ruling elders. And the latter serves in the same capacity today, having served 40 years in the position of trust, a record which is one to be proud of.

The present Session is composed of James and Alexander Starrett,

Walter MacIndoe, William Halstead, David Borland and William Fitzpatrick.

Joseph Beggs, D. D., L. L. D., was released from charge of the church and made pastor emeritus on April 17th, 1894, being succeeded, on January 10th, of 1895, by Rev. Sherman H. Doyle, of Moundsville, West Virginia. Samuel H. Mayberry was ordained an elder on September 1st, 1895.

Dr. Doyle served the Falls congregation from 1895 until 1900, when he was succeeded by John Milton Thompson, D. D., who was pastor until 1904, when he resigned. His place was taken by the late William Melancthon Glasgow, who was followed in succession by the Revs. Benjamin B. Royer, Samuel W. Steckel, and William B. Cooke, who served the church up until October 12th, of last year, when he resigned. Since that time, the church has been without the services of a regular pastor, and the coming of Mr. Muyskens will be a welcome one.

The opening service of the diamond celebration which will be held next Sunday morning, will find Rev. Richard Montgomery, Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Philadelphia

North, in the pulpit, prepared to deliver an historical sermon. This old-time friend of the Falls Presbyterian Church was for many years associated with Rev. Dr. Beggs, the first pastor, and his address will undoubtedly be listened to with great interest.

The following Wednesday evening has been designated Young Peoples' Night, and on Friday evening, October 12th there will be a Congregational Banquet, at which time several former pastors are expected to be present, as well as clergymen from the sister churches in the Falls.

The closing service of the series will be held on Sunday, November 15th, when the sermons will be preached by Rev. Dr. John Milton Thompson, of Far Rockaway, N. Y., who formerly served the local church as its pastor.

Throng Attends Birthday Banquet at Falls Church

James Starrett Presides at Huge Dinner Marking 75th Anniversary of Falls Presbyterian Church.—Neighboring Pastors Present.—History of Congregation, and Its Time, Reviewed

Close to two hundred men, women and children were present at the Anniversary Banquet, held as a part of the exercises commemorating the seventy-five years of existence of the Falls Presbyterian Church, which was held in the Sunday School room of that church, Ridge avenue below School House lane, on Friday evening of last week.

James Starrett, who has served the church as an elder, for more than forty years, presided at the dinner, which was attended by the clergymen of the neighboring churches, and their wives, in addition to a vast host of present and past members of the congregation and their friends.

Following the singing of the Doxology, the invocation was asked by Rev. William J. Hayes, pastor of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church.

Mr. Starrett, in introducing Walter MacIndoe, the first speaker of the evening, praised that gentleman for his untiring efforts to forward the work of the Falls Presbyterian Church and Sunday School, since he became affiliated with the group forty years ago, and cited the following facts concerning this indefatigable worker:

"Walter MacIndoe joined the church on March 6th. of 1891. He served in the Sunday School, as librarian from 1891 until 1897; treasurer of the Sunday School from 1911 to 1920; Sunday School teacher, from 1905 until 1930; Assistant superintendent of the school from 1911 until 1920; Superintendent, from 1920 to 1921; Associate superintendent from 1923 until 1928; and Superintendent, once more, since 1928, and is still serving as such. He also served one term as a church trustee, in 1896. Was elected a ruling elder on February 5th of 1911; elected Clerk of the Session on March 31st 1914, and has worked in this capacity for 17 years and 7 months.

Mr. MacIndoe, delivered an interesting address, concerning the history of the Falls Presbyterian Church, which is well-worth preserving, in which he mentioned many men and women, whose names will ever be illustrious in the records of the congregation. The speaker particularly stressed the important parts played in the life of the church, by Rev. Dr. Joseph

Beggs; the late Josiah Linton, and his son W. Horace Linton; Mr. and Mrs. James Dobson; David Furman, Sr., and James and Alexander Starrett.

At this juncture Katherine Hohlfeld and Margaret Starrett Moon, enlivened the occasion by playing a piano duet.

Rev. William J. Hayes was then introduced as a speaker, and after telling of the amiable feeling existing between himself, and the members of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, for their Presbyterian friends, paid a fine eulogy to the devotion of James Starrett, who as presiding elder of the Presbyterian congregation has attended meetings of the local clergymen, during the period that its church had been without the guidance of a pastor.

