

## Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church.

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After the termination of the Revolutionary War, a very diversified population might be found occupying the region known as "the Falls", and its surroundings. As was almost every occupation exemplified in the industries pursued by the people, so were there worshippers of different creeds, or members of different religious denominations.

From time to time this religious spirit manifested itself in the appearance of some devoted servant of God who would come to preach among his scattered brethren. Among those heralds of salvation was the Reverend Horation Gates Jones, son of Rev. David Jones, of Merion, and chaplain of Washington's Army, at the Massacre of Paoli, who was well known in all this vicinity and surroundings town. He was pastor of the Roxborough Baptist Church. This was about the year 1810, and is the first notice of evangelic work in this vicinity. Later and down to the time of the Constitution of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, which occurred in 1838, Reverend Robert Crompton was devoted and self-sacrificing, in labor, co-operating with a small but consecrated band of brethren to fix here a centre of spiritual life. The Rev. Crompton continued his efforts with the Falls Baptist Church until about a year after it was constituted, being then called to mission work in another field.

Prayer meetings were held, in 1821, in the home of Mrs. Margaret Roberts, in the old stone row of buildings which formerly stood beside the road (now the West River Drive, between the Stone bridge and Falls Bridge) in Cooksockie. This home was demolished at the time of the building of the Reading Railroad. However, the regular services, each Sunday afternoon and evening, were continued in Mrs. Roberts' dwelling,

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she having moved to another house in the same row.

Among those zealous in establishing prayer meetings may be mentioned Sarah McClellan, and Ann Hansell, who were members of the Blockley Baptist Church. (What is now (1931) known as West Fairmount Park, including Chamonix, was then in Blockley Township). Among the names of the pastors of the Blockley Church, at that time, we find those of William Ashton and Joseph Kennard.

About this time a young man of Irish birth, one Hugh Gilmore, with his parents, located at what was at that time called Three Mile Stone. (now in the neighborhood of Ridge avenue and Lehigh Avenue, or slightly below) He had a medical education and his intelligence was soon appreciated. He attended the Blockley Church, and under the teachings of Levi Tucker was converted. He took a warm interest in the prayer meetings at the Falls, and became one of the leaders in them.

Meetings were also held in the home of Mrs. Rice, in Scott's lane. The site of this old home is now covered by some of the Dobson Mills. Likewise, were meetings held in the of Mrs. Sarah McAdams, on the Old Ford Road, in West Falls---then a part of the village of Cooksockie--- and in that of Mrs. Susan Garrett, near the Schuylkill river, on the same road.

In the year 1835, William Simpson, the proprietor of the Washington Print Works, a silk and calico printing plant, which once occupied practically all of the area between the Falls and the Stone bridge and back to the heights of Chamonix, who was a devoted man and a faithful Baptist, came to the district of the Falls to dwell. He and his son located, as stated, on the west bank of the Schuylkill, directly opposite the foot of Midvale avenue. Two of the old Simpson mills dams are now known as the Chamonix Lakes, in Fairmount Park.

The firm moved away from this section when the commissioners of Fairmount Park purchased the land, and moved to Eddystone, Pa., near Chester, where it has eventually become the Eddystone Print Works.

Simpson soon became active in the Baptist meetings and spent much of his time in visiting and encouraging the few scattered Baptist families then to be found in this neighborhood. Meanwhile the meetings had taken a more public form, being now held in the Old Academy Building, a structure which had been erected by public subscription for use of the community for educational and religious purposes, after the land had been donated by the descendants of Rev. William Smith, first provost of the University of Pennsylvania. The Academy stood, and does to this day (1931) on Indian Queen lane, below the Norristown division of the Reading Railroad. Among those preaching there, at the first Baptist meetings were: Horatio Gates Jones, D.D., of Roxborough; Robert Crompton, Lansing Burrows, Thomas Winters, D.D., Charles Tucker, Mr. Gleddel, and other gospel ministers.

Young Gilmore's zeal for the cause continued and in 1838, he with Mr. Simpson, began to plan for the establishing of a regular Baptist Church, at the Falls of Schuylkill.

At one of the meetings, held in the month of April, it was decided to call a council of the Baptist Church and invitations were issued, and on the 7th of June 1838, the council met in the Old Academy. The church was then under the advice of the Council, constituted and consisted of 17 souls.

The original call for the meeting of the Council, held in the Academy building, was as follows:



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Falls of Schuylkill: May 29th 1838.

Dear Brother,

Several members of different Baptist Churches, residing in this vicinity, have resolved to call a council for the purpose of organizing a Baptist church, believing that the destitution of religious privileges loudly calls upon us to adopt some more efficient measures than heretofore, that the standard of the Cross may be raised in this, too long neglected, spot. The neighborhood is densely populated; and there is no church of any denomination for several miles around. There will be nine or ten members from other churches to join us, which together with those recently baptized will make the number 16 or 17 strong, and we believe that others are on the way and will soon be constrained, by the grace of God, to yield obedience to the requirements of the Gospel.

We have appointed Thursday, the 7th of June, for the meeting of the council and the constitution of the church. The council will meet at Brother Simpson's at 1 o'clock P.M. and the other services will commence at 3.00 P.M.

You are hereby affectionately invited to attend on the occasion as one of the council.

Please notice the intended meeting to the people of your charge and give an invitation to attend.

Yours affectionately,

Robert Crompton,

William Simpson,

Hugh Gilmore,

Rev. R. F. Young.

Committee.



The church continued to worship in the Old Academy, on alternate Sundays, until Sunday morning, March 21st 1852, when the lecture room of the present edifice was first occupied.

With the occupancy of the present building, dated the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Sunday School, which, although practically a Baptist School, had for a good many years been known as the Union Sunday School.

The Christian and Eliza Swartz Memorial Church School building, erected by James Simmons Swartz, L.L.D, on the Midvale avenue front of the church property was erected in 1929.

From the time the church was constituted the Falls Baptist Church has been served by the following pastors:

Missionary Pastors: Robert Crompton, Samuel J. Cresswell,  
J. S. Eisenberg, W. M. Collom, Joseph Sharp.

Supply Pastor: Rev. Emerson Andrews.

Stated Pastors: Mark R. Watkinson, N. Judson Clark,  
Charles S. Steirman, Wm. R. McNeil, John Enoch Chesshire,  
I. F. Stidham ( two different terms) Alfred Free, Henry W.  
Jones, Thomas A. T. Hanna, Oliver B. Kipney, Charles L.  
Seasholes, B. F. Bray, Edwin Saylor, and the present leader,  
Rev. William J. Hayes.

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Queen Lane, Falls of Schuylkill



Dedicated 13th of July

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**Saturday, July 12th, 1919**

2 P. M.

# PROGRAM

SINGING

"America"

My country 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing;  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the Pilgrim's pride;  
From every mountain side,  
Let freedom ring.

Our father's God, to Thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To Thee we sing;  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might,  
Great God, our King.

PRAYER

Rev. Edward Ritchie

ADDRESS

Dr. Charles K. Mills

SELECTION

Falls Male Chorus

HYMN

"Come, Thou Almighty King"

Come, thou almighty King,  
Help us Thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise;  
Father all glorious,  
O'er all victorious,  
Come and reign over us,  
Ancient of days!

Come Thou Incarnate Word,  
Gird on Thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend;  
Come and Thy people bless,  
And give Thy word success,  
Spirit of holiness,  
On us descend!

Come, Holy Comforter,  
Thy sacred witness bear,  
In this glad hour:  
Thou who almighty art,  
Now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power!

To the great One and Three,  
Eternal praises be,  
Hence, evermore:  
His sovereign majesty  
May we in glory see,  
And to eternity  
Love and adore!

ADDRESS

Mr. Robert R. Shronk

SELECTION

Falls Male Chorus



PROGRAM

HYMN

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdoms spread from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

From north, to south the princes meet  
To pay their homage at his feet;  
While western empires own their Lord,  
And savage tribes attend his word.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
And endless praises crown his head.  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morn'ng sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.

Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

SELECTION

Falls Male Chorus

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleam-  
ing,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous  
night,  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly stream-  
ing?  
And the rockets' red glare, bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.  
Oh, say does that Star-Spangled Banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave?

MOTHER OF THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES:

Falls Baptist Church

Falls M. E. Church

Falls Presbyterian Church

St. Bridget's Church

St. James the Less Church

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Lutheran Church of the Redeemer

St. James the Less Mission

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# "SMITH'S FOLLY"

## Is It Wise to Preserve It?

By Helen Hamilton Sims

**W**E HAVE a pleasant weakness here in Philadelphia for anything connected with our city's history, and in this weakness lies our greatest strength. Lacking ambition, courage and industry it is impossible to build anything very fine, so that we have been given a nice ideal by the first inhabitants in their unquestioned possession of these qualities.

Probably we feel a particular and personal pride in the University of Pennsylvania, which from its beginning, as "The Charity School of Philadelphia," became, through the vision and energy of those early settlers, the inspiration to learning that it is today. Back of it all is one man's thought, which proved so constructive and sound that it has formed the basis of most American colleges. On September 7, 1725, there was born in Scotland a child who was called William Smith. Come to think of it the very name of Smith denotes a man of action, and this one was no exception to the rule!

Educated for the church, he came, however, to America in 1751 as tutor to some young men, and during his two years of teaching he put upon paper some of his ideas on the subject of education. This pamphlet he sent to Dr. Franklin, and in consequence was offered a position in the Academy and Charity School in Philadelphia, and in 1755 became the first provost, after which he proposed certain charters which, among other things, planned for the erection of a new college. All higher education in the colonies up to this time had been primarily to prepare young men for the ministry, but Dr. Smith was among the first to realize that the youth of the day must be ready for any position in life which they might choose.

That he was most fearless in expressing any opinion which he cherished is very certain, and this was the cause, in 1758, of his being thrown into jail for several months, owing to his having assisted Judge Moore, of Chester county, in the preparation of a document which attacked the peace policy of the Quaker assembly. During his imprisonment his classes came to him daily, and he carried on his lectures as though still under the college roof. The good which came out of this evil was

the furtherance of his friendship with Miss Rebecca Moore, who, through visiting her father, felt sympathy for his comrade in misfortune, as well, so that after the two men were released the marriage of the Provost to Miss Moore was celebrated.

Until lately I had always thought of Dr. Smith as living all his useful life in what is called the Provost's house, at Fourth and Arch streets, before he retired to his son's house, on the site of the old Drexel Building, at Fifth and Chestnut streets, where he finally died. About 1773, however, he occupied for the first time an estate at the Falls of Schuylkill, which is still standing and which must necessarily be of the greatest interest to the City of Philadelphia.

"Smith's Folly," as it was most often called, is near Indian Queen Lane and the Ridge road. The house stands on the very summit of the hill, and from its grounds one may look up and down the shining silver river. Surrounded by tall trees, a few of which still exist, the house itself was one of three buildings on this particular piece of land, the other two, because of their peculiar shape, being known as the Hexagon House and the Octagon House.

The former, which is close to Queen Lane, was for some years the home of Horace W. Smith, while the latter was the birthplace of the Pestalozzian system of education in America. These now famous theories were first brought to this country by Joseph Neef, who came to Philadelphia with William McClure, founder of the Academy of Natural Sciences. Mr. McClure and a Mr. Cabell, brother of the Governor of Virginia, were so impressed with Pesta-

lozzi's methods that they not only paid the passage of Mr. Neef to America, but maintained him while he was learning to speak English.

In 1808 Neef published a book descriptive of the theories of his master, stress being laid on personal contact and observation in child training. Specially, we find that there were no books; slates and blackboards being the medium used, but an eye-witness of the school states that the extent to which whole classes of these boys would carry out mental arithmetic and solve mathematical problems without slate and





*Gilbert Stuart's Portrait of Dr. William Smith*

*For which the subject was posed at the open window of "Smith's Folly," through which are visible the river and the soft green hills of Fairmount Park. The portrait of which this is a reproduction is the property of Dr. Ward Brinton.*



*Smith's Folly*

*It is to be seen on the high hill at the extreme left, where it overlooks the Falls of the Schuylkill and vicinity as the scene was at the time the house was erected. The engraving is a reproduction of a print in the collection of Thomas H. Shoemaker, of Germantown.*

pencil was truly wonderful and astonishing. Hence our progressive education of today is, in reality, merely a carrying out of those methods which prevailed in the small house at the Falls of Schuylkill in 1809!

The Octagon House itself is gone, but the open ground where it once stood lay vacant in the afternoon sunshine not long ago when I finally reached the Provost Smith House on the top of its steep hill. Next to it are the two buildings of the present Falls Public School.

while about the old house itself is a large open space which may be entered from several sides. It would seem to be a great opportunity to do something specially fine with this interesting place since as the only vacant interesting ground in a growing community, and lying as it does beside the local school it presents possibilities for preservation and tremendous usefulness.

The house is not greatly altered from its original lines and could, with little trouble and no great expense, be returned to the charm of an earlier day, so that I found myself thinking enthusiastically how perfect a combination it would be if the University should take upon itself the restoration and upkeep of the mansion, and the Fairmount Park Commission join with the Playgrounds Association to make the surrounding land a recreation center connected with the school.

There is sufficient space for tennis courts and baseball or hockey fields, while the few remaining tall trees shade the original roadway, which leads into the land from Queen Lane. The site of

Joseph Neef's school might be marked by a pool or fountain also, in memory of this first seat of Pestalozzian endeavor in America.

For some years Richard Penn Smith occupied "Smith's Folly," and undoubtedly drew inspiration for his plays, some of which were written for Forrest, from the lovely view which, because of its high situation, is still part of the charm of the place. During the occupancy of the Falls by Washington's army, in 1777, the house was the headquarters of General Stephens, of Virginia. Charles F. Jenkins mentions it in one of his books also as the mansion in which, during the yellow fever epidemic in 1793, General Knox, Secretary of War, and Oliver Wolcott, Jr., Auditor of the Treasury, administered their duties.

Since, in these days, we think nothing of transporting pleasing and historic houses, stone by stone, for many miles in order to preserve them, what a tremendous chance this is to keep intact a place of great interest without changing in anyway its locality or originality. And who can tell how soon the march of so-called "progress" will raze it to make way for a factory? Should there not be some truly personal memorial such as this to a man with the vision, balance and driving power of this first provost of our University?

Those who worked with him or for him seem to have had a clear understanding of him, and I've read somewhere a tale of his colored servant, who, finding Dr. Smith admiring the mausoleum which at one time stood on the place, inquired something about its future use.

"That's for me, Pompey," the old gentleman said; "just for me!"

"Maybe that's right, doctor," the servant replied; "but I guess the debbil won't have no trouble finding you, no matter where you is laid."

John Adams speaks of him as "soft, polite, insinuating, adulating, sensible, learned, industrious and indefatigable," but as you look at the wise, kind face in Gilbert Stuart's beautiful portrait you are persistently struck with the humor and affection of his expression as he sits by the open window of "Smith's Folly," through which you may clearly see the soft green hills of Fairmount and the river as it drops softly over the falls.

*Chronicle.*

*March 10-1893*

—The first anniversary of the Young People's Association, which was organized February 21, 1892, was celebrated at the Baptist Church last Monday evening. The place was crowded. Rev. Mr. Stoddard, who preached on Sunday, opened the exercises with prayer. A hymn was then sung, and Rev. C. L. Williams of the Upland Baptist Church, gave an address which was replete with humor and strong common sense. Then there was an anthem by the choir, after which pretty Nettie Whalley recited in her usual clear utterance and earnest manner "The Station Agent," Mr. Chas. L. Dykes following with a grand solo, "The Mighty Deep." After this there was another hymn, "Living for Jesus," and then another address, this time by Rev. R. B. McDanel, the energetic pastor of the Wissahickon Baptist Church. "Now I lay me down to sleep," a solo by Miss Lizzie Whalley, came next, and Miss Bertha Gourley recited "No Sect in Heaven," the service closing with the hymn, "What shall we do with the King called Jesus?"

The people then repaired to the church parlors where cake and cream were liberally distributed.

Following are the chairmen of the various committees: Membership, Miss Uretta E. Johnson; Visiting, Mrs. H. E. Green; Social, Miss Mary Morison; Prayer Meeting, Samuel McKinney; President, John Wyatt.

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# Chronicles Falls of Schuylkill Baptist.

Chronicle

June 19, 1885

—Children's Day was observed on Sunday by nearly all of our Sunday Schools. The floral decorations in the Baptist Church eclipsed anything I ever saw as an arrangement of flowers. The pulpit platform looked as though one of the most beautiful scenes of the tropics had been moved for the occasion; the sultry heat only aided the illusion. The begonia family in all its varied beauty and splendor, ferns, palms, callas in their bloom of purity, cactus and other rare-leaved plants, so combined with each other that everything was in harmony. The whole arrangement was poetic and artistic. The same good taste was shown in the decorations of the windows and the choir gallery. In the morning, Rev. H. W. Jones took up the story of David and Goliath as the theme of his discourse, and drew out a number of important lessons for the young to remember. In the afternoon the School assembled and the room was filled by an interested audience. Five young ladies recited a piece of as many parts: "Violets," Effie Shronk; "Mixed Flowers," Stella Johnson; "Lilies," Ella Ridebough; "Water Lily," Mary Ella Slack; "Rose," Hettie Binkin. The Superintendent, Mr. Jas. S. Swartz's address, on "What hath God wrought?" was listened to with much interest. Miss Florrie Deitrich recited "Our Floral Day." In "North, South, East and West," the four voices seemed to be affected with the weather although the dear little fellows did the best they could, and amused the audience no little by their forgets. The School should not impose such hard pieces upon such little bodies; it ought to select larger boys next time.

6/19/85

R. R. S.

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Chronicle

Mar. 15, 1895

—The Baptist Sunday School will celebrate, on Sunday, the 43d anniversary of its removal to the present building, with reference to the 50 years of Sunday School work by those who organized the school. The programme will include morning, afternoon and evening services. Sermon in the morning by pastor; reading of historical sketch. In the afternoon and evening addresses will be made by Judge Michael Arnold, James S. Swartz, Rev. J. G. Walker, D.D., John Roy, W. H. Brooks, B. C. Revell, and others. Superintendent Samuel J. Wyatt will conduct the services, and the singing will be by the school, under the direction of Professor William C. Gabel.

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Chronicle

Mar 22, 1895

—Sunday was a red-letter day for the Baptist Sunday School, an all-day service being held, celebrating the Jubilee Anniversary.

In the morning the school and Boys' Brigade assembled in the lower room and proceeded to the auditorium. The exercises opened with the Doxology. During the three sessions, morning, afternoon and evening—the school, under the direction of Professor Wm. C. Gabel, sang appropriate selections and the choir several anthems. Pastor Kinney preached a Sunday School sermon, from Isaiah xi, 6: "And a little child shall lead them." R. R. Shronk read an historical sketch, covering the 43 years in which the school occupied the present building, from March 21, 1852, and referring to the seven years preceding that event. The closing prayer in the morning was by Rodney Morison, of Tioga Baptist Church.

During the afternoon session the Superintendent, Samuel J. Wyatt, feelingly welcomed those present who were formerly connected with the school, spoke of the work accomplished during the past, and referred to the large number who, through the influence of the school, had been fitted for a better life on earth and everlasting life in heaven. Judge Michael Arnold, a former scholar in the school, was introduced, and in part said:

"My friends, you may feel assured that no one in this building has more pleasure in being here than I have. Memories of bygone days and companionships are revived. I came to this school first in 1853 and became a member of Brother Charles E. Abbot's Bible class. He is a noble, good man; God bless his soul! I remember Benjamin R. Marley, a patriarch, and one of the earliest workers in this church and school, ever patient in the work of training children, always willing and ready to assist in every good work. If ever on earth a man won a crown, he did. This Falls of Schuylkill is an old settlement; it was settled by persons who did not boast of wealth. They lived quietly, and honestly and neighborly. When this church was erected 43 years ago, it was out in the country. Above it on old Indian Queen lane were cornfields and hunting grounds, where in my boyhood days I hunted game. As I meet with you on this anniversary occasion, I have many happy recollections of my schoolboy days. It has pleased God to confer upon me honors above my desert. Here in this school were instilled into my mind the principles of morality and religion. This Sunday School was a large school when I attended it, and it has always taught two great principles: Belief in God and Obedience to Authority. Living under a happy government as we do we have power to change those in authority when they do what is not right.

I want to say to the little children, keep coming to the Sunday School. The time will come when you will recall childhood's days; and in days of

trouble you will find rest in thinking of the old lessons.

In coming here to-day I feel like having returned home after a long wandering. It is the same old church, with the same old adornments. In the years to come it will be the same to those of you who are now children. I am delighted in being here, and speak these words of advice without any restraint."

Mr. James S. Swartz, Treasurer of the International Navigation Company, who was associated with the school for over thirty years, and its superintendent for twenty years, spoke of his experience in the school, and the real pleasure derived in the work. He paid warm tributes to those whom he labored with, who have been called home, or removed to other sections of the school, and of the influences for good, that have emanated from the school.

The Rev. J. G. Walker, D. D., pastor of the Mantua Baptist Church, one of the early scholars of the school, related a number of pleasant reminiscences, and spoke of the power to be obtained in the Sunday School for successfully contending with the greatest of all enemies. He exhibited a little book that had been presented to him 50 years ago by his teacher in that Sunday School.

In the evening addresses were made by the pastor, ex-superintendent John Roy, Perry L. Anderson, R. R. Shronk and others who were formerly connected with the school.

The following may be interesting to the CHRONICLE readers: The Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church was constituted June 7, 1838, by eighteen persons, in the Old Academy building, and on March 21, 1852, moved into its present building. Prior to the organization of the church, a union Sunday School met in the old academy, and for many years was conducted by the late Thomas Mason Mitchell, of Roxborough, a member of the Presbyterian faith. The Baptist church being the first church constituted in that vicinity soon became a power for good in the then sparsely settled community. And while the title, Union Sunday School, was not changed, the school, seven years prior to the removal, was practically a Baptist school. The superintendent and most of the teachers were members of the Baptist church, and a large majority of the scholars were children of Baptist parents. From the time, fifty years ago, when Benjamin R. Marley, a man widely known for his piety and earnestness in Christian work, became Superintendent of the school, down to the present, there never was a Sunday but the school doors were open, and a score of faithful teachers present.

During the school's history the following have served as Superintendents: Benjamin R. Marley, 1845-1863; the Rev. John Enoch Chesshire, 1863-1867; James S. Swartz, 1867-1887; John Roy, 1887-1890; B. C. Revell, 1890-1892; Walter H. Brooks, 1892, and the present superintendent, Samuel J. Wyatt, has since filled the position. The school has at present over 300 scholars and has average attendance of 250. It contributes liberally to the different missionary and benevolent societies, and has a corps of devoted officers and teachers.

The committee on celebration were Miss U. E. Johnson, Mrs. H. E. Green, John Roy, Thomas Wyatt, John J. Righter and R. R. Shronk.

R. R. S.



Churches Falls of Schuylkill Baptist

Chronicle  
May 24, 1895

—The Rev. O. B. Kinney of the Baptist Church, will preach on Sunday morning on "Church Property." Memorial services will be held in the evening at which members of the G. A. R. will be present. Falls

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Chronicle  
Aug. 7, 1896

—A large audience assembled on Tuesday evening in the Baptist Church to participate in the "Echo" services of the Milwaukee Convention, under the auspices of the Northwest District of the Baptist Young People's Union. Samuel Jones, of the Wissahickon Church, presided. The Scripture lesson was read by the Rev. O. B. Kinney, of the Falls Church, and prayer was offered by the Rev. H. P. Aston, of the Wissahickon Church. Addresses were made on "The Convention Singing" by the Rev. William Courson, of the Lower Providence Church, Eaglesville, Montgomery county; "A. J. Diaz and Cuba," by the Rev. Joseph Bennett, of Baltimore Avenue Church; "Junior Rally," Miss Alice Caines, of the East Church; "Socials," Miss Uretta E. Johnson, Falls Church. The Rev. O. B. Kinney delivered a congratulatory address. A consecration service was led by Rev. E. W. Johnson, of St. Paul's (colored) Church. The singing was by a chorus of the East Church under the leadership of Professor B. P. Stout, Albert Hodson, organist. The Rev. J. Alexander Clyde, of the Manatawna Church, and the Rev. William L. Haines, of the Mt. Vernon Church were present, as were representatives from their churches and the Roxborough, First and Manayunk Churches, which with the Wissahickon and Falls Churches, comprise the Northwest District. The Boys' Brigade of the two latter were present in uniform.

R. R. S.

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Chronicle  
Jan, 3, 1896

—On Sunday afternoon the following officers were elected for the ensuing year by the Baptist Sunday School: Superintendent, Samuel J. Wyatt; Assistant, Roy Bryant; Secretary, Harry B. Bechtel; Treasurer, Edwin Singer; Librarian, Charles Morison; Organist, Samuel McKinney.

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Chronicle  
Mar. 26, 1897

—The fifth anniversary of the Falls Baptist Young People's Union was celebrated in the Baptist Church, on Tuesday evening, when the following programme was rendered: Prayer and reading of the Scriptures, by Rev. O. B. Kinney; Duet by the Misses Oldham; Address by Rev. Joseph A. Bennett, of the Baltimore Avenue church; Anthem by the choir; Recitation, Miss E. Kaufman; Solo, Miss A. Donnell; Recitation, Miss Phoebe Dougherty; Address by President W. S. Foster, of the Philadelphia Union; Duet, Misses J. H. Reed and M. C. Morrison; Recitation, Miss E. Kaufman, and Anthem by the choir. The officers of the Union are: President, Miss Uretta E. Johnson; Vice President, Charles Morrison; Secretary, William Jones; Treasurer, Miss Bella Jones; Corresponding Secretary, Harry H. Markley. Chairmen of Committees—Membership, Mrs. O. B. Kinney; Visiting, Mrs. Horace E. Green; Social, Miss M. C. Morrison, Music, S. McKinney, Jr.; Prayer Meetings, John Wyatt, Jr. The Union is reported to be in a very prosperous condition.

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Chronicle  
Mar. 19, 1897

Last Monday evening a meeting of societies connected with the Northwest District of the Baptist Young People's Union met with the Manatawna Church, all the neighboring Baptist churches being represented. Mr. John W. Wyatt of the Falls church presided, and there were several addresses by members and visitors.

Chronicle  
Dec 16-1897

—The congregation of the Baptist church tarried after service on Sunday morning last, to hear a statement from the committee of Finance, from which it was learned that the indebtedness of the church, including all claims, amounted to \$375. After the statement had been made, a subscription was taken up, and the sum of four hundred and forty dollars was subscribed in a short time. This was followed by congratulatory speeches by the Pastor, Rev. H. W. Jones, James S. Swartz and Harmon Johnson, after which the Pastor offered a prayer of thanksgiving and the assembly was dismissed with the doxology and benediction.

Chronicle:  
Feb. 21, 1896

—Jacob Hoffman, a deacon in the Baptist Church, was buried on Sunday afternoon, from the residence of his nephew, Jacob Hoffman, 4107 Orchard street, Frankford, where he died on Thursday of last week from general debility, after an illness of several years' duration. The services were held in the Baptist Church, by the Rev. Charles Warwick, pastor of the Frankford Avenue Baptist Church; the pastor, Rev. O. B. Kinney, being confined to his home by personal illness. Deacon O. F. Abbot delivered an address on the Christian characteristics of the life of the deceased. At the conclusion of the services the remains were conveyed, under the direction of Undertaker Charles L. Dykes, to Leverington Cemetery. The pallbearers were Charles F. Abbot, Edwin Singer, James Boyd, Christian J. Verbeck, Herbert N. Walker and Charles P. Egolf. Among the floral offerings was one of handsome design from the Ladies' Aid Society.

Mr. Hoffman was born on the Skip-pack road, four miles from Norristown, Montgomery county, November 19, 1812; his grandfather, Adam Hoffman, having emigrated from Germany early in the 18th century and settled at that place. Jacob, after attending school for a short period, devoted himself to farming, and in 1851 came to the Falls, where he resided until several years ago; his health failing him, he made his home with his nephew in Frankford. He continued at farming for a number of years, and on Christmas day, 1856, he was married to Mrs. Catherine Devitt Smith, widow of James Smith. He became a member of the Baptist Church in 1865 and was baptized by the Rev. John Enoch Chesshire. In 1866 he and the late Jacob Dietrich were ordained Deacons, a position which he filled in a conscientious and acceptable manner up to the time of his death. He was an exemplary Christian man and took a warm interest in all branches of church work. He frequently represented the church in councils and at the annual sessions of the Philadelphia Baptist Association, and helped to organize the North Penn Mission, which subsequently became known successively as the Hornberger Mission, Mispah, and Diamond Street Baptist Church. Among his possessions was an old folio copy of the Bible in the German language, printed in Nuremberg, Germany, in 1773; Luther's translation. This ponderous copy of the Scriptures is adorned with many quaint copperplate engravings and is fastened with thong clasps; and contains, besides many pious comments, the ancient creeds of the Universal Church, and the Augsburg Confession of Faith. The ancient volume, of which Mr. Hoffman was very proud, has been bequeathed by him to the Baptist Historical Society.

R. R. S.

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June 17-1881

—On Sunday morning, the Rev. H. W. Jones announced from the pulpit of the Baptist church that a telegram had been received from Albany, N. Y., announcing the death of the Rev. John Enoch Chesshire, a former pastor of the church. Mr. Chesshire, was in the 66th year of his age. At the outbreak of the Mexican war he noticed an article in an English paper and at once made arrangements to leave his native country (England). On his arrival in this country he at once entered into the service of the American government. At the close of the war he resumed his calling as a preacher, and filled many important pulpits in different parts of the country. When the rebellion broke out he went to the front as chaplain, remaining in that position till the beginning of 1863, when he received a unanimous call to the pastorate of the church here. His kind Christian deportment during the prevalence of spotted fever, which proved so fatal here that year, will never be forgotten. Night and day he, with others, went from house to house praying with the dying and consoling the bereaved. Thus he became very popular and his church prosperous. He continued here as pastor till 1867, when he resigned to accept a call to a large church in Amsterdam, New York. He subsequently became pastor of a church at Montrose, Pa., and of the Pearl street church at Bridgeport, N. J. Owing to a weakness of his eyes the latter was the last church he served as pastor. As a preacher Mr. Chesshire was ever earnest and sincere; every thought was well weighed and then fearlessly expressed. His discourses were prepared with the greatest care and delivered eloquently. He was exact and punctual; but in these was ever seen the most loving tenderness. His name and his works will long live in the memory of many at the Falls of Schuylkill. Mr. Chesshire was buried on Tuesday at Albany, N. Y.

R. R. S.

Chronicle

June 16-1893

—Mrs. Chesshire, widow of the Rev. John Enoch Chesshire, a former pastor of the Baptist Church, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Abbott last week and attended services in the church on Sunday. The church held an informal anniversary service last Friday evening in honor of the 55th year of its history. Having no pastor a formal service was dispensed with.

Chronicle

July 8, 1881

REV. JOHN CHESHIRE.—Rev. John Humpstone, of Albany N. Y., formerly pastor of the Manayunk Baptist Church, and a regular subscriber of the CHRONICLE contributes the following notice of Rev. John Chesshire, formerly of the Falls, to the Baptist Examiner:

Another faithful and industrious minister of Jesus Christ has entered into rest. The brother named above died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Jason Stone, in this city, on Saturday last, after a brief and at times very painful illness. He was about sixty years of age, and had been for about forty years a minister. He was a native of England, where also he was converted at an early age, and baptized into the membership of the Bond street church, Birmingham, by Rev. Thomas Morgan.

He came to America, expecting to live in Mexico, where for a time he acted as interpreter to General Scott during the Mexican war. His first settlement as a pastor in this country was at Lyon's Farms, N. J.; his last at Pearl street, Bridgeton, in the same State. Between these two pastorates he labored at Keeseville, Waterford and Amsterdam in N. Y.; at the Falls of Schuylkill, a suburb of Philadelphia, at Montrose, Pa., and at Mansfield, Ohio. Three of these pastorates were in a high degree useful and effective, those, namely, at Keeseville, Philadelphia and Montrose. Three persons are now preaching, two of whom were ordained and one of whom began his preparation for the ministry during brother Chesshire's Philadelphia pastorate. For the last two years failing eyesight forbade his prosecution of consecutive study, and he assumed a business relation to the publishing house of Appleton & Sons. It is a pleasure to testify that his Sundays were still spent, as opportunity offered, in preaching the gospel he was always so ready to declare, as friends in Elmira and Utica and Albany will bear witness. Brother Chesshire was a faithful preacher of the Word of God, full of unction in the utterance of his message, always ready for any service he could render to his brethren, and will be missed and mourned by a large circle of friends; but by none more than the household in which he was a devoted husband and father, and one who is glad to acknowledge himself his "son in the gospel," whose privilege it has been to be with him in his last hours, to witness his triumphant faith, and on Tuesday last, to perform the last offices of love at his funeral. May God raise up many such and fit them to fill the ever-multiplying vacancies in the ranks of those who minister. Let the churches pray for it, and pastors watch for men on whom the Lord of promise rest.



# Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church.

Chronicle Jan. 22, 1897

## Charles Frederick Abbot.

Charles F. Abbot, a well-known resident of the Thirty-eighth Ward, member of the Board of Education and ex-Assemblyman, died last Friday morning at his residence, Abbotsford, Falls of Schuylkill.

Mr. Abbot was born in Boston April 15, 1821. His parents were of English ancestry, and were Samuel Abbot, of Boston, who died at the age of 92 years, and Abigail Spear, a native of Massachusetts, who died at the age of 78 years. In 1828 the family removed to Leominster, Massachusetts, and made a home. There Charles received his primary education, subsequently attending a school in Boston. From the time he was 17 years old he was employed with a brother in mercantile pursuits in Richmond, Va., and Newburg and Buffalo, N. Y. In 1845 he came to this city and engaged in manufacturing cotton fabrics at Manayunk. He afterwards became interested in real estate at the Falls of Schuylkill.

In politics Mr. Abbot was a Republican, and in 1858 he was elected a member of the State House of Representatives, serving four years in that body. While in the House he took an active interest in the readjustment of the railroad system of the State. During the early years of the Rebellion he was a member of the House Committee on Federal Relations. He participated actively in national and local measures for raising supplies, and in urging a vigorous prosecution of the war. In 1862 and 1863, during the rebel invasion of Pennsylvania, he volunteered in Captain John Dobson's company of militia, and in the latter year participated in the engagements with the rebel army after its retreat from Gettysburg.

Mr. Abbot was appointed a member of the Board of Education in 1867 from the Twenty-eighth Section, and had served ever since. He had also been at various times a Director in State and local Boards of Education and religious societies, and for about twenty years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist University, now Bucknell University, at Lewisburg. In 1862 he was a member of the Commission appointed by Governor Curtin to investigate alleged frauds and irregularities in furnishing supplies for the use of Pennsylvania troops.

In religion Mr. Abbot was a Baptist, though his parents were of the Unitarian faith. He was converted while in Richmond, Va., under the preaching of the Rev. E. L. Magoon, D. D., by whom he was baptized in 1839. On coming to this city he became a member of the Roxborough Baptist Church, and served for two years as one of the trustees of that church. In 1847 he interested himself in the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church and became a member of that body. He took a warm interest in its prosperity, serving on the Board of Trustees, Financial Board, and for many years filling the office of deacon. For a number of years he took an active interest in the Sunday school, in which he taught advanced studies in Christian Doctrine. In 1848 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Evans, who, with their two sons and one daughter, survives, the eldest son being G. E. Abbot, M. D. of Bryn Mawr.

Services in memory of Mr. Abbot were held Sunday afternoon by the

Sunday school of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, of which he was for many years a teacher of the Advanced Bible Class and Superintendent. The services were conducted by John Wyatt, Jr., Superintendent. Eulogistic addresses were made by John Roy, Horace E. Green, Miss U. E. Johnson, Edwin Singer and R. R. Shronk. A committee was appointed to draft a series of Resolutions on Mr. Abbot's death.

The funeral on Monday afternoon was one of the largest known at the Falls for some years. The services were held in the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, and were conducted by the Rev. O. B. Kinney. Others participating were, the Rev. T. T. Hanna, D. D., former pastor; the Rev. J. G. Walker, D. D. of Mantua Church; the Rev. John Humpstone, D. D., of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y.; the Rev. W. W. Conard, D. D., of the State Mission Society; the Rev. E. B. Palmer, D. D., District Secretary of the Baptist Home Missionary Society, and the Rev. Alexander Sloan, of Grace Reformed Episcopal Church.

At the conclusion of the services the funeral, in charge of undertaker Chas. L. Dykes, proceeded to North Laurel Hill Cemetery, where interment was made. The pall bearers were employees at Abbotsford. Among those present was a committee of three representing the Board of Public Education; the Thirty-eighth sectional School Board, who, with the teachers of the section, attended in a body; representatives from the American Baptist Publication Society; and of General G. K. Warren Post, No. 15, G. A. R., of Manayunk.

Among the floral tributes was a large scroll surmounted by a crown, and bearing the word "Deacon," from the church; a broken wreath, from the Sunday School, and a sheaf of wheat from the Ladies' Aid Society.

Chronicle #  
Mar. 25-1881

—On Sunday evening the Rev. H. W. Jones, pastor of the Baptist church, began preaching a series of six Sunday evening discourses on the "Life of Paul," under the following headings: "Before Conversion," "His Conversion," "His Early Ministry," "His Life Work," "The Preacher," "His Last Words."

—The Odd Fellows' Entertainment Committee are arranging for the holding of a grand fair during next Christmas holidays in the hall. The early announcement and engagement of the hall so far ahead is justified from the fact that the demand for the hall for similar purposes at that season demands an early engagement.

—By the appointments of the M. E. Conference, the Rev. P. J. Cox is removed from the church here to Port Richmond, and the Rev. Pennell Coombe is assigned to this place. The Rev. J. S. J. McConnell, son-in-law of Mr. James Mills and a former pastor of the church here, assumes the responsible position of presiding elder over the South Philadelphia district.

Chronicle: Mar. 9, 1895

—Mrs. Mary Binkin, widow of John Binkin, was buried on Saturday afternoon from her late residence, 108 James street, where she died after a brief illness on February 27th. Mrs. Binkin was the daughter of the late Samuel and Margaret Hanley, and was born at Pottstown, February 2d, 1816. Her grandfather, Captain Peter Hanley, served during the war of 1812 and her greatgrandfather, Patrick Hanley, served under Washington, in the Revolutionary War, and with other patriots suffered at Valley Forge. Mrs. Binkin, with her husband and family, came to the Falls in 1853 and ever after resided here where she became widely known and esteemed for her kind and gentle qualities. Mr. Binkin died two years ago. The funeral services on Saturday were conducted at the house by the Rev. O. B. Kinney, pastor of the Baptist Church, of which deceased was a member. The church choir sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul," and "Asleep in Jesus, Blessed Sleep." The interment was in West Laurel Hill Cemetery, whither the long procession of carriages moved under the direction of C. L. Dykes, undertaker. The pallbearers were: John and Arthur Binkin, sons; Robert R. Shronk (2) and Harry B. Binkin, grandsons; Walker F. Floyd and Charles West, grandsons-in-law of the deceased. Of her daughter and three sons two of the latter, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive, Angus'us Binkin and Mrs. Owen B. Shronk, having died several years ago.