Rev. Arien T. Muyskens, the pastor-elect of the Falls Presbyterian church, who will take up his duties on November 22nd, was present and formally introduced to the men, women and children who will form his congregation, and made a brief address expressing his pleasurable anticipation of serving their religious needs. Immediately following Miss Martha Furman read an original poem, entitled "The Falls of Schuylkill Presbyterian Church," which came from the pen of Mr. Muyskens; a composition which disclosed the incoming clergyman's appreciation of the church and its work, the locality, the music of words, and the sentiments he holds for the tasks which lie before him; far clearer than anything he may have uttered vocally.

Greetings from other East Falls churches were brought by Revs. Dr. John S. Tomlinson, of the Methodist Church; Howell S. Foster, of the Grace Reformed Church; Charles Jarvis Harriman, of St. James the Less P. E. Church; and Ulla E. Bauer, of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, all of whom delivered fine addresses of congratulation and encouragement. Mr. Bauer reviewed the changes which have taken place in nations and living conditions since the Falls Presbyterian Church was founded, and called the attention of his listeners to the fact that God and His work is unchanging, and will endure until the end of time.

Rev. Frank H. Rose, pastor of the Manayunk Presbyterian Church,

which with the Fourth Reformed Church of Roxborough holds the honor of being the "mother" churches to the Falls Presbyterians, was next called up to speak. Mr. Rose was lauded for his earnest support as moderator during the interim when the Falls church was without the services of a spiritual leader. At the end of a discourse, in which he expressed his pleasure in having been able to serve his listeners, Mr. Rose was presented with a huge bouquet of flowers, as a token of the appreciation of the Falls Presbyterian Church people.

Rev. J. Marshall Linton a son of the church, told of some of his early experiences in the Falls Presbyterian Sunday School and church, and stated his extreme delight in once more being able to be "among his own people."

Rev. Dr. J. Milton Thompson, a former pastor of the Falls Presbyterian Church, who served here thirty years ago, and who now labors at the Russell Sage Memorial Presbyterian Church, in Far Rockaway,

Long Island, was present and added his congratulations to those of the other orators, but shortened his talk on account of his intention to speak at the regular Sabbath services, which were held on Sunday morning and evening. Mrs. Thompson, who accompanied her husband brought greetings from Mrs. James Dobson, who shares the distinction of being the oldest member of the church, with David Furman, Sr., As a tribute to Mrs. Dobson, all of the diners arose and gave a standing testimonial of their affection from this ever-charitable benefactress of the Falls Presbyterian Church.

A. C. Chadwick, Jr., of the Suburban Press, portrayed the Falls Village, as it existed at the time the Presbyterian Church was founded, and former City Councilman John E. Smithies gave a layman's view of the work of the church, and urged a continuance of the splendid accomplishments of the congregation, so that its future might bring forth even finer fruit than that produced during the past three-quarters of a century.

The food, at the banquet, was catered and served by a committee of women of the church, headed by Miss Nellie Groves.

The Doxology was sung again, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Arien T. Muyskens, and the banquet became a part of the history of the Church.

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Read out by James Starrett, at the 75th
anniversary Banquet Nov. 13th 1931

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Walter MacIndoe's Record at the Falls
Presbyterian Church. up until Nov. 13th 1931.

Joined Church on profession of faith
March 6th, 1891.

Served in S.S. as Librarian from 1891 to 1897.

Treasurer of S.S. from 1911 to 1920.

S.S. Teacher from 1905 to 1930.

Ass't. Supt. 1911 to 1920.

Supt. 1920- 1921.

Associate Supt. 1923 to 1928.

Supt. since 1928

Served one term as Trustee 1896.

Elected a ruling elder Feb. 5th, 1911, making
term of service to date 20 years and 8 months

Elected Clerk of Session March 31st, 1914.
term of service to date 17 years, 7 months.

38 years in the choir.

THE FALLS OF SCHUYLKILL IN 1856.

When the Falls of Schuylkill Presbyterian Church was organized.

Being an Address delivered by A. C. Chadwick, Jr.,
Editor of The Suburban Press, at the 75th
Anniversary Banquet, on November 13th of 1931.

When the Falls Presbyterian Church was first organized in 1856, there were four other organizations already established here for the worship of God. These, in the order of their founding were: The Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, in 1838; St. James the Les Protestant Episcopal, in 1846; The Falls Methodist Episcopal Church, in 1851, and the Roman Catholic St. Bridget's Church, in 1853. But the sons and daughters of the Cameronians who had settled in this section were desirous of having their own religious building, where they might follow the doctrines of their forefathers. And so, prayer meetings were held in the various homes, and this beginning eventually culminated in the forming of this congregation, which is now celebrating its 75th anniversary.