R. R. S.

Chronicle #  
July 8, 1904

—"Ain't it just a jolly Fourth," was how one of the Sunday School boys expressed his opinion of the day on Monday morning, as he hurried to join his particular school in its march to the woods. With the bright sunshine, pure air and cooling breeze the day was delightful in every way and just suited the picnickers. It was but a few minutes after midnight on Sunday when the glorious Fourth was brought into evidence by the firing of pistols, cannon and the modern noisy and dangerous firecrackers. Long before dawn wagons of all descriptions bearing picnickers were heard with their shouts of merriment passing out Ridge avenue or along the Park drive. As usual all the Sunday Schools spent the day in their respective woods. The Baptist School held its first picnic under the provisions made in the will of Harmon Johnson, deceased, who bequeathed shares of stock of the Manayunk National Bank to the church the interest to be used in defraying the expenses of the Fourth of July picnic and New Year's entertainment. Many of our people who did not go to the woods took pleasure in witnessing the boat races over the National course on the Schuylkill. Among the contending crews were both of the local boat clubs; Chamounix and the Montrose were ably represented.

R. R. S.



Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church.  
Chronicle, Sept 8, 1893

Chronicle June 5, 1896

—As all roads led to Rome, so on last Friday evening all ways pointed to Thirty-fifth street and Fairview avenue, and from there to 3503 on the avenue, the residence of Miss Uretta E. Johnson, who entertained on that evening in honor of her grandmother, Mrs. Harriet F. Davis', ninetieth birthday anniversary. Mrs. Davis occupied a comfortable chair in one corner of the tastefully furnished and prettily decorated parlor, and had a kind word for each of the more than one hundred guests as they tendered their congratulations. Mrs. Davis, who has rounded out nine decades, is blessed with all her mental faculties and enjoys good health, was born May 29, 1806, in Evansburg, Montgomery county, and is a daughter of the late Jacob Fronefield. In her early womanhood she was married to Mr. Hiram McEwen. The union was blessed with three children, Amanda, who became the wife of John R. Johnson and mother of Miss Uretta; Charles and Elmer; the latter died when quite young. Charles was married to Miss Sarah Root, and is the only living child. Mrs. Davis has a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was subsequently married to Mr. David Davis, who died during the forties. For many years she has been a consistent member of the Baptist Church at this place. On Friday evening she was the recipient of a number of appropriate presents. The entire house was given over to the guests for whom a general surprise was in store, as they were in turns ushered into the dining room. There ice-cream and cake were liberally served by a polite caterer, who didn't seem to care what things cost so long as the guests were satisfied. The table was almost hid with a profusion of magnificent bouquets and adorned by two immense pound cakes. On one were the dates "1806-1896," while on the other was inscribed "Ninetieth Birthday." Taken altogether the event was one of the most pleasing as well as the most successful functions of the season, for which Miss Johnson deserves the greatest kind of credit. As it would be impossible to give all the names of the guests and in order to escape the responsibility of making a selection, I shall exercise the better part of valor and give none. It was the unanimous wish that Mrs. Davis may be spared and blessed with good health for at least ten years more so that she may celebrate her centenary.

R. R. S.

Chronicle #  
March 11, 1891

SHALKOP—JOHNSON.—At the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, on Tuesday afternoon, March 8th, by Rev. H. W. Jones, Mr. Alonzo H. Shalkop, of Roxborough, and Miss Bessie W. Johnson, daughter of Harmon Johnson, Esq., of Falls of Schuylkill.

—The Rev. O. B. Kinney, late of Dundee, Illinois, assumed charge on Sunday morning of the Baptist Church, and preached an eloquent sermon on the subject "The Gospel the Power of God," from the text: "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek," and said in substance: "Salvation is the principal thing in life, and carries with it all other good. The grace of Jesus Christ, taking hold upon our lives, brings with it everything that gathers about a charming personality, ennobling and purifying the character. Given a regenerated spirit, I care not how squalid the surroundings or degraded the sphere; there will come, as a result of the new found hope, a betterment of the physical condition. The man whose gate was allowed to be without hinges will repair it; a woman wrought upon by the spirit of God will clean her house and give greater care to her children. "The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom."

Wesometimes content ourselves with the temporal results of religion, and regard with pleasure the social advantages it has enabled us to enjoy, thus ignoring the main-spring and fountain whence all these blessings flowed. My conception of a church, whether located on a prairie or in a city, is that its principal work is in reaching for souls. This church has had a long history, and has been called the 'little gem' of the Philadelphia churches, and I am afraid the habit of life here on the hillside is too beautiful; yet there are hills enough to climb to keep us going. It is the proclaiming and accepting of the simple story of the cross that changes men's lives. I am in favor of pledges and all kinds of scaffolding to hold a man up until he is able to stand alone, but we must not place too much reliance upon them. We have the ethical and other societies, yet none of them goes to the root of the matter; none of them ever brought salvation to a soul. I believe in the telling of the simple story of the cross by everyone having an experimental knowledge of the Gospel,—the simple, marvelously sublime and sweet story of the Gospel of Christ. I wonder as I view the result of the proclamation. It is like a rose which you or I can pull apart and count the petals and tell something of its growth, its color and delightful odor. Yet, when we look upon it, it possesses a subtle charm which defies analysis, a secret something that makes it what it is to you and me.



REV. O. B. KINNEY.

"The Gospel is the only means of sal-

vation. A rough looking man of the world comes into a Christian meeting, hears in a simple and perhaps broken manner the story of the Gospel, and a revolution takes place in his heart, and by the power of the Holy Ghost he is made a new creature in Christ, and he becomes a better citizen.

"It takes an artist to appreciate an artist's work, but it does not take an artist to get converted. The gospel has as strong a hold upon a philosopher as upon a child, and benefits the farmer and the resident of a great city. The preaching of the Gospel is your business and mine. It is not necessary to leave one's daily avocation, but these can be the very means of bringing the Gospel to others. Neither is it necessary to always talk religion to people or to go around with a Bible or Testament in one's pocket. Much more is accomplished in living, perhaps unconsciously, a true Christian life, therein showing the beauty and simplicity of Gospel truth. Christ has given us too much brightness for us to go about in a gloomy manner: be happy, make life beautiful, and people will be influenced more by what you are than what you say.

"The Gospel is the power of God, in having the most attractive human elements, in transforming the affections and will. Like all the Creator's works, its real power defies analysis and its secret is hid with God."—Ledger.

R. R. S.

Chronicle  
November 10, 1916

—Mantua Baptist Church, West Philadelphia, will unveil a bronze memorial tablet in the auditorium, in memory of the Rev. Jacob G. Walker, D. D., who for more than forty years was pastor of the church. The ceremony will take place on Sunday afternoon, November 5. Dr. Walker was a Falls boy, and became a member of the Baptist church here in 1858 and in 1866 was ordained as a minister of the gospel.

Chronicle, Jan. 20-1893

—The officers and teachers of the Baptist Sunday School spent Saturday evening at Abbotsford, where they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Brooks, Mr. Brooks having until recently been Superintendent of the school. As a mark of the esteem in which he is held they presented him with a handsome copy of the Oxford Teacher's Bible.

The Baptist Church will hold an adjourned special meeting on Sunday morning for the purpose of considering the question of calling a pastor. On Friday evening the church elected the following trustees: C. F. Abbot, Jacob Hoffman, B. C. Revell, Edwin Singer, Thomas Wyatt, H. E. Green, John Roberts, W. G. Brooks and Harry Markley.

Weekly Forecast: June 14th 1900.

"The will of the late Maria L. Douglass, M.D., who formerly resided with the late Charles F. Abbott, was admitted to probate last week, and bequeathed all her estate to Mrs. Sadie A. Brooks, but if the latter should not survive her, the estate is to be divided between the Baptist Orphanage, the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, and the Baptist Home for Old Ladies. The entire estate is valued at \$7000."

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Weekly Forecast: April 10-1902

"In a little more than a month the Mantua Church will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary. During all that time it has been under the pastoral care of Dr. Walker, who enjoys the rather unique distinction of filling a pastorate within four miles of the place of his birth. He was born at the Falls of Schuylkill, and was baptized March 21st, 1858, by Rev. N. Judson Clark, into the fellowship of that church. The same year he was graduated from the Central High School of Philadelphia, and in 1862 from Bucknell University, subsequently receiving the degree of A.M. in course from both institutions, and from the latter institution the honorary degree of D.D., in 1883. In January 1863, he became principal of the public schools at Phoenixville, and continued in that position three years and a half, part of the time supplying the pulpit of the neighboring church at Pughtown, Chester County, and later entering upon the active pastorate, remaining until May 31st 1868. He was ordained in his home church at the Falls of Schuylkill, December 5th 1865, by a council of which the late Rev. John Chesshire was moderator, and the late Horatio Gates Jones, Esq., clerk. In October 1868, he took charge of the Balligomingo Church, at West Conshohocken, and during his pastorate of four years, assumed charge also of the mission interest in Conshohocken until the organization of a separate church in 1871. In November 1872, he became pastor of the newly organized Mantua Church, in West Philadelphia, where he still remains. He has seen the church grow from a constituency of 77 members to a large and influential body, with a membership of 911. The Belmont Avenue Church, with a constituency of over 500 members was begun as a mission of Mantua Church, in 1887, and constituted a church in 1889.

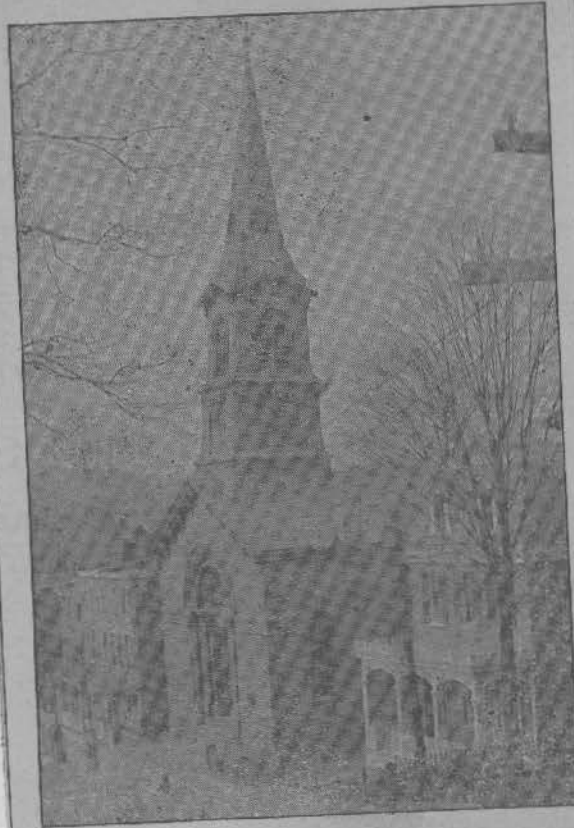
Dr. Walker, while amost diligent and successful pastor, is also deeply interested in the general work of the denomination. He has rendered efficient service as president and secretary of the Philadelphia Conference of Baptist Ministers. In 1877 he was elected moderator of the Philadelphia Association, and since that time has been its clerk and secretary of its Board of Trustees. He is a member of several city and State boards, and is Recording Secretary of both the boards of the Pennsylvania Baptist Education Society, and the American Baptist Publication Society. He was one of the former curators of Bucknell University, and since 1871, with the exception of a few years, has been editor of the American Baptist year book. He has written considerably for the press, and has twice been the poet at Bucknell University commencements. He was also poet at Valley Forge Centennial in 1878.

Dr. Walker is very popular, both as apreacher and pastor, has a clear, incisive mind, is a thorough-going Baptist, has maintained an unblemished character, and is universally regarded as one of the wisest and best of our Philadelphia Baptist ministers."

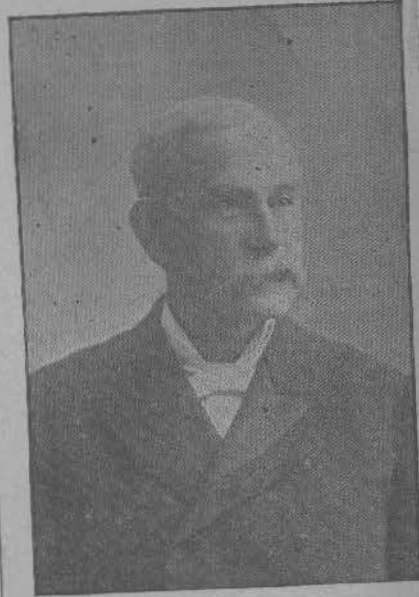
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WEEKLY FORECAST, DECEMBER 11, 1902.



Falls Baptist Church.



REV. I. F. STIDHAM.

**Falls Baptist Church Celebrates the  
Fiftieth Anniversary of Its  
Dedication.**

The Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, on Queen lane, above Ridge avenue, last Sunday celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its dedication with interesting services. The pastor, Rev. Isaac F. Stedham, presided, and made the principal address, in which he highly commended the men and women who worked zealously to establish the church.

Harmon Johnson gave an interesting account of the dedicatory ceremonies, which were held on December 5, 1852. R. R. Shronk read a historical sketch, in which the church work was reviewed, from the time of its formation, on June 11, 1838, by eleven members, who worshipped in the "Yellow School" building, on Queen lane, near the Reading Railway.

The present church was erected in 1851, under the supervision of Charles F. Abbot, James Morrison and Benjamin R. Marley, at a cost of \$30,000, which was a large sum in those days. The corner-stone was laid on September 11, 1851, and the edifice was opened for service in March, 1852, and dedicated in December, 1852.

Among those present yesterday who were members when the church was dedicated were Mrs. Sarah Green, Mrs. Rebecca Dietrick and Mrs. Eliza M. Montgomery. They are the only three left of the original members.

The following clergymen have served during the half century of the church's organization: Rev. Emerson Andrews, Rev. Mark R. Watkinson, Rev. N. Judson Clark, Rev. Charles S. Steinman, Rev. William R. McNeil, Rev. John E. Cheshire, Rev. Alfred Free, Rev. Henry W. Jones, Rev. Thomas A. Hanna, Rev. Oliver B. Kinney and Rev. I. F. Stidham.



"The many friends and church associates of Miss Minnie Morris, who for several years past has been engaged in rescue work in the purlieus of Philadelphia gave to her at the house of Deacon Edwin Singer, on Midvale avenue, on Monday evening, a farewell reception and Godspeed. Miss Morris, on Tuesday, left the Falls for Shang-Hi, China, where she will introduce the rescue work among the coast and half-foreign population of that, one of the most populous cities of that densely inhabited country. Miss Morris, whose earnest work and beautiful Christian character had endeared her to all her acquaintances here in the Falls, takes with her the best wishes of the entire community. She will travel by way of Chicago, on the Canada & Northwestern Railroad, taking ship at Seattle, and sailing direct to Robi, Japan, where she will spend several days. Then across the China Sea to Hong-kong, and on Shang-Hi. This will forge another link to bind the Falls with the great eastern world.

Among those present were: Rev. and Mrs. I. F. Stidham and F.D. Stidham, Mrs. Bailey, Miss Gertrude Bailey, Mrs. I. Newton, the Misses Newton, Mrs. J. MacKay, Miss Lizzie Shronk, Miss Maggie Morison, The Misses Reed, Miss Uretta Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. David Wise, Sr., Miss Childs, Mrs. Charles West, Mr. Harry Binkin, Miss Kate Jones, Miss Mary Schaffer, Mr. F. Levering, Mrs. William Campbell, Miss Mary Cook, Mr. and Mrs. George Dunkerley, and Edwin Dunkerley, Miss Emma Singer and Mrs. Lydia Hallowell.

Light refreshments were served. A farewell speech was made by Mr. Harry Binkin, and a purse of money representing the well wishes of her friends was presented. Miss Morris thanked Deacon Singer in a sympathetic speech."

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Weekly Forecast: March 12th 1903.

"Mrs. Edward Andrews, of Thirty-Fifth and Crawford streets, has just received a letter from her cousin, Miss Minnie Morris, who left for China for Missionary work on January 6th, when she was given a farewell reception by the members of the Falls Baptist Church. Miss Morris is now at Shanghai, and says she is delighted with all her future prospects, and is in the best of health. She arrived in China, February 12th."

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Weekly Forecast: June 25th 1903.

"The following letter has just been received by the Rev. I. F. Stidham, from Miss Minnie Morris, the story of whose going out to China to establish a Rescue Mission, was published in the 'Forecast' some time ago. Miss Morris had a thorough training for this work in the City Mission work of the Tenderloin districts of this city. Her success in her new field is well shown by this letter, which no doubt will be read with great pleasure by all her friends as well as all others who are interested in missionary work:

'J 2663, Seward Road, Shanghai,  
China, 5, 15, 1903.

To My Home Church:

Knowing there are many friends who are expecting to

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hear from me and not having the time to write to all, I thought perhaps Dr. Stidham would deliver this message for me, hoping each one will accept it as written to them individually.

"First, I hope you will thank the Lord with me, for permitting me to be just where He has sent me, for all phases of Christian work in Shanghai, this is the most needy. The work is extremely difficult, being the first attempt of the kind, but God is wonderfully blessing us, for we have to lean hard upon Him to know His will in every step we take. One by one, girls are being sent to us. We have two, aged twelve and thirteen, respectively, and since very few of these girls live the lives they do, of their own choice, their gratitude upon their release is most touching. Knowing nothing that is useful, when they come, they are taught to read, and best of all no opportunity is lost in teaching them the truth as it is in Jesus. In the afternoon, they are taught along industrial lines, and they are quick to learn. We do not compel them to unbind their feet, but they soon commence to gradually unbind them from choice. We have the power to select Christian husbands for them after they have been here a year or longer. Their outlook is much brighter than that of the same class of girls at home, because here, marriages cover the past. Most of these girls have been sold by their families, one of the last whom we received having been sold by her own husband, for three hundred Mexican dollars, he being an opium eater.

"The evil influence of the Europeans in Shanghai is certainly dreadful. They have not the slightest regard for anything holy, so that the work of the missionaries in the interior is more satisfactory than in a town where ongidly foreigners live.

"I sincerely sympathize with you in the loss of another member, Mrs. Kelly, and hope all the families represented at this service are well and being much blessed of God. I cannot mention you all, by name, but there is not one that I should not be pleased to hear from. I think of you all, often, and pray that God will bless the church in the salvation of souls. I am hoping to hear of some work being done by the young people of the church, for in such service there is much blessing.

"I do thank you for the help you given me and I would like to tell the ladies who helped to give me the student lamp, that it is the most comforting thing I have, next to my Bible, for Miss Bonnell had a miserable one. The committee of Christian ladies having this work in charge, are beautiful Christ-like characters and with whom it is always a comfort to consult.

"We have a nice cool Spring, but I hear reather discouraging reports of the approaching hot season. Dr. Ashmore is spending a few days in Shanghai, previous to his leaving for America.

"The Southern Baptist are doing a good work just outside of the native city. Three young men who were at Bucknell when I was there, are here with their wives, so that we have had a Bucknell dinner, and enjoyed a very happy evening. Our girls make and dress very nice Chinese dolls, representing people of various ages and occupations, such as house-servants, priests, brides, etc. I am sending home some, so that if any of you would like to see them, kindly speak to Mrs. Dunkerley.

"I trust you will remember this work in prayer, for surely we need such help, as one get in answer to prayer of God's children,

"Kind regards to each enquiring friend,

Very sincerely yours, in His service,

M.C. Morris."

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Weekly Forecast: July 2nd 1903.

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"Bucknell University, at its late commencement, conferred the degree of Master of Arts, on Mr. James S. Swartz, treasurer of the International Merchantile and Marine, and whose boyhood was spent at the Falls. His many friends rejoice in the honor so worthily bestowed and cordially congratulate both the giver and the recipient."

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Weekly Forecast: November 26th 1902

"On Thursday evening last (Nov. 19th) the congregation of the Mantua Baptist Church, West Philadelphia, tendered a reception to their pastor, J. Garrett Walker, in honor of it being the thirtieth anniversary of his becoming the pastor of that church.

"The reception took place in the parlor of his home, the opening address being made by Rev. I. F. Stidham, of the Falls Baptist Church, the congregation of which sent him greetings. Such a term as pastor in one church is remarkable, from the fact that in the Baptist denomination pastors are called, and not appointed."

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Weekly Forecast: May 26th 1904.

"The various posts of the surviving members of the Union Army of 1861 to 1865 will hold, as usual, religious services on the evening preceding Decoration Day.

"The General G. K. Warren Post No. 15, of Manayunk, which includes nearly all of the Falls veterans, will hold services at the Falls Baptist Church, at 7.30 P.M. of Sunday May 29th. This service is very interesting, having some unusual features. The roll-call of the dead of the year, and placing of wreaths by little girls is very beautiful. The Roxborough Male Quartette will aid the choir in the musical program. The public are invited to attend. This post will decorate the graves of their comrades in the cenereteries adjacent to Manayunk. Rev. I. F. Stidham, of the Falls Baptist Church, will be the orator of the day."

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Weekly Forecast: February 23rd 1905.

"One last Sunday evening a very comprehensive and most interesting lecture on Burmah, India, was delivered at the Falls Baptist Church, by Miss Emily C. Hanna, daughter of a former pastor of that church, and who has lately returned as a missionary to that country."

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Weekly Forecast: June 14th 1906.

"The sixty-fifth anniversary of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church was celebrated Sunday with impressive ceremonies. Rev. Isaac Stidham, pastor, preached a historical sermon from the theme, "Honest Thinking". The church was organized with 16 members, June 9th, 1838, in the Old Acandey Building, where services were held until March 1852, when the lecture room of the present building was opened. Rev. Mark H. Watkinson was the first pastor."





*MISS ETHEL DUTTON STIDHAM.*

At the graduating exercises of Section A 5, of the Girls' High School, which took place June 16, Miss Ethel Dutton Stidham, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. I. F. Stidham, of the Falls Baptist Church, in addition to being honored with the presidency of her class, also delivered the salutatory, in which she spoke as follows:

Dear Friends:

It is my very pleasant duty to cordially greet and most heartily welcome you to these Class Day exercises, by which A 5 marks the close of its High School career.

As parents and friends you naturally share with us all the tender feelings which such an event stirs within us. You have sympathized with us in all our struggles—you will rejoice with us in whatever triumph we have gained.

In such an hour we cannot help a backward look. We sigh, as we remember, how leaden-footed seemed the days of the four years as they were passing. How slowly they dragged along! Would they never end! And while we wondered, lo, we were at the end—into the past four years had plunged and were gone forever. Now our wonder deepens. How short those years were! How quickly

gone! Brief as they were we have gathered much good from them; as they passed, but, oh, how many beautiful things that would have enriched and broadened our lives, were foolishly allowed to drift by us with no effort to make them our own. Regret for the days that are no more. To-day, we understand, as never before how important were the opportunities of our school days. We are grateful for the training that we have received and make our farewell, with tear-dimmed eyes to the familiar rooms where we so often gathered.

To-day we realize how closely the years have bound us to each other. We are elated, and yet we grieve—but we will cheer each other as we part. For a little while we will listen to story and prophecy—to prognostication and poetic flight, and then with song to part—to meet never again as a class, but I trust to meet each other, and to greet each other as heroines on the battlefield of life—each finding the other poised, capable, triumphant, winning honors, bearing them modestly, and leaving the world far better than we found it.

—Ethel Dutton Stidham.

"Special services were held in the Falls Baptist Sunday School, on last Sunday afternoon, when the newly renovated Sunday School room was formally opened. Mr. Harry Binkin, superintendent, presided.

"Instrumental music by Miss Elizabeth Daymon, pianist; Mr. Wm Jones, violinist; and Mr. Samuel Pugh, cornetist, opened the exercises. Music and all singing were rendered under the direction of Mr. Albert Hodson.

"The school rendered the beautiful hymn "God Bless Our Sabbath School", after which the school was led in prayer by Rev. I. F. Stidham. At the close the school joined in the Lord's Prayer.

"Scripture readings were led by Mr. John Wyatt, Jr., from the 84th Psalm.

"Several hymns were then sung by the school.

"Addresses were delivered by the present superintendent, Mr. Harry Binkin; Mr. Robert Shronk. Mr. Twindle, of the Tioga Baptist School, and Mr. John Roy.

"The school was beautifully decorated with palms and other plants.

"The orchestra then rendered several selections after which the Rev. I. F. Stidham pronounced the benediction.

"The school wishes to extend many thanks to Mr. Edwin Singer in appreciation of his hard toil and many hours of labor he has given to make the financial end a success."

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Weekly Forecast: August 10th 1905.

"The Rev. Thomas Carson Hanna, who for several years underwent strange psychical experiences, as a result of a fall from a wagon, is going to leave the Jenkintown Baptist Church, of which he has been pastor since 1902. His resignation, which was once before given and declined, has again been presented to the congregation and its acceptance insisted upon.

"The natural limitations of Jenkintown', explained Mr. Hanna, who is still a young man, 'are such that I feel that I want a wider field of labor. With less than 3000 people and half a dozen places of worship, I am limited, and I am ambitious. The presentments of opportunity here are few. I have several flattering calls elsewhere and feel that the time has come to end my work in Jenkintown.'

"The accident, which later caused him to be called the "dual-minded pastor' occurred some eight years ago. Much has been written about the extraordinary happening which gave Mr. Hanna for several years a double personality, as distinct, though wholly different, in character, as Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

"While preaching at Plankville, Conn., in 1897, the young theologian fell from a wagon, landing on his head. He was picked up unconscious and for several hours he remained in that condition. When he was restored to his senses he was not mentally Mr. Hanna, but a child in everything except body. His mind was a blank.

"The came days in which he had to be taught to eat, to walk and talk. He had no sense of the difference between animate and inanimate things and had to learn as would a child. The only sensations in his mind, he later said, were darkness, light and color.

"This continued for eight weeks and gradually the child in mind was taught to read and write. In his dreams, however, he had recalled to him, incidents of his former life. Awakening from a sound sleep one day, he emerged mentally the Thomas Hanna of old, with no knowledge of his recent personality.

"For several weeks Mr. Hanna was alternately the minister and the child. The stay in each state became shorter and shorter. He is now in normal health. Physicians have said that his case was as

an approach as has ever been seen to two separate minds in one  
body.

"Mr. Hanna is a son of Rev. Thomas A. T. Hanna, who was pastor  
of the Falls Baptist Church from 1887 to 1893!"

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Public Ledger Almanac: 1874 States that the height of the Falls  
of Schuylkill Baptist Church steeple is 80 feet.

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**REV. DR. STIDHAM, FALLS  
BAPTIST PASTOR, DIES**

**Well-Known Clergyman Began and  
Ended Ministry in Same Church**

The Rev. Isaac Ferdinand Stidham, LL. D., Ph. D., pastor of Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, Queen lane, above Ridge avenue, died Monday morning in the parsonage adjoining the church, of heart disease, which followed an attack of the grip he suffered in the early spring. He was conscious to the last and pronounced his benediction upon his wife and family.

Doctor Stidham was born in Baltimore November 26, 1837, and was a son of Jonas and Anna Stidham. His father was a well-to-do farmer. After obtaining an education in the public schools, Doctor Stidham entered Baltimore College, from which he was graduated in 1860. He spent three years in the college as Professor of Theology and was ordained as Baptist minister in 1863.

His first charge was at the Falls of Schuylkill Church, where he began his labors March 1, 1868. In 1872, owing to impaired health and the advice of his physician he resigned, to accept a call to the pastorate of the Baptist Temple, in Columbus, O., where he spent twelve years.

While in Columbus he was given the degree of doctor of philosophy by Denison University, and the degree of doctor of laws by Columbus College. He subsequently spent twelve years as pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Britain, Conn. He returned to the Falls of Schuylkill Church in the fall of 1897, and entered upon what proved his first and last field of labor, January 1, 1898.

Doctor Stidham was secretary-treasurer of the Philadelphia Baptist Ministers Conference, which recently elected him honorary secretary for life. He was widely known in the Masonic fraternity in which he was a thirty-second degree Mason. He was a member of Mary Commandery No. 36, Knights Templar. Also he was honorary member of Roxborough Masonic Lodge.

The funeral services were held last evening in the church and were conducted by the Rev. Dr. John Gordon, of Temple University. Interment will be made privately this morning in Leverington Cemetery, Roxborough.

**An Appreciation of the Rev. Dr.  
Stidham, L. L. D., Ph. D.**

On Monday, June 9, there passed into

the life beyond one whom, together with all the citizens of the Falls, I had learned to know and love. In a short pastorate of a little more than six years following pastors have died: the Rev. Dr. Glasgow, the Rev. Father Walsh and the Rev. Dr. Stidham. The Rev. Dr. Ritchie had died a little more than a month before I became pastor at the Falls.

Concerning the Rev. Dr. Stidham I desire to say just a few words, words of appreciation.

Dr. Stidham as a man was lovable. He was frank and open. To every one including his ministerial brethren at the Falls he was always kindly and courteous and frank. He was a most excellent conversationalist and I shall not forget those few half hours I spent with him on his porch and those casual meetings on the street when he would converse on all kinds of subjects—literature, theology, psychology, Biblical criticism, science and more than once the spiritual conditions and needs of the community.

And he was always witty and always optimistic and always sympathetic. I never knew him to take a dark view on any question or on any condition of the times. It was this that made him so acceptable a speaker on special occasions and at no time did he seem so much at home as when making an "after-dinner" speech. He was indeed a good man—a lovable man.

Dr. Stidham was also a scholar as we have already intimated. His reading was wide and at the same time careful and thorough. He read extensively works on history, theology and psychology. He was deeply interested in entomology (the study of insects). One afternoon the writer took him on a drive through Fairmount Park and had to stop twice in order that he might investigate, in the first instance, the nest of a Baltimore Oriole and in the second instance a peculiar moth. The latter instance was peculiarly amusing to the writer. We were nearing the Falls on the East River Drive and were interested in a conversation on some topic when all of a sudden he commanded me to stop my horse at once. I did so and quickly he got out, hastened back the road about 100 yards. Automobiles and carriages were stopped that their occupants might see what had happened. The Dr. pulled out a bottle, then an envelope and then captured a moth! Then his face brightened up and the onlookers smiled and went on.

As a preacher I never knew Dr. Stidham, for I never had the pleasure of hearing him preach. From his announcement of subjects in the Forecast I take it that his sermons were ethical, spiritual and scholarly. I never knew Dr. Stidham to announce as a subject for a sermon anything that was not properly dignified nor altogether suitable as a subject for a sermon from a Christian pulpit. He never aimed at sensationalism nor selected subjects that might draw the curious. From my knowledge of the man I believe his sermons were strictly evangelical. A few months before his death he told me that of one thing he was convinced and that is the power of the blood of Jesus Christ to save men.

As a pastor I did know something about Dr. Stidham. He made many pastoral calls. He was exceedingly faithful to the sick. He sought at all times to comfort the sad. He was especially interested in the young men of his church and community. In our last conversation he told me how at times he would go into his study and on his knees pray God to rescue and save some fallen young man. Dr. Stidham was a deeply spiritual man and yearned and thirsted and struggled and prayed for the salvation of souls.

Dr. Stidham is not dead. In a very real sense by his words, and deeds he lives still in the hearts and lives of many who knew him and trusted him as a friend and a pastor. In a still more real sense he lives in Paradise, awaiting the resurrection to the full glories of heaven. He lived and died like the Psalmist and heir to "a goodly herit-

age." And were it given to me to write his epitaph I should inscribe as the highest words of eulogy, the words of the Apostle Peter—"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. And when the chief shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away" 1 Peter 5:2-4.

HENRY F. HALE,  
Pastor Lutheran Church of the Redeemer.

**DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF  
OUR BELOVED PASTOR, REV.  
I. F. STIDAM, WHO DEPARTED  
THIS LIFE MONDAY, JUNE  
9, 1913**

**He Giveth His Beloved Sleep**

He sleeps within God's tender care,  
The sun of life has set.  
He sleeps the sleep which knows no  
break,  
The silent sleep of death.

While yet the sun shone soft and bright  
God called a loved one home;  
The feeble flame of life burnt out  
A soul to Christ had flown.

God giveth His beloved sleep  
Brave heart thy work is done,  
Behold thy labor not in vain  
The battle's fought and won.

He helped us bear the heavy cross  
When sorrow bowed us down.  
He helped us say "Oh, God, thy will,  
Alas, not ours, be done."

He shared our joys and sorrows,  
Through all the long, long years,  
He helped us bear our troubles  
And wiped away our tears.

As the shepherd on the hillside  
Watches o'er his sheep,  
He bid us come unto Him  
In sorrow, pain and grief.

Each Sunday saw him at his post  
Faithful until death,  
Till God in mercy eased his pain,  
And gave a sufferer rest.

Long years he worked within our midst,  
Untiring, strong and brave,  
Our darkened minds he lightened,  
And many souls he saved.

Would I could tell the world his deeds,  
But words are weak to praise;  
Love, strength and life, these are the  
things  
For Christ he freely gave.

His gentle voice so soft and clear,  
We'll never hear again.  
This sad good-bye must be the last,  
This parting be the end.

Ah! faithful friend, kind loyal heart,  
Earth's fairest flowers we bring,  
Oh! grave, where is thy victory?  
Oh! death, where is thy sting?

God giveth his beloved sleep,  
Death knocks upon the door,  
And over Jordan's river he sees you've  
heavenly shore.

Ah! patient, weary sufferer for us you've  
done your best.

Lay down the cross, God's calling, come  
unto me and rest,  
He sleeps so sweet in Jesus the strife  
of life is past,  
And over Jordan's river he's anchored  
safe at last.

Oh! dry those tears, weep not for him,  
he would not have it thus,  
The silent grave is not the end, if in  
our God we trust.  
So this is death the conquerer, fear not,  
I hear God's voice,  
Surrendering all to Jesus in heaven I  
shall rejoice.

Fear not for God is with me, his presence  
near I feel,  
And earth can have no sorrow which  
heaven cannot heal.

MARION WHALLEY COLE.

Weekly Forecast  
June 19, 1913

**Funeral Service of Dr. Stidham**

The funeral service of Rev. I. F. Stidham, D. D., Ph. D., took place Wednesday evening in the Baptist Church, of which he was pastor for 15 years.

The active pallbearers were Alfred Brown, John Morris, Horace E. Green, John R. Scott, Edwin Singer and Harry B. Binkin.

The honorary pallbearers were James Dobson, James S. Swartz, Dr. Rutter and Robert R. Shronk.

Roxborough Lodge, F. and A. M., and Falls of Schuylkill Lodge, number 467, I. O. O. F., attended in bodies.

The service was in charge of Rev. John Gordon, D. D. Those who took part in the service were: Rev. H. F. Hale, of the Lutheran Church; Rev. B. B. Royer, of the Presbyterian Church; Rev. W. E. Oakford, of the Grace Reformed Church, and Rev. A. P. Hodgson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the following Baptist ministers: Rev. Kerr Boyce Tupper, D. D., First Church, of Germantown; Rev. C. H. Wolston, D. D., East Church; Rev. T. S. Sampson, Second Church, Germantown; Rev. C. K. Warwick, Diamond Street Church; Rev. J. B. Champion, Roxborough; Rev. Groves Drew, third church; Rev. W. C. Calder, Frankford Church, and Rev. Charles L. Seasholes, D. D., acting pastor Falls Church; Mr. James S. Swartz and Deacon R. R. Shronk. There were many tender and loving tributes paid to the memory of Dr. Stidham by all who took part in the service, as a pastor, fellow minister, citizen and the children's friend. The body lay in state all night in the church building, members of the trustees acting as a guard of honor. The school children were admitted to view the remains Thursday morning. The hundreds who came from all churches proved that he was indeed a friend to all the children of the town, the floral tokens were numerous and beautiful; some were sent from Connecticut and Washington, D. C. The funeral took place Thursday morning at ten o'clock. Interment was made at Leverington Cemetery, Roxborough. Roxborough Lodge F. and A. M. took charge of the service at the grave.

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Weekly Forecast  
August 28-1913

**Rev. Dr. Seasholes, Falls Baptist Pastor**

The Rev. Dr. Charles L. Seasholes, of Germantown, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, Queen Lane, above Ridge avenue, to succeed the Rev. Dr. I. F. Stidham, who died June 9 last, after serving the congregation for sixteen years. Doctor Seasholes has been occupying the pulpit of the Falls of Schuylkill church for several months and is very popular with the congregation.

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Weekly Forecast  
July 3-1913

**LOVING TRIBUTES TO DR. I. F. STIDHAM**

**New Britain Baptist Church Honors Memory of Former Pastor**

At an informal memorial service for the late Rev. Dr. I. F. Stidham, held recently at the First Baptist Church, of New Britain, Conn., of which he was a former pastor, loving tributes were paid to the deceased pastor of Falls Baptist Church.

Rev. Dr. T. Edwin Brown, pastor of the New Britain Church, had charge of the meeting. He stated that he wanted the expressions of appreciation of Dr. Stidham to be as free and spontaneous as possible. A portrait of Dr. Stidham, draped with a bow of black ribbon, occupied a prominent place at the front of the room.

Dr. Brown in speaking of Dr. Stidham said in part, "I knew him when he was a boy, when he was just entering upon his young manhood. Some of his youthful characteristics he never lost. He was the same genial, jovial, and I could almost say jolly, character to the very end. He had a wide knowledge of many things. He had an enviable reputation as a debater."

Among the remarks made by Judge John Coats, of New Britain, Conn., were the following:

"If I were to call to mind the characteristics of Dr. Stidham that made the greatest impression upon me, I should first speak of the sanity of his outlook upon life. He was of a scientific turn of mind. He thought and spoke along lines where he could put his thought to the test of actual facts and experience.

"If I were to mention another characteristic of his, it would be that of his good fellowship and friendly attitude to his fellowmen. He was not lacking in sympathy. His sympathy and strength have kept his memory warm in the hearts of all the members of this church, and he is remembered very warmly by those who were members of his congregation."

Other prominent persons of New Britain also spoke of their pleasant memories of Dr. Stidham.

Members of the church who remember Dr. Stidham told of his comforting ministry in times of sorrow, of his success in getting young people interested in the Sunday school, and of his faculty to remember names and faces.

**Copy of Resolutions Passed at First Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio, Sunday, June 22, 1913**

Rev. Isaac Ferdinand Stidham, Ph. D., LL. D., a former pastor of this church, died at his home in Falls of the Schuylkill, Philadelphia, June 9, 1913, in the seventy-sixth year of his age. The immediate cause of his death was heart failure following an attack of grip. He retained consciousness to the last and a few minutes before his death pronounced a benediction upon his family.

Dr. Stidham came to the pastorate of this church in 1872, when he was thirty-five years of age, and continued his service here till 1884 when he resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist church in Cincinnati. In its career of nearly ninety years, this church has had fifteen pastors, of whom Dr. Stidham was the eighth. The years of his ministry were eventful, being the period of greatest Baptist development in this city. Missions were organized and maintained in the northern, eastern and western parts of the city and members were dismissed by this church to organize the Russell Street, Hildreth and Memorial Baptist Churches. To the efficient leadership of Dr. Stidham this development was largely due. Zealous in his religious work, Dr. Stidham exerted a helpful influence in educational and scientific circles

and was widely known and esteemed. Therefore be it

Resolved, by the First Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio, That we mourn Dr. Stidham as a man of God who was privileged to do great things for this church and for the Baptist cause in Columbus, thereby commanding the respect of good people of all creeds. His helpfulness of the weak and deserving and his kindly sympathy with the sorrow-stricken are gratefully remembered by all to whom it fell to his lot to minister. Years may pass, but they can never efface from the minds of those who knew him the memory of this gracious gentleman, whose life was so full of the service to others.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this church and that a copy be sent to his widow, Mrs. Nannie Dutton Stidham.

Committee:

- L. B. TUSSING, Chairman.
- FRANK STALEY,
- ALFRED SIMPSON,
- ANNA E. PETERS,
- MRS. OSMAN C. HOOPER.

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Weekly Forecast  
November 20-1913



**DR. CHARLES L. SEASHOLES**

**"Is Life Worth Living?"**

The above is the title of a humorous and instructive lecture to be given in the Falls Baptist Church on Thursday evening, November 20. Dr. Seasholes holds his audience convulsed with laughter at the wholesome truths of life and living, and the lecture is a sure cure for the worst case of blues humanity is heir to.

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Weekly Forecast  
Sept. 12-1913

**TOMBSTONE AS MEMORIAL  
TO LATE DR. STIDHAM**

**Dedication Ceremonies at Leverington  
Cemetery**

As a memorial to the late Rev. Isaac Ferdinand Stidham, who ministered at the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church for twenty years, the members of that church will dedicate a tombstone this Saturday afternoon at three forty-five o'clock at the Leverington Cemetery, Roxborough.

James S. Swartz, Esq., of New York, will preside at the dedication. The pastor-elect of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Seasholes, will deliver an address. Another speaker will be Rev. John Gordon, D. D., of the Theological Department of Temple University.

Delegations from the Baptist Churches of the Northwest District of Philadelphia will attend. It is expected that many Falls residents will be there also.

In case of rain the services will be held in Roxborough Baptist Sunday School.

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Weekly Forecast  
November 20-1913

**An Old Landmark Doomed.**

A steeplejack at work on the steeple of the Baptist Church attracted a large crowd of spectators while rigging up his outfit to commence the work of tearing down the steeple of the church.

The steeple, which has been a landmark for many years, is showing the effects of time, and will be removed. It was built in 1852, and the church on which it stands was the first church built in the Falls.

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Weekly Forecast  
Sept 25-1913

**MEMORIAL TOMB-  
STONE DEDICATED**

**Impressive and Interesting Services  
at Grave of Rev. I. F. Stidham,  
Ph. D. LL. D.**

Saturday afternoon, September 20, 1913 will long be remembered by members of Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church and Sunday School, who at that time, dedicated a handsome granite tombstone, to their late pastor, Rev. Isaac Ferdinand Stidham, Ph. D., LL. D., in Leverington Cemetery, Roxborough, Mrs. Stidham with her daughter Edna and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ritter, son-in-law and daughter, met at the home of Mr. Edwin Singer, Midvale avenue, as did Revs. Dr. John Gordon and Charles L. Seasholes, Messrs. James S. Swartz, Singer, and R. Roberts Shronk and from there were conveyed by Mr. Charles L. Dykes, in a carriage and automobile to the cemetery.

Owing to the threatening aspect of the weather, the exercises were held in the Sunday School room, of Roxborough Baptist Church, which was kindly tendered for the occasion. Mr. James S. Swartz, the oldest male member of the church in point of membership, presided, he having come on from his home in New York city for the purpose. He spoke very graciously concerning Dr. Stidham, and of the uniqueness of the service. Prayer was offered by the Rev. John B. Champion, pastor of Roxborough Baptist Church. Eulogistic addresses on the deceased pastor, who was called to his eternal home on June 9, were delivered by Dr. Gordon, of Temple University, for many years a close friend of Dr. Stidham, and Dr. Seasholes, pastor-elect to succeed Dr. Stidham. They and Mr. Swartz each dwelt upon the loving earnest work and kindly disposition of Dr. Stidham, who was not only remarkable as a scholar, a scientist and a preacher of the true gospel, but a good man, full of faith. At the conclusion of Dr. Seasholes' eulogy, Mr. Swartz announced that the exercises would be concluded beside the grave. The hymns, "If I Could Fly Beyond the Tide," and "Come, Ye Disconsolate, Where'er Ye Languish," were sung in the Sunday school room, with piano accompaniment, under the direction of Mr. John Field. At the grave the hymn, "Some day the silver cord will break, And I no more as now shall sing. But, O, the joy when I shall wake, Within the palace of the King! And shall see Him face to face, And tell the story saved by grace," was sung with cornet accompaniment; Mr. Oliver Dill, of Manayunk, cornetist.

After the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Seasholes, most of the large number present strewn flowers upon the grave of the beloved pastor.

The tomb is a perfect block of granite about 4½ feet high, four feet wide and one foot thick, standing on a leveled granite base. Beneath the gentle curved top is the name STIDHAM in large raised letters, with the inscription below:

"Our Pastor,  
Rev. I. F. Stidham, Ph. D.,  
1837-1913.  
His wife,  
Nannie Dutton Stidman,  
1843-19-  
Falls Baptist Church."

Following are the dimensions of the monument as given by the stone cutters, Goshaw and McBride, of Roxborough. The monument is composed of two sec-

tions called the base and the die. The base upon which the die rests is three feet and six inches long, one foot and eight inches wide, and one foot and four inches high. The die or top is three feet and two inches high, and two feet and ten inches wide, and one foot thick; and is polished on back and front. The front of die is finished in panelled effect, with carving on each side of the name "STIDHAM" in large raised letters.

The inscription is in raised letters in a panel. The base is rock face with margin.

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Weekly Forecast  
July 22-1915

**MINISTER KNOWN IN FALLS  
BURIED**

A crowd that taxed the capacity of the Mantua Baptist Church, Fortieth street and Fairmount avenue, Tuesday afternoon, attended the funeral of Rev. Jacob G. Walker, who for 43 years was pastor of the congregation. The pulpit was banked with floral tributes, and Rev. A. J. Rowland, secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society, conducted the services, assisted by seven other clergymen.

The funeral was attended by members of the Baptist Conference, the American Baptist Publication Society, Cassia Lodge, No. 273, F. and A. M., and General George G. Meade Post, No. 1, G. A. R. The Masonic rites were performed at the grave, and the veterans also took part, under command of Post Commander Isaac R. Oakford and Adjutant W. G. McEwan. The interment was in West Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Rev. Mr. Walker was well known in the Falls, having been an uncle of Jacob Walker, of Sunnyside avenue. He occupied the pulpit of the Falls Baptist Church on many occasions.

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Weekly Forecast  
December 5-1918

The Rev. Benjamin F. Bray, of North Carolina, has been called to the pastorate of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church. He has been filling the pulpit since the Rev. Charles L. Seasholes went to the First Baptist Church of Salem, O.

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Weekly Forecast  
Dec 12-1918

The James S. Swartz Bible Class of the Falls Baptist Church elected the following officers: President, H. E. Green; vice president, John Wyatt; secretary, William Ferguson; treasurer, John Hallowell. This class is now studying the Book of Acts under the leadership of Pastor Bray. All men not connected with other Bible classes are invited to join this class.

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Weekly Forecast  
November 29 - 1916

## Union Service at Falls Baptist Church Thanksgiving Offering for St. Timothy's Hospital

The annual Thanksgiving service this year will be held in the Falls Baptist Church tomorrow (Thursday) morning, at 10.30 o'clock.

Rev. Dr. Charles L. Seasholes, pastor of the Falls Baptist Church, will make the Scriptural reading; Rev. A. Percival Hodgson, pastor of the Falls Methodist Episcopal Church, will offer prayer; Rev. Samuel Wilbert Steckel, pastor of the Falls Presbyterian Church, will read the Thanksgiving Proclamation and the sermon will be delivered by the Rev. Walter E. Oakford, pastor of Grace Reformed Episcopal Church. The Falls Male Quartet will give a selection.

The Thanksgiving offering which will be taken up during the service will be forwarded to St. Timothy's Hospital. Those who cannot attend the Thanksgiving service but desire to make an offering to the hospital are requested to mail their checks or give their contributions to any one of the pastors of the Falls churches. In fact, every one should give since St. Timothy's Hospital needs the money badly.

St. Timothy's Hospital is the institution to which most of the sick and injured of the Falls have been sent in past years. It is the nearest hospital to the Falls and hence will always be employed by the people of this neighborhood to secure treatment for their ailments. Its doctors and nurses are always ready to minister to the sick and hurt from this section.

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Chronicle  
June 9, 1893

—The Rev. O. B. Kenney, of Dunee, a suburb of Chicago, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist Church, on Sunday. In the morning, prior to celebrating the Lord's Supper, he preached a sermon on "Remembering Christ," from the text, "This do in remembrance of Me." Starting with the scriptural description of "The Christ," as being "Chiefest among ten thousand and altogether lovely," notable men of modern times, such as Washington, Napoleon, Luther and Lincoln were mentioned and their achievements stated in a most eloquent manner, as being of the ten thousand of whom Christ was the chiefest. The contrast was powerful and sublime: "The men suited the national conditions of which they became masters, were borne to success by the populace: Christ made his own epoch. The ages of the past pointed to Him, and for all time to come the 'stone taken from the mountain without hands' will roll on increasing in strength and power until 'the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.'" In speaking of the Bible and of the Atonement, the preacher said: "I subscribe to the general theories of the Atonement, but the mysteries of the Atonement are with God." After a personal application as to what Christ has done for His people, and extolling the good old Bible, "Rock of Ages" was sung and, after the benediction, the church assembled to partake of the emblems and sang feelingly "Blest be the tie that binds." Such a season of grace has seldom been experienced during the fifty-five years' history of that church. At the conclusion of the evening services the church voted unanimously to call Mr. Kenney to the pastorate.

R. R. S.

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—The second annual social gathering of the Baptist church and congregation was held on Tuesday evening. The pastor, Rev. H. W. Jones, presented each person present with a neatly printed folding card containing a picture of the church, names of officers and time of appointments. Inside was an address by the pastor to his people, the introduction being as follows: "I became your pastor just one year ago. The period, though brief, may warrant a review. Glancing over the year we would naturally enough, notice first, what has been done (notice the acrostic).

Sanctuary appointments regularly maintained. Our current expenses promptly met. Many former obligations discharged. Every part of our church debt paid or provided for.

The sum of \$1,750 secured for improvements. Healthy revision made in our church roll. Increased contributions given to benevolent objects.

Not all that might have been done but something.

God give us grace to do more and better work.

"HITHERTO HATH THE LORD HELPED US."

"To every man his work;" "Let us worship the Lord;" "Freely give," and "Grow in grace," were each formed into acrostics by which they were impressively presented. There were present the following divines besides the pastor: Rev. J. E. Chesshire, Rev. G. H. MacClelland, Rev. Mr. Chambers of Olivet church, and Rev. Mr. Buchanan of N. J., all of whom addressed the meeting. Addresses were also made by Messrs C. F. Abbott and Jas. S. Swartz. The lecture room windows were tastefully decorated with flowering plants; in the centre of each group was a calla plant in bloom. 17 tables were placed in different positions, on which an abundance of good things were placed, all of which were freely partaken of. These reunions are a good thing; pity they come but once a year.

R. R. S.

Weekly Forecast, December 12, 1918



## New Pastor of Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church Is The Rev. B. F. Bray

The Reverend Benjamin F. Bray will be the new pastor of Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, coming here from Nevada, Mo., after two years of successful service in that city. The new pastor was born and raised in North Carolina. He was graduated from Crozer Theological Seminary in 1908. His other pastorate was at Roanoke, Virginia.

The foundations for this church building were started in July, 1851. The cornerstone was laid on the afternoon of September 11, 1851.

The pastoral relation to the church has been held as follows:

Pastor, Rev. Robert Compton, 1835; Rev. S. J. Creswell, 1840; Rev. J. S. Eisenbrey, 1844; Rev. W. M. Collom, 1848; Rev. Joseph Sharp, 1850; Rev. M. T. Watkinson, pastor commencing April, 1853; Rev. N. J. Clark, com-

mencing October, 1856; Rev. C. S. Steinman, February, 1859; Rev. W. R. McNeil, commencing September, 1860; Rev. John E. Chesshire, commencing February, 1863; Rev. J. F. Stidham, commencing March, 1868; Rev. A. Free, commencing January, 1873; Rev. H. W. Jones, commencing April, 1880; Rev. T. A. T. Hanna, commencing March, 1887; the Rev. I. F. Stidham, commencing 1895, and the Rev. Dr. Charles L. Scasholes, commencing, 1913.

In 1865 William Humpstone, a member of this church, was ordained in this place to the work of the Gospel ministry. In 1866 Jacob G. Walker, also a member of this church and having been previously licensed to preach, was here ordained to the Gospel ministry.

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#### BAPTIST CHURCH 80 YEARS OLD

The Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church will celebrate the eightieth anniversary of its institution, beginning next Sunday, June 2.

Here is the program:

Sunday, June 2, 10.30 A. M.—Historical service. History of the church and religious conditions which prevailed at and prior to the constituting of the church by R. Roberts Shronk. Special music by the choir. Sermon, Rev. Charles L. Seasholes, D.D., pastor. Communion Service.

8 P. M.—Anniversary sermon.

Monday, June 3, 8 P. M.—Neighborhood Night; addresses by pastors of neighboring churches.

Tuesday, June 4, 8 P. M.—Young People's Night, Harold Moorehead presiding.

Wednesday, June 5, 8 P. M.—Sunday School Rally, H. B. Binkin presiding. Addresses by former superintendents and members of the school.

Thursday, June 6, 8 P. M.—Musical service, Miss Alice Ann Ridler, organist; selections by Senior and Junior Chorus. Popular soloists will assist.

Friday, June 7, 8 P. M.—Anniversary of the church; social and family reunion; roll call of members.

Sunday, June 9—10.30 A. M., sermon; 7.30 P. M., Children's Day exercises.

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#### LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

The Rev. William J. Hayes, of the Falls Baptist Church, will deliver a lecture on Sunday evening, February 14, in the Church, on Queen lane, entitled "Abraham Lincoln," in commemoration of the great emancipator, whose birthday will be celebrated February 12. Regarding the anniversary, the following is submitted for publication:

"Who is there, on this mundane sphere, who is not inspired when hearing of the patient struggles of Lincoln in his battle from the humbleness of a log cabin to the glories of the White House? Why should we cavil at our opportunities, when the Southern Northerner's efforts for an education and advancement are brought to our attention? Bowled are the heads of the mighty, when listening to this, the favorite poem of "Old Abe":

"Oh, why should the spirit of mortal be proud?  
Like a swift-flitting meteor, a fast flying cloud,  
A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave,  
He passes from life, to his rest in the grave."

"Lincoln revered the sentiment of that poem. 'With malice towards none, with charity for all.' This line, in one of his inaugurals, has proven to be the philosophy of his entire life.

"Six feet, four inches, in height, with muscles of steel and an early life spent among the rough, cruel, uncouth youths of the neighborhood, his strength was always used to protect the weak against the strong.

"On his trip to Washington, for his first inaugural, Lincoln stepped off his car, for a few minutes, at Peekskill, New York, a cheerful and light-hearted mortal, though he traveled through crowds, many of whom were enemies, part of the time in secret, and all of the time in danger of assassination. Three years afterward, he was worn with care, anxiety and long-continued work, which made him appear prematurely aged.

"On his birthday, tomorrow, the acclaim that will go up to him as one of the few foremost men of all ages, from statesmen and men of distinction, of every land, from the legislative halls, from the seats of justice, from colleges and schools, and above and beyond all, from the homes of the plain people of the

United States.

"The martyred President made many notable addresses and speeches during his career, previous to the time of his election to the presidency.

"However, beautiful in thought and expression, as they were, they were not appreciated by those who heard and read them until after the people of the United States and the world had come to understand the man who delivered them.

"Lincoln had the rare and valuable faculty of putting the most sublime feeling into his speeches; and he never found it necessary to encumber his wisest, wittiest and most famous sayings with a weakening mass of words.

"He put his thoughts into the simplest language, so that all might comprehend, and he never said anything that was not full of the deepest meaning.

"The people of the Falls are fortunate, indeed, to be in a position to hear the life of the wonderful Kentuckian reviewed by one so capable of giving the subject the justice to which Lincoln is entitled. The Falls Baptist minister, William J. Hayes, is conceded by all who have heard him to possess some subtle power which enables him to portray familiar subjects with a new and fascinating beauty."

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## CHURCH BAZAAR A BIG SUCCESS

The bazaar held in the Falls Baptist Church, last Friday and Saturday evenings, proved to be both a financial and social success.

The prizes which were won at the masquerade party, in the previous week, were awarded to the winners of the various characters which they depicted.

The fancy work table, which was in charge of Mrs. William Hayes, was particularly attractive and some of the work displayed was the cause of a great deal of favorable comment.

The candy table was taken care of by the classes of Mrs. Lynford Neely and Walter Binkin.

Groceries were displayed and sold in an interesting manner by Mrs. John Ashton's and Miss Mary Moorehead's classes.

Ice cream was sold under the direction of Harvey Binkin's and Miss Ferguson's classes.

The fish pond was ably taken care of by the classes of Frank Foy and Miss Alice Leach.

Supper was served jointly by the women's and men's classes. The ladies did the cooking while the men "filled in" on what had been prepared.

The merchants who contributed towards the success of the affair, as well as those who attended and worked at the bazaar, received the hearty thanks of the committee in charge, through its chairman, Mrs. Wilbur Kenworthy.

The funeral of Mr. Jacob Dietrich which took place last Friday afternoon from the Baptist Church, was largely attended, and the services were very impressive. The Rev. H. W. Jones, portrayed the life of the deceased in a very feeling manner, bringing out the many characteristics of the noble man that he was. Owing to the long siege of fifteen weeks' illness, the features were so wan that few that knew him in life could have recognized him in death. After the services were over the different societies which were present proceeded in sad procession to Leverington Cemetery, Roxborough, where the last sad rites of burial were performed.

This community was deeply stricken with grief on Monday, when the intelligence went abroad that our esteemed townsman, Mr. Jacob Dietrich, had died. After five weeks' suffering, and when his friends had reason to hope for his recovery, he took a change for the worse early on Monday morning and continued to grow weaker till noon, when he calmly breathed his last. Deceased was a man of which any community should be proud. He was born in Germany in 1826, and with his parents came to this country when six years of age, and went with them to Chambersburg, Franklin county, where he remained till he was 19 years old, when he came to Philadelphia and learned the trade of machinist. In June, 1847, he was employed at Powers and Weightman's chemical works at 9th and Parrish streets, where he remained till the following January, when he was transferred to their new works at this place, where he remained up to the time of his last illness. Shortly after his coming to the Falls he became interested in religion, and attended the services held by the Baptists in the Old School house, where he was subsequently converted under the preaching of the Rev. J. M. Richards, D. D., and became a member of that church, and ever after took an active part in church affairs and in the advancement of the interests of the Sunday School, where your correspondent was a member of his class. In his life his deportment was of such a high character that it might truly be said of him, that he was "Diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." Some years ago he was ordained a deacon in the church of which he was a pillar. In society he was a model, and the loss which the place and his associates have sustained in his death cannot soon be filled. He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his departure. In 1867 he organized a Beneficial Society among his fellow-workmen, and in the same year was elected Secretary of the Falls of Schuylkill Building and Loan Association, and has been successively elected every year from that time to the present. His funeral takes place this afternoon, the service being held in the Baptist church. The many societies of which he was a member will attend in a body. After the services his remains will be taken to the Leverington cemetery for interment.

Died Dec 30 - 1881 R. R. S.

# HOME COMING WEEK IN BAPTIST CHURCH

Special Services and Musical Program to Feature  
Celebration of Falls of Schuylkill  
Baptist Church

REV. JOHN H. HUMPSTONE, D. D., TO PREACH

Plans have been completed by the members of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, on Queen lane above Ridge avenue for the observance of Home Coming Week, beginning October 30th.

Special services and music will be a part of the occasion, on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

At the morning service, on Sunday, at 10.15 A. M., the sermon will be preached by Rev. John Humpstone, D.D., pastor emeritus of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

John Humpstone, as a boy, was a Sunday School scholar at the Falls Baptist Sunday School, and after entering the ministry his initial call came from the First Baptist Church, of Manayunk.

At 11.45 A. M. special Sunday School exercises will be held, with Harry B. Binkin, the superintendent, in charge.

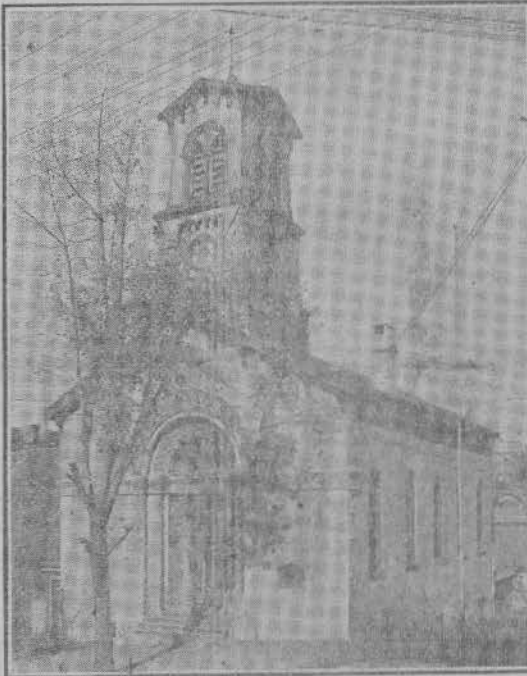
In the evening, at 7.30 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. William J. Hayes, will preach the sermon, with "The Higher Vision" as his topic. October 30th, is the third anniversary of Mr. Hayes' pastorate in East Falls, where he is known for the completeness of the lessons he teaches from his text selections.

Tuesday evening, November 1st, has been designated as "Sunday School and Young People's Night," with Mr. Binkin as chairman. On this evening there will be addresses delivered by Rev. A. M. Dixon, of the First Brethern Church, of Pottstown, Pa., and H. A. Knabe, president of the Baptist Sunday School Association of Philadelphia.

Wednesday night will be "Congregational Night" with Harold Moorehead acting as chairman. Mr. John Wyatt will give a short talk on "Our Past"; Mr. Harry Binkin will follow with "Our Present" and the pastor, Mr. Hayes, will conclude with "Our Future." Refreshments will be served during the social hour which will follow the services.

Miss Martha Adams, the organist has made a fine selection of musical numbers for the various services, including Herbert Botting's "Cradle Songs"; two postludes by E. L. Ashford and E. R. Kroeger's "Festal March."

A cordial invitation is extended to



everyone to attend these special services at the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, which is the first church that was formed in the community.

In the early days of the Falls of Schuylkill, some preacher from other sections of the city would come, from time to time, to preach among his scattered brethren. Among these were Rev. Horatio Gates Jones, of Roxborough, who was well known in his time, throughout the surrounding towns. This was in the year 1810 and is the first notice of evangelistic work in the vicinity. Later and down to the time of the constitution of the Falls

of Schuylkill Baptist Church, which occurred in 1838, Rev. Robert Crompton was devoted and self-sacrificing in laboring to start a new center of spiritual life. Mr. Crompton continued his efforts with the Falls Baptist Church until about a year after it was constituted, when he was called to another field.

Prayer meetings were held in the homes of various of the town's inhabitants. Among the early leaders in organizing the church were Mrs. Margaret Roberts, of West Falls, Sarah McLellan, Ann Hansell, Hugh Gilmore, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Sarah McAdams, Mrs. Susan Garrett, and William Simpson, who owned the Washington Print

Works, at West Falls.

Before the establishment of the church, some of the early preachers included Horatio Gates Jones, D.D., Robert Crompton, Lansing Burrows, Thomas Winters, D.D., Charles Tucker and a Mr. Gleddel.

The church held its first meetings in the Old Academy, farther up on Queen lane, until Sunday morning, March 21st, 1852 when the lecture room of the present church was first opened.

From the time that the church was first constituted the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church has been served by the following pastors:

Missionary pastors: Rev. Robert Crompton, Rev. Samuel J. Creswell, J. S. Eisenberg, Rev. W. M. Collopy, and Rev. Jos. Sharp.

Supply pastor: Rev. Emmerson Andrews.

Stated Pastors: Reverends Mark R. Watkinson, N. Judson Clark, Charles S. Steinman, William E. McNeil, John Enoch Chesshire, Isaac Ferdinand Stidham, Alfred Pree, Henry W. Jones, Thomas A. T. Hanna, Oliver B. Kinney, Isaac Ferdinand Stidham, for the second time, Charles L. Saesholes, D.D., B. F. Bray, Edwin Saylor and the present eloquent and well-loved pastor, William J. Hayes.

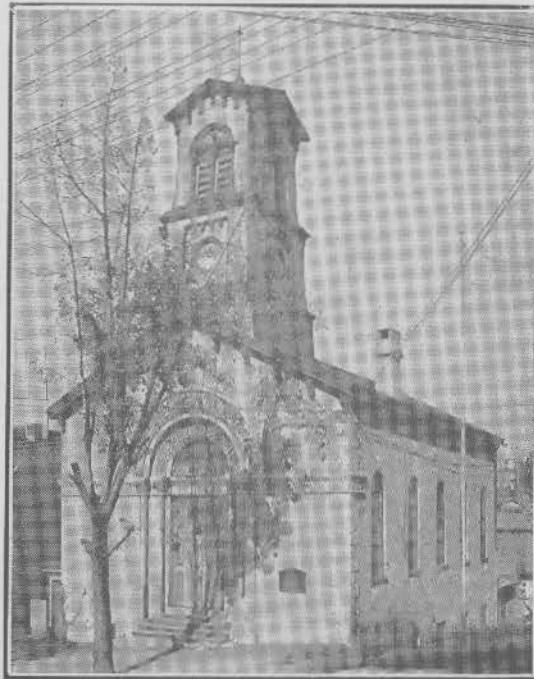
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# Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church

REV. WILLIAM J. HAYES, Minister

## Ninetieth Anniversary and Home-Coming Week Observance

*Sunday, October 28 and Wednesday, October 31*



1838

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SPECIAL PREACHER

President MILTON G. EVANS, D.D., LL.D.  
Crozer Theological Seminary

Miss Martha Adams, Organist . . . Mr. Weldon Eisenhart, Musical Director



# Sunday, October 28th

10.15 A. M.

Organ Prelude—"Thanksgiving" .....Demarest  
 Doxology  
 Invocation—"Gloria"  
 Hymn 54  
 Scripture  
 Choir—"The Earth Is the Lord's" .....J. W. Lerman  
 Pastoral Prayer  
 Announcements  
 Offering  
 Prayer and Offertoire—"Berceuse" .....Iljinsky  
 Choir—"Fear Not, O Israel".....Max Spicker  
 Hymn 70  
 Sermon—PRESIDENT MILTON G. EVANS, D.D., LL.D.  
 Prayer of Application  
 Hymn 327  
 Benediction  
 Postlude—"Pageant" .....Johnston

## Church School

11.45 A. M.

EVERITT VERBECK, Superintendent  
 HAROLD MOOREHEAD, Musical Director

Note of Worship—"The Lord Is in His Holy Temple".....School  
 Prayer .....Mr. Harry Binkin  
 Song 203  
 Responsive Reading—Psalm 24 .....Edwin Dunkerley, Asst. Supt.  
 Song 123  
 Announcements  
 Offering and Attendance Recording.....Francis X. Foy, Asst. Supt.  
 Offertory Prayer .....Mr. John Wyatt  
 Song 102. School standing  
 Address.....PRESIDENT MILTON G. EVANS, D.D., LL.D.  
 Song 89  
 Report of Secretary .....Thomas Moorehead  
 Closing Song 14  
 Benediction .....Pastor

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## Sunday Evening

AT

7.30 o'clock

Organ Prelude—"Spring Song" .....	Hollins
Doxology	
Invocation—"Gloria"	
Hymn 69	
Scripture	
Choir—"God That Madest Earth and Heaven" .....	H. A. Matthews
Prayer	
Announcements	
Offering	
Prayer and Offertoire—"Arabesque" .....	Karganoff
Choir—"Hark! Hark, My Soul" .....	H. R. Shelley
Hymn 392	
Sermon	THE LURE OF THE UNKNOWN
Prayer of Application	
Hymn 33	
Benediction	
Choral Benedictory	
Postlude—"Chant sans Paroles" .....	Kopyloff

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## CONGREGATIONAL NIGHT

Wednesday, October 31st

8.00 o'clock

Songs—Scripture Reading
Historical Address—"Our Glorious Past"—JAMES S. SWARTZ, LL.D.
<i>Followed by Social Hour—Refreshments</i>

## Lest We Forget

The Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church was organized June 7, 1838, in the old Academy Building, with ten members, including the Rev. Robert Compton, who for three years had labored with this little band as missionary pastor.

The fact that the Rev. Robert Compton labored for three years would about place the church's beginning in the year 1835. But Baptist history in the Falls is even prior to that date, for members of the Blockley Baptist Church and the Tenth Baptist Church, who were residing in this section, used to hold prayer meetings and preaching services in their homes.

From the date of its organization, 1838, regular preaching services were held, and on Sunday morning of March 21, 1852, the lecture room of the present edifice was first occupied.

With the date of the occupancy of the lecture room of the present building, there dates also the Baptist Sunday School of the Falls. Although prior to this date there had been a School, it was a Union Sunday School.

March 21, 1852, marks the date of the Baptist Sunday School of the Falls.

From the year 1838 twenty-one ministers of the Gospel have ministered in this church.



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## Falls Church To Erect New Addition

Three-Story Structure to Be  
Added to Baptist Church  
Building

JAS. S. SWARTZ, DONOR

Architecture to Conform to  
Lines of Original  
Church

A congregational meeting was held at the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church last evening to ratify plans which have been made to erect a three-story addition at the rear of the church.

The new building, which will face on Midvale avenue will stand as a memorial to Christian and Eliza Swartz, from their son, James S. Swartz, who for twenty-five years served as superintendent of the Falls Baptist Sunday School.

It will be known as the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church School and will be devoted to religious education. It will be provided with six assembly rooms and eight class rooms, and will have in it a modern kitchen for social purposes.

The architect, Norman Hulme, who has built up an enviable record as a designer of church structures, has planned the new addition to conform as nearly as possible to the lines of the present church.

It will be built of Chestnut Hill granite with an artistic trim.

Two weeks ago the trustees of the church endorsed all of the plans and at the meeting last night, they were submitted to the members of the congregation.

The erection of this building along Midvale avenue will undoubtedly enhance the appearance of that thoroughfare.

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## Church School Building is Going Ahead

Designer, Builder and Official Tells of Plans for  
Structure

OF MODERNISTIC TREND

Classrooms Arranged to Accommodate Various  
Mental Ages

Each day sees the workmen who are erecting the Christian and Eliza Swartz Memorial building of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist School of Religious Training on Midvale avenue above Ridge avenue, getting closer to the completion of their task.

It is hoped to have the structure ready for occupancy sometime around the end of this year, although a great deal depends upon the weather, which will prevail from now on. Plasterers, especially, and other mechanics depend on the conditions being just right to proceed with their work.

To Architect Norman Hulme, Builder Thomas Trafford and Frederick Hobson, who is president of the Board of Trustees of the Falls Baptist Church, we are indebted for the following information concerning the new church school.

The building will be constructed of McKinley stone, laid up in characteristic ledge-stone style, and will be provided with a limestone trim.

Fundamentalists believe in the old theory of having the entire group of Sunday School scholars in one large assembly room, but the new building on Midvale avenue, will take the modernistic trend in having smaller class rooms in recognition of the different mental ages of the pupils, each group being composed for a three-year mental age difference, and permitting the pupils to advance, step by step, from one department to the next higher one, until the adult stage is reached.

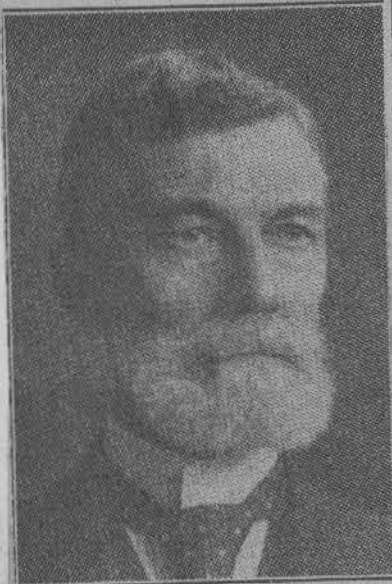
The Swartz Memorial Building will have six large assembly rooms and nine class rooms, and in addition will be provided with a kitchen and two basement rooms for social purposes. Architectural provisions have been made, whereby each floor is a separate unit, and the partitions on each may be altered at any time, to reduce or increase the size of any one room.

A force of thirty-five workmen are employed, or will be employed on the building until it is ready for use near the end of December.

# Will Lay Corner Stone of Baptist Church School, in East Falls, on Sunday

James S. Swartz, LL. D., Donor of Building, Will Officiate With Trowel in Exercises at Structure Being Erected to the Memory of His Parents

## DONOR OF BUILDING



**JAMES S. SWARTZ, LL. D.**  
Above is pictured the President of the Board of Trustees of Bucknell University, who will lay the cornerstone of the new Christian and Eliza Swartz Memorial Church School, of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church on Sunday morning.

Next Sunday will be another red-letter day in the history of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Sunday School, for at 10:30 a. m. exercises will be held for the laying of the cornerstone of the Christian and Eliza Swartz Church School Building on Midvale avenue, above Ridge avenue.

The building will stand as a memorial to the parents of James S. Swartz, LL. D., the president of the Board of Trustees of Bucknell University, and who for twenty-five years served as superintendent of the Falls of Schuylkill religious school.

This new structure will be the second monument in stone which will recall the life of Christian Swartz. The Stone Bridge, on which the tracks of the Reading Railroad Company cross the Schuylkill river, at Ferry Road, was erected by the father of the donor of the new Bible school, when he was employed as master mason for the railroad company. Over this bridge, night and day, rumble the long black trains that bring coal from the mountains to the seas, carrying comfort to millions of homes and energy to numberless wheels.

The program, as arranged for the placing of the cornerstone, will be in charge of Rev. William J. Hayes, pastor of the church, and Mr. Swartz with Miss Martha Adams being the organist and Weldon Eisenhart leading the singers.

The first part of the services will be held inside of the church, after which the congregation and friends of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist church and Sunday School, will assemble outside on the Midvale avenue front of the building.

Responsive reading will precede the actual laying of the stone, which will be made by James S. Swartz, LL. D.

The exercises will be as follows:  
Prelude, "Tavanory;" Doxology; Invocation; Hymn 54, "Holy, Holy, Holy;" Scripture; Choir, "The Earth is the Lord's;" Pastoral Prayer and Choral Response; Announcements and Offering; Offertoire, "Prayer;" Prayer; Hymn 394, "The Church's One Foundation;" Sermon, "The Rejected Stone Now Head of the Corner," Rev. Wm. J. Hayes, Pastor; Prayer of Application; Recessional Hymn 234, "How Firm a Foundation;" Here the congregation will follow the minister and choir to the site of the new building. Presentation of the Trowel, John Wyatt, Senior Deacon; The Laying of the Cornerstone, James S. Swartz, LL. D.; The Declaration by

the Pastor, "We lay the cornerstone of a house to be erected and devoted to the service of Almighty God and the religious education of youth. Other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ;" Prayer of Dedication, "To Thy Glory, O God, Who art the Refuge and Home of Thy children in all the generations. We beseech of Thee to prosper this work which Thy servant our friend has undertaken for the upbuilding of Thy Kingdom. In deep reverence and holy joy we lay this stone, and humbly pray that through the influence of this building which shall be dedicated to the spiritual nature of youth—that Thy light and truth will find a home in many hearts, until at last the wide earth shall be as none other but the house of God and the gate of heaven. This we ask through Him Who is our Saviour and Him Who taught us when we pray to say: People, Our Father which art in heaven;" Doxology; Benediction.

A brief history of the life of the donor of the building presents the following facts:

James Simmons Swartz was born March 21st, 1840, at Black Rock, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

When about two years of age his family removed to Lawrenceville, which is now known as Parkersford, in Chester County, Pennsylvania. This is the first place of which Mr. Swartz has any recollection.

He attended the village school, until about eleven years old, when he was sent to the military school of Colonel J. B. Bachelder, at Reading, Pa.

In 1854, his family moved to the Falls of Schuylkill, and James, then fourteen, was put to work at \$30 per month, to earn his own living. At the end of two years he was sent to the public schools of this city, and then to the Central High School, which he left early in 1858 to take a position as clerk and telegraph operator in the Reading Railroad Company's Pottstown office.

On March 21st 1858; he was baptised in the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, of which he is still a member at the end of nearly seventy-one years.

In 1859 he returned to Philadelphia and entered a merchantile house as a bookkeeper. On August 26th, 1859 his father's life was ended by a fatal accident on the Reading Railroad.

One of his most eventful years was in 1862, when about the middle of the year he responded to the call of Governor Curtin for volunteers to protect Pennsylvania from rebel invasion, and as a member of Captain John Dobson's Company "I" of the Blue Reserves, remembers riding all night with J. G. Walker, who afterward became a Baptist minister of note, on top of a freight car of a troop train from Harrisburg to Chambersburg to join the regiment from which they had become separated. The car was filled with troops among whom was A. J. Rowland, a boyhood chum of Lawrenceville, who had enlisted as a chaplain.

On December 10th 1862, he was in-

related as a member of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 186, F. and A. M., of Philadelphia, and probably at this date is the oldest member of the Lodge.

Sometime in the same year, after returning from the brief military campaign, as he was taking a street car to go into the city to accept an offer of storekeeper and clerk at a coal mine in Pennsylvania, the accidental and seemingly trivial incident of meeting a friend changed the whole course of his life and led to the following occupations: Clerkship with Leech & Company, Eastern Agents of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Cashier of the Star Union & National Union Fast Freight Lines of the same road; Treasurer of the Empire Transportation Company, and its subsidiary, the Empire Pipe Line. For the latter the Standard Oil Company subsequently paid some millions of dollars.

He was afterward President and Treasurer of the Erie and Western Transportation Company, a lake and rail line. This company owned a large fleet of steamers on the Great Lakes. Later Mr. Swartz held the position of treasurer of the Connecting Terminal R. R. Company, and also of the Western Warehousing Company.

In October 1877, he was selected treasurer of the International Navigation Company of Pennsylvania, and a few years later of its successor, the International Navigation Company of New Jersey, which with greatly increased capital became the International Merchantile Marine Company in 1902 and the owner of several other large trans-Atlantic companies, such as the White Star, the Atlantic Transport, the Dominion and Leyland Line. He continued his connection with this company until October 1st, 1907, when he resigned.

On October 29th 1868, William F. Leech died, leaving a large estate in trust. As the trustees were absent much of the time, Mr. Swartz was left in charge during their absence and was always treated as one of the family until it became extinct by the death of the last member, S. Josephine Loftus, on August 1st, 1921. She was the daughter of Mr. Leech and his name appears as one of the benefactors of Bucknell University.

Mr. Swartz was one of the organizers of the Baptist Social Union of Philadelphia on March 5th 1874, and for two years, in 1883 and 1884, was President of the organization. He is today the only living constituent member of it. He was a member of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Publication Society for a number of years and treasurer of various Baptist organizations in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. He served from 1868, for twenty-five years, as the superintendent of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Sunday School.

On October 25th 1888, he was elected a member of the Board of Managers of the Y. M. C. A. in Philadelphia. On January 10th 1884, he was elected to membership on the Board of Trustees of Bucknell University, and was made president of the Board in January 1917.

In 1903 he received from Bucknell University the honorary degree of A. M. and in 1923, the degree of LL. D.

On May 5th 1913, he was made a

member of George G. Meade Post, No. 1, of the G. A. R., when Dr. Walker was commander of the Post.

Mr. Swartz is a member of the City Club of New York, the City Mfr-Day Club of New York and has been a member of the Union League of Philadelphia for the last 22 years.

He has been chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bucknell since his election thereto in 1917.

On his 85th birthday which occurred on March 21st 1925, three of his closest friends, Rush H. Kress, W. W. Kelchner, and E. F. L. Potts, provided for a permanent endowment of the James S. Swartz Professorship in honor of his service to the institution.

The erection of the building on Midvale avenue concludes a plan which Mr. Swartz has had for many years of perpetuating the memories of his parents, and gives to East Falls a structure for which its residents will always feel grateful.





Laying Cornerstone of Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Sunday School Building at Midvale av., near Ridge av., for which James S. Swartz, of New York, donated fifty thousand dollars. Reading from left: Jacob Swartz, blind brother of the donor; his grandson, the Rev. William J. Hayes, pastor of the church; John Wyatt, senior deacon, and the donor, laying the stone.

PROGRAM

of

Laying of the Corner Stone

of the

*Christian and Eliza Swartz  
Church School Building*

of the

Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church

PHILADELPHIA

SUNDAY, JULY 21st, 1929

at 10.30 A. M.

Officiating:

REV. WILLIAM J. HAYES, Pastor

JAMES S. SWARTZ, LL. D.

Miss Martha Adams

Organist

Weldon Eisenhart

Chorister

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# PROGRAM



PRELUDE—"Tavanory"

DOXOLOGY

INVOCATION

HYMN 54—"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

SCRIPTURE

CHOIR—"The Earth Is the Lord's"

PASTORAL PRAYER and CHORAL RESPONSE

ANNOUNCEMENTS and OFFERING

OFFERTOIRE—"Prayer"

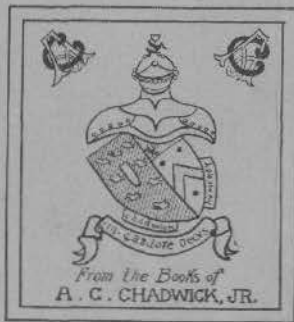
PRAYER

HYMN 394—"The Church's One Foundation"

SERMON—"The Rejected Stone Now Head of the Corner"

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

RECESSIONAL HYMN 294—"How Firm a Foundation"



J. W. Lerman

Lacey

Pastor

(Here the congregation will follow the minister and choir to the site of the new building)

## The Dedication of the Corner-Stone

**Pastor**—To God the Everlasting Father, to Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, to the Holy Spirit, the Divine Comforter.

**People**—We do now solemnly and joyfully lay this corner-stone.

**Pastor**—To the truth that maketh men free, and to the fellowship of all reverent seekers after God.

**People**—We lay this corner-stone.

**Pastor**—To the study of the living Word, the love and declaration of the truth, and teaching of a pure faith and whole-hearted obedience to the commands of our Lord.

**People**—We lay this corner-stone.

**Pastor**—To the love and guidance of little children, and to the teaching of justice, purity and kindness.

**People**—We lay this corner-stone.

**Pastor**—To the awakening and training of the conscience, the inspiration of high ideals, the upbuilding of character in all the things that are true and pure and lovely.

**People**—We lay this corner-stone.

**Pastor**—To the spiritual nurture of little children, and their guidance into the ways of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**People**—We lay this corner-stone.

**Pastor**—As a token of our love, an expression of our faith, and a tribute to those who have taught us to know Christ and His way of life.



**People**—We do now heartily and gratefully lay this corner-stone and consecrate ourselves anew to Thee our God, and to Thy service in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**Pastor**—Now unto Him Who is able to do exceedingly abundant above all that we can ask or think according to the power that worketh in us.

**People**—Unto Him be glory in the church of Jesus Christ throughout all ages world without end. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE TROWEL—John Wyatt, Senior Deacon

THE LAYING OF THE CORNER-STONE—James S. Swartz, LL.D.

THE DECLARATION BY THE PASTOR

We lay the corner-stone of a house to be erected and devoted to the service of Almighty God and the religious education of youth. Other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

THE DECLARATION OF THE PEOPLE

We lay the corner-stone of a house to be erected and devoted to the service of Almighty God and the religious education of youth. Other foundations can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

To Thy Glory, O God, Who art the Refuge and Home of Thy children in all the generations. We beseech of Thee to prosper this work which Thy servant our friend has undertaken for the upbuilding of Thy Kingdom. In deep reverence and holy joy we lay this stone, and humbly pray that through the influence of this building which shall be dedicated to the spiritual nurture of youth—that Thy light and truth will find a home in many hearts, until at last the wide earth shall be as none other but the house of God and the gate of heaven. This we ask through Him Who is our Saviour and Him Who taught us when we pray to say:

**People**—Our Father which art in heaven.

DOXOLOGY

BENEDICTION

*Sunday School follows this service immediately*

## Lay Corner Stone For New School

James S. Swartz, LL. D.,  
Wields Trowel at Exer-  
cises on Sunday

### H O N O R S P A R E N T S

### Portraits and Other Docu- ments Placed in Walls of Building

Wielding a silver trowel, James Simmons Swartz, LL. D., president of the Board of Trustees of Bucknell University, last Sunday laid the corner stone of the Christian and Eliza Swartz Memorial Building, the funds for which he had donated for the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church School, which is being erected in Midvale avenue, east of Ridge avenue.

Following the indoor services, the congregation assembled around the northeast corner of the new building where a platform had been provided for the exercises in connection with the affair.

After the pastor, Rev. William J. Hayes, had led the assemblage in responsive readings, and made a few remarks apropos of the occasion, Jacob K. Swartz, a brother of the donor of the building, laid a copy of the Scriptures in the cavity in the center of the cornerstone. This action was followed by the presentation of the trowel to Mr. James S. Swartz, by John Wyatt, Senior Deacon of the Church. Mr. Wyatt, in a brief speech, told of some of the generous acts of Mr. Swartz, during the years that he has served as superintendent of the local Sunday School and church, expressed their thanks for this latest munificent gift.

With Master Mason P. Diagnostino assisting, Mr. Swartz then sealed the cover of the stone and it was rolled into its permanent position. The trowel which was used will be suitably engraved and presented to Mr. Swartz.

The corner stone measures 20 inches wide by 24 inches long and 18 inches deep, with the opening being 8 inches wide, 14 inches long and 6½ inches deep.

The stone bears on its front, in Gothic numerals, the date "1929," and on its other exposed side, a Maltese Cross, of which Architect Norman Hulme, furnished the following facts:

It is the cross of Alisee Patee, which derives its origin from the Celtic Cross, which is also known as the cross of Iona. It is of very ancient form, having been used by the early Celtic Christians who trace

their origin to the earliest century of the Christian era.

Many of these crosses may be seen on the Medieval churches of Great Britain.

At the junction of the vertical and horizontal members, the cross is hollowed out in four places, and a circle representing Eternity placed about them.

Ancient traditions inform us that through the Cross and around it, was Eternity, hence this peculiar symbol.

In addition to the Bible deposited by Jacob K. Swartz, the stone contains the following articles:

Photographs of Christian and Eliza Swartz, for whom the building will stand as a memorial; James Simmons Swartz, LL. D., the donor of the building; Jacob Kulp Swartz, his brother; Sarah Swartz Jones, a sister; Henry Hipple Swartz, William Rankin Swartz, Estelle Johnson, an adopted daughter of Eliza Swartz; Rev. Henry W. Jones, D. D.; Rev. Isaac Ferdinand Stidham Ph. D.; Mrs. I. F. Stidham, Rev. William J. Hayes, the present pastor; and pictures which were taken at the time of the ground-breaking exercises, on June 9th of this year.

To these were added a copy of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist church Directory for 1929; a copy of the By-Laws and Constitution of the Church; Volumes I, II, and III of the Monthly Reminder; Suburban Press issues of May 2nd, May 30th, June 13th and July 18th, 1929, containing accounts of the Crozer Day Exercises in the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, and of the ground-breaking and corner stone laying announcements.

The copper box containing these articles was sealed with solder by Frank and Thomas Weer.

Norman Hulme, the architect of the new building and Thomas Trafford, the building contractor, were both in attendance on Sunday, as well as scores of the members and friends of the church and Sunday School.

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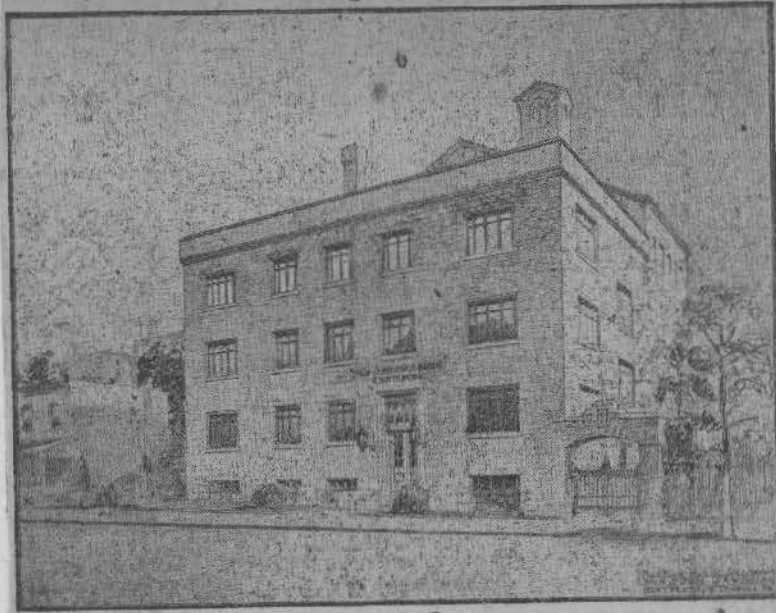
Monthly Reminder

June 1929

To the genius of our friend Mr. Chadwick our Reminder Funds have been strengthened to the tune of \$35. This is the proceeds of the advertising from our new church directory. Thanks Mr. Chadwick.

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## HOW BIBLE SCHOOL WILL LOOK WHEN FINISHED



Through the kindness of Rev. William J. Hayes, pastor of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, we were provided with the cut for the above Architect's drawing of the Christian and Eliza Swartz Memorial Building, which is being erected on Midvale avenue, above Ridge avenue, in East Falls.

## Church School Building is Going Ahead

Designer, Builder and Official Tells of Plans for Structure

### OF MODERNISTIC TREND

Classrooms Arranged to Accommodate Various Mental Ages

Each day sees the workmen who are erecting the Christian and Eliza Swartz Memorial building of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist School of Religious Training on Midvale avenue above Ridge avenue, getting closer to the completion of their task.

It is hoped to have the structure ready for occupancy sometime around the end of this year, although a great deal depends upon the weather, which will prevail from now on. Plasterers, especially, and other mechanics depend on the conditions being just right to proceed with their work.

To Architect Norman Hulme, Builder Thomas Trafford and Frederick Hobson, who is president of the Board of Trustees of the Falls Baptist Church, we are indebted for the following information concerning the new church school.

The building will be constructed of McKinley stone, laid up in characteristic ledge-stone style, and will be provided with a limestone trim.

Fundamentalists believe in the old theory of having the entire group of Sunday School scholars in one large assembly room, but the new building on Midvale avenue, will take the modernistic trend in having smaller class rooms in recognition of the different mental ages of the pupils, each group being composed for a three-year mental age difference, and permitting the pupils to advance, step by step, from one department to the next higher one, until the adult stage is reached.

The Swartz Memorial Building will have six large assembly rooms and nine class rooms, and in addition will be provided with a kitchen and two basement rooms for social purposes. Architectural provisions have been made, whereby each floor is a separate unit, and the partitions on each may be altered at any time, to reduce or increase the size of any one room.

A force of thirty-five workmen are employed, or will be employed on the building until it is ready for use near the end of December.



# BAPTISTS FIGURE AMONG PIONEERS

Their Definite History in  
Philadelphia Goes Back to  
Days of Penn

Lower Dublin Church,  
Founded in 1688, Still Ac-  
tive in Its Work

By H. R. WHITCRAFT

The investigations we have been making recently into the Colonial churches of Philadelphia have proved most interesting and, we trust, enlightening to the church workers of all denominations. They serve to show a fine religious background to this celebrated City of Homes, which was the pioneer City of Churches. When home and church go hand-in-hand a splendid community is the result.

This week it is a sincere pleasure to go farther back than we have yet traced and take up the beginnings of the great Baptist church in Philadelphia. Some historians contend that Philadelphia Baptists ante-date Roger Williams in Rhode Island, tracing their origin back to the Welsh Baptists, who have records running to A. D. 63.

At any rate, their definite history in this community goes clear to the days of Penn, who records a sale of land in 1682 to John Holmes, a Baptist, for whom Holmesburg was named, and whose descendants were for many years prominently connected with the Holmesburg Baptist Church.

### Pioneer Baptist Churches

In 1684, Rev. Thomas Dugan settled at Cold Spring, near Bristol, and founded a Baptist Church. In January, 1688, the Lower Dublin Baptist Church was constituted with twelve members. It later absorbed the Cold Spring, thereby dating back to 1684. Its first pastor was Elias Keach, son of a celebrated minister of London. The young minister was very successful in his charge on the Pennepack. On November 2, 1687, he baptized four persons in that then picturesque stream. This is

the first record of a baptism in Philadelphia.

A flat rock projects into the creek upon the grounds of the Lower Dublin, or Pennepack, church, which is known to this day as the baptismal rock. From it all baptisms were administered for many years at all seasons, even in winter, when it was necessary to break the ice to provide sufficient space for the ceremony. The old church building, still standing, had no baptistry, nor had the three edifices which preceded it.

The first church was erected in 1689. This was followed by a new building in 1707. In 1733 it was enlarged by an addition. Out of these latter two the present church was constructed in 1787. Originally called the Pennepack Church, from its location on the Pennepack Creek, the name was later changed to Lower Dublin by decree of the Legislature, which required it to carry the name of the township in which it was situated.

### "Pennepack Day" Observance.

The congregation now worships in a church building erected in 1805 and the Sunday school is conducted in still another new building. The old church is used only upon special and anniversary occasions. Pennepack Day, the first Sunday in June, is perhaps the chief of these, celebrating each year the birthday of the old church. Harvest Home Day, the Sunday nearest the middle of September, is another great occasion, joined in by all the Baptist churches of the northeast section of the city, about twenty in number.

Special services are also held there Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, for Baptists now, as then, are intensely patriotic. The Revolutionary congregation was particularly so. It is related that the pastor of that period had decided Tory leanings. His parishioners imprisoned him in a cellar, fed him bread and water, and reproached him so vigorously that he repented and said he really didn't think so much of King George after due consideration.

The graveyard surrounding the old church on Bustleton pike is quite interesting. It was originally an Indian burying ground and some of the old Indian markers are still there. Many of the first settlers of the northeast section found here their last earthly resting place. Colonists, even in Pennsylvania, had to go to church prepared to fight in the early days of this church. Every man carried his rifle and all the pews were equipped with gun racks.

Another distinction belongs to the Lower Dublin church. It was the first church in America to boast a stove. They were strongly against innovations

on the Pennepack. The first day a musical instrument was introduced into the church service 50 per cent. of the congregation got up and walked out. A most effective way to express disapproval.

Twenty-six pastors have served this interesting church. The present minister, Rev. Robert T. Tumbleston, son of a former West Philadelphia merchant and greatly beloved Sunday school superintendent, is the twenty-seventh. He has been there six years and, like all the pastors of historic churches I have met, is enthusiastically wrapped up in the traditions of his charge.

But Lower Dublin Baptist, like the other Colonial churches described in this column during the past few weeks, is not living on its past. Its present membership, while only 300, is quite active, and the community about it is rapidly changing from a farming district to one quite suburban in character. This will doubtless mean a substantial growth later on.

A modern graded Sunday school, well managed and with an efficient corps of teachers, has an average attendance of 100 and is growing nicely. Even in these days of strongly modern tendencies people have a veneration for the old, tried and true.

The original records of the church are considered so valuable that they are kept downtown in a safe deposit vault. The old building, although not in general use, is open for inspection all the time, and it is well worth a trip to 9548 Bustleton avenue to get the thrill and inspiration of contact with its hallowed walls.

TO PRESENT KEYS



JAMES S. SWARTZ, LL.D.

Who provided the funds for the erection and furnishing of the Christian and Eliza Swartz Memorial Church School Building, of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, on Midvale avenue, and who will be present at the dedication exercises to be held next Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. Swartz will on Sunday, turn over to the church officers, the keys of the building, which stands as a memorial to his parents.

## To Dedicate Falls Baptist Church School

Prominent Speakers to Be Present at All of the Exercises

IS READY FOR USE

Stands as Memorial to Parents of James S. Swartz

Dedication of the Christian and Eliza Swartz Memorial Church School, of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, Indian Queen Lane above Ridge avenue, in East Falls, will be held next Sunday morning at 10.15 a. m.

The main entrance of the building is on Midvale avenue. The newly-sodded lawn set in the background of evergreens and fronted by an attractive iron fence shows to advantage the immense front of the building, which rises three stories from the street—and which is built of Jenkintown stone, in which are

placed metal casement windows glazed with clear glass.

Passing through the attractive glazed doors at the entrance one comes directly into a foyer at the foot of the main stairway which connects the new building with the Sunday School room of the present building, with two swinging doors.

The first room upon entering this distributing centre will be known as the chapel.

On the left of the lobby upon entering the building is the beginners and primary departments of the school. The trim in both of these rooms is different from any other room in the building. This is the teaching room for very young children, and the furniture and finish of these rooms have been designed with the small children in mind.

The door on the right of this lobby enters into the service room, which has connection with a commodious and splendidly equipped kitchen.

The second floor connects with the first floor by a wide attractive oak stairway and has two assembly rooms and three fairly sized classrooms. The larger assembly room, and two of the class rooms on the west end of the building will be used for the Intermediate Department, the other rooms will be used by some of the older classes.

On this floor leading off the ample corridor is a short stairway that leads directly into the choir loft of the church.

Continuing up the main stairway to the third floor, one finds, as on the second floor two assembly rooms and three class rooms. Here leading off the corridor are two short stairways leading down to the baptistry or the chancel of the main auditorium. Toilet and wash room facilities are provided on each floor as well as the basement.

The basement has been attractively arranged and will be ample for the enjoyment of such games and social features as come within the scope of the church. Shuffleboards are contemplated and will be set up, and doubtless greatly enjoyed by the men and boys of the church.

The new heating system is of the vapor vacuum type and is so arranged that the church, and new school can when desired be heated separately. The walls of the new building throughout with the exception of the class rooms are plastered with a buff colored semi-travertin textured surface and the millwork is finished in walnut.

On the main floor of the new building there are doors which lead to the newly erected platform in the present Sunday School room. This arrangement will be ideal for entertainments or dramatic productions, and certainly will be found to fill a long felt need in the church.

The furnishings throughout are new, having been selected with regard to the ages of the several groups.

The facilities which have been provided—along with the equipment for carrying out of the program of religious instruction make this building one of the best in the city of Philadelphia.

The new school which was presented with all of its furnishings to the Church by James Simmons Swartz, LL. D., of New York, as a

memorial to his parents, Christian and Eliza Swartz, was planned by Architect Norman D. Hulme, and erected by Thomas Trafford & Son.

Ground was broken for the erection of the building on June 9th of this year, and the cornerstone was laid by the donor on Sunday, July 21st, 1929.

The pastor, Rev. William J. Hayes and the officers of the church and Sunday School cordially invites the general public to be present at the dedication exercises which will start on Sunday morning at 10.15, and continue on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of next week. The weekday services will start at 8.00 p. m.

Included among the guest speakers, in addition to Mr. Swartz, will be Milton G. Evans, D.D., LL. D., president of Crozer Theological Seminary, Dr. Charles K. Mills, the well-known Falls of Schuylkill historian, and internationally recognized neurologist; Emory W. Hunt, D.D., LL. D., president of Bucknell University, and Rev. Thomas Carson Hanna, of Sunbury, Pa.

Dr. Evans will preach the Dedication sermon on Sunday morning and Rev. Thomas Carson Hanna, a son of a former pastor, will make the dedication prayer, which will be followed by the presentation of the keys by Mr. Swartz.

Dr. Hunt will address the Church School session at 12 o'clock, at which time the school superintendents, Everett Verbeck, Francis L. Foy and Edwin S. Dunkerly will preside.

Monday night will be Young People's Night, and Wilbur Miller, president of the Northwest District Young People's societies will preside. The address will be made by Rev. Reuben E. E. Harkness, D. D., of Crozer Theological Seminary.

Tuesday night will be Community Night, with the pastor, Rev. William J. Hayes, presiding. The clergymen and members of the Falls Methodist, Falls Presbyterian, St. James the Less, Grace Reformed and Lutheran churches will be present to help celebrate the occasion. The address on this evening will be delivered by Dr. Mitchell Bronk, editor of the Religious Literature department of the Baptist Publication Society.

Congregational Night will be observed on Wednesday night in Fellowship Hall, with Senior Deacon, John Wyatt, in charge.

The speakers will be Dr. Charles K. Mills, Norman Hulme, the architect of the new structure, and James S. Swartz, the donor.

Members of the East Falls Business Men's Association, which was invited to attend, will be present at these Wednesday night exercises

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# Elaborate Services Mark Opening of Church School In Falls of Schuylkill

Building Erected by James Simmons Swartz as a Memorial  
to His Parents, Christian and Eliza Swartz.—  
Prominent Speakers Participate in  
Ceremonies at Baptist Church

A great throng attended the dedication services which were held at the Christian and Eliza Swartz Church School, of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, Midvale avenue, above Ridge avenue, last Sunday morning, when James Simmons Swartz, LL. D., of New York, handed over to the church and school officers the keys of the new building for religious education, which was recently completed.

Church dignitaries from various sections of Pennsylvania were present and participated in the exercises, as well as representatives of the architects and builders, and friends and members of the congregation.

Seasonable flowers in profusion decorated the church proper, lending a touch of color which added to the impressiveness of the occasion.

Dr. Swartz, who contributed the funds for the erection of the structure, as a memorial to his parents, paid a fine tribute to Rev. William J. Hayes, the pastor of the church, and the church officers for the indefatigable manner in which they have worked since the building was first started. He stated that it had long been his desire to perpetuate the memory of his father and mother in some manner more fitting than with a marble shaft, and that he felt that the school building would prove more lasting and of greater benefit to future generations of young people in the community.

In accepting the keys of the new school, Mr. Hayes thanked the donor for his generous gift, with the pledge that the church and school officers and members would utilize the building to the fullest extent of their abilities to carry out the purpose for which Dr. Swartz intended it.

Milton G. Evans, D. D., LL. D., president of Crozer Theological Seminary, of Chester, Pa., preached the dedication sermon, with Emory W. Hunt, D. D., LL. D., president of Bucknell University, of Lewisburg, Pa., and Rev. Thomas Carson Hanna, of Sunbury, Pa., the son of a former pastor, assisting in the service.

The choir, under the direction of Weldon Eisenhart, rendered two anthems, "Praise the Lord, O My Soul," by Watson, and "Open the Gates," by Knapp. Miss Martha Adams presided at the organ.

Following the service those who

## THE CHRISTIAN AND ELIZA SWARTZ MEMORIAL CHURCH SCHOOL

They builded better than they knew,

When they were here on earth,  
For seeds which they implanted  
Gave to this structure, birth,  
Through one who ne'er forgot the truths

Instilled by words of grace,  
Within his heart, and soul, and mind,

Which sanctify this place.

As future generations file,

To Heaven, through this portal,  
They'll sing in praise of those who served

To make their souls immortal;  
To Christian and Eliza Swartz,  
And to their son, the tool,  
By which they have prolonged their love,

Through this memorial school.

A. C. C.

attended, inspected the interior of the new school, and this was followed by the Sunday School session, with Superintendent Everett Verbeck, Francis X. Poy, and Edwin S. Dunkerley in charge. Rev. T. C. Hanna, addressed this meeting and recalled some of the days of his youth, when he attended Sabbath school services in the old building. William Stinson, a former pupil of the school, and Dr. Evans, also spoke to the scholars.

The sermon at the evening service on Sunday was preached by Dr. Emory W. Hunt and the choir sang "The Earth is the Lord's," by Lerman; "Light Eternal," by Miles, and "God that Madest Earth and Heaven," by Matthews.

Young People's Night, which was observed on Monday evening, was presided over by Wilbur Miller, District President of the Northwest District Young People's societies. The address was made by Rev. Reuben E. E. Harkness, D. D., teacher of Church History at the Crozer Seminary.

Prayers were offered by Rev. J. Norman Martin, of the Wissahickon Baptist Church, and Rev. William T. McArthur of the Manayunk Baptist Church. William Zelner, of the Wissahickon Baptist Church led the singing. Rev. William B. Forney, of the Philadelphia Sabbath Association, spoke of the coming Christian Citizenship Campaign the opening guns of which will be

fired tomorrow evening at the Fourth Reformed Church in Roxborough.

The churches which were represented at the meeting were: Falls M. E.; Lutheran Church of the Redeemer; Grace Reformed Episcopal; St. James the Less P. E.; Falls Presbyterian; Manayunk Baptist, Manatawna Baptist, Roxborough Baptist, Falls Baptist, Wissahickon Baptist, the Mt. Vernon

Mission, and lastly—the Upland Baptist Church.

Tuesday night was Community Night with the pastor, Rev. William J. Hayes, presiding. The clergymen of the other Falls of Schuylkill churches participated in the services.

Those who spoke were Rev. John S. Tomlinson, of the Falls M. E. Church; Rev. William B. Cooke, of the Falls Presbyterian Church; Rev. Charles Jarvis Harriman, of the Church of St. James the Less and Rev. Ulla E. Bauer, of the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. Rev. Howell Foster, of the Grace Reformed Church, was unable to attend, but sent the greetings of his church in a congratulatory letter.

Rev. Mitchell Bronk, D. D., of the Baptist Publication Society, was the guest speaker, and Rev. Desmond Heylicker, of the First Baptist Church of Germantown, represented the Northwest Social Union.

Miss Minnie Morris, who is a member of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, and who served for many years as a missionary in China, was called to the pulpit and gave a brief talk, previous to her departure to the mission fields of India. Mrs. Walter Binkin, on behalf of the Missionary Society, presented Miss Morris with a token of their esteem in the form of some needed wearing apparel and a monetary gift.

Last night was Congregational Night, with John Wyatt, the senior deacon of the church, presiding. Addresses were made by Dr. Charles K. Mills, historian; Norman Hulme, the architect of the new school building; and James S. Swartz, LL. D., its donor.

Included in the large group who attended was a delegation of members of the East Falls Business Men's Association.

Just inside of the front vestibule of the new building are two bronze memorial tablets, which will forever bring to mind the man who provided the school building and its furnishings. One, which is bordered with oak leaves, denoting strength, reads as follows: "To the Glory of God, this Building is Erected in Loving Memory of Christian and Eliza Swartz, by their son, James Simmons Swartz, October 1929." The second tablet bears a likeness of Dr. Swartz, between two laurel wreathed torches, signifying glorious perpetuity, with



the following words: "In Honor of James Simmons Swartz, who was Superintendent of this Sunday School for Twenty-Five Years, and whose Generous Gifts made Possible the Erection of this School of Religious Education. He was a Builder of Christian youth and he Lives in Lives made better by his Presence. Erected and Placed as a tribute of Love and Esteem by his Many Friends."

In addition to the pastor, Rev. William J. Hayes, those who labored tirelessly to complete the building included: the deacons, John Wyatt, Harry B. Binkin and Harold Morehead; the church clerk, Edwin S. Dunkerley; the treasurer, Walter J. Binkin; the financial secretary, Miss Jean Ferguson; the trustees, Harry B. Binkin, Thomas Morehead, Hamilton Moorehead, Fred Hobson, William Ferguson, Walter J. Binkin, James S. Swartz, L.L. D., Martin Birkmire and Robert Boardman; the Ladies Aid Society and its officers, Mrs. Robert Birkmire, Mrs. William Jones and Mrs. Walter Binkin, Mrs. William B.

Hayes, and all of the Sunday School officers.

The completion of the structure brings to fulfillment a life-long dream of the donor, who by his benevolence, at once honors his forebears and gives to the Sunday school, which he so long served, educational facilities which will make it a stronger force in the community in which it is located.

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Suburban Press  
Apr. 17. 1930

**RECEIVES MENTION**

The May issue of the "Adult Leader," a Baptist Publication Society periodical, contains a news item and photographs of the Christain and Eliza Swartz Memorial Church School Building, of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, which was put into use last Fall.

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**At 8.00 P. M. Sharp**  
**Next Wednesday Evening, December 11th 1929**  
 the members of the  
**EAST FALLS BUSINESS MEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
 will meet at **Ridge and Midvale Avenues**, to attend, in a body, the **Dedication Exercises**, of the **CHRISTIAN AND ELIZA SWARTZ MEMORIAL CHURCH SCHOOL.**

*Our fellow member, John Wyatt will preside. The speakers will be James S. Swartz, L. L.D., the donor of the building; Norman Hulme, the Architect; and Dr. Charles K. Mills, Falls of Schuylkill's eminent historian.*

Every member of this Association has been extended a personal invitation to be present at these exercises.

In addition to its value as a building for religious education, the structure is a distinct architectural improvement to the neighborhood in which it has been erected and we owe our thanks to those who have provided it.

The exercises begin at 8.15 Please be at the meeting place at 8.00

William B. McFarland, *President* A. C. Chadwick, *Secretary*

SERVICES		
SUNDAY	- -	10.15 A. M. 7.30 P. M.
WEEK-DAY	- -	8.00 P. M.

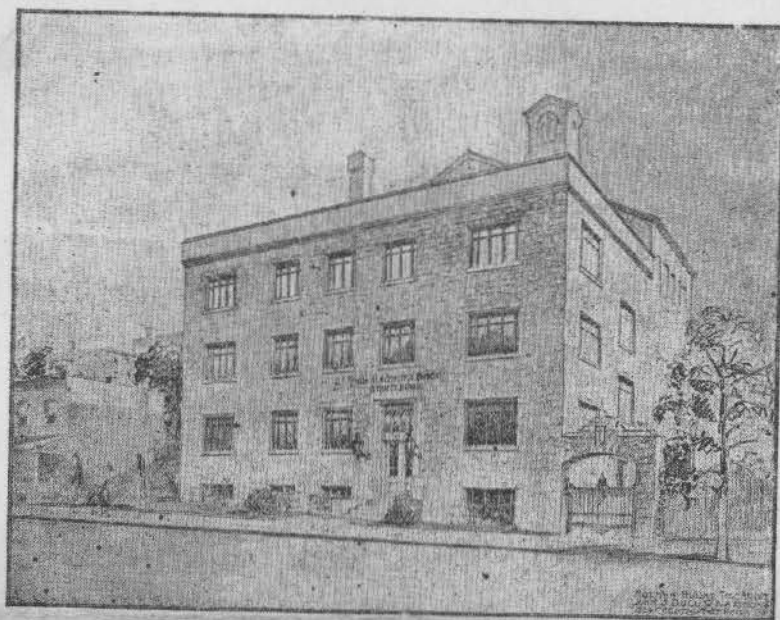
The Pastor and Officers  
 of the  
**Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church and Sunday School**  
 cordially invite you to be present at the  
**Dedication Services**  
 of the  
**Christian and Eliza Swartz Memorial Church School**  
 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday  
 December eighth to eleventh, nineteen twenty-nine  
 Queen Lane and Ridge Avenue  
 East Falls, Philadelphia

GUEST SPEAKERS

MILTON G. EVANS, D. D. L. L. D. DR. CHARLES MILLS	EMORY W. HUNT, D. D. L. L. D. JAMES S. SWARTZ, L. L. D.
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PROGRAMS AT THE SERVICES

Program  
of  
**Services of Dedication**  
of the  
**Christian and Eliza Swartz  
Memorial Church School Building**  
of the  
**Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church**



Queen Lane and Ridge Avenue

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY  
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*Officiating*

REV. WILLIAM J. HAYES  
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Bucknell University

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Sunbury, Pa.

*Organist*  
MISS MARTHA ADAMS

*Chorister*  
MR. WELDON EISENHART

## SERVICES OF DEDICATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 10:15 A. M.

Organ Prelude—March De Fete . . . . . *Burrell*

The Doxology

Invocation

Gloria Patri

Hymn No. 69

Come, Thou Almighty King,  
 Help us Thy name to sing,  
 Help us to praise! Father all glori-  
 ous,

O'er all victorious, come and reign  
 over us,  
 Ancient of days!

Come, Thou Incarnate Word,  
 Gird on Thy mighty sword,  
 Our prayer attend! Come, and Thy  
 people bless,

And give Thy word success; Spirit  
 of holiness,  
 On us descend.

To the great One in Three  
 The highest praises be,  
 Hence evermore;  
 His sovereign majesty  
 May we in glory see, and to eter-  
 nity  
 Love and adore.

Scripture

Anthem—Praise the Lord, O My Soul . . . . . *Michael Watson*

Pastoral Prayer

Announcements

Offertory—Barcarolle . . . . . *Tschaiikowsky*

Prayer of Consecration

## SERVICES OF DEDICATION



### Hymn No. 394

The Church's one foundation  
 Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
 She is His new creation  
 By water and the word:  
 From heaven He came and sought  
 her  
 To be His holy Bride;  
 With His Own blood He bought  
 her,  
 And for her life He died.

Though with a scornful wonder,  
 Men see her sore opprest,  
 By schisms rent asunder,  
 By heresies distrest:  
 Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
 Their cry goes up, "how long?"  
 And soon the night of weeping  
 Shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation,  
 And tumult of her war,  
 She waits the consummation  
 Of peace for evermore;  
 Till within the vision glorious  
 Her longing eyes are blest,  
 And the great church victorious,  
 Shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
 With God the Three in One,  
 And mystic sweet communion  
 With those whose rest is won;  
 O happy ones and holy! Lord,  
 Give us grace, that we,  
 Like them, the meek and lowly,  
 On high may dwell with Thee."

Dedication Sermon—PRESIDENT MILTON G. EVANS

Prayer of Application

Dedication Anthem—"Open the Gates of the Temple,"

*J. F. Knapp*

THE ACT OF DEDICATION—*Pastor and Congregation*

*Pastor*—Praise ye the Lord, Praise ye the name of the Lord; praise Him  
 O ye servants of the Lord.

*People*—Ye that stand in the House of the Lord, in the courts of the  
 house of our God, praise ye the Lord; for the Lord is good; sing  
 praises unto His name, for it is pleasant.

*Pastor*—The temple of God is builded not of stones but of Christian  
 lives.

*People*—Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit  
 of God dwelleth in you? If any man destroyeth the temple of



## SERVICES OF DEDICATION



God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy and such are ye.

*Pastor*—According to the grace of God that is given unto me as a wise master-builder I laid a foundation and another buildeth thereon. But let each man take heed how he buildeth thereon. For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

*People*—For we are a temple of the living God; even as God said "I will dwell in them and walk in them; and I will be their God and they shall be My people."

*Pastor*—In recognition of the Sabbath School as a vital and essential part of the Church of Christ, and that the Church is responsible for the spiritual instruction of the young—as Christ commanded to feed the lambs—and in the faith that it is not the will of God that one of these little ones should perish.

*People*—We dedicate this house.

*Pastor*—With a prayer that all who teach here, both now and in the years to come, may be endued with the Holy Spirit to rightly divide the Word of truth and win the children to the Christ way of life.

*People*—We dedicate this house.

*Pastor*—For worship in prayer and song, for the ministry of the Word, for help in right living.

*People*—We dedicate this house.

*Pastor*—To the proclamation of the truth that sets men free, for the guidance of childhood, for the fostering of patriotism, for the training of the conscience.

*People*—We dedicate this house.

*Pastor*—For the fraternal union of all people in this community, for the nurture of a closer Christian Fellowship among all classes and conditions of men, women and children who shall meet here for Christian worship and instruction as children of one God, redeemed by one cross, bound together in the same commonwealth.

*People*—We dedicate this house.

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*Pastor*—In the firm belief that this institution shall, under the Grace of God, make a rich contribution to the Kingdom of Christ our Lord.

*People*—We, the people of this church and congregation, now reaffirming our belief in God and in His goodness—and consecrating ourselves anew to His service—dedicate this house in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication—REV. THOMAS CARSON HANNA

Presentation of the Keys—MR. JAMES S. SWARTZ

Response

Hymn of Dedication No. 445

O Thou, Whose Own vast temple stands,  
Built over earth and sea,  
Accept the walls that human hands  
Have rais'd to worship Thee.

Lord, from Thine inmost glory send,  
Within these walls t'abide,  
The peace that dwelleth without end  
Serenely by Thy side.

May erring minds, that worship here,  
Be taught the better way;  
And they who mourn, and they who fear,  
Be strengthened as they pray.

May faith grow firm, and love grow warm,  
And pure devotion rise,  
While, 'round these hallowed walls, the storm  
Of earth-born passion dies.

Benediction

Postlude in C.....*Lewis*

CHURCH SCHOOL SESSION

12 o'Clock

Presiding

Superintendents EVERETT VERBECK, FRANCIS X. FOY,  
EDWIN S. DUNKERLY



EVENING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

7:30 o'Clock

Organ Prelude—March.....*Lamp*

Invocation

Gloria Patri

Hymn No. 54—"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"

Scripture

Anthem—The Earth Is the Lord's.....*J. W. Lerman*

Prayer

Announcements

Offertory—Adoration .....*Gaul*

Prayer of Consecration

Anthem—Light Eternal.....*C. A. Miles*

Hymn No. 74—"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

Sermon—PRESIDENT EMORY W. HUNT,

Prayer of Application



EVENING SERVICE OF WORSHIP

*Continued*



Anthem—God That Madest Earth and Heaven,  
*H. A. Matthews*

Hymn No. 33—"Abide with Me"

Benediction

Postlude .....*Parker*



YOUNG PEOPLE'S NIGHT  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 8:00 o'Clock P. M.

NORTH WEST DISTRICT RALLY



MR. WILBUR MILLER, *District President, Chairman*

Organ Prelude—Festal March.....*Kroeger*

Address—REV. REUBEN E. E. HARKNESS, D.D.,  
*Crozer Theological Seminary*

COMMUNITY NIGHT



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 8:00 o'Clock  
The Pastor Presiding

Organ Prelude—Prayer.....*Sulze*

Hymn No. 391—"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

Prayer

Anthem

Greetings from Our Sister Churches—

Methodist Episcopal—REV. JOHN TOMLINSON, Ph.D.

Presbyterian—REV. WILLIAM B. COOKE

St. James the Less—REV. CHARLES JARVIS HARRIMAN

Hymn No. 490—"Tell Me the Old, Old Story"

Greetings from the North West Social Union—

MR. HARRY WINDISH

Lutheran—REV. ULLA BAUERS

Grace Reformed Episcopal—REV. HOWELL FOSTER

Hymn—"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Address—REV. MITCHELL BRONK, D.D.,

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Hymn No. 48—"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

Benediction

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CONGREGATIONAL NIGHT  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, IN FELLOWSHIP HALL  
at 8:00 o'Clock



MR. JOHN WYATT, *Senior Deacon, Presiding*

Hymn No. 313—"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

Prayer

Hymn No. 242—"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

Address—DR. CHARLES K. MILLS

Hymn No. 327—"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

Address—"The New Era in Church Architecture,  
MR. NORMAN HULME, Architect of the new building

Address—JAMES S. SWARTZ, LL.D.

Hymn No. 26—"Sun of My Soul, Thou Saviour Dear"

This service will be followed by a social hour, when refreshments will be served. Every member of our church and congregation should strive to be in attendance at all of the services.

**T**HIS Church School has been erected and newly furnished throughout by Mr. James S. Swartz as a loving tribute to his father and mother, Christian and Eliza Simmons Swartz.

The building contains four assembly rooms, a chapel, a church parlor, eight class rooms, a fully equipped kitchen and a game room in the basement.

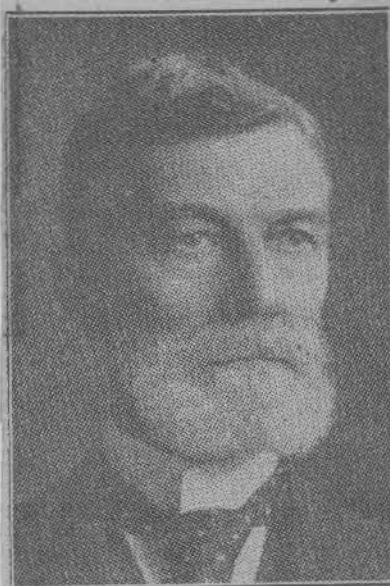
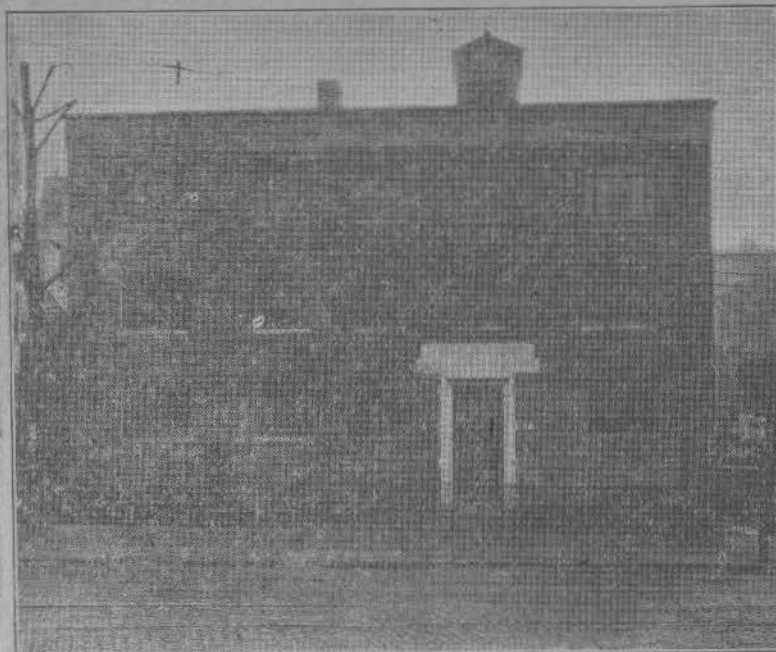
The present lecture room of the church, which will be known as the Fellowship Hall, has been newly decorated and furnished with a new and more commodious platform, also a new floor of maplewood to conform with the new school.

While the teaching ministry of the church has been made the primary consideration in the generous gift of the donor, the social needs of people have been well considered, and met in the facilities provided.

For this Noble Memorial, we express our thanks and praise to God, our Heavenly Father, also for this Christian father and mother and for our friend whose gratitude and appreciation are thus expressed.

We praise God for this open door of opportunity, and for the greater service we may now give in the advancement of the Kingdom of His Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

NEW CHURCH SCHOOL, ITS DONOR AND PASTOR



At the top is pictured the Christian and Eliza Swartz Memorial Church School, of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, on Midvale Avenue, east of Ridge Avenue. It was erected and furnished by James Simmons Swartz, L. L. D., of New York, in memory of his parents. Mr. Swartz is shown on the left, below the school and the picture of Rev. William J. Hayes, the pastor of the church, appears on the right. The photographs of the school and of Mr. Hayes were taken on Sunday, when the building was formally dedicated.

Photos by Seeger.



# THE MONTHLY REMINDER

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### OUR NEW CHURCH SCHOOL.

As this issue of the Reminder is dedicated to the announcing of the opening of our new school of Religious Education it might not be amiss to inform our readers concerning our new school.

It should be stated in the first place that special emphasis has been placed on providing ample facilities for our work among the children. If there are those who think that we are too much concerned about the children and not sufficiently about the adults, let it be stated that the glory or the shame of the tomorrow is determined by what we can do with the child of today.

The strength of Roman Catholicism lies in its emphasis upon the factor we have until recent years overlooked, namely the child. Do not think that the work among the adults is unimportant or that we regard it so, but it will ever be true that the molding of the plastic clay, offers a greater opportunity for beauty—than to patch up and mend the structure, or the vessel that is. Therefore the emphasis on the child.

Along with this conception of the child, as a factor of immeasurable importance in the shaping of tomorrow, there have come great changes in the methods of our Sunday Schools.

Probably the greatest change is found in what is known as the Departmental work—or the method that calls for the grouping together of scholars of the same age and interests—with the Sunday School lessons, adapted for these special ages.

Keeping the importance of these facts in mind—our new school is so arranged and designed that the Beginners, the Primary, the Junior, the Intermediate, and the Senior with the Adults will have their own assembly rooms, with individual class rooms for their work.

I will take you on a tour of inspection. The main entrance of the building is on Midvale Avenue. The newly-sodded lawn set in the background of evergreens and fronted by an attractive iron fence shows to advantage the immense front of the building, which rises three stories from the street—and which is built of Jenkintown stone, in which are placed metal casement windows glazed with clear glass.

Passing through the attractive glazed doors at the entrance we come directly into a foyer at the foot of the main stairway which connects the new building with the Sunday School room of the present building, with two swinging doors.

The first room upon entering this distributing centre will be known as the chapel and will be used for the midweek prayer service, and young people's meetings, or for any meetings, where the more spacious areas, such as the church auditorium—and present Sunday School buildings are not required.

Proceeding to the lobby on the left upon entering the building we come to the beginners and primary departments of our school. The trim in both of these rooms is different from any other room in the building. This is the teaching room for very young children, and the furniture and finish of these rooms have been designed with the small children in mind.

The door on the right of this lobby enters into the service room, which has connection with a commodious and splendidly equipped kitchen.

The second floor connects with the first floor by a wide attractive oak stairway and has two assembly rooms and three fairly sized classrooms. The larger assembly room, and two of the class rooms on the west end of the building will be used for the Intermediate Department, the other rooms will be used by some of the

older classes.

On this floor leading off the ample corridor is a short stairway that leads directly into the choir loft of the church.

We continue up the main stairway to the third floor. Here, as on the second floor we have two assembly rooms and three class rooms. Here leading off the corridor are two short stairways leading down to the baptistry or the chancel of the main auditorium. Toilet and wash room facilities are provided on each floor as well as the basement.

The basement has been attractively arranged and will be ample for the enjoyment of such games and social features as come within the scope of the church. Shuffle-boards are contemplated and will be set up, and doubtless greatly enjoyed by the men and boys of the church.

The new heating system is of the vapor vacuum type and is so arranged that the church—and the new school can when desired be heated separately. The walls of the new building throughout with the exception of the class rooms are plastered with a buff colored semi-travertin textured surface and the mill-work is finished in walnut.

On the main floor of the new building there are doors which lead to the newly erected platform in the present Sunday School room. This arrangement will be ideal for entertainments or dramatic productions, and certainly will be found to fill a long felt need in our church.

The furnishings throughout are new, having been selected with regard to the ages of the several groups.

The facilities which have been provided—along with the equipment for the carrying out of our program of religious instruction make this building one of the best in the city of Philadelphia.

Day by day we have watched it grow, and now that it's completion is near we would urge upon our teachers a new and serious consideration of the task which awaits us. Nothing less than our best will justify the fine new school which God—through our good friend Mr. Swartz has given to us.

DEDICATION SERVICES.

Will be held on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The dedicatory service will be on Sunday morning and President Milton G. Evans will preach the sermon. Other parts will be taken by Rev. Thomas Carson Hanna, the son of a former pastor, and a former scholar of the Sunday School, and Mr. Swartz. In the evening the preacher will be President Hunt of Bucknell University.

Monday night will be Young People's Night and the speaker will be Dr. Harkness of Crozer Theological Seminary. This will be the District Rally and Mr. Wilbur Miller will preside.

Tuesday night will be Community Night. The local clergy will bring greetings from our sister churches. The main address will be given by Dr. Bronk of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Wednesday will be Church and Congregational Night. Addresses will be given by Dr. Charles K. Mills, Mr. Norman Hulme, the architect and designer of the building and Mr. Swartz.

Refreshments and a social time at the close of this service will mark the completion of this outstanding event in our history.

A CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL.

It should be remembered that our building is a Memorial to a Christian father and mother. The root of many a noble enterprise in this world has been set in the soil of a Christian home. Had it not been for the religious atmosphere in the home of Christian and Eliza Swartz the ministry of this building might not have been ours. Our Thanksgiving to God is for the christian example of these parents, and then for our friend Mr. James Swartz who perpetuates the ministry of his father and mother in this noble and expressive way.

CHURCH SCHOOL.

It is incredible! It seems but yesterday that we celebrated the Christmas season. But, here we are in December again! And such a lot has happened in the intervening time, between last Yuletide and this month that we hardly know where to commence, and where to end.

A brief resume of our year's work will be presented before you. What we have accomplished and what we have failed to do, you no doubt know. However, we think that some of them bear repetition.

The new edifice has filled our hearts with expectancy for quite some time. Most of our activities have been somewhat lulled, everyone awaiting the completion of the church school.

On Armistice Sunday, the School held special services, under the supervision of our assistant superintendent, Mr. Frank Foy. Mr. Lyn Neely, Mr. William Moorhead assisted. The program was a well planned one, and had quite an impressive effect upon all who attended.

The coming month will see the annual election of officers. Altho the institution of new departmental methods, will take place, this month, the

changes will have no effect upon the general officers of the school. Since the heads of the various departments of the school should be persons who have some knowledge and desire to work with the students of the various ages, it is inadvisable to have an annual election with regard to departmental heads.

The following represent the official and teaching staff of our Church School:

- General Supt. . . . . Everett R. Verbeek
- Asst. Supt. . . . . Edwin S. Dunkerley
- Asst. Supt. . . . . Frank X. Foy
- Secretary . . . . . Thos. Moorehead
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- Beginners Department
- Miss Mary Wyatt, Superintendent
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- Mrs. Wilson
- Primary Department
- Miss Martha Adams, Superintendent
- Mrs. Welch.
- Junior Department
- Mrs. W. J. Hayes, Superintendent
- Mrs. Wm. Goodman, Miss Eleanor Marley, Miss Thelma Polglase.
- Intermediate Department
- Mrs. Walter J. Binkin, Supt.
- Mr. Frank Foy, Miss Esther Stead
- Mrs. Wm. H. Moorehead
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- General Superintendent
- Mrs. Ashton Mr. H. B. Binkin
- Miss Helen Lister Mrs. Neely
- Mrs. Dunkerley Mr. W. J. Hayes
- Mr. E. S. Dunkerley Mrs. W. J. Binkin
- Mr. Harold Moorehead

The Junior Department will have their opening and closing assemblies on the third floor of the new building. The class rooms for the various junior classes are adjoining the assembly room, which is on the east side of the building. Mrs. Neely's Class, will have the large room on the west side, which will be made into the church parlor.

The Intermediate Department headquarters and assembly room will be located on the second floor. The assembly room being directly below that of the Junior Department. The large room on the west side will be occupied by the 100 per cent class.

The Beginners and Primary Departments will occupy the two rooms on the east side of the ground floor, directly front of the kitchen. The large room on the west side will be set aside as the church chapel. The Women's Bible class will also meet here, as will the B. Y. P. U. society.

The large recreation room, downstairs, has excited considerable comment. Quite an extensive recreational program has been planned for our youngsters, which promises to be a great success.

The lower room, or social hall has been changed completely with regards to appearance. The change of the type of stage, etc., have made the room look amazingly larger. It is in this room that the older departments will meet and conduct their class meetings.

A signal system of bells, controlled in the main room by the general superintendent will inform all the classes and teachers of the closing time, and opening time for assemblies and dismissal.

Not a thing has been overlooked, and we fully expect our school to be 100 per cent, perfect in all ways, before the year of 1930 has passed by.

The coming of the superintendents association in January is an eagerly looked forward to event. Mrs. Bairstow, the general chairman, has planned to make this occasion one long to be remembered not only in the annals of our school and church, but in those of the association as well. For her committee, she has selected a group of our most efficient workers. We look for a wonderful time, and, of course, a "dandy supper." The superintendents of Philadelphia are eagerly looking forward to the opening of our school, and this will afford them an opportunity of inspecting this. For this reason, we are expecting a capacity crowd.

The past superintendents Association was a huge success, as far as our school is concerned. Sixteen of our teachers and officers attended the associational supper and meeting which was held at the Nicetown Baptist Church.

All who heard Dr. J. Sherman Wallace, of the Publication Society speak, spent an evening full of instruction and enthusiasm.

The teacher's meeting for December will not be held on the regular night. A separate evening will be set aside for this, as we plan to install an entirely new and, we hope, effectual type of business meeting. A topic, and speaker, (one of our own number) will bring to us a certain subject, of vital importance to each and every one of us. Several special features will be presented, which will make it well worth while for all our adults to attend.

And, we must not forget that the New Year's Entertainment this year, will be bigger and better than ever. The committee, composed of the teachers of the primary and junior



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THE MONTHLY REMINDER

departments, plan to put on a program such as we have never had. All the committees have been appointed, and are already busy preparing an entertaining program.

The nominating committee, composed of: Mr. John Wyatt, chairman; Mr. Harry B. Binkin, Mr. Harold Moorehead, Mrs. Emma Neely, Mrs. Wm. Goodman, and Mr. W. J. Hayes, advisor.

Time is short, and so is "Reminder" space, so this will close our report for December.

The teachers and officers of the school wish to extend to each and every member of our congregation and school, as well as all our friends, the "compliments of the season" **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Let us enter into the new year with the satisfaction of having done our duty this past year. May we, too hear "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful over few things, I will make Thee ruler over many."

May God bless each and everyone of you, and guide you through the coming years. Amen.

**ATHLETICS.**

Basketball season is upon us again. The East Falls Church League has opened its schedule of 1929-30 at the Young Men's Association hall on Queen Lane. Eight teams have entered the league, which plays on Tuesday and Friday evenings.

The Falls Baptist will fight it out with the battling Saints of Timothy from Roxborough on December 6th (Friday). The lineup of the Baptist team is a mystery to every other team in the league, and to most members of the church. However, we assure you, that every member is a "hard water" Baptist, although not all members of our church.

The following week, the team meets the Lutherans and following that "the thundering herd," alias the Good Shepherds.

We are looking forward to seeing a large turnout of ardent rooters for the Baptists. Let us have a little support for the team this year.

**CHOIR.**

The choir, we notice, has recently been enlarged by several of our younger members. It does ones heart good to see such a response to our pleadings. BUT what is the matter with the older members of our congregation? We see, sitting, in the pews. Sunday after Sunday, quite a few, who at one time or another, were very active in the choral work of our church.

Remember that impressive song

"Give of your best to the Master?" Are we helping him, by merely giving our attention to what the preacher has to say, and by delving down into purses, and giving here and there?

Idle talent is worse than no talent at all. No person, on the face of the earth is in such a position that he does not have some kind of talent. But to think of someone possessing a talent of singing, and not giving it, or part of it, to the One who made all things possible.—well, does it seem just fair? Let us think this over for this month, and may our New Year's resolution be—"I'm going to give my voice to Christ!"

**HERE AND THERE.**

The Philadelphia Church News, published by the Protestant Churches of Philadelphia, merits our attention. Published in regular news sheet form once a week, it is a wonderful means of communication between the various churches of our city.

The items on the lessons in the Sunday School, hints to the officers of the church, novel ideas, and what other churches are doing, all serve to make it a most prized possession of any truly Christian family. It will do you good to subscribe—only one dollar per year. The pastor or Sunday school superintendent will take your subscription.

Our young people are planning a young people's night in the church, the last Sunday in January. We ask you to keep this date open.

**DASHED TOGETHER.**

The flowers for pulpit decoration, were supplied during the last month by Miss Elizabeth Daymon, Mrs. William Shaw, Mrs. William Jones and Mrs. Harry Singer.

The cradle roll of our Sunday School joins in welcoming the advent of Anne Louise daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bieber.

Virginia Rans who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, has returned to her home on Vaus Street.

The Commission plan recently adopted by our B. Y. P. U. promises great things for our church. We have a splendid crowd of young people and we should back them to the limit.

Our Board of Finance are preparing a somewhat plain statement for those members of our church, who are disposed to let someone else pay their share. You may "beat them to it" by sending your check at once to our treasurer.



Christian and Eliza Swartz Memorial Church School.  
Picture taken December 8-1929 (Dedication Day)

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Rev. Wm. J. Hayes  
December 8th - 1929



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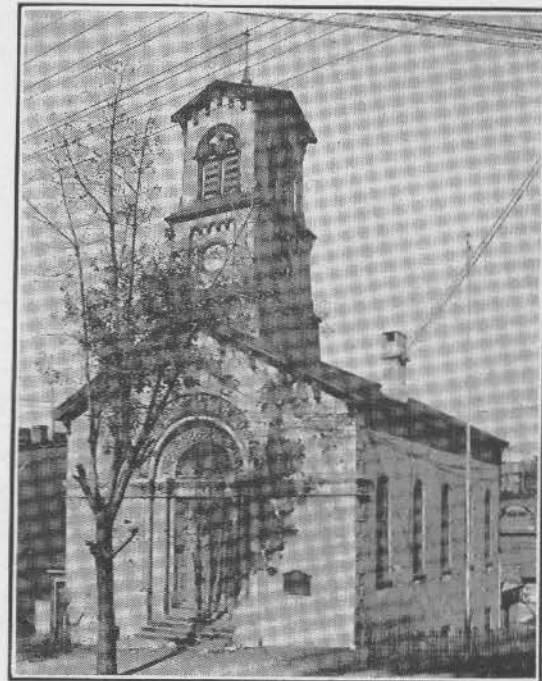


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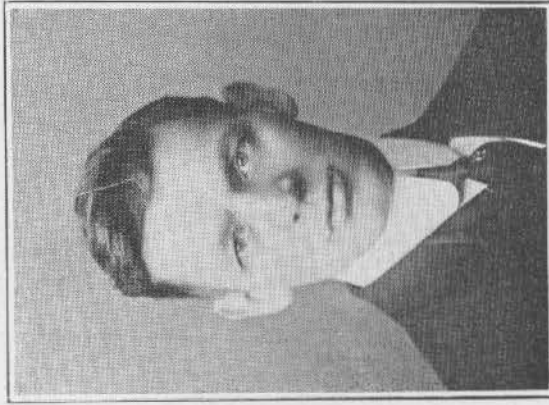
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FALLS OF SCHUYLKILL BAPTIST CHURCH



INTERIOR OF CHURCH



REV. WILLIAM J. HAYES, PASTOR



### Sunday School

Superintendent—Everett Verbeck  
Assistant Superintendent—Edwin S. Dunkerly  
Assistant Superintendent—Francis X. Foy  
Superintendent of Evangelism—Harry B. Binkin  
Superintendent of Missions—John Wyatt  
Associate Superintendent—Harold Moorehead  
Secretary—Thomas Moorehead  
Assistant Secretary—William Fitzpatrick  
Treasurer—William Ferguson  
Pianist—Helen Lister. Assistant—Thelma Polglase

### Beginners

Superintendent—Miss Mary Wyatt  
Teachers—Mrs. Henry Welsh, Mrs. Bessie Wilson, Mrs. Martin Birkmire

### Primary Department

Teachers—Misses Martha Adams, Mildred Bairstow

### Junior Department

Teachers—Mrs. William J. Hayes, Mrs. William Moorehead, Mrs. William Goodman, Miss Eleanor Marley

### Intermediate Department

Teachers—Mrs. John Ashton, Miss Helen Lister, Miss Esther Stead, Mr. Harold Moorehead, Mr. Francis Foy

### Senior Department

Teachers—Mrs. Lynnford Neely, Mrs. Walter Binkin, Mr. Harry Binkin

### Adult Department

#### James S. Swartz Bible Class for Men

Teacher—Rev. William J. Hayes  
President—Mr. John Wyatt  
Treasurer—Mr. Hamilton Moorehead

#### Ladies' Bible Class

Teacher—Mrs. George Dunkerly  
President—Mrs. John Ashton  
Secretary—Mrs. Harry Bairstow  
Treasurer—Mrs. Robert Moorehead

#### Philathea Bible Class

Teacher—Mr. Edwin Dunkerly  
President—Miss Martha Adams  
Vice-President—Miss Ellen Whartenby  
Secretary—Miss Genie Martin  
Treasurer—Mrs. Harold Moorehead

#### Church Music

Director—Mr. Weldon Eisenhart  
Organist—Miss Martha Adams  
Assistant Organist—Miss Helen Lister

#### Representatives to Baptist Home

Mrs. John Stinson, Mrs. William J. Hayes, Mrs. Harry Binkin, Mrs. Robert Birkmire and Mrs. Walter J. Binkin

#### Representatives Baptist Orphanage

Mrs. William Jones, Mrs. John Ashton, Mrs. Harry Bairstow

#### Baptist Young People's Union

President—Mildred Bairstow  
Secretary—William Fitzpatrick  
Treasurer—Arthur Pickles

### LEST WE FORGET

The Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church was organized June 7th, 1838, in the old Academy Building, with ten members, including the Rev. Robert Compton, who for three years had labored with this little band as missionary pastor.

The fact that the Rev. Robert Compton labored for three years, would about place the Church's beginning in the year 1835. But Baptist history in the Falls is even prior to that date, for members of the Blockley Baptist Church and the Tenth Baptist Church who were residing in this section used to hold prayer meetings and preaching services in their homes.

From the date of its organization, 1838, regular preaching services were held and on Sunday morning of March 21st, 1852, the lecture room of the present edifice was first occupied.

With the date of the occupancy of the lecture room of the present building, there dates, also, the Baptist Sunday School of the Falls. Although prior to this date there had been a school, it was a Union Sunday School.

March 21st, 1852, makes the date of the Baptist Sunday School of the Falls.

From the year 1838, twenty-one ministers of the Gospel have ministered in this Church. Their names are as follows:

#### Missionary Pastors

Rev. Robert Compton	Rev. W. M. Collan
Rev. Samuel Cresswell	Rev. Joseph Sharp
Rev. J. S. Eisenberg	

#### Supply Pastor

Rev. Emerson Andrews

#### Stated Pastors

Rev. Mark R. Watkinson	Rev. Thomas A. T. Hanna
Rev. N. Judson Clark	Rev. Oliver B. Kinney
Rev. Charles S. Steinman	Rev. Isaac Ferdinand
Rev. William R. McNeil	Stidham
Rev. John Enoch Cheshire	Rev. Charles L. Seasholes
Rev. Isaac Ferdinand	Rev. B. F. Bray
Stidham	Rev. Edwin Saylor
Rev. Alfred Fell— <i>fill</i>	Rev. William J. Hayes
Rev. Henry W. Jones	

### OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH AND SOCIETIES

#### Pastor

Rev. William J. Hayes  
Residence—3625 Queen Lane Telephone—Victor 4642

#### Deacons

Mr. John Wyatt	3610 Haywood St.
Mr. Harry B. Binkin	3603 Haywood St.
Mr. Harold Moorehead	3332 Ainslie St.

#### Church Clerk

Mr. John Wyatt.....3610 Haywood St.

#### Assistant Church Clerk

Edwin S. Dumkerly.....4108 Ridge Ave.

#### Treasurer

Walter J. Binkin.....3592 Queen Lane

#### Financial Secretary

Miss Jean Ferguson.....3609 Queen Lane

#### Trustees

Harry B. Binkin	Walter J. Binkin
Thomas Moorehead	James S. Swartz, LL.D.
Fred Hobson	Martin Birkmire
Hamilton Moorehead	Robert Boardman
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#### Finance Committee

Meets at call of the President or Treasurer

Harold Moorehead	Hamilton Moorehead
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#### Ladies' Aid Society

President—Mrs. Robert Birkmire  
Secretary—Mrs. William Jones  
Treasurer—Mrs. Walter Binkin

#### Women's Missionary Circle

President—Mrs. Robert Birkmire  
Secretary—Mrs. Walter J. Binkin  
Treasurer—Mrs. John Ashton

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- Adams, Miss Martha.....3603 Haywood St.
- Ashton, Mr. Benjamin.....2519 W. Willard St.
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- Ashton, Mr. John.....2820 W. Clementine St.
- Ashton, Mrs. Gertrude.....2820 W. Clementine St.
- Ashton, Mrs. Sarah H.....3469 Bowman St.
- Auer, Mr. Edward.....
- Auer, Mrs. Elsie.....

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- Bailey, Mrs. Mary.....41 E. Hortter St., Gtn.
- Bailey, Miss Gertrude.....41 E. Hortter St., Gtn.
- Bairstow, Mr. Harry.....3509 N. 35th St.
- Bairstow, Mrs. Virginia.....3509 N. 35th St.
- Bairstow, Miss Mildred.....3509 N. 35th St.
- Bieber, Mr. Albert.....3630 W. Coulter St.
- Bieber, Mrs. Anna W.....3630 W. Coulter St.
- Bieber, Mrs. Emma.....3509 Sunnyside Ave.
- Binkin, Mr. Harry B.....3603 Haywood St.
- Binkin, Mrs. Isabelle.....3603 Haywood St.
- Binkin, Mr. Walter.....3592 Queen Lane
- Binkin, Mrs. Elsie.....3592 Queen Lane
- Birkmire, Mr. Robert.....3639 Queen Lane
- Birkmire, Mrs. Maggie.....3639 Queen Lane
- Birkmire, Mr. W. Martin.....3318 Tilden St.
- Birkmire, Mrs. Barbara.....3318 Tilden St.
- Bittle, Mrs. Margaret S.....4146 Pechin St., Rox.
- Bowden, Miss Elodie.....3315 Krail St.
- Brook, Mrs. Eliza.....3462 Tilden St.
- Brook, Mr. John.....3540 New Queen St.
- Brook, Mrs. Gertrude.....3540 New Queen St.
- Butler, Mrs. Alice.....3225 Cresson St.

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- Clouse, Miss Mary.....Baptist Home, Roosevelt Blvd.
- Cole, Miss Marion.....3356 Vaux St.

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- Davies, Mr. Fletcher.....Burlington, Vt.
- Davies, Mr. Theiss.....3539 New Queen St.
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Eisbrenner, Mrs. Annie.....3748 Midvale Ave.  
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Farrell, Mrs. Mabel W.....  
 Ferguson, Miss Elizabeth R.....3609 Queen Lane  
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 Ferguson, Mr. William.....4127 Ridge Ave.  
 Foy, Mr. Francis.....4189 Ridge Ave.  
 Foy, Mrs. Hannah.....4189 Ridge Ave.  
 Foyle, Miss Anna.....3331 N. 35th St.  
 Foyle, Miss Emma.....3331 N. 35th St.  
 Foyle, Mr. Thomas.....3331 N. 35th St.  
 Foyle, Mr. John.....3528 Ainslie St.  
 Foyle, Mrs. Esther S.....3528 Ainslie St.

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Garth, Mrs. May T.....236 Osborne St., Wissahickon  
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 Grimwood, Mrs. Elsie L.....Newportville, Pa.

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Hannes, Miss Elizabeth.....7206 Pine St., Stonehurst, Pa.  
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 Hannes, Mr. Charles.....3469 Bowman St.  
 Hannes, Mr. James.....  
 Harrison, Mr. J. Wilfred.....549 Abbotsford Ave., Gtn.  
 Harrison, Mrs. Sarah T.....549 Abbotsford Ave., Gtn.  
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 Hayes, Rev. Wm. J.....3625 Queen Lane  
 Hayes, Mrs. Blanche C.....3625 Queen Lane  
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 Jetter, Mrs. Imogene.....2508 W. Sterner St.  
 Johnson, Miss Elizabeth.....4500 Ridge Ave.  
 Jones, Miss Catherine.....3603 Haywood St.  
 Jones, Mr. William.....3603 Haywood St.  
 Jones, Mrs. Laura S.....3603 Haywood St.

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Kelly, Mrs. May R.....4155 Ridge Ave.  
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 Lister, Mrs. Catherine.....3620 Fiske Ave.  
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 McGough, Mrs. Anna K.....418 E. Loudon St., Gtn.  
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 McKinney, Mrs. Sarah C.....Willow Grove, Route 2, Box 63  
 Maisey, Mr. Henry.....2344 Sergeant St.  
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 Rans, Mrs. Nettie.....3356 Vaux St.  
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 Reagon, Mrs. Ruth R.....Tinnicum, Pa.  
 Reed, Miss Estella.....Peabody Court, Suite 42, Cambridge, Mass.  
 Reiss, Mrs. Amy L.....837 N. 39th St.  
 Riggall, Mrs. Eva C.....382 Paoli Ave., Rox.  
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## Dr. C. K. Mills Relates Some Falls History

Speaks at Dedication Exercises of Swartz Memorial School

FRIEND OF DONOR

Tells of Vicinity in Which  
New Institution Is  
Located

When the Christian and Eliza Swartz memorial School building of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, on Midvale avenue east of Ridge avenue, was dedicated last week, Charles K. Mills, M. D., LL. D. spoke at the Wednesday evening exercises.

Dr. Mills, whose reputation as an historian of the Falls of Schuylkill, is always listened to with the keenest of interest, whenever he talks of the community in which he was born, and for the benefit of those who were unable to be present last week we publish the following remarks which he made at that time:

"Owing to my infirmity of vision I am not able, as I would like, to fully recognize by my physical sight this audience of the Falls of Schuylkill town's people, but supported by my inner vision I appreciate the compliment of your presence at the exercises of this evening.

"I have taken part by request in numerous occasions religious, educational and institutional, but I do not recall one which has given me more pleasure to accept than the invitation of the pastor and officers of this church.

"It is unnecessary for me to remind this audience the fact that I was born and spent my early years in this community. Midvale avenue on which this building fronts is a thoroughfare filled with many memories of the past. In my young days the valley of which Midvale avenue is a part was known by the popular but homely descriptive name of "Dutch Hollow." This name was probably derived from the fact that brewery vaults were built along the slopes of the valley.

"In the days of the Civil War the armory of the village company commanded by Captain John Dobson, which twice went to the front to help in resisting the threatened invasion of the State, stood on

Ridge Road a short distance from Midvale avenue.

Bernard Dowdall, one of the most ambitious and ardent sons of the neighborhood established a Young Men's Literary Institute in the Falls of Schuylkill. The most recent building housing this institute which did much to stimulate the literary and scientific spirit among the young people especially during the life of Mr. Dowdall, stands at the corner of Midvale avenue and Frederick street and still does good work, although some of its energies have been curtailed because of the many recent diversions.

"There are special reasons why this school should be built in honor of those whose name it will bear. The munificent donor of this building has enrolled his father's name in the list of those who have contributed to the glory of this country by the conquest of peace rather than by war.

"Christian Swartz was the builder and master mason in a considerable number of buildings and bridges which adorned the state of Pennsylvania especially in the district around Reading and Pottsville where he was best known. But his chief contribution as regards this neighborhood was the building of a beautiful stone bridge over the Schuylkill at the lower limits of the Falls. He was the superintendent of the masonry of the bridge, holding this position for several years from 1852 until the completion of the bridge in 1856. His son, James S. Swartz, our distinguished guest this evening, was the time-keeper during the construction of the bridge.

"I might step aside here in my address, to say a few words about skew bridges of which many constructed of steel are now to be

found in this and other countries, but the Reading railroad stone skew bridge at the Falls was the first to be built in this country if not in the world. The term skew is of Dutch derivation, the word meaning "shy" and was applied to structures meaning "twisted or distorted." If the piers of the bridge were built at right angles to the stream as is the usual method, a damming of the current would result.

"If any member of my audience should pass along the East River Drive of the park and look upwards to the roof of the skew bridge, he would see an unusual sight, that of a series of arches placed side by side, thus forming the entire archway of the bridge. This ribbed arrangement of arches does away with the complicated masonry which would result if an attempt was made to form the arch completely by ordinary methods.

"Christian Swartz and his family lived for a number of years at the Falls of Schuylkill. At first the family residence was in one of five or six houses that stand on the street which extends from the Ridge road to the gate of the laboratory. The second family residence was on the first cross street below the laboratory on what is now known as Stanton street. In my early days, however, its official name was James street and its popular designation was "Jimmie" street.

This Stanton, James, or "Jimmie" street ran up hill all the way from Ridge road to the Norristown branch of the Reading railroad. Almost every nationality and religion were represented by the people on this street.

"The Methodists had their first church at the Falls half way up the street in the rear of the Mifflin Mansion, and high up on the crest of the hill the Catholic church of St. Bridget's was located.

The Falls of Schuylkill holds an important place in the history of this country. Its residents took part in every great national war—in the French and Indian war, in the American Revolution, in the war of 1812, in the Civil War and in the recent World War.

The story of the Revolution is replete with the names of American heroes and events which stand out in the history of the Falls. Before and after the battle of Brandywine Washington's army occupied the high plateau above the Falls creek. This location is now indicated by the position of the Queen Lane reservoir. Some of Washington's division headquarters were in the village, as was that of General Stephens of Virginia who occupied the old Smith Mansion.

"A few of the Revolutionary names still remain in the village of the Falls as for example the name of Palmer, Shronk and Hagner although by marriage and otherwise, many names have been changed.

"The fact that the Baptist church was the first completely organized

religious body in the Falls is already known to you by the directory published by your church. In the list of names in the directory I find a number which I recognized as the contemporaries of Mr. Swartz and myself showing that the names of the families of those days have been handed down although their original possessors are no longer with us. Among these familiar names are Binkin, Wyatt, Birkmire and Ferguson.

"The valley through the center of which Midvale avenue now finds its way, in days gone by, but not too distant for me to recall, was one of great rural beauty and charm. Trees, such as oaks, elms, ash, pines, tulip poplars and many more were found in it. The woodland reached to old township line and beyond. The whole region between Indian Queen lane and School House lane was one

which appealed to the romantic spirit of youth as it did to me. From springs variously located three or four streams originated, several of them uniting into one known as Mifflin's Run which passed to the Schuylkill in front of the spot where this church school now stands.

"Midvale Woods was a place of resort for the soldiers of the Revolution and also those of the Civil War. The famous 118th Civil War regiment was recruited at Camp Union just north of Indian Queen lane.

This regiment holds a special interest for this neighborhood. One of its companies was largely recruited from the Falls and vicinity, and

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"The Hessian contingent of Howe's army had scattered encampments in the region above the Falls.

"A. C. Chadwick, your able journalist, has carefully studied the list of those of the Falls and vicinity who took part in the World War, a list of which reveals the remarkable showing of five hundred and seventy-seven names.

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REV. FLOYD W. TOMKINS, D. D.  
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MISS BLANCHE ROBINSON, SUPERINTENDENT  
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COME HEAR THIS YOUNG MAN TELL HIS CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

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HAVE A WINSOME PERSONALITY, A THOROUGH PREPARATION AND A WORKABLE  
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APRIL—OAK LANE      SEPTEMBER—BETHANY, FOX CHASE

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CHURCH. READING RAILWAY TO EAST FALLS STATION.

January 16-1930

# Dr. Humpstone Is Eulogized

Former Resident and Clergyman of This Section, Expired at Rye, N. Y., on December 8th. — Served One Church 40 Years.

His many friends in this section are expressing regret over the death of Rev. John Humpstone, D. D., who died at Rye, New York, on December 8th.

Doctor Humpstone was the son of Rev. William Humpstone, who in the course of Providence, brought his wife and young children to reside at the Falls of Schuylkill. Here he found a home and a friendly welcome in the fellowship of the Falls Baptist Church, where Rev. Enoch Chesshire was pastor. Here the wife died, leaving her children motherless.

John Humpstone was recognized as one who had been designed for the work of spreading the Gospel, and was early encouraged to prepare himself for this work. His first pastorate was in the First Baptist Church of Manayunk, and his work in and for that congregation is affectionately remembered.

After brief pastorates elsewhere, Dr. Humpstone, in 1882, was requested to organize the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., and afterward to accept its pastorate. This he did, remaining there until 1912, when he retired. He was then named pastor emeritus of that congregation and served as such until his death last month.

The "Watchman-Examiner" eulogizes Dr. Humpstone, in the following words:

"Dr. John Humpstone passed to his reward December 18th. He died at his home in Rye, N. Y., after an illness of several months. He was seventy-nine years of age, but was so singularly blessed with perennial youth that the announcement of his age will be a surprise even to his intimate friends.

Dr. Humpstone was born in Manchester, England, in 1850, and came to the United States as a lad. He was graduated from Bucknell University and Crozer Theological Seminary. After brief pastorates at Galway, N. Y., and Manayunk, Pa., he entered upon a remarkable ministry at the Calvary Church, Albany, N. Y. His ministry was so successful there that in 1882 the newly organized Emmanuel Church in Brooklyn, N. Y., persuaded this brilliant young minister to accept its pastorate. This church he served for thirty years and then retired. During his retirement he has been a friend and helper of every good cause.

"His name will always be identified with Emmanuel Church; for it was there that he developed into a preacher, thinker, and denomina-

tional leader second to none in the land. The congregation grew to be one of the wealthiest churches in the country, but Dr. Humpstone continued a deeply spiritual ministry, leading rich and poor alike to rejoice in the "unsearchable riches of Christ." His work was done quietly and unobtrusively. His sermons and addresses were keyed to a lofty theme and were classic in their simplicity and perfection of diction and style. A mind foursquare in its integrity, ideal genuine and sincere, and conscientiousness developed to the extreme were the outstanding features of his ministry."

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Written upon the occasion of the  
90th Birthday of James S. Swartz  
March, 21st, 1930

**JAMES SIMMONS SWARTZ**

When a man, who's lived a goodly life,  
Shall come  
To the rare old age of ninety,  
There is some  
Consolation for his soul  
When he thinks of glories won,  
Of fine friendships he has fashioned,  
As the speeding years have run;  
And of joyous days of labor,  
Or of pleasant paths he's trod,  
When he's followed the commandments  
Of his God.

In the treasure vaults of memory  
Are gems,  
Whose gleaming brightness, no cloud  
Ever stems  
And the retrospective peace  
Which he merits for his toil,  
And the temporary sorrows  
Which were his throughout the morn,  
Giving to his spirit patience  
As he met each struggling test,  
Now afford him many happy  
Days of rest

A. C. Chadwick, Jr.



May 8 - 1930

**NEW MEMBERS**

Sixteen new members were taken into the Falls Baptist church last Sunday. Those who were welcomed into the congregation are:

Ruth Shaw, Nellie Bowdon, Elizabeth Jones, Edith Goodman, Dorothy Hannis, Ida Turner, Laura Lister, Agnes Copley, Helen Howat, John Howat, Jr., John Howat, Sr., Leon Bainbridge, Ellwood Bainbridge, Chandler Yaun, Mrs. John Howat, and Mrs. Lena Hatsch.

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**"B" Team of Falls Baptist S. S. Defeats 'A' Group, in Shuffleboard Contest Which Ended Last Week**

The second series of shuffleboard games, which started on April 15th, and continued each Tuesday evening since, was completed last week, at the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Sunday School.

All of the games were played in the Swartz Memorial Building, between the "A" and "B" teams of the School, under the direction of William Ashton.

The results were as follows:

April 15		April 22		April 29		May 6	
"A" Team	Score	"B" Team	Score	"A" Team	Score	"B" Team	Score
F. Vickerman and F. Noll	42	J. Howat, Jr. and L. Shaw	25	Howat and W. Ashton	38	Haves and B. Ashton	42
W. Ashton and F. Welsh	27	H. Birstow and E. Reed	42	Bainbridge and F. Noll	14	E. Reed and Haves	42
Howat and J. Ashton	42	Haves and W. Shaw	17	Yarrall and W. Ashton	30	W. Shaw and L. Neely	42
Bainbridge and Yarnall	42	E. Ashton and L. Shaw	38	J. Ashton and VicKerman	20	L. Shaw and Kenworthy	42
April 22		April 22		April 29		April 29	
F. Welsh and Bainbridge	39	H. Birstow and Kenworthy	42	Howat and W. Ashton	38	Haves and B. Ashton	42
Howat and Birkmire	42	J. Howat, Jr. and W. Shaw	40	Bainbridge and F. Noll	14	E. Reed and Haves	42
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Howat and W. Ashton	38	Haves and B. Ashton	42	Haves and Howat	42	Reed and Birstow	37
Bainbridge and F. Noll	14	E. Reed and Haves	42	Welsh and Noll	42	B. Ashton and Neely	21
Yarrall and W. Ashton	30	W. Shaw and L. Neely	42	Bainbridge and VicKerman	26	F. Miller and W. Shaw	42
J. Ashton and VicKerman	20	L. Shaw and Kenworthy	42	Hoffman and H. Moorehead	42	T. Moorehead and Hobson	40
May 6		May 6		May 6		May 6	
Haves and Howat	42	Reed and Birstow	37	W. Ashton and J. Ashton	42	L. Shaw and J. Howat, Jr.	32
Welsh and Noll	42	B. Ashton and Neely	21				
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Hoffman and H. Moorehead	42	T. Moorehead and Hobson	40				
W. Ashton and J. Ashton	42	L. Shaw and J. Howat, Jr.	32				
Totals	603	Totals	622				

Among the quiet sliders of the victorious "B" team, J. Howat, Jr., has displayed the greatest improvement since the last series of games.

# A TRIP TO THE MOUNTAINS AND BACK 56

Four Letters Written In 1873 by Rev. J. E. Beugless, '62

Recently Published by Dr. Jas. S. Swartz.

JIM and I have been playing a sort of Damon and Pythias to each other for sixteen years. Jim is an unconfirmed bachelor, though old enough for confirmation, according to the "Book of Concord," "Directory for Worship," or any other authorized standard. A "gude-wife" and four "bairns" testify to my connubiality, though when with Jim I am always a sort of bachelor pro tem.

By way of strengthening the Pythian tie, as also by way of laying in a fresh stock of happy experiences in common, we concluded upon a trip to the mountains together.

Jim being a denizen of the staid old Quaker City of Pennsylvania, a base of operations was among the preliminary questions to be settled. Winning the toss I pitched upon New England's "Regatta City," and here we met in genuine dog-day weather.

Each thought it would be a capital plan to "train" a little first. And so, by way of practice we tried Mt. Holyoke.

Now Holyoke is not much of a mountain, 'tis true, being less than 1,200 ft. above the sea level, and only 800 above the Connecticut, which borders its robe with a ribbon of blue, like the robe of some Levitical priest; but nevertheless, has held up its head against some pretty strong blasts, and cannot be blown away by being "sneezed at."

On the contrary, it is a very "gem of a mountain," presenting, in many respects, the richest view to be had in New England if not in the United States. I have been surprised to meet many in Springfield who have never visited Mt. Holyoke, styled by some "the finest mountain in America." But it is only because they can go "any time" that these good people never go. Multitudes living within sound of the bell on Independence Hall in Philadelphia, have never entered its portals, while other multitudes make long pilgrimages to this Mecca of American liberty. Hundreds live almost within hearing of Niagara's roar, who have never laid eyes upon that mighty avalanche of waters, while myriads make weary journeys through heat and dust to behold this grandest phenomenon in nature. James Madison, who owned the land on which is the Natural Bridge of Virginia, said he considered it "the greatest natural curiosity in the world except one, and that was an old woman who had lived all her life within half a mile of it and had never seen it." So it is with our Mt. Holyoke and Springfield's residents, some of whom possibly travel through Europe quite ignorant of the natural beauties and glories of their own door-yards.

Arriving at Mt. Tom station, and running selfishly for the shady side of the little toy steamboat of the same name, by which we were conveyed up the river to Mt. Holyoke landing, we naturally inquired who this Tom might be, and

were politely informed that he is Holyoke's "big brother," being some 200 ft. taller, but is such a stiff, unapproachable old fellow that few care to cultivate his acquaintance. He was named, we are told, for one Rowland Thomas, who when this lovely valley was a savage wilderness, led an exploring party up the west bank of the river, as Captain Holyoke led one up the east bank, each giving his name to the mountain which here crossed his path. We were not surprised to learn that the inhabitants of this region prefer the Indian name "Nonotuck" to that of "Tom."

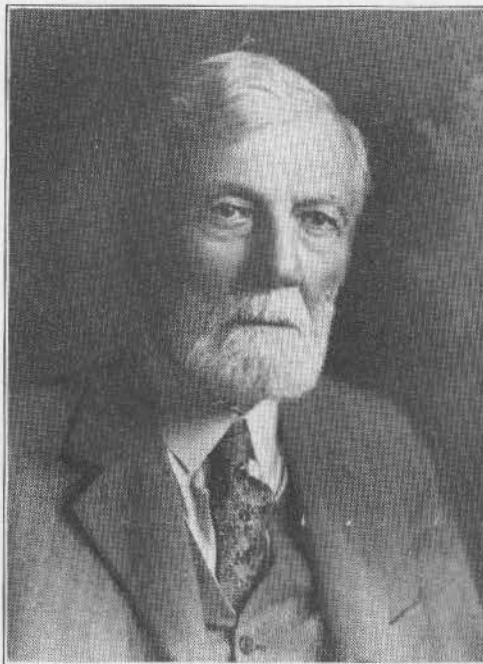
Our little toy steamer—rather ugly for a toy and rather worthless for anything else—is evidently fearful of knocking the bottom out of the river, and so feels her way along as though going to her Master's funeral; though when at last she reaches either terminus of her route she is less careful of the river bank, butting into it in genuine Mississippi style. From the landing we made the ascent by carriage and car, the approved method for all who, like ourselves, are "constitutionally tired," and chuckled somewhat at the flushed faces of two energetic damsels who thought to shame us by making each of those five hundred wooden steps happy with a kiss from their pretty feet.

This little railway up which we so easily glide, is the most precipitous known to the writer, built for general passengers' travel, having a rise of 365 ft. in its 500 ft. incline.

Those at Mt. Pisgah and Niagara Falls are not nearly so steep, and the latter not nearly so long. It is said that about 20,000 people, from all parts of the country, and from foreign lands, make the ascent of Holyoke every season, to enjoy the bracing air and the charming view here afforded. But, Mr. Editor, were you, or any of your friends ever fortunate enough to be up here on a perfectly clear day, when "all the world and part of the Jerseys" could be distinctly seen; and have you a good vivid imagination, such as will enable you to read the time on the clock dials of Park street church in Boston, or Trinity in New York, or geologically and mineralogically analyze and classify East and West Rocks at New Haven?

Without this exaggeration, however, the view here afforded of the rich and fertile valley of the Connecticut through more than 100 miles of its length, embracing nearly forty towns in four different States of our Union is truly remarkable, and in its own characteristic features is unsurpassed, perhaps unequalled.

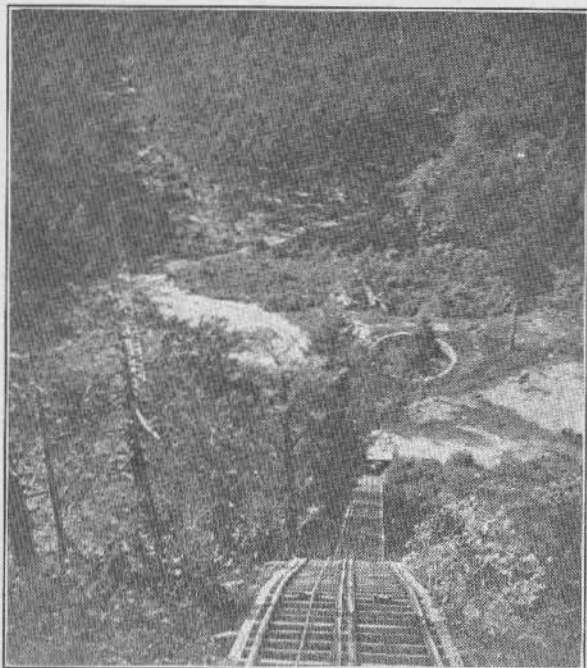
Among those features the 8,000 acres of garden-like meadows, wrought in patchwork of broomcorn, tobacco, potatoes, barley and oats, interspersed with cabbage, sweet corn, melons—the whole without a dividing fence to mar



*Jas. S. Swartz A.M., LL.D.*

*see page 15*





The Old Railway Mt. Holyoke from the Summit

its completeness—is one that can be seen probably nowhere else.

“Oh, the transporting rapturous scene  
That rises to our sight,  
Sweet fields arrayed in living green,  
And rivers of delight?”

The wealthy and cultured old town of Northampton, noted as “the most beautiful village in America,” is another conspicuous feature; and as we look through our glasses into the very windows of its asylums and churches, and “Smith charities” building, we think of the days when that mighty champion of “the faith once delivered to the saints,” Jonathan Edwards, and his son-in-law David Brainard, ministered here in the flesh, as they even yet do in the spirit; and the mind involuntarily runs back in the same channel to that Christian hero, Solomon Stoddard, whom the Indians called “The Englishman’s God,” whose congregation was called together by the trumpet’s blast, and who came, as McFingal says,

“Each man equipped, on Sunday morn,  
With Psalm-book, shot, and powder-horn,  
And looked in form, as all must grant,  
The ancient, true, church militant.”

Who, seeing this rich and cultured town today, would dream that a little more than two centuries ago the whole Nonotuck region was purchased for one hundred fathoms of wampum and ten coats?

Amherst, a breakfast-walk to the eastward, with the classic halls of its two colleges, “Intellectual” and “Agricultural,” and its remarkably beautiful granite churches, is scarce inferior to Northampton in beauty; but, unlike Northampton in this, that it is very poor and very proud.

Almost midway between these two we look down upon Old Hadley, the quaintest little village in all the land. The river sweeps its northern border, and after describing a graceful curve of seven miles, returns to kiss its southern face, while from bank to bank, across the peninsula, run two broad avenues, crossed by a third, the whole being in form of an H. The streets running north and south, each a mile in length, are very remarkable. West street, being 300 ft. wide, and adorned with two double rows of stately elms, 900 in all. For graceful beauty these are scarce ex-

ceeded by the two double rows of palms which cross each other at right angles, running the entire length and breadth of the botanical garden of Rio, universally conceded to be the finest in the world. This quaint old village of Hadley, we are told, is the birthplace of Bishop Huntington, and “fighting Joe Hooker;” and herein we have an answer to the scriptural conundrum, “Can a fountain at the same time send forth both bitter waters and sweet?”

Jim, being a bachelor, turned to the southward and looked down with sparkling eyes upon South Hadley Institute, of whose fame he had heard under the title of Mt. Holyoke Female Seminary; but when I told him the school is not now in session, it seemed to have no further attractions, and he proposed that we leave, which we did after paying our compliments to one of Mr. French’s good dinners, neatly and appetizingly served in the most airy and cheery little dining room to be found this side of Mt. Washington, whose merits we shall test hereafter.

Au Revoir.

#### Stage No. 2—To the Profile

Having descended on Saturday from Mt. Holyoke, and spent a genuine New England Sabbath in meditation with Stoddard and Brainard and Edwards, we took the Monday morning “express” (?) for Wells River and the mountains. This may do for an express on the Connecticut river, but Jim says it would scarcely answer for fast freight on their “Empire,” “Union,” and “National” lines. Why, bless me, it stops at every “field” along the way—Hatfield, and North Hatfield, and South Hatfield, and Deerfield, and North Deerfield, and South Deerfield, and Greenfield, and North Greenfield and South Greenfield, only passing untouched the “East” and “West” of all the above mentioned fields, together with “Old Lovefield,” and “Old Hatefield,” two sections of the old Nonotuck district lying off from the road a little to the west.

Jim, being a Pennsylvania Dutchman, thinks this a strange practice which Massachusetts towns have fallen into, by which each obliges all its village children to carry the patronymic, or matronymic if you prefer, each having the name of the maternal parent, with the four cardinal points of the compass distributed among them as surnames.

Would you believe it, Mr. Editor? in passing the base line of the State trigonometrical survey this “express” stops at least three or four times to inspect and triangulate.



The Flume



Time and patience, and the old iron horse brings us through and by divers "fields" and "tons" and "ers" and "ons" and "eys" and "os" to Bellows Falls, a beautifully romantic spot where the thrifty village nestles among the great green hills, and spends its years listening to the woodland warblers in summer, the merry sleighbells in winter, and the music of the winds accompanied with the deep base of the cataract all the year around. The village, we are told, is named for Col. Bellows, grandfather of Dr. H. W. Bellows of New York.

Here we cross over to the New Hampshire side, and after skirting her hills a little distance, re-cross to White River Junction, which is near akin to Dartmouth College. Here the Barron Brothers, proprietors of the Twin Mountain and Crawford House, give hungry travellers, for half-price, a foretaste of their hospitality and good feed. For myself I eat heartily, but Jim, being a bachelor, seemed to have left his appetite, or the good things which would satisfy it, behind him.

"All aboard!" We are off again, this time for Wells River, by a series of rabbit heaps, similar to those already made. I am told that this train used to be conducted by one Hare, which may account for its rabbit-like conduct.

Changing at Wells River to the Boston, Concord and Montreal and White Mountains railroad, and having neither ladies nor baggage to look after, we rush for the new train in genuine selfish American style, selecting seats on the shady side, in the middle of the best car. Is there any more selfish creature in the world than a man in a railway car? Certainly not unless it be a woman in some similar place. If men get in first, ladies are pretty sure of good seats when they come. Jim insisted upon crowding into my seat that hot, sticky afternoon, to give his up to two ladies who were already well seated, though rather near the end of the car; but Jim is a bachelor; you know, and—(by the way, I meant to spell that bachelor every time with a capital B, for Jim is a capital fellow).

Wells River to Littleton is only 20 miles along the beautiful Ammonoosuc (Am-a-nuisance Jim insists upon calling it); and our arrival here was greeted by dame Nature weeping over the intruders the moment Jim and I mounted on the outside of our profile coach; and this time our selfish ardor for the best seat was somewhat dampened.

Jehu! how our coacher did drive, through the blackness of darkness, over mountain roads, "six in hand" recalling to mind the driving of those old stagers of the Sierras, Hank Monk and Dick Foss. Here we go, rattling and rumbling along, see-saw, jolt-a-te-tilt, down hill and up, thump-a-te-bump, through the Notch in its narrowest part, skirting along by Echo Lake, until we come up with a round turn at the generous door of the best kept hotel in the White Mountain region, the Profile House. The house was crowded to overflowing, as usual, and Jim and I had a fine large room, that is, our share of it, with a cot for each, on the first floor—counting downwards. Three fellows besides, like situated with ourselves, neither knowing to what clan the others belonged, shared with us our "sky parlor." I whispered to Jim to take his gold watch, his

solitaire stud, and his money down to the safe—I didn't have any such things to distress me—which he did, and then we doused our penny dip and turned in, "clothed," if not "in our right mind." Ere long Jim and I concluded that our companions du chambre must belong to some wandering tribe of natural born musicians, for all night long, encouraged by our rounds of applause, they kept up a trio like unto that of a bassoon, a trombone, and a bass viol, piped and scraped with utter indifference to all rules of time, tune, or harmony. But with over a hundred arrivals that day, what better could be done for two male genders travelling alone? "Served you right," say the fair ones pining at home, "for not providing yourselves with the best of all passports to good hotel accommodations—'sweet-hearts and wives.'" We acknowledge the soft impeachment and are becoming penitent. But what we lost in "bed" we made up in "board" each time we entered this the most superb hotel dining hall I ever was in except that of the Lick House in San Francisco. And far better than a magnificent hall was the magnificent table within, every dish

being prepared with Blot's precision, cooked to a charm, and served by intelligent, tidy, and pretty American girls, the belles off all the villages round, who thus earn pocket change for the year, and accustom themselves to the usages of "society," which they would be far better off never to know. Just here we get square with the fair ones who taunted us above, since these village belles give special attention to masculines travelling alone, even as the hotel clerks to the femmes; and men will endure any amount of privation and hardship as long as their gastronomics are all right. I have been served at table by men waiters and women waiters, colored waiters and white waiters, American waiters and French waiters, Italian and Portuguese waiters, German and Irish waiters, Chinese and Burmese waiters, and no waiters at all; but of

all the waiters in the world, give me a cleanly, tidy, intelligent, and pretty Yankee girl for a table servant.

The Profile, moreover, owes much of the excellence of its cuisine to its remarkable catering. Here we get spring chicken, poultry of all kinds, game in variety, and savory meats which have been in the refrigerator for months, and in some cases, I am told, more than a year. The chief proprietor, Mr. Taft, owns all the land, mountain and valley, miles around in every direction; and at the foot of the mountain, near Franconia village, has a superior vegetable, milk, and butter farm and dairy, from which these essentials of a first class table come fresh every day.

The house is delightfully situated in the heart of Franconia Notch with Profile or Cannon Mountain on the west and proud Lafayette with its Eagle Cliff on the east.

The "Old Man of the Mountains," with Profile Lake, ("The Old Man's washbowl") Echo Lake, ("The Old Man's mirror,") the Flume, the Basin, the Pool, the Trout House and Georgeana Falls, and a multitude of minor objects of absorbing interest, all cluster within a radius of a few miles, and are all on Mr. Taft's grounds. Not one of them is guarded by a toll-gate, or exacts the smallest fee for its fullest and best exhibition; and this is true of the entire



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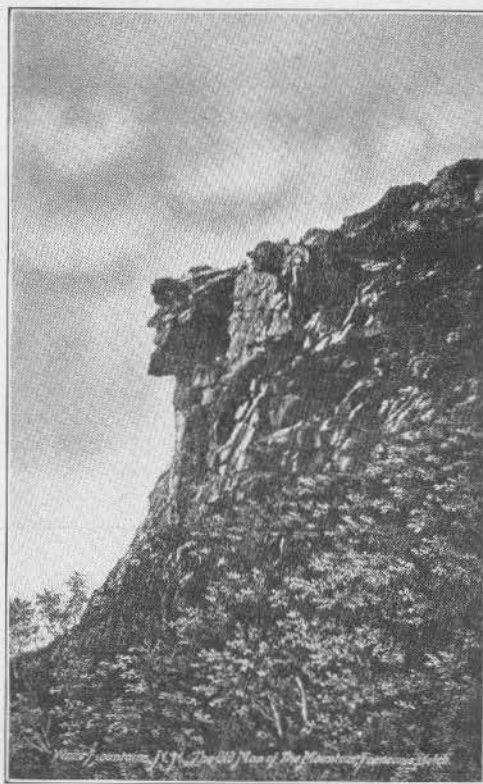


Eagle Cliff and Profile Lake, N. H.

White Mountain region, as well beyond as within Mr. Taft's grounds, with the single exception of the old Willey House in the Crawford Notch, where 25 cents is demanded for admission. What a delightful contrast all this with Saratoga and Niagara Falls!

The Old Man's Profile is distinctly seen in favorable weather, needing no "N.B. This is the Profile," to identify him, even to the stranger.

This "Old Man" is the subject of Hawthorne's legend of "The Great Stone Face," and is also the butt of many a joke. Jim pronounces him a high-toned old aristocrat with a hard face, who throws only crumbs to the dogs below him, and who "if a child ask bread will give him a stone." This hardness is attributed chiefly to the want of the refining influences of female society. This old fellow is one of only three well identified specimens of the "pre-adamite man," and who knows but that it was his experience which resulted in the verdict, "It is not good for man to be alone?" At all events it is suggested that some Powers should ascend Cannon Mountain with mallet and chisel, and create a help-meet for the old man. Jim says he ought to be healthy, and happy, living as he does above many of the clouds of life, and breathing the pure mountain air all his days. He often gets the blues, however, and occasionally hides his face, though never failing, it is believed, to keep a stiff upper



lip, however furious the adverse winds may blow.

The question arising, "Of what persuasion is the old man?" I meekly suggested that he is a "High-churchman," while Jim insists that he is an "Independent;" but our Jehu says he is a "Hard-shell Baptist."

"The Old Maid of the Mountain" looks spinsterially disconsolate towards him from the westward side of Mt. Webster, 20 miles away. Jim says they had a love quarrel when young and parted company, and each being stiff-necked and proud neither would ever take the first step towards making up. Jim knows "how these things is," and seems inclined to follow this example of highest antiquity. But 'tis better for this old couple to be thus, enjoying forever their single misery, than to have been formally joined together, and then had a falling out followed by a divorce.

Whence "The Young Man of the Mountains" comes, who has his abode hard by "The Old Maid," is a conundrum something akin to that of where Cain got his wife.

"Requiesce in pace," Old Man, with all the other old people afar off, and lovely Franconia. Au Revoir.

### Stage No. 3—Bethlehem and Mt. Washington

We have professed to be making this mountain tour "by easy stages," but beg leave now to protest. Easy stages these might be on a Nicholson pavement, but not on these mountain roads. In the first place we are packed in like sardines in a box, everybody being obliged to dovetail with his vis a vis in order to dispose of his gonular members. The exception to this rule is in favor of those who have outside and back



Holyoke, Mass. and Connecticut River from Mt. Tom, Mass.



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seats, and these favored classes have about all the favors bestowed upon those doomed to go through life by stages.

Now a baker's dozen of mountain inspired passengers start off together, utter strangers to each other, except one pair and another quartette; but nolens volens all are introduced and bow abruptly many times, leap frantically into each other's laps, thrust impudently their faces together, embrace each other in the most public manner, apologize awkwardly for the intrusion and immediately repeat the whole series of outrages. Start off as "Merrily ho" as you please, and spend as much as you may of the first two hours, vying with each other in comic songs, sallies of wit and travellers' stories, but these continued jerks and jostlings, bumps and thumps, will soon tame the most ir-repressible. I wonder Shakespeare did not think of this method of "taming the shrew." Perhaps the White Mountains and Concord coaches were not a part of human nature when Shakespeare studied the subject. As for easy seats, they are not worth quarreling over. Jim says the driver's seat is the easiest, and that is the reason the driver always selects it.

I began my growl as we began the descent of the hill on the road from the Profile House, and now, like the wise men of old, seeing a star in the East, we have come to Bethlehem. Like the Profile, Bethlehem is full of overflowing. We are quartered and roasted in an upper chamber with half the top cut off by the slope of the roof, and are eaten at the Sinclair, evening and morning and noon.

Every place of resort in this mountain country has a great preponderance of ladies; and Bethlehem is especially favored in this respect, having a multitude of chatty mammas, each with eligible daughters on hand. As before remarked, Jim is a bachelor, with a head and a heart and a generous purse. Bethlehem has just now some 750 visitors, mostly boarding here for the season, 650 of whom, we are told, are of the gentler sex. Was it not near a place of this name that one of old prophesied, saying, "Seven women shall take hold of one man?" Is this the millennial dawn? Jim seems to think so, and pronounces Bethlehem the most charming spot we have visited.

Our bed was of straw, like one in Bethlehem of Judea, but ours seemed built expressly to illustrate the topography of the country, with the White Mountain range on the one side, and Franconia on the other, and the "Notches" athwart ships instead of fore and aft. I told Jim I did not desire to spend another night in obtaining a practical knowledge of these peaks and ridges, and insisted upon leaving that afternoon; so Jim persuaded one brilliant and accomplished young lady and her worthy papa to accompany us, and we passed out of this "gate of the Lord's house," taking stage for the new Fabyan.

As we passed the Twin Mountain we peeked through the windows to see that Brother Beecher was all right. Every Sunday, immense throngs we are told, gather here from all the region twenty miles around to hear Mr. Beecher preach.

At the Twin Mountain we fall in with a genial quartette from Syracuse, so that our party increases in geometrical proportions as we move on. We arrived at the Fabyan in time for an excellent supper, and found it by all odds the largest and handsomest, as well as one of the best kept houses in the mountains, though its dining hall and table do not equal those of the Profile, nor do I know of any in New England that does. The Fabyan is an immense structure, built in the form of a T, and is new, and newly and handsomely furnished throughout, with accommodations for 700 guests. It stands on a tall mound on the bank of the Ammonoosuc, the mound being known as "The giant's grave." On this spot, tradition says, once stood an

Indian in dark of night, swinging a torch torn from a lightning struck tree, and crying, "No pale face shall take deep root here; thus the Great Spirit whispered in my ear." But the name Ammonoosuc means "fish story river," and so Wolcott, Lindsey & Co., take no stock in this tradition. Nevertheless, this is the fourth hotel erected on this site, the other three having all been burned. It is to be hoped this splendid structure may stand as a testimonial to the persevering disregard of superstition shown by its worthy proprietors.

Thursday was fixed upon by our party for the ascent of Washington, and was one of those charming days exactly adapted to the purpose, the mists lighting and clearing at every step from base to summit, with enough of clouds floating about us to produce the finest effect of light and shade upon the neighboring mountain slopes, while the air was at once balmy and bracing. It was, withal, one of the few days when overcoats and shawls are only a burden even on the summit.

I have travelled somewhat, both in our own country and abroad, visiting more than half the States and territories of the Union, and living under the flags of fourteen different nations for a longer or shorter time; but seldom has it been my good fortune to witness in nature so much of beauty, and glory as upon this day. Upon only three scenes have my eyes rested, which impressed me as more sublimely grand. These were views had from the summits of the Sierras, in California, from Mt. Corcorado, in Brazil, and, grandest of all, a view of Old Ocean when the storm king drove in mad fury over it.

In the general character of an inland view Mt. Washington approaches the Sierras, though with not nearly so clear an atmosphere, while in the effect of sunlight and cloud it more nearly resembles that witnessed from Corcorado.

In making the ascent, our little party had chosen somewhat precarious perches on the tops of barrels, boxes and trunks on the baggage-truck, drawn behind the quaint little giant of an engine which pushes up the passenger car; and from this extemporized observation car we had an unobstructed retrospect.

One dollar a mile is the rate of fare over this road, and we had more than the worth of our money. In less than three miles we make an ascent of nearly 4,000 feet, while one of the finest inland views conceivable spreads about us, ever widening in its reach as we ascend, and growing in interest as we become better acquainted with it.

This Mt. Washington Railway is truly a marvel of engineering skill, only less wonderful than the wonders of nature about it. Think of a locomotive engine taking a train up a grade of 1,980 feet to the mile, and this too over a trestle work! This trestle work, known as "Jacob's Ladder" is about half a mile in length, extending from a point about midway of the ascent, and holds the triple track out from the face of the mountain 8 to 25 feet, and is at the head of an immense Cañon, or ravine, known as the "Gulf of Mexico," which, viewed from our place on the "Ladder," appeared as though it might be the gulf of perdition.

Over "Jacob's Ladder" the angels—in crinoline—are seen daily ascending and descending all summer long, attended by beings of less angelic sort.

We are not surprised to learn that when Sylvester Marsh asked legislative aid to build this road, one of New Hampshire's Solons suggested instead, an appropriation to aid him in constructing a railway to the moon! The only thing of the kind which I have known at all approaching it is the railway over Mt. Rhigi, in Switzerland, more recently built by the same man. From the summit of Washington, we have a view of almost the entire White Moun-



tain region, including the peaks and slopes of Madison, Jefferson, Adams, Clay and Randolph on the north; Hayes and Bold-Cap beyond the Androscoggin on the northeast; Carter, Jackson and "the queenly" Kearsarge on the southeast; Stanton, Crawford, "The giant stairs," and the far-off Chocorua on the south; Webster, Willard, Monroe and Franklin on the south west; the Franconia range, with state-ly Lafayette on the west; and Star King, Cherry Mountain and Misery on the northwest. Between and among all these are deep cañons, or ravines, with occasional stretches of beauteous valley threaded with some silvery miniature



White Mountains, N. H., Crawford Notch, Looking up the Falls

river, and dotted with cheerful villages with their white church spires. Such a valley is that of the Ammonoosuc, stretching from the foot of Washington to the Connecticut on the West, embosoming Bethlehem, Franconia, and Littleton within. The Glen House, six miles away to the east, and the Fabyan and Twin Mountain from 8 to 15 to the west, with their broad spreading wings, and their out-buildings about them, also appear like villages in the distance.

A hundred miles away to the southeast, Monadnock forms "a filmy angle in the base of the sky," while 35 miles to the south, old Ossipee has his throne on the shore of Lake Winnepesaukee. Twice as far away to the west, Mt. Mansfield lifts his proud head among the hills of Vermont, while far to the north the filmy outlines of the Canadian highlands may be seen. It is claimed that Mt. Katahdin is visible on a very clear day, "looming out of the central wilderness of Maine," 150 miles distant.

Winnepesaukee, Umbagog, Rangeley and Sebago lakes and the Ammonoosuc and Androscoggin rivers, with silvery cascades glittering in the sunlight, complete the usual features prominent in the picture.

But the grandest view obtainable from Mt. Washington, and done with which we were fortunately favored, is that of the clouds gathering in the valleys below while the sun plays in splendor over their broken surface above—a sight that must be seen to be realized.

As we stand here in wrapt admiration we seem to anticipate the time when, having ascended the steps of heaven, we shall look down upon the clouds that have gathered so darkly over our earthly life, to see them burnished with silver and gold on the other side.

"O'er all those wide extended plains  
Shines one eternal day.  
There God the Son forever reigns,  
And scatters night away.  
"Could we but climb where Moses stood  
And view the landscape o'er,  
Not Jordan's stream nor death's cold flood  
Could fright us from the shore."

But we yet tabernacle in the flesh, and this ambrosial nectar of the gods does not even for a day meet all our wants; wherefore we repair to the Summit House where we find a modest dinner waiting us, after which, and another look at the glories about us, we take our "observation car" again and make the descent, and drive thence to the Fabyan again, stopping to view the lovely Ammonoosuc Falls on the way. Weary from the very ecstasy of delight enjoyed through the day, after tea and a half hour's enjoyment of the evening air on the veranda, we retire.

Au Revoir.

#### Stage No. 4—The Notch and Winnepesaukee

Bidding our friends an old fashioned good-bye (God be wi'ye) Jim and I took a private conveyance at early morn for the Crawford House, a fine old hotel, beautifully located on a plateau 2,000 feet above the sea, on the banks of a diminutive lakelet, and directly facing the White Mountain or Crawford Notch. Here is one of the finest bands in the mountains, and all who go thither by way of Conway and the Notch are obliged to "face the music," happily a very delightful necessity.

Accepting Beecher's gastronomic taste as a sufficient guarantee of the Twin Mountain, and our own observations of the Crawford, we risk nothing in saying the Barrons "know how to keep a hotel." For that social freedom, which is so large an element in the beneficial agencies of a well spent and profitable summer vacation, these two houses, and the Fabyan excel, while those desiring to maintain a select reserve in their summer life find the Profile more to their minds. And yet, strange to say, New York, rather than Philadelphia or Boston, gives this peculiar character to the Profile; but it is New York's substantial society that is found here, its shoddy preferring to air itself in more conspicuous places.

No one desiring to carry away a correct impression of the White Mountain district will fail to spend a little season in this vicinity.

Near the Crawford are two springs, only a few rods apart, and each rising at about the same level, one of which is the fountain source of the Ammonoosuc, and the other of the Saco, the one flowing south and east into the Atlantic on the coast of Maine, and the other, making a detour to the north and west, finds its way to the Connecticut and thence south to Long Island Sound. So, side by side on the summit of the Rocky Mountains are two similar springs, one of which sends its waters laughing westward through the Columbia to the broad Pacific, and the other, the fountain source of the upper Missouri, winds its weary way through the Mississippi Valley to the Gulf. In their infancy how slight an influence would change the course and destiny of either of these streams. Later, and farther on, the combined talents and powers of the world may scarce accomplish the result. Jehovah alone, by some mighty convulsion of nature, could bring it to pass. Have

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 these two sparkling springs, by the Crawford House any moral lesson for us?

The Notch is an extremely narrow ravine between Mts. Willard and Webster, the latter on the left and the former on the right as we look southward down the gorge. Webster's walls rise thousands of feet, almost perpendicularly, and his brow is overhanging, massive and rugged, seeming to defy all approach. Willard is comparatively soft in outline, less precipitous, smooth faced and benevolent looking, so inviting indeed that we are tempted to a more intimate acquaintance. Taking Starr King's advice, we ascend on foot in the after part of the day. As we climb the eastern face of Willard the shadows climb the western walls of Webster, while darkness gathers in the deep ravine. Slowly at first, then faster anon, the shadows steal over Webster's face, and gather upon his brow, chasing thence the golden splendor of the setting sun, "while the dim green dome of Washington is gilded with heavenly alchemy." The broken cloudwork on the western sky heightens the effect, its gorgeous splendor being reflected with mellowed glory from these lofty heights. Now the sun kisses the mountain tops "good night" and we descend.

After a refreshing night spent at the entrance to this great mountain pass, and an early breakfast, we start on foot through the Notch. As a simple picture of a mountain pass, this is scarce excelled in any land. Passing through its gateway we have the Giant's Stairs on our left, towering in broken masses to the height of 5,000 feet, with Mts. Resolution and Crawford beyond, and Willey on the right; while the laughing Saco dances along at our feet, playing hide and seek in the rocky ravine, now upon our right and now upon the left. Nancy's Brook and Sanger's River, Rocky Branch and Ellis' River, all come leaping from the mountain side to join merry Saco in its play. "The Old Maid," "The Young Man," "The Infant" and the "Devil's Pulpit" are natural formations on the western walls of Webster, in whose creation nature has large assistance from active imaginations. The Flume and Silver Cascade are also here, the former being tame compared with that of the Franconia range, while the cascade is one of the most beautiful to be found east of the Rocky Mountains—a fall of some 800 feet, broken into hundreds of diminutive cascades.

The scarred and storm-torn sides of Willey have taken the place of Willard on our right, the intervening valley being hidden from our view by the forest of giant white birches which here border the Saco. We stop at the Willey House and learn the story of the avalanche of '26, which buried the entire Willey family in its debris, leaving the house, from which they fled in their fright, untouched, it having been protected by a spur of the mountain in its rear, which parted the slide, throwing it either side. In the house are some vestiges of the furniture, which, having escaped the crushing avalanche, now fall a prey to devouring pocket knives, and are being carried off piece-meal to adorn the shelves of curiosos' cabinets.

Here we are told a pathetic story concerning Nancy's Brook, which is named for a broken hearted girl who, one cold winter's night, walked from Lancaster, some forty miles away, in pursuit of a faithless lover. Wet and weary, cold and hungry, she sank exhausted at the foot of a tree beside this brook, where she was found frozen to death. Did Nancy spend her early years reading sentimental novelettes?

From the Willey House we take the stage for Bartlett's, the present terminal station of the railway, which is rapidly invading the sacred domain of this quiet mountain retreat. At North Conway we stopped at the Kearsarge, a really first-class hotel, where we saw on the reg-

ister U. S. Grant's autograph. Doubtless, had he known we were coming, he and his party would have delayed their departure in order to meet us; but, strange to say, no distinguished men annoyed Jim and myself by running after us.

The village is chiefly made up of hotels and summer boarding-houses, and is delightfully located on a natural terrace rising above the intervalles of the Saco.

Almost the entire range of the White Mountains proper bounds the view on the north and northwest, with Washington standing out majestically in the center only fifteen miles distant in an air line, but at least twice that distance by the roads. "The distinction of North Conway," says Starr King, "is that it is a great natural poem in landscape, a quotation from Arcadia, or a suburb of Paradise."

Owing to the remarkable cloud formations produced by the neighboring mountains, the more than magnificent sunsets here enjoyed are a characteristic feature of which the same writer remarks: "It is time for some poet to put the question to these bewitching elm-sparkled acres that border the Saco, by what sorcery they evoke, evening after evening, upon the heavens that watch them, such lavish Italian bloom."

Mt. Kearsarge is only a few miles distant, while White Horse Ledge with its remarkable "Cathedral" is just across Echo Lake, another natural mirror almost as lovely as its prototype in the Franconia range.

"Diana's Bath" is a deep basin a little way north of the cathedral, filled with sparkling water, usually as clear as crystal, which is poured into it from a beautiful double fall above, while Artist's Falls, a little distance to the east, are among the more picturesque cascades of the mountain district, though insignificant as a waterfall, unless considered as an adjunct of "Diana's" head.

North Conway has probably more permanent summer boarders than any other point in the mountain district, unless indeed it be Wolfboro, whither we now speed our course, skirting the picturesque Newichawannock the last three miles of the way.

Wolfboro is altogether the most inviting village we have seen since leaving Northampton, unless possibly it may be Bellow's Falls. It is "beautiful for situation," being substantially built on two promontorial eminences which project into Lake Winnepesaukee near its southeastern angle.

Water in considerable volume is an essential of a perfect landscape, and here it spreads out in crystal beauty over a hundred square miles of surface, and dotted with several hundred little verdure-clad islands, like a great plate of wrought and burnished silver bespangled with richest emeralds. As we sail among these islands they transfigure themselves in wondrous kaleidoscopic variety.

In picturesque beauty Winnepesaukee rivals the Bay of Rio, which those who have travelled most pronounce the loveliest sheet of water in the world.

After a refreshing night at the Pavilion, a house little inferior to the model Profile, and possessing advantages of sailing and fishing which no house can, not situated on a broad expanse of water, we made our adieu to a little group of friends whom we met here, and took the swift and graceful Lady of the Lake for Centre Harbor and Weirs.

"In that wedding of land and water in which one is perpetually approaching and retreating from the other, and each transforms itself into a thousand figures for an endless dance of grace and beauty," writes Bartol, "nothing can surpass our Winnepesaukee."

"I have been something of a traveller in our own country," says Edward Everett, "and in Europe have seen all



that is most attractive, from the Highlands of Scotland to the Golden Horn of Constantinople, from the summit of the Hartz Mountains to the Fountain of Vaucluse, but my eye has yet to rest upon a lovelier scene than that which smiles around you as you sail from Weirs to Centre Harbor."

The lake is walled about with hills and mountains, in which the gods of ancient mythology might have found congenial home, while Hebe might have brought great Jove a flowing goblet of unfermented wine from Saco's crystal fountains, and Neptune might amuse himself upon the lake at intervals between his voyagings. For drunken Bacchus and for bloody Mars alone of all the train of gods and goddesses, no place could here be found.

Here our good Quaker poet found inspiration for his "Lake Side" poem and "Summer by the Lake," and here I confess myself tempted to woo again the muse who jilted me in early college days. Perhaps, however, my readers would prefer Whittier and Percival, and I may save a reputation which I never had.

We have arrived at Weirs, and now sing "Homeward Bound." I stop at Springfield, while Jim hastens to his mother, pausing at the Gotham Metropolitan to say: "I sigh again for the freedom and grandeur of the mountains. With the pictures of those lofty heights and vast distances before me, the stateliest edifices of this great city seem contracted and insignificant. Between these and the mountain temples which God has reared for his own glory and the delight of his children there is, there can be, no comparison."

## BUCKNELLIAN SINGS AND PLAYS

### WAY TO RADIO FAME

Prominent press notices and feature articles have recently appeared about Cartwright Maxwell Hunter, better known to the radio world as "Pinkey" Hunter, of solo and banjo fame with Emerson Gill and his orchestra. He is known as the Rudy Valee of the air in the middle west and especially in and about Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Hunter started his career of musical endeavor, according to the press, at a church festival in Wilmington, Ohio, where he plucked his banjo and sang his way into the hearts of his audience.

During the war he came to Bucknell as a member of the S. A. T. C., and after a sojourn here went to Camp Taylor. Later, after the hostilities were called off he appeared in Toledo and joined Ruvinsky's Toledo Club orchestra. Three years here and a sales job claimed him for a short while. The business world held little lure and before long he formed his own orchestra. Later he appeared in vaudeville with Buddy Fisher and his seven collegians. Seven years ago he received an invitation to join forces with Emerson Gill in Cleveland and took the job. He has been with him since.

Mr. Hunter is married and lives in Toledo. While at Bucknell he became a member of Phi Kappa Psi and still likes to talk about the days "On the Hill". At present he is with the orchestra in Detroit but expects to return to Cleveland where he sings almost nightly from Radio Station WTAM.

### TENTATIVE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED FOR COMMENCEMENT

The following schedule of events for the eightieth annual Bucknell Commencement to be observed this June from the sixth to the eleventh has been prepared by the program committee. The definite program will be published in the May issue of this magazine:

#### 1930 COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

##### 80th Annual Commencement

June 6-11, 1930

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 6

8:00 P.M. Undergraduate Recital, School of Music.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 7

8:00 P.M. Pipe Organ Recital, School of Music.

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 8

10:00 A.M. Academic Procession to Baptist Church.

10:30 A.M. Baccalaureate Sermon, President E. W. Hunt.

8:00 P.M. Oratorio.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 9

10:00 A.M. Senior Recital, School of Music.

11:30 A.M. Meeting and Luncheon of General Alumnae Association.

2:00 P.M. Play by "Cap and Dagger".

4:00 P.M. Meeting of Alumni Council and General Alumni Association.

6:30 P.M. Twilight Band Concert.

8:00 P.M. Fraternity Symposia.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 10

9:00 A.M. Meeting of The Board of Trustees.

2:00 P.M. Class Parade.

2:30 P.M. Baseball, Alumni vs. Varsity.

6:30 P.M. Twilight Band Concert.

8:00 P.M. President's Reception.

9:00 P.M. Alumni Assembly Ball.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

9:00 A.M. Academic Procession to Quadrangle.

9:30 A.M. Annual Commencement, Address by President William Elgin Wickenden of Case School of Applied Science.

12:30 P.M. Corporation Dinner.

*From the Collection of  
H. C. Chadwick, Jr.*





### The Institution of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

In the night in which He was betrayed, He took Bread, and when He had given thanks, He brake it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my Body which is given for you; Do this in remembrance of me. Likewise, after supper, He took the Cup and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.

Our Church will celebrate the Holy Sacrament next Sunday at 10.15 o'clock and I am earnestly hoping that you will be present. Faithfully yours,

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*William J Hayes*

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### HOME COMING NUMBER.

"Mid pleasures and palaces though  
we may roam,  
Be it ever so humble there's no place  
like home,  
A charm from the sky seems to hal-  
low us there  
Which seek through the world is  
ne'er met with elsewhere,  
Home, home sweet sweet home  
Be it ever so humble there's no  
place like home."

Back from the seashore, and the mountains the vacationists have returned. In the church the work by reason of this annual escadus has been somewhat irregular.—but now that we are all home again, we must settle ourselves down to the joyful task of making this year the big year of our church's history. It can be made so if you have the will and the mind to work.

Let each one of us pray for a Divine Blessing—both for our church and for ourselves. That blessing will be yours if you throw yourself un-tiltedly and whole heartedly into the work. As you measure it will be measured back to you.

### PROMOTION DAY, SEPT. 28

In our Church School this ought to be the really big day of the year. It is planned to have with us on this day Mr. Klauder, who is the president of the Superintendent's Association of Philadelphia. Graduates from the Primary, Junior and the Intermediate groups of our church school will be presented with diplomas of graduation. Be sure to reserve this date.

### CHURCH RALLY DAY.

The morning of October 5th will be the Rally Day of the church. This service will be featured by AN EVERY MEMBER COMMUNION SERVICE. No one should be absent from this service. Your presence

will be helpful and your absence will be challenged for explanation. If the emphasis upon this service seems unusual the reason may be found in the fact—that we are seeking an inventory of our strength. You will therefore reserve this date for your church.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY.

This special day has been reserved for October 12th. The interest which usually attaches to this day should be greater than in former years because this will be the first Rally Day since the dedication of our new building. The success of this day is a matter for the teachers. Much personal work and visitation on their part will result in success. Indifference will spell-failure. The challenge of the church school is always great—but it is worth our while to know that the measure of our personal enrichment is dependent upon our response to the challenge. Let us vote to make this day, the banner day in the history of our school.

### HOME COMING DAY, OCT. 26th.

This day is featured in our Church Calendar in response to a felt need on the part of our people that an effort should be made to call, or invite specially to a special service—those who by reason of family tradition, sacred associations with the past have some connection with this fine old church. The fruitage of almost a century of ministry on the part of this church is scattered far and wide. Our invitation goes out to all who have had an intimate connection with us, and who by reason of distance find it impossible to attend as frequently as they would like. In short this a great family re-union.

As in previous years our guest speaker will be President Milton G. Evans of Crozer Theological Seminary. Details of the program for the day will be announced later.

### COLLEGEVILLE AND OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

Seven of our young people attended the Assembly at Collegeville this year. This fact should auger well for our Church School,—for the purpose and the distinctive purpose of this training is that of service. Other churches report the value of this training as it manifests itself in those young people who teach in the Sunday School. We await with interest the fruitage of this trained leadership.

### CONGRATULATIONS.

The Pastor officiated at the wedding of Miss Thelma Polglase and Mr. John Hiegal, held in the church on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Our heartiest congratulations go out to these young folk as they enter upon their new life together. Miss Polglase is one of the very efficient teachers in the Junior Department of our church school.

### THE REMINDER.

A bread and cake sale, combined with a supper will be held on Saturday, October 4th. The proceeds of this affair will be for our church paper The Reminder. Mrs. Neely is chairman of the committee. Every church member should give their hearty support to this affair.

### CHURCH SCHOOL NOTES.

With this October, our school will celebrate its first anniversary as a fully organized departmental school. Altho we did not enter into our new building exactly one year ago, yet we can truthfully say that our departmentalized plans began one year ago. As we look back and survey the results of the past year, we can feel confident that it has indeed been a year filled with splendid accomplishments. Our school has almost doubled its membership; a rare quality of teaching ability has been established; and keen interest and enthusiasm aroused amongst the student body.

Before laying our fall and winter plans before you, let us view the events of the past summer season, since the last publication of this Reminder. July 4th, witnessed a large turnout for the annual picnic. However, altho the picnic grounds were ideal, yet the turnout was far below the number of previous year.

The attendance all during the season was indeed, remarkable. The men's class deserves especial mention, for they maintained a high attendance rate all during the hot weather.

Then, those seven young people who attended the Collegeville As-

sembly, must be mentioned, for we expect much of them during the coming months. Those of us who paid them a visit during their stay at the Assembly, were, indeed impressed by the earnestness and sincerity with which they studied and planned under their splendid instructors.

Now, as for our coming activities. Within the next few weeks, we will hold our first graded promotion exercises. It is our aim to have Mr. Norman Klander, president of the Superintendents' Association, and Superintendent of the Third Baptist Sunday School, with us as the speaker.

Each scholar, advancing from one department to another, will receive a graded diploma. We plan to have the teacher's reunion in their same department, following the principle of the public school system.

Rally Day will be held separately, following closely after Promotion Sunday. An especial committee has been appointed, who will plan the entire program for this event, as well as for the Christmas and New Year's entertainment.

The Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Convention will be held in Scranton, this month from the 9 to 13th. Those of us who have attended past conventions, will remember the wonderful spirit of fellowship and service which pervades the very atmosphere of the gathering. Let us strive to be represented at the coming convention, for our school will indeed reap great rewards from the instructions received there.

The Superintendent's Association will hold its second meeting at the Alpha Church, the first Monday of this month. Dr. Squires of the Presbyterian Board, and a well known author of religious books, was the speaker. He brought a message of vital importance and significance, bearing on the relationship of the church body with the school. We are hoping for a large representation at our next meeting.

The School of Leadership Training at the Twiga Church, under the auspices of the Superintendent's Association, will again, begin very shortly. Those of us who attended the past schools are unanimous in the belief that this opportunity should not be allowed to pass by. We want a large delegation from East Falls at this school, this year.

In summing up the activities for the coming months, let us not forget our school orchestra. The wonderful way in which they participated in our Children's Day exercises make



us all eager for the fall appearance. Miss Helen Lester has organized and moulded this group of young people into a fine musical group and is indeed to be congratulated for the results of her labor.

In closing we want to impress upon all, the necessity of whole-hearted cooperation in our school life, regardless of any prejudice or dislike for any method, group or person. May our slogan for this final season of 1930 be, "Onward, To Serve."

**ATHLETICS.**

The baseball season is now finished, for the Church League. Altho our team did not shine with an exceptional bright light, yet we are well satisfied that it accounted for itself in a fine manner. NOW let us look forward to the basketball season. The Baptists, this year are going to have a strong team, and will be a likely contender for the championship. Ernie Fisher, John Kirkpatrick, Al Simmons, Bill Fitzpatrick, Jule Yawn and Mat Smith will form the backbone of this year's team. Let us all turn out and give them our whole-hearted support. **ROOT FOR THE TEAM.**

The B. Y. P. U. Society, under the guidance of Earl Verbeek, its president, has organized a fine circulating library. We should all take advantage of this innovation for there are exceptionally fine books in the collection.

**WHEN LIFE IS DONE**

By EDGAR A. GUEST

I'd like to think when life is done  
That I had filled a needed post,  
That here and there I'd paid my fare  
With more than idle talk and boast  
That I had taken gifts divine,  
The breath of life and manhood fine,  
And tried to use them now and then  
In service for my fellow men.

I'd hate to think when life is  
through  
That I had lived my round of years  
A useless kind, that leaves behind  
No record in this vale of tears;  
That I had wasted all my days  
By treading only selfish ways,  
And that this world would be the  
same  
If it had never known my name.

I'd like to think that here and there,  
When I am gone, there shall remain  
A happier spot that might have not  
Existed had I toiled for gain;  
That some one's cheery voice and

smile  
Shall prove that I had been worth  
while;  
That I had paid with something fine  
My debt to God for life divine.  
—Selected.

**WHAT THE COLLEGEVILLE ASSEMBLY MEANT TO ME.**

This is my first year at the Collegeville Assembly and I have been requested to write some of my impressions of this interesting experience.

First of all I will write of our studies. To me they occupy the first place for the purpose of the Assembly is to fit the young people of our churches for a greater and better service in the work of the Kingdom.

The studies which I selected for my first year were: The Life of Christ, Old Testament History, Junior Worship and Home Ideals. All of our teachers were interested that we should make the most of our limited time, and acquire such knowledge of the subjects which they taught, that we might be better teachers and workers in our church. I was especially interested in, work for the Juniors, as this is the Department of our Church School where I serve, and I have learned many new and interesting ideas which I am sure will be most helpful in my work among the boys and the girls.

The Vesper services were exceedingly interesting to me. Every evening there was a program of new and special interest. The messages of the leader were always helpful, and inspiring, and never were without challenge.

The natural setting of these services added greatly to their interest and enjoyment. They were held under a large Sycamore tree. The green grass provided us seats. Here, in this quiet place, with the radiant light of a setting sun streaming through the tree tops with a background of stately trees, and hills fading into the distance. Here we sat in quietness, while our leader talked with us. Sometimes our leader would ask us to look at the glory of the sunset. I think that it helped us to feel the nearness of God, and the beauty of the world in which we lived.

Then I have some very vivid impressions of our social activities, and various sports.

One cannot be a stranger at Collegeville. There is a comradeship in all of these young people which forbids aloofness on the part of anyone. Our good times in a social way cannot easily be forgotten. Every evening saw a change in the program of entertainment.

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Sometimes it was a camp-fire, then a play. The World Wide Guild interested us with an interesting program. So our evenings were spent, ending the day with games or walks. The last evening of the Assembly we had a consecration service. Here many of our young people vowed a better service for their Lord. As I recall the beauty of this place, as I see the beautiful campus, with its tennis courts, and its stately trees. As I remember the quietness of the village, with its wide streets, flanked by its beautiful homes. I whisper to myself "It's a wonderful place, and its ministry is worthy of all our praise for it is part of the great service of enrichment which comes to so many of our young people every year. May the Collegeville Assembly grow with every passing year.  
Florence Kelly.

DASHED TOGETHER.

We are glad to see the healthy, happy look on the faces of our people after the summer holidays. Vacation is always prolific in its compensations of rest and health.

The Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania now situated in the Falls opened last week. The ministry of every church in this town is challenged afresh by the two hundred or more students who are now resident in our midst.

Mrs. Esther Levering had the misfortune to lose one of her fingers, as the result of an infection from which she has suffered for sometime.

Superintendents, Harold Moorehead, Everitt Verbeck, and "Bill" Fitzpatrick are making serious plans which look to the future welfare of our Church School. The winter months should witness an enrollment of three hundred scholars.

The ministry of Rev. Corpening of Crozer Seminary, and of Mr. Albert Wolstencroft of the same school, was well received by all who were present at the services. They supplied the pulpit during the period of the pastor's vacation.

The members of the clergy club of the 28th ward were entertained at dinner by the ladies of our church at their September meeting.

The sympathy of this church and congregation is extended to Mr. Chadwick jr., in the recent death of his wife. We are indebted to Mr. Chadwick for a great many favors, and we share his sorrow in the affliction which has befallen him.

Mr. and Mrs. Markley and son "Jimmy" are here on a visit from Cleveland, Ohio. We welcome them back to their home, and to their many friends.

We commence the 5th year of the Reminder with this "issue". It would seem that time is flying on "well oiled wings"—It does not seem that long since we wrote Volume I and No. 1. May our little paper continue in the Grace of God to have a fruitful ministry.

The issue of the Reminder for November will be featured by a brief article on "What Collegeville Meant To Me" by Miss Ada Pemberton. The December number will contain a like article from Miss Agnes Copley and the January issue will be featured in a like way from Miss Mildred Marley.

ACTIVE GROUP OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS



Rev. William J. Hayes, pastor of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, continually sings in praise of the activities of the above pictured group. Mr. Hayes, who teaches the class, is seated in the center of the lower row. To his right, in the order named, is Harold Moorehead, president of the group, and William Yarnall, vice president. On the left of Mr. Hayes is Henry Welsh, class sec retary, and next to Mr. Welsh, is Hamilton Moorehead, the treasurer.

## Bible Class Is Attracting New Members

Rapidly-Growing Group of  
Men at Falls Baptist  
School

HELPFULNESS IS MOTTO

Organization Is Named in  
Honor of Dr. James  
S. Swartz

One of the livest, and most rapidly-growing organizations in this vicinity, is the James S. Swartz Bible Class, of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Sunday School, a group picture of which is shown in other columns of this issue of The Suburban Press.

The class is named in honor of James S. Swartz, LL. D., the ninety year old president of the Board of Trustees of Bucknell University, who served for more than a quar-

ter of a century as superintendent of the Falls Baptist School, and who is the donor of the recently-erected Christian and Eliza Swartz Memorial Church School building of the church, on Midvale avenue. Dr. Swartz makes his residence in New York City, but occasionally comes over to visit relatives and friends, and to attend services in his old church.

Forty members constitute the Bible Class, which is officered by the following men: Harold Moorehead, president; William Yarnall, vice-president; Henry Welsh, secretary, and Hamilton Moorehead, treasurer. Rev. William J. Hayes, pastor of the church, is the class teacher.

Since Mr. Hayes' coming to the Falls, six years ago, the group has almost trebled itself in number of members. A great impetus was given the growth and attendance of the class through the social activities which were made possible through the kindness of Dr. Swartz' gift of the new building and its equipment.

Good fellowship and spiritual education, however, are not the only activities of the class, for from its contributions, a young man is being aided in his theological studies for the Christian ministry.

Men, without any church school affiliations, are invited to join with this live-wire organization, whose motto is "Helpfulness".



## Chairs in Falls Church Are Memorials of Spanish King's Flight

Gifts of James Simmons Swartz Remembered When Alfonso XIII Abdicated His Throne Recently.—Were Used by Joseph Bonaparte in His Bordentown Mansion

"It is not such a very large world, after all!"

How often have we heard that phrase when learning of people or incidents of widely separated countries, having some common interest with each other?

However, the trite saying came back to our minds a few days ago, when the recent dramatic departure of Alfonso XIII from Spain, took place, and we remembered two curious chairs which occupy the space in front of the pulpit of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, on Indian Queen lane, above Ridge avenue.

These chairs are memorials of another famous exiled King of Spain, who found refuge in the United States, and who for a time made his home in this city.

That royal refugee was Joseph Bonaparte, brother of the great Napoleon, and stories of his life in Philadelphia, as "a dignified, generous, kindhearted gentleman" more than a century ago, are legion.

The house he first occupied, at 260 South Ninth street, is still standing, and contains a sideboard used by the royal occupant. And he is known to have given a lawn fete on the site of what is now 12th and Market streets, in one of the finest mansions in the Quaker City.

Joseph, later, built a palatial mansion at Bordentown, N. J., and "Bonaparte Park" still exists to commemorate the graciousness of New Jersey in sheltering its royal guest.

"King Joseph" seems to have been an eminently acceptable citizen, democratic and hospitable. But he did not respond readily to the overtures of Philadelphia society, which would gladly, it is said, have accepted him. His heart was with France, and his last home was in Florence, Italy, where he died in 1844.

It was in September, of 1815, that King Joseph, a fugitive from the throne he precariously occupied from May, 1808 until late in 1814, landed surreptitiously at New York, and hid there from the English, who were ransacking ships for him and for Napoleon, himself.

Tradition says he was recognized on the sidewalk, by a soldier of his Old Guard, and passersby were surprised to hear him greeted as "Your Majesty," by a stranger kneeling on the cobbles.

Recognition under such circumstances was dangerous. Joseph came to Philadelphia afterward, in

company with Commodore Lewis, of Amboy, N. J. They planned to continue to Washington to pay their respects to President Madison, but the Chief Executive was unwilling to give official welcome to the fugitive, and although Joseph started out in a coach, he turned back before arriving there.

At "Lansdowne," a country place—in what is now Fairmount Park—which the exiled King rented in 1816, he talked freely with neighboring farmers, drank their cider and impressed all by his manner. Samuel Breck, for whom the public school in East Falls is named, who lived in the neighborhood, and kept a diary, records having met King Joseph on the road, and what he said was like "a plain country gentleman."

His house was open to all the Bonapartists in America. Stephen Girard was the closest friend of Joseph in this country, and Philadelphia's royal resident and his friends were often entertained at Girard's house on Water street.

Joseph, who lived at Bordentown for eighteen years, had furnished his home with all the grandeur which was possible in those days, and the chairs which are now in the Falls Baptist Church were used in the Bonaparte mansion.

James Simmons Swartz, who is known as the Falls Baptist Church's greatest benefactor, purchased the chairs one day, many years ago, at Freeman's Auction House, thinking that they would be suitable for his own home. However, they were later sent to the home of his cousin, Mary Simmons, at Devon, Pennsylvania. Subsequently, upon the death of his relatives at Devon the chairs came back to Mr. Swartz, who very kindly gave them to the church.

The chairs, are indeed, worth viewing, for beside their queer coverings, the arms and other parts, which in an ordinary chair is usually of wood, are formed of the tusks of some huge animal.

Bonaparte's mansion, at Bordentown, was destroyed by fire in 1820. Joseph's appreciation for assistance at the time for the fire was contained in a letter to one of the magistrates of the Jersey town.

"All of the furniture, statues, pictures, money, plate, gold, jewels, linen, books and, in short, everything that was not consumed, has been most scrupulously delivered into the hands of the people of my house," he wrote.

"In the night of the fire, and during the next day, there were brought to me by laboring men drawers in which I found the proper quantity of pieces of money,

medals of gold, and valuable jewels, which might have been taken with impunity."

Restoration of the house, which he immediately undertook, could not make Joseph forget his native land. King Louis Philippe was willing for him to live in Florence, and he returned there in 1833, to remain until his death.

Bonaparte Park is now owned by Harris Hammond, son of John Hays Hammond, the inventor, who is restoring it to its old grandeur, but the chairs at the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, will more than likely remain here, to remind the members of the congregation of the many debts they owe, James Simmons Swartz, among whose many gifts to the church were these two chairs of Joseph Bonaparte.

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DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL OF FALLS BAPTIST CHURCH



Pupils and teachers of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church School, directed by Rev. William J. Hayes. In the picture are shown the Revs. John S. Tomlinson, Howell S. Foster and William J. Hayes. Photo by Ade.

### Falls Pupils Enthusiastic Over Course

One Hundred and Thirty-  
Seven Students Were  
Enrolled

DIRECTED BY PASTOR

All Denominations Lend Aid  
In Instructing Young  
Folk

On a flyleaf in front of Rev. M. G. Gosselink's new book, "Teen Age Talks", appears the following poem, by an anonymous writer:

"I took a piece of living clay,  
And gently formed it day by day,  
And molded it with power and art—  
A young child's soft and yielding heart.

I came again when years were gone;  
He was a man I looked upon;  
He still that early impress wore,  
And I could change him never more."

Just such a work as referred to in the verses, has been being carried on at the Daily Vacation Bible

School, of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, on Midvale avenue, for the past three weeks.

One hundred and thirty-seven pupils were enrolled for the course, which covered a period of fifteen school days. The average weekly attendance figures were: 79-105-105.

The project was a community affair, all denominations participating and as such proved a great success.

There were classes for Beginners, Primary Boys, Primary Girls, Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Intermediate Boys and Intermediate Girls. The curriculum consisted of Bible studies, childhood songs and handicraft.

The staff of teachers, directed by Rev. William J. Hayes, was made up of Mrs. Mary Wyatt, Mrs. Henry Welsh, Miss Anne Welsh, Miss Gladys Smith, Miss Frances Peters, Miss Betty Ferguson, Miss Louise Hanson, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Matthew Day, Mrs. William J. Hayes, Mrs. Carl Stamm, Rev. Howell S. Foster, Miss Mildred Marley, Miss Eleanor Marley, Miss Cora Shorrock and William Entwistle.

Closing exercises were held last Friday morning, at which time the work of the pupils was displayed for the benefit of the adults who attended.

One of the noteworthy exhibits was a wooden model of the Ark of the Covenant, fashioned by the Intermediate Boys, under the guidance of Rev. Howell S. Foster.

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### OUR YOUNG PEOPLE—ARE THEY IRRELIGIOUS?

The article that follows was written by Mrs. Kearny, Educational Secretary of Philadelphia Sunday School Association:

Why should we spend much time raising our hands in horror at the wild antics of the younger generation, when the more important question is: "What are we doing about it?"

If we are appalled at the crime waves, the increasing divorce evil and the "hootch parties"—aren't they reminders that the American home is not providing our children with the proper moral and religious training?

And is the Church and Sunday School measuring up to the job of inculcating higher ideals of conduct in our children?

It is estimated that 54 per cent. of the population of Philadelphia are without any Church affiliation whatsoever, either Jewish, Roman Catholic or Protestant. The Jewish and the Roman Catholic faiths have been successful in conserving their membership by a system of special schools where their children are rooted and grounded in the faith of their fathers.

The Protestant denominations have not realized, as yet, the importance of enlightened religious training to follow the process of evangelism. Evangelism is of great importance but it must be supplemented by religious training to develop the moral and spiritual character of the child.

The 716 Protestant Sunday Schools of Philadelphia, with a total enrollment of 17,364 teachers and officers and 227,276 scholars, are fighting a valiant battle against the forces of unrighteousness, but they have greatly limited themselves by the small time devoted to instruction. The present-day Sunday School meets only once a week, and only a part of their session is directly devoted to Biblical instruction.

It often happens that the Sunday School rooms are not planned adequately for School purposes—a condition that would not be tolerated in a public school system. Then, the work is often limited by the lack of experienced, trained teachers—again a condition that would not be tolerated. When you consider these limitations it is marvelous what the Sunday School and Church has accomplished in spite of unnecessary handicaps.

The childhood and youth of today will build our institutions, our Churches and the Christian program of tomorrow. Whether these will remain true to the Christian ideal of life, greatly depends on present-day religious instruction.

When Japan made the momentous decision to change its civilization from the backward ideals of the Orient, it was achieved in a generation by a drastic revision of her educational system.

In 1872 the Japanese Emperor declared that he did not want a single village with an ignorant family in it or a single family with an ignorant member in it. As a result, Japan in a single generation, was transformed into one of the five greatest powers of the earth.

"Give us the young and we will create a new mind and a new earth in a single generation," said Benjamin Kidd.

To that end the Philadelphia Sunday School Association is developing a program of religious education that shall reach into every one of the 716 Sunday Schools of our city and make them bigger and better, more attractive and more efficient in their educational program and their teaching personnel.

They are also developing a program of Week-day Religious Instruction to enable each Church to give their own children one or more hours of extra week-day instruction. There is, in this plan, no violation of the idea of complete separation



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of Church and State—each child is sent to his own Church for this training. During the summer months more and more Vacation Bible Schools are being planned for.

But, more important, we are training a corps of teachers to become consecrated and well-informed workers in the Master's Vineyard. Instead of haphazard teaching, we are offering instruction in pedagogy and the Bible which will bring the Sunday School teacher to a point of effectiveness reached, through training by the public school teacher.

In the last analysis nothing matters in life but Christian character, and this can be developed by teaching the childhood of our race the love of Jesus Christ and a knowledge of the principles for which he stands.

COMMUNION SERVICE

We deplore the indifference of so many of our folks to this service. It is evidently not a part of their life. Those who keep near to the sacrificial life of our Lord, are never found wanting in their church life. Can we count on you to be present at the Communion Service on November 1st.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

A Community Thank-giving service will be held in the Grace Reformed Church on November 26th. In spite of hard times and depression, there is much for which we should give thanks. Remember that our greatest blessings are not material but spiritual.

FOR THE REMINDER

A bread and cake sale for the purpose of securing funds to continue the publication of this paper will be held some time this month. Donations will be received for this purpose by Mrs. Neely and Mrs. Fred Shivers.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Those who desire to place flowers on the pulpit will please see the flower committee. Mrs. Neely, Mrs. Walter Binkin, Mrs. Kenworthy and Mrs. Ashton. They will be glad to follow your suggestions as to the Sunday best suited for you.

The pastor would like to know of those who are sick. It may be that sometimes he is accused of negligence—when he is not aware of sickness. You can help the church and you can also help your minister by promptly reporting to him any sickness that you know of.

MISSION CIRCLE

This organization met on Monday evening, October 19th. Mrs. R. Moorehead presided, and Mrs. Neely was the leader of the study period. The circle will begin its White Cross Work for a hospital in Assam, India at the next meeting in November. You can help here by sending old muslin. This is cut into squares for hospital use.

The following poem which was used by the pastor in a sermon preached on a recent Sunday morning is published in this issue by request.

If I should die tonight  
My friends would call to mind with  
loving thought  
Some kindly deed the icy hand had  
wrought,  
Some gentle word the frozen lips had  
said,  
Hands on which the willing feet  
had sped,  
The memory of my selfishness and  
pride,  
My hasty word, would all be cast  
aside,  
And so I should be mourned tonight.

O friends I pray tonight  
Keep not your kisses for my cold  
dead brow  
The way is lonely—let me feel them  
now,  
Think gently of me; I am travel worn  
My faltering feet are pierced with  
many a thorn  
Forgive! O hearts estranged, forgive  
I plead  
When dreamless sleep is come, I shall  
not need  
The tenderness for which I long to-  
night.

Robert C. V. Myers.

DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

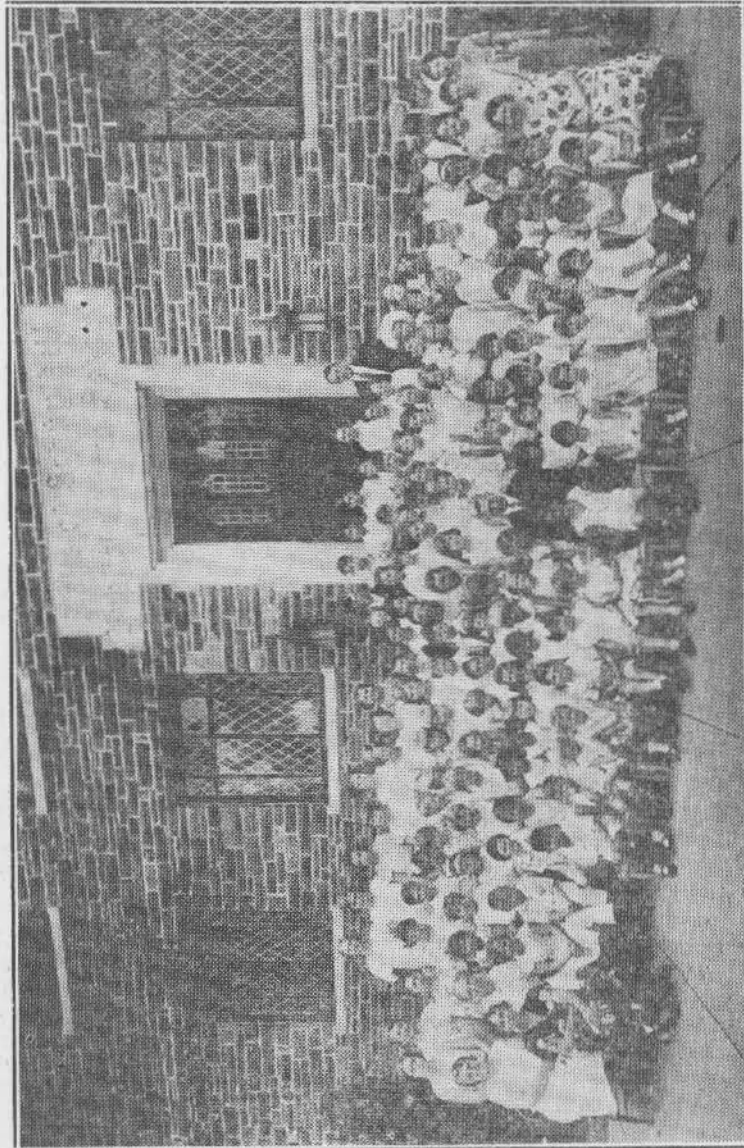
Promotion Day was observed in our school on September 27th under the direction of Superintendent Harold Moorehead. Certificates of promotion were granted to many children. The Departments, represented in the advancing students were: Beginners, Primary, Junior and Intermediate.

Mr. W. E. Elcome of the Oak Lane Church presented the dipomas, and urged the scholars to a closer life of devotion, and the workers in the school to greater diligence in their work with the children. It was a very happy affair, and reflected the thoroughness of the Department work of our school.

Rally Day was observed on October 11th. The program consisted of contributions of singing, brief addresses, recital of scripture by the

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DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL.

various departments and classes.

Several new pupils are reported in recent weeks, and it would seem that notwithstanding the greatly increased space afforded by our new building, that we will in the future be greatly taxed for room.

**A RECIPE FOR BETTER DAYS.**

We are all anxious for the return of prosperity. One of the best and sure ways to bring this about is to live and practice the words of Matt. 6:33. "Seek ye first the Kingdom and its righteousness—and all other

things shall be added unto you."

It is a well known truth that most of our troubles spring from our forgetfulness of God.—Prosperity never comes, where God is forgotten. The history of fallen nations is unquestioned proof of this statement.

And the only way—to make sure it's return, is to find our way back to God. We can write a new beatitude, "Blessed is the nation—that forgetteth not God."

Harry B. Binkin.

#### THE OTHER FELLOW'S SIDE.

When you're forming your opinions  
Do it carefully—then go slow;  
Hasty judgments oft are followed  
By regretting—that I know.  
And in argument be careful  
Not too quickly to deride—  
Try to look upon the subject  
From the other fellow's side.

Ah, if we would use but caution,  
And a little less of self;  
Think a little more of kindness:  
And a little less of self;  
Try to help the other fellow,  
Not to hurt him, don't you see  
How much fairer, brighter, better  
This old world of ours would be?

Keep the path your mind would  
travel  
Broad and open all the way,  
Walk with Wisdom's comrade Cau-  
tion,  
Heeding all he has to say,  
And no matter what arises,  
Ere against it you have cried,  
Try to look upon the subject  
From the other fellow's side.—  
Selected.

#### DASHED TOGETHER.

Mrs. Birkmire had the misfortune to fall and bruise herself. At the present writing she is on the way to recovery.

Mr. Harry Baistow is confined to his room again. While he is a very sick man, his friends are hopeful for his recovery to strength.

We are happy to report that Mrs. Rawnsley has sufficiently improved for her recent illness to be around her room.

Flowers on the pulpit for the month of October were supplied by Thomas Moorehead, Hamilton Moorehead, Mr. John Wyatt and Mr. Hayes.

The James S. Swartz have entered the Church League for Shuffleboard contests. They are also having a series of games with the Pencoyd Club.

This winter promises to be interesting for the members of the aforesaid class.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Moorehead were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Stimson of Atlantic City. We were all happy to hear that Mrs. Stimson was considerably improved in health although she is still under the care of her physician.

Mrs. Walter Binkin and Mrs. Brown are members of the chorus choir of the Gypsy Smith campaign.

Mrs. Ashton's class of girls are selling calendars to help their class funds. If you intend to purchase a calendar this year—be very sure and see these girls.

Mrs. Eisbrenner has taken a class of boys in the Intermediate Department of our Church School. We hope these boys will appreciate the fine ministry of their teacher.

Several of our young people who went to Colegeville this last year reported their experiences and reactions in the Sunday School on a recent date.

The Ladies Class under the direction of Mrs. Dunkerly continues a real ministry of usefulness both in our church and school. The interest is growing and the teaching is helpful both to life and service.

Another new teacher in our Church School is Ada Pemperton. Ada is a Collegevillian, and is demonstrating what Collegeville means as the teacher of a fine class of boys.

At the recent Rally Day observance in the Church School the Ladies Class presented a novelty in the form of one attired in old copies of the Reminder. Mrs. Stamm on behalf of the class presented the cause of the church paper. Miss Morison originated the idea—which was immensely novel and unusually effective.

The Annual Fall Donation Day and Supper of the Baptist Home for aged ladies will be held at the home on November 19th. Supper will be served from 3 to 8 o'clock. You can secure tickets for the same from Mrs. W. J. Binkin. Come and sit at the table of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church. As this table is presided over by our own managers you will be sure to receive prompt service.



# James S. Swartz Expired From Infirmities of Age At His New York Home

**Benefactor of Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church Passed Away on Tuesday Afternoon.—Won High Position in Rail and Steamship Circles.—Erected Memorial Building in Honor of His Parents For Religious Instruction**

Word was received here on Tuesday evening that the death of James Simmons Swartz, LL. D., of 12 West 44th street, New York City, occurred a few hours earlier in the day.

Mr. Swartz, a former resident of this section, and for many years an active member and officer of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church and Sunday School, was 91 years old, and expired from the natural causes of age.

He was the greatest benefactor of the Falls Baptist congregation, which he joined as a young man, and but two years ago provided the funds to erect and furnish the Christian and Eliza Swartz Memorial Church School, on Midvale avenue, in honor of his father and mother.

James Simmons Swartz was born March 21st, 1840, at Black Rock, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

When about two years of age his family removed to Lawrenceville, which is now known as Parkersford, in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

He attended the village school, until about eleven years old, when he was sent to the military school of Colonel J. B. Bachelder, at Reading, Pa.

In 1854, his family moved to the Falls of Schuylkill, and James, then fourteen, was put to work at \$30 per month, to earn his own living. At the end of two years he was sent to the public schools of this

city, and then to the Central High School, which he left early in 1858 to take a position as clerk and telegraph operator in the Reading Railroad Company's Pottstown office.

In 1859 he returned to Philadelphia and entered a merchantile house as a bookkeeper. On August 26th, 1859, his father's life was ended by a fatal accident on the Reading Railroad.

One of his most eventful years was in 1862, when about the middle of the year he responded to the call of Governor Curtin for volunteers to protect Pennsylvania from rebel invasion, as a member of Captain John Dobson's Company "I" of the Blue Reserves.

Sometime in the same year, after returning from the brief military campaign, as he was taking a street car to go into the city to accept an offer of storekeeper and clerk at a coal mine in Pennsylvania, the

## JOURNEYS ON



**JAMES S. SWARTZ, LL. D.**

Whose death occurred on Tuesday afternoon, at his home in New York. Mr. Swartz, a former resident of East Falls, served for more than 25 years as superintendent of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Sunday School.

accidental and seemingly trivial incident of meeting a friend changed the whole course of his life and led to the following occupations: Clerkship with Leech & Company, Eastern Agents of the Pennsylvania Railroad; Cashier of the Star Union & National Union Fast Freight Lines of the same road; Treasurer of the Empire Transportation Company, and its subsidiary, the Empire Pipe Line. For the latter the Standard Oil Company subsequently paid some millions of dollars.

He was afterward President and Treasurer of the Erie and Western Transportation Company, a lake and rail line. This company owned a large fleet of steamers on the Great Lakes. Later Mr. Swartz held the position of treasurer of the Connecting Terminal R. R. Company, and also of the Western Warehousing Company.

In October 1877, he was selected

treasurer of the International Navigating Company of Pennsylvania, and a few years later of its successor, the International Navigating Company of New Jersey, which with greatly increased capital became the International Merchantile Marine Company in 1902 and the owner of several other large trans-Atlantic companies, such as the White Star, the Atlantic Transport, the Dominion and Leyland Line. He continued his connection with this company until October 1st, 1907, when he resigned.

Mr. Swartz was one of the organizers of the Baptist Social Union, of Philadelphia on March 5th, 1874, and for two years, in 1883 and 1884, was President of the organization. He was a member of the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Publication Society for a number of years and treasurer of various Baptist organizations in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania. He served from 1868, for twenty-five years, as the superintendent of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Sunday School.

On October 25th, 1888, he was elected a member of the Board of Managers of the Y. M. C. A. in Philadelphia. On January 10th, 1884, he was elected to membership on the Board of Trustees of Bucknell University, and was made president of the Board in January, 1917.

In 1903 he received from Bucknell University the honorary degree of A. M., and in 1923, the degree of LL. D.

On May 5th, 1913, he was made a member of George G. Meade Post, No. 1, of the G. A. R.

Mr. Swartz was a member of the City Club of New York and had been a member of the Union League of Philadelphia for 23 years.

He was chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bucknell University since his election thereto in 1917.

The deceased will be on view this evening (Thursday) in the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, on Indian Queen lane above Ridge avenue, and the funeral services will be held in the same church, tomorrow afternoon at 2 P. M. The interment will be made in West Laurel Hill Cemetery.

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## Obituaries JAMES S. SWARTZ

Shipping Man, 91, Was Chairman of Bucknell University Board

Funeral services will be held tomorrow for James Simmons Swartz, chairman of the board of trustees, of Bucknell University, who died Tuesday at his home in New York. Mr. Swartz was 91.

At one time Mr. Swartz was treasurer of the International Mercantile Marine and other navigation companies. He was a life member of the Union League, this city. He was born in Black Rock, Montgomery county, and was educated in the Philadelphia public schools.

Funeral services will be held in the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church.

SWARTZ.—At his residence, 12 W. 44th st., New York, Dec. 17, 1931, JAMES SIMMONS SWARTZ, A. M., LL. D., in his 92d year. Relatives and friends are invited to services Fri., 1.30 P. M., at the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, where he will lie in state Thurs. eve. from 8 to 10 o'clock, and Fri. from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M. Int. West Laurel Hill Cem.

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## JAMES S. SWARTZ WILLS BIG ESTATE

Chairman of Bucknell Trustees  
Leaves Large Fund to  
University

### GIFTS TO PHILA. RELATIVES

Gifts are made to Philadelphia and Pennsylvania relatives and organizations in the will of James S. Swartz, chairman of the board of trustees of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa. The document is on file for probate in New York.

The value of the large estate will not be known until a tax appraisal is made. Mr. Swartz, former treasurer of the International Mercantile Marine Company, died December 16, and is buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery here. He was 91, a graduate of Central High School, Civil War veteran an outstanding figure in the development of transportation and a student of the history of East Falls and Manayunk.

Mr. Swartz, who was awarded an L. L. D. by Bucknell, in 1923, had an extensive collection of books, papers, illustrations and newspaper clippings on the early history of East Falls and Manayunk, including obituary notices of early residents, and of the University of Pennsylvania. These are left to the Free Library branch at East Falls. If the library declines the bequest, the collection goes to a nephew, James R. Swartz, 3623 Ainslie st., Falls of Schuylkill.

The latter receives a gold watch and chain and \$1,000 yearly for life. On his death his wife, Annie Bishop Swartz is to receive \$500 yearly. Conrad F. Mills, a grandnephew, 4424 Sansom st., receives \$3,000. A niece, Ethel Swartz Diehm, 3623 Ainslie st., receives \$15,000, as does the Crozer Theological Seminary, at Upland, Pa. Halle Richter Swartz, sister-in-law, 3534 Ainslie st., gets \$800 yearly for life, which goes to her daughter, Helen C. Swartz, on her death.

Nettie G. Swartz, sister-in-law, 4424 Sansom st., receives \$1,200 yearly for life and life use of that property. On her death, Conrad F. Mills receives a life interest in the property, after which it is to be sold. The trusts all eventually go to Bucknell University, which is to administer the annuities. Should it decline, the residue is to be divided equally among the Baptist Orphanage, Roosevelt Boulevard and Pennypack Circle, the American Baptist Publication Society, of Philadel-

phia, and the American Baptist Home Missionary Society, New York.

Bequests left to others include: Katherine S. Rankin, cousin, 647 N. 9th st., Reading; Anna C. Thomas, cousin, 381 Spruce st., Pottstown, and Clara J. Lear, Mennonite Home, Souderton, each \$500 yearly for life; Florence G. Hoffman, cousin, White Plains, N. Y., \$2,500; Baptist Orphanage, Angora, and Alfred P. Palmer, a friend, Brooklyn, each \$5,000; Mary E. O'Toole, niece, 1 Broadway, New York, all wearing apparel; Women's College of Bucknell University, all furniture and furnishings, which, if declined, go to the Art Museum in Fairmount Park; Bucknell University, other books and papers, which, if declined, go to the library in East Falls.

Mr. Swartz was born at Black Rock, Montgomery county, was a clerk and telegraph operator for the Reading Railroad in Pottstown in 1858, became first cashier of the Star Union and National Union Fast Freight Lines and later treasurer of the Empire Transportation Co. and Empire Pipe Line, which the Standard Oil Co. later took over.

Mr. Swartz was a bachelor and a member of the Union League here.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1931.

## James Simmons Swartz

Sadness followed the announcement of the death of James Simmons Swartz, LL. D., of New York, early this week.

Mr. Swartz, who died from the infirmities of age, in his 92nd year, joined the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, on March 21st, of 1858, and although he reached a high pinnacle in commercial and educational life, which work called him away from his old home and friends, he never ceased to hold a fond regard for the acquaintances, events, and institutions of his young manhood.

But two years have elapsed since he generously contributed the funds to erect and fully equip a building—in honor of his parents—to inculcate religious truths in the hearts, minds and souls of youths for generations which are yet to follow.

James S. Swartz lived a life of extreme usefulness for his fellowmen, and personified in every word and action—practical Christianity—and the Creator, who has called him to the Life Everlasting, must surely have greeted him with open arms and could say with all sincerity, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

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## J. S. Swartz Is Eulogized At Funeral

Official of Bucknell University Buried on Friday

TH R O N G ATTENDS

Service Held in Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church

James Simmons Swartz, LL. D., transportation and educational leader, whose death notice appeared in last week's issue of this newspaper, was laid to rest in West Laurel Hill Cemetery, on Friday afternoon, following services held in the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, on Indian Queen lane, where he had been a member, and officer for many years.

Miss Martha Adams, organist, played as the prelude, "Prayer," by Loret, and "Dead March from Saul," by Handel, as the postlude at the final services. Flowers banked the entire front of the church.

Prayer was made by Rev. Dr. Thomas Cross, of Atlantic City, N. J., after which Mrs. Walter J. Binkin sang, "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," by Ambrose.

Rev. William J. Hayes, pastor of the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, made the Scripture reading, and paid a splendid tribute to Mr. Swartz, who died in his 92nd year, as a gracious character, a warm friend, a pioneer educator of young people, a courageous fighter against odds, and a faithful Christian at all times.

At the conclusion of Mr. Hayes' eulogy, George J. Johnston sang "Angels Ever Bright," by Handel.

Emery L. Hunt, LL. D., president of Bucknell University—where Mr. Swartz had served as president of the Board of Trustees since 1917 until the time of his death—spoke affectionately of the many achievements and kindness of the deceased, in various capacities at Bucknell, with which he had been connected for more than seventy years.

The choir sang, "Abide With Me," previous to a final address of praise, made by Rev. Milton G. Evans, president of Crozer Theological Seminary. The services ended with prayer by Mr. Hayes.

The honorary pall-bearers were: Alfred P. Palmer, William C. Walls, A. M.; Rush H. Kress, Ph. B.; Samuel Emery, E. G. Anderson, John Wyatt, Harry B. Binkin and Harold Moorehead. Attending the services was a detachment of Civil War veterans of General George Meade Post, No. 1, of the G. A. R., under command of Captain John O. Foering.

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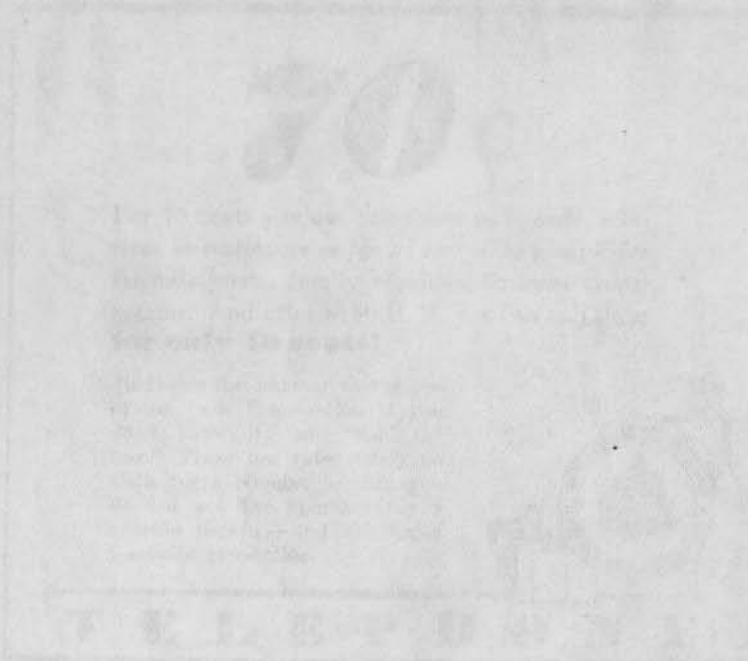


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**WILL EXHIBIT PICTURES**

Through the courtesy of the Free Library of Philadelphia, the Dr. Charles K. Mills' Collection of old pictures of places and persons connected with the past history of the Falls of Schuylkill, will be exhibited at the Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church School, Indian Queen lane, above Ridge avenue, on Thursday evening of next week. Explanations of the pictures will be given by A. C. Chadwick, Jr. The public is invited to attend.



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MR. SWARTZ.

### JAMES SIMMONS SWARTZ, L.L.D.

The shadows of a winter day were quietly creeping through the window when our friend James S. Swartz fell asleep. For him life had been a long, long pilgrimage. The Psalmist writes "That the days of our years are three score and ten. Life's unit of measurement is a day, the years are very few.

The journey of our friend lengthened far beyond the average span of life, stretching out with little abatement of mental energies to the ripe age of four score years and ten.

A poet has written:  
"O! sirs, the good die young.

But they, whose hearts are dry as summer dust.  
Burn to a socket."

The poets observation of life, evidently did not extend to a knowledge of many people—like our friend. His sympathies were as expansive as the sky—and there was never a worthy cause, if it was brought to his attention that did not win his support.

His connection with our church goes back to the year 1854, when, he came to our Sunday School. A few years later he united with the church. His natural gifts of leadership won recognition in election to the Board of Trustees, on which he served, for sixty-eight years. As a leader in the field of youth—he seemed destined to play a large part. His first contact in this promising field of service was as the Superintendent of our Sunday School. Those who were members of the church school that was a beehive of activity. They speak of the superintendent of those days as a young man of splendid physical presence. They speak of him as a singer with a voice of great tenderness and appeal. Truly it is not too much to say that the history of this church for the last seventy years is interwoven in a very intimate way around, the life of James Simmons Swartz.

"The real leader is one who makes his own paths." Our friend was a pioneer. He carved his own trails. In his contact with youth he was quick to discern—the necessity for new methods of instruction. He had a conviction—that religious instruction should be given with special reference to age, and interests. In other words—he believed that children should be graded in the church school. It was under this conviction that the Beginners and the Primary departments were separated from the rest of the school, and later he provided the splendid building -- which allows for the thorough grading of the school. He has built himself into the lives of others, and the greatest word



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Miss Lister's class believe in sharing with others. They sent a donation to the Chinese Sunday School to help in the children's Xmas. The other classes that exemplified this sharing spirit are: the Philathea class, Miss Pemberton's class of boys. Other classes doubtless helped, and shared with those who had not. The Church School observed Donation Day for the orphanage last Sunday. There were many gifts of foodstuffs and money. The Sunday School voted five dollars to help buy candy for the mission schools.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Stanley Verbeck has the distinction of a perfect attendance for an entire year. It is natural to expect this fine report of Stanley. The Junior Department observed Christmas by a special and interesting program on December 20th. Songs, recitations and other features—constituted a very enjoyable program.

PRIMARY AND BEGINNERS.

This group of our church school had their usual Xmas party on December 26th. They played games, and each scholar was the recipient of a toy and a box of candy.

DREAMING.

We are happy to submit two poems written by Mildred Marley. A poet is one who can see what no one else can see. Mildred has the gift of seeing. Read this poem:

"Dull grey  
The sky,  
The distant twinkling stars  
Dance in the heavens.  
Grey black  
The earth.

The sweet aroma of the dew-dipped  
flowers.  
Cold breezes blow  
Inviting me to dream  
Of sheer impossibilities."

YOUNG PEOPLE'S NOTES.

Several of our young people attended the District B. Y. P. U. banquet on December 12th. A feature of the program was a recitation given by Edith Goodman. Edith is very much in demand as an entertainer, and no wonder—for she is always good.

The District B. Y. P. U. entertained the old folks at the Gorgas Home on December 22nd.

Our young people wish to thank all who helped in the sale of the Christmas cards.

Ruth Shaw.

XMAS PROGRAM.

The program on Sunday evening December 20th, stands out as one of the high marks of musical programs. Our choir has always been good, and of fine programs we have had many. The program on Sunday evening was no exception. Organist, chorister and choir acquitted themselves splendidly.

A feature of this service was antiphonal singing by the children. As usual they sang with rare sweetness --making very effective the musical selection--the rendition of which they were permitted to share.

DREAMS.

"Oft wond'ring what the future holds  
I find I care not who makes bold  
To cross my path—to walk with me,—  
I only find when I grow old.  
I can look back and always hold.  
The subject of each memory  
Enshrined within a love divine  
A part of its and part of mine"

Soft, sweet,  
Old music  
Memories!  
Low, sweet,  
new croons  
Dreams!

Mildred Marley.

STATED MEETINGS.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 8 p. m. Church school business meeting on 3rd Wednesday every month. Mission Circle on third Monday of every month. Ladies' Aid, meets also on the third Monday of every month. The Board of Trustees meet on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

A PERSONAL GREETING

FROM AFAR.

Our fellow-member in far away South India sends a message of love and cheer for the New Year to every boy and girl, and to every man and woman in our Church and School. Miss Morris is always glad to hear news of progress in our church. She enjoys hearing of our fine fellowship—but rejoices most of all when there is spiritual growth. For spiritual blessings in our church she prays. Her days are very full with ministrations to fellow missionaries—but crowding duties, can never crowd out the kind and the loving remembrance she has for her friends in the home church.

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### A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE.

The New Year has come again. This landmark in time is the time of starting anew. I wonder where we will start? One is very sure that the only place to begin anew is in our spiritual life. "Seek ye first of all the Kingdom of Heaven." The important phase of life is spiritual. If then you would build well--start the New Year with God. Give your church a larger place in your time and thought. This old world just now is full of trouble. There are those who seek the causes of this international depression in matters that pertain to our economic superstructure. One is persuaded that the cause of this trouble is deeper than this. The world has forgotten God. We ruled His law and love out of our lives. We made money our God. The shrine of pleasure and indolence was our altar—and here we worshipped.

History is repeating itself in our experience—and unless we read in the events of the day a divine judgment, and acknowledge our sins of forgetfulness—and mend our ways—the iron hand of calamity will not cease to press upon us. To all members of our church then I plead—that the New Year will witness, on your part—a greater love for Christ. A greater belief in the efficacy of prayer, and a greater devotion—to your Lord and to his church.

### DASHED TOGETHER.

Class donations to the Reminder fund are as follows. The Philathea Class \$5.00. Mrs. Neely's Class \$5.00. We appreciate these gifts for the continuance of our church paper.

Mrs. Turner of North 35th St. is still a very sick lady. We will remember her in our prayers, and desire her recovery to health and strength.

Miss Jennie Hartopp is greatly improved, and we trust that before long she will be able to resume her regular duties.

We are happy to greet little "Bobby" Bell, a sturdy fine looking boy—who has come to grace the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell of Tilden St. A baby boy in a Christian home has a good start in life. We welcome the baby and congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Bell.

Lorraine Olivia Felgel was dedicated to God in an impressive ceremony on December 20th. Mr. and Mrs. Felgel are active in our church school. Regarding this service the pastor will be glad to officiate in this

capacity if notice is given of at least a week.

The contest between the men's classes of various churches for shuffle-board supremacy is still going on. Last reports stated that Fall's Baptist was in the second place. Not so good—We should not be satisfied with less than the leading place.

Mr. Wyatt with customary forethought had made provision for the Xmas decorations this year by a beautifully lighted wreath. Mrs. Brown donated the beautiful poinsettia plants in memory of her husband and sister, and Mr. William Ashton furnished the trees.

The flowers for the pulpit during the last month were supplied by: Memorial flowers by Mr. and Mrs. John Howatt, Mrs. Mame Ashton, Mr. Harry Binkin's class of young men. Mr. Samuel Moorehead and Mr. Walter J. Binkin.

Mrs. Rawnsley who was sick for so long has made a wonderful recovery, and while she is not able as yet to go out of doors, she is able to be up and around in her room.

The proceeds from the cake sale held last month for the Reminder amounted to \$74.00. The pastor takes this opportunity of thanking the committee for their splendid work.

The ushers for the month of January will be: Mr. John Howatt, Mr. Martin Birkmire, Mr. Frank Noll and Mr. John Ashton.

Did you see the artistry displayed in some of our class rooms and departments. Who were the artists? you ask. Mildred Birstow and Eleanor Marley.

Miss Ella Roberts who is better known to the older members of our church is critically ill at the Delaware Hospital. She was financial secretary for many years, and was always one hundred per cent loyal to the church she loved.

The pastor had a delightful visit with Mr. and Mrs. Stinson on a recent date. We are happy to see that Mrs. Stinson is improving in health. We hope that this improvement will continue.

The pastor and officials of the church extend to our congregation greetings and best wishes for the New Year.

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## MORBUS SABBATICUS.

Is an ecclesiastical disease—a disease that is exceedingly prevalent among church members. The symptoms of this disease vary, but there are very few instances, where it has been known to affect the appetite of the patient. Strange as it may seem it never lasts more than twenty-four hours, and no physician is ever required to prescribe. But the end is always fatal. It is fatal to the soul. There are thousands of church members who are trying to delude themselves—that it is no great sin to stay at home, and any analysis of the excuses offered for staying at home, are in the majority of cases too ridiculous, even to be considered.

Here is an excuse—that is common. "I didn't feel well this morning,"—but this was the truth. On Saturday night this man was well enough to go to a show, and stay out until midnight. He slept well that night—and his wife reported that he ate a very good breakfast—and that he did not complain of not feeling well until the church bell reminded him that it was time for service. His sickness was very much present (in his mind) for nearly two hours, then all at once he felt better, so that he could eat a very hearty dinner, after which he went motoring and upon his return, read the Sunday papers. He eats a very generous supper, after which Mr. Morbus Sabbaticus makes his appearance, and the Sabbath day for that man has passed away, with no thought of God, or the fine things of life for which the church stands. There is one thing we would dearly love to have printed, and urge every member of our church to hang where its words will flash across their eyes. "If I stay away from church I am casting a vote to make that service a failure, and so far as I am concerned the service will be a failure."

## COMMUNION.

Our Church will observe the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning, February 7th at 10.15 o'clock. Some of you who will read this announcement will ask yourselves—how long is it, since I communed? It matters not. How long ago it is, you can make amends by being present on the morning of February 7th.

## WHAT IS CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

"Its doing your job the best you can,  
And being just to your fellow man;  
Its figuring how and learning why,  
And looking forward and thinking high,  
And dreaming a little and doing much;  
Its keeping always in closest touch  
With what is finest in word and deed;  
Its being thorough, not making speed;  
Its doing blithly the field of chance  
While making labor a brave romance;  
Its being clean and its playing fair;  
Its laughing lightly at Dame Despair,  
Its sharing sorrow, and work, and mirth,  
And making better this good old earth;  
Its serving, striving, through strain and stress;  
Its trusting Him and doing your best."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Washington Birthday party given by the Ladies Bible Class. Don't forget the date February 22nd. A good time (as is usual) will amply repay your presence.

Look out in the near future (date to be announced) for a lecture on The History of the Falls of Schuylkill by Mr. A. C. Chadwick. This will be illustrated. Look for further announcements.

A series of sermons on the Parables



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of our Lord will begin shortly. These sermons, will be preached on successive Sunday evenings.

**MISS ELLA ROBERTS.**

This splendid Christian woman passed away very quietly at Wilmington on Tuesday, January 12th. In her passing, another link which binds this church to a splendid past is broken. She was financial secretary for more than twenty-five years, and it was only her removal from the district which necessitated her resignation.

Her Christian experience radiated through her whole life. She was patient in her illness, always content and happy, and helpful to those in need.

Many friends from near and far paid their testimony at her funeral services. Interment took place in Leverington cemetery.

**A NEW SET OF BEATITUDES**

Blessed is the man whose calendar contains prayer meeting night.

Blessed is the man who is faithful on a committee.

Blessed is the man who can endure an hour and five minutes in a place of worship as well as two hours in a place of amusement.

Blessed is the church officer who is not pessimistic.

Blessed is the man who loves his church with his pocketbook as well as with his heart.

Blessed is the man who has grace and gumption enough to leave his critical spirit on the sidewalk when he comes to church.

Blessed is the man whose watch keeps church time as well as business time.

Blessed is the man who loves his own church enough to praise it.

—Exchange.

**A LITTLE RHYME AND A LITTLE REASON**

Rev. Henry Anstadt, D.D.

If a man would be a soldier, he'd expect, of course, to fight;  
And he couldn't be an author if he didn't try to write.

So it isn't common logic, doesn't have a real, true ring,  
That a man to be a Christian doesn't have to do a thing.

If a man would be a hunter, he must go among the trees;  
And he couldn't be a sailor if he wouldn't sail the seas.  
How strange for any member of a church to think that he  
Can stay away from worship and a worthy member be!

When you join associations, you must pay up all your dues;  
And you pay for all you purchase,

from your hat down to your shoes.

There are social clubs for women, and the same for men and boys,  
But the members all expect to pay for what each one enjoys.

Then how is it that the members of a church can sit in pews,  
And expect some few to run it without others paying dues?  
The costs of operation must be met in church the same  
As in home or corporation or in work of any name.

Let us honestly consider why this difference we find,  
Between our church relations and every other kind.  
Our business obligations MUST be met, the laws provide;  
But the church is not insistent, so we let the matter slide.

May we undertake our duties for our church and for our Lord  
With such measure of devotion as accords with His own Word.  
If our human obligations thus are recognized, why then  
Surely God should have our service now and evermore. Amen.

**DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.**

Church Schools exist for the purpose of presenting moral and spiritual truths in such a way that they shall become inwrought as actual experiences in the lives of growing boys and girls. The objective is to make religion part of the life—not to impose it from without—but to evoke it from within—arousing the innate religious faculty which is the divine heritage of every human being. Such is the purpose of our school of Religious Education.

**IDEALS FOR CHRISTIAN TEACHERS.**

We believe that God's purpose is to help all men to grow toward Him in the likeness of Jesus Christ, thru the power of the Holy Spirit.

We desire to increase our awareness of God's presence and our allegiance to His purpose, seeking His help and guidance in all things.

We desire to enter with our children into a deeper and fuller realization of our membership in the church.

We desire to grow, and to help our pupils to grow, in the Christlike way of life.

We desire to establish with our pupils a fellowship wherein we may help each other to deepen and clarify our religious thinking.

We desire to make our group a practice-ground of Christian corporate living, working with our pupils

rather than for them.

We desire to give our pupils opportunities to develop initiative and the ability to make right choices.

We desire to respect the personalities and opinions of others, knowing that their contributions are needed for the building of the Kingdom.

We desire to identify ourselves with the needs and lives of others, and to accept our responsibility for bringing in a new world order of Christian fellowship and good-will.

We desire to be open-minded, constantly seeking with our pupils fresh interpretations of Christian truth.

#### INSTALLATION SERVICES.

Were held in the church auditorium on Sunday evening January 17th. The address of installation and the address of the evening was given by Mr. Williams of the Second Baptist Church of Germantown. The following officers were installed: Harold Moorehead, Supt.; William Fitzpatrick, Asst. Supt.; Thomas Moorehead, Secretary; Arthur Dickles, Asst. Secretary; William Ferguson, Treasurer; and Helen Lister and Mrs. Shivers, pianists.

Mr. Moorehead presided over the meeting and the speaker was introduced by Mr. Harry B. Binkin.

We bespeak for these leaders the support of the school and wish them a very successful year.

#### DEPARTMENT NOTES.

The Intermediate Department reported by Mrs. Binkin, Supt. an attendance contest between the boys and girls of this department—to continue for six months has been started. There is little question (that aside from the motive for endurance) the contest will arouse interest.

Charles Kemp and Stanley Head are the faithful assistants of the Superintendent in this department. They distribute, and collect all books and render any service that falls to their hand. This too may be training for future leadership.

#### JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

The honor roll for the past three months for this department include the following:-- Betty Walker, Marion Kelly, Marie Head, Thelma Kemp Sarah May Brown, Ruth Neely and Helen Goodman.

This means that these children have prepared all of their lessons—and performed the required work of each lesson. We congratulate them—and urge them to add to their numbers.

#### PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

A letter received by Mrs. Hardman of the Door of Hope Mission in China acknowledge receipt of a gift of money sent by the children. Its very

encouraging to know that these little ones are taught so early—the glory of unselfishness—and that others must have a share of what they have. We congratulate these children for their missionary interest.

#### OTHER ACTIVITIES.

The men's class have been victors in the last three contests for Shuffleboard supremacy. We are running West Side a close race. Our members are welcome to observe these contests. The class recently presented their teacher with a beautiful gold watch and chain. It was a deeply appreciated gift, and will always be associated with friendship in its highest and best expression.

#### YOUNG PEOPLES NOTES.

A splendid delegation of our younger and older people attended the golden anniversary of the B. Y. P. U. in the Baptist Temple on January the 21st. Dr. Greenway was the speaker.

On Friday January 22nd our Young People's Society organized a skating party. At present writing the casualties are unknown. They all had a fine time, and a fall is nothing if you have a time of enjoyment.

The District Rally will be held in the First Church of Manayunk on February 1st. The speaker will be Dr. Walker a former pastor of the church. All of our young people both in the church and school are urged to be present.

We expect to witness a revival of interest in our young people's society. The young people are eager to do something which is worth while, and we are confident that a wise selection of leaders, will produce satisfying results.

Ruth Shaw.

#### MARRIAGE

Miss Elsie Emmett and Mr. Horace Griffin were united in marriage by the pastor on January 9th. They were attended by the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett of Cresson street. After the ceremony the young couple left for Wildwood, N. J. for their honeymoon. Mrs. Griffin is a member of our church, and enjoys popularity among a great circle of friends.

#### USHERS.

The appointed ushers for the month of February are: Mr. William Jones, Mr. Theiss Davies, Mr. William Moorehead and Mr. Henry Welsh.

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**IN MEDITATION.**

Many are the things in life that bring peace to the heart; here are some of them. After the noise, and the raucous voice of the city, the low murmur of the waves in the twilight. After the storm the sunset. And when the work of the day is done, and its discords are covered with the darkness—then home, and the coziness of the old arm chair.

**DASHED TOGETHER.**

We congratulate Elizabeth Jones, and Edith Goodman, for obtaining the first prize in the departments of music and elocution, at the recent Welsh festival, held in Welsh Presbyterian Church, Fairmont Ave. This is the second year these girls have been so honored.

In making mention of the Christmas decorations in our last issue we overlooked the Primary Department. Maybe the reason for the omission was—that the artistic in this department is the usual, and in other departments it is the unusual. It is an art to illustrate, with frequency—but our primary department has an illustrator of skill in Miss Elizabeth Welsh.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. Rawnsley, who was just recovering from a long illness, is now nursing a broken arm, due to a fall.

Mrs. Turner of North 35th street who has been ill for some time re-

mains in very much the same condition. It is to be hoped that the advent of the warmer weather will bring a great change for the better.

We all unite in sending our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Stinson in the loss sustained by the passing of their brother, Mr. John Ayrton. Mr. Ayrton was an older resident of the Falls and was well known and esteemed highly by a large number of friends.

Mrs. Pickles and Miss Illingworth are on the list of the sick folks of the church. At the time of writing they are slowly improving, and we hope to see them at the church service before long.

The flowers for January were supplied by: Mrs. R. Birkmire, Miss Illingworth, and Mrs. Pickles. Mrs. Singer, Mrs. Jetter and a memorial bouquet by Mr. Harry Binkin.

Mr. Robert Birkmire is on the list of our sick folks, and is confined to his apartment on Indian Queen Lane.

Several of our people are unemployed. If any member of the church knows of a position, if he will communicate with the pastor, an effort will be made to help the jobless.

We are always under a great debt of obligation to Mrs. Brown for the way she brightens up our platform with gifts of flowers and plants. We are very sure that such thoughtfulness and kindness is not unappreciated.



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## EASTERTIDE.

In the course of calendared events, does this great festival of our faith come. It come in the welcome Springtime. Then do we welcome the warming caress of the sun after the cheerless winter. We feel the wooing of the soft winds from the South. We see around and about the stirrings of nature which is already preparing for her new summer clothing. For the soul of man Easter means, Resurrection. There was a time when resurrection and immortality were only a guess. Now they stand as the answer to man's age long question "If a man die shall he live again?" The story of the first Easter morning is convincing. The glimmer of the pagan ghost world has brightened into the gleam of the Christians heaven. The idea of immortality is not new. The Egyptians centuries before Christ placed seeds in the coffin of their dead for their spirits to feed upon when they returned to the well-preserved body.

The longing, the groping, the reach for everlastingness were planted in our heart by God. He will bring all the seeds of desire to harvest. His promises are very sure. He never builds up the structure of our hopes for the pleasure of knocking them down. God is a God of love. Someone writes "Man has a body but is a soul."

Robert Browning sings:--

"O never star

Was lost; here

We all aspire to heaven and there  
is a heaven

Above us.

If I stoop

Into a dark tremendous sea of cloud.

It is but for a time; I press God's  
lamp.

Close to my breast; its splendour  
soon or late

Will pierce the gloom. I shall  
emerge some day."

As "Pilgrims of the Infinite we are  
going on—lifetime, as we know it

here is too short a time for a mother to pour out her love. The sweep of existence must reach beyond the barrier we call death if we are to fulfill our destiny. The harvest of our hopes—this will come in the aftermath of this life—this is the golden promise of Easter. How quickly does the evening of "life little day" come. We barely get started on our life's work—when the gray of approaching night begins to throw its sombre shadows. Robert Louis Stevenson hurries to complete the journey of "The Great North Road" before disease rings down the curtain of exit from the stage of life. Dan Crawford following in the steps of Livingstone has just started to shine the the lamp of the gospel in darkened Africa when the call comes to go home.

But the story of that other life is a story where the incomplete shall be made complete. Death is only a pause. This is the Easter message. The grave is not a terminal—it is a route.

A noted writer, at the close of a lecture on his travels, remarked that he had seen some wonderful things—but what he had seen was as nothing compared to what he would see five minutes after death.

"God is with me! God is in me!

I cannot die! for life is love.

## COMMUNION.

Sunday March 6th will be our regular communion service. As this is the only service of this character in the Lenten season, all of our members are requested to be present. It would be interesting and I believe a profitable spiritual exercise for all of our church members to check up on their attendance at these services. We all of us need the uplift and spiritual renewal that comes from this sacramental feast, and we can ill afford to miss it.

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**LECTURE.**

The recent lecture given by Mr. Chadwick on the Falls of Schuylkill attracted a goodly company. Mr. Chadwick wears very worthily indeed the mantle of the past historians of this community. The lecture was illustrated throughout and the views were very fine, and explained as they were by the speaker, made a distinctly enjoyable evening. We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Chadwick for his fine presentation of local history.

The Ladies Class held the usual George Washington entertainment on Monday, February 22. It is always good, but this year is deserving of the highest praise. All of the ladies must share in the success and praise of the entertainment. Refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Keep the date of Friday, March 18th open for an unusual entertainment of motion pictures in Fellowship Hall. This will be given under the auspices of the James L. Swartz Men's Bible Class. Further announcement and particulars will be given later.

**GOOD FRIDAY.**

The increasing interest in the service of this evening is comment on the growing importance of Christ's death, in our thought and in our life. The service will be held again this year on the evening of Good Friday. Keep this evening open for worship in our church.

**SUPERINTENDENT MEETING.**

Will be held in our church on Monday evening, March 7th. Supper will be served by the ladies of our church. This organization is the most active and efficient of our many Baptist societies and we welcome their coming to our church.

**AN EASTER OFFERING.**

On a recent Sunday Mr. Harry Binkin made announcement to the effect that a special Lenten sacrificial offering be made, which will be brought to the church on Easter Sunday. To this end he has purchased three hundred small barrels which are being distributed among our membership for their offering of sacrifice. If anyone reading this has not received their barrel inquire of Mrs. Neely or Mrs. Shivers who will be happy to serve you.

Mrs. Neely's class will hold a Coffee Klatch on Friday evening April 1st in Fellowship Hall. You'll be very sure to have a good time so kindly keep this date open.

**FLOWERS FLOWERS**

Speak to us of God and His love for the beautiful. Every Sunday they are part of our worship. They come from many friends—sometimes a loved one who has gone speaks to us through the floral gifts. This month—our floral donors are: Mrs. Fred Shivers, Mrs. Neely, Mrs. Robinhold, Mr. Harold Moorehead and Memorial flowers for Mrs. Marion Whalley Cole.

**MRS. ANNIE TURNER.**

This devoted soul passed away quietly at her home on North 35th street on Monday, February 8th. She had been in failing health for some time—but her unconquerable spirit refused to allow her to relinquish her duties and secure the needed rest. She was a fine type of Christian womanhood—loyal to her church, and faithful in all of her duties. Her funeral services were largely attended and numerous floral offerings marked the high respect and esteem in which she was held. We extend the sympathy of our congregation to those who remain to mourn her departure.

**GO TO CHURCH!**

If a man would be a soldier, he'd expect of course, to fight;  
And he couldn't be an author if he didn't try to write.  
So it isn't common logic, doesn't have a real, true ring,  
That a man to be a Christian doesn't have to do a thing.

If a man would be a hunter, he must go among the trees;  
And he couldn't be a sailor if he wouldn't sail the seas.  
How strange for any member of a church to think that he  
Can stay away from worship and a worthy member be!  
—The Rev. Dr. Henry Anstadt.

**ON ENTERING A CHURCH.**

Love built this shrine; these hallowed walls uprose  
To give seclusion from the hurrying throng,  
From tumult of the streets, complaint and wrong,  
From rivalry and strife—from taunt of foes—  
If foes thou hast. On silent feet come in,  
Bow low in penitence. Whoe'er thou art  
Thou too hast sinned. Uplift in prayer thy heart.  
Thy Father's Blessing waiteth. Read within  
This holy place, in pictured light portrayed,  
The character of worthies who, for years  
Long past, still speak the message here displayed

In universal language not to fade.  
 Leave then thy burden, all thy cares  
 and fears;  
 Faith, hope and love are thine, for  
 thou hast prayed.

John Davidson.

#### DEPARTMENT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

One of the questions very frequently asked is. Can we teach religion in the public schools. There are some who say that it cannot be done, because all teachers are not religious, and that it is therefore impossible for them to teach a subject of which they know nothing. Someone else remarks—that they are not going to allow anybody to teach their children religion.

One wonders if the objections that hold so seriously should not hold in every department of life. Whether a person is a teacher of physics or religion—the fact that what he is in character, preaches and teaches more loudly than anything he has to say, makes it highly desirable, that character, as well as knowledge and ability to impart knowledge—should be a primary consideration in the selection of any teacher.

Parents can be truly grateful for teachers in our public schools, who understand the importance of fine living—in their contacts with impressionable youth. There is something subtle and powerful about the influence of a teacher who has a religious philosophy of life. A religious tone will be given to life no matter what the phase of thought may be. John Hancock used to say of one of his old teachers. "There was a something fine and noble about his life that rang the bells in the dormitory of the souls of the boys."

Yes! we can teach religion in the public school—if, we have teachers of nobility of character.

#### CLASS NOTES.

The Men's class are still engaged in a lively Shuffleboard contest. The record this year so far is as follows. One game won from Westside at our church. We lost in a contest at Westside. We won two games from St. Michaels—both by a very narrow margin. Our standing in the league is that of second place. The contest ends in March.

#### Intermediate Department

Mrs. Binkin reports one new scholar for this department during the month. The attendance is unusually good. An innovation commemorating Lincoln's birthday was the reading of a paper by Dorothy Moyer, which was exceedingly good.

(The idea of character study thru the preparation of papers is very good and ought to be encouraged if pupils are willing to do the work) editorial comment.

#### Primary Department.

This growing department of our church school, threatens to bulge out our walls. They are appealing for more room, and more room they must have. The men's class, who are in the occupancy of the chapel are planning making a class room of the social hall. One wonders what those short-sighted people who inquired, "where we were going to get the people to fill the new building" have to say—when we say—that our building is not sufficient for our needs.

#### IN MY FATHER'S HOUSE.

No, not cold beneath the grasses.  
 Not close-walled within the tomb;  
 Rather, in my Father's mansion,  
 Living in another room.

Living like the one who loves me,  
 Like my child with cheeks abloom,  
 Out of sight, at desk or school-book,  
 Busy in another room.

Nearer than my son whom fortune  
 Beckons where the strange lands  
 loom;  
 Just behind the hanging curtain,  
 Serving in another room.

Shall I doubt my Father's mercy?  
 Shall I think of death as doom,  
 Or the stepping o'er the threshold  
 To a bigger, brighter room?

Shall I blame my Father's wisdom?  
 Shall I sit enswathed in gloom,  
 When I know my loves are happy  
 Waiting in the other room?  
 —Robert Freeman

#### JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

The Honor Roll for this department for the past month inscribes the following names: Marion Kelly, Betty Walker, Stanley Verbeck