Ridge avenue, in those earlys days , was but a dusty road, which ran from the edge of William Penn's original city, to Collegeville. When the Rev. Andrew Culver, pastor of the Manayunk Presbyterian Church; or Rev. William Fulton, of the Fourth Reformed Church, which was then occupying a building now housing St. Joseph's Polish Catholic Church in Manayunk; first came down to the Falls to conduct prayer meetings; if they didn't walk, must have been conveyed here in a carriage, or if it were a week-day, probably utilized the speed of the horsecars, which followed pretty near the same course as the electric cars of today. If I remember my Presbyterian teachings sufficiently well enough, I doubt if they used the cars on Sunday, for it is unlikely that they would anything to make it necessary for another man to labor on the Sabbath.

And after the congregation was quartered in the Old Academy, on Indian Queen Lane---which, indidentally housed all six of our local churches, at various times---occurred the stirring days of the Civil War, when the two Manayunk clergyment passed the military recruiting camp which was situated near and probably on the site of this building. Where the coal bunder of the Queen Lane Pumping Station is located---just across Ridge Avenue--was Fort Dana, one of a series of fortifications thrown up by the people of Philadelphia as a precautionary defense against the possible advance of Lee's Confederate Army, when it entered Pennsylvania prior to the Battle of Gettysburg.

A little frame house, long painted yellow, the farthestmost dwelling on Ridge avenue, in old North Penn Township, stood just below Fort Dana, on the east of the Highway. This building which stood until about twenty years ago, was at one time a farmhand's home, on the property of Andrew Robeson, who sold a portion of his real estate holdings to the pionerr Presbyterians of this community, for the erection of their church. At this time---or possibly a little later---Mrs. James Dobson was a young mother , and resided with her husband and family in the old Robeson Mansion, which has deteriorated into Barnett's Garden. The Dobson mill stood in the centre of what is now the entrance

to the Wissahickon Drive.

Below the church, I believe the house that was occupied by the late Joseph Johnson and his family for so many years, was then standing, but there were no other buildings on the west side of Ridge avenue, down to Calumet street, excepting an old roadside inn, three dwellings and a large chemical laboratory building owned by Powers & Weightman. One of the old dwellings and the old inn has disappeared. The row of three-story stone dwellings facing the East River Drive, however, were there.

The stone house on the east side of Ridge avenue, long the home of the late John Scott and his sons and daughters, was in existence, having been on a part of the original Shronk property, which dated back to the time when the Falls of Schuylkill was called Fort St. David's. The Powers & Weightman employee's houses were also there.

Most of the structures of the village were located down near Ridge avenue. Skirting the north side of Indian Queen lane, above the Baptist Church, was a blackberry thicket. Very few dwellings stood above the railroad, which had an old station, fairly well-remembered, near Queen lane, where Mrs. Highley was the station agent.

There was no Grace Reformed Church, or Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, in the days when the Falls Presbyterian Church was erected, the former coming into being later, as an offshoot of the Episcopal Church of St. James the Less, which was so distant, and the highways so bad that people who dwelt at this end of the community desired a more convenient place in which to worship.

The Methodist Church was located in a building, which still stands, at the corner of what is now Stanton and Frederick streets. Rev. W. C. Best was the pastor. The parishioners of St. Bridget's Church, also climbed the hill of Stanton street---then called James street---to attend religious services presided over by Rev. James M. Cullen, who was later succeeded by Rev. Thomas Foc, an old acquaintance of Dr. Beggs, of this church; the two having been raised in the same town in the old country. Rev. William R. McNeill, and after him, Rev. John Enock Chesshire taught Scriptural lessons at the Baptist Church on Queen Lane.

St. James the Less communicants sought spiritual comfort in a building on the Lamb Tavern Road, ---now Clearfield street---then directed by Rev. Anthony Ten Broeck, and also by Rev. C. M. Parkman?

There were no telephones, no radio, no airships, no subways, or elevated railroads in those days, and most of the inhabitants of the town found employment in the local textile mills; along the river, where canal boating was then in vogue; or on nearby farms. Their entertainment was of their own making, and prayer meetings were welcomed for mid-week religious discussions.

Transportation facilities were meagre. The old locomotives of the Philadelphia, Germantown and Norristown Railroad were much slower than today, and the terminus of the line was at 9th and Green streets. Steamboats plied the waters of the Schuylkill as far down as Fairmount, and horse cars provided the only other public means of getting in or out of the village.

Great has been the changes since this congregation was founded, but through all the years the church has grown stronger, and kept abreast of other groups of like character, in the march of progress. The future will doubtless bring more changes to the community and church organizations, but as long as the spirit which animated the founders of this church continues, there is the certainty that God will continue to bless it and its works.

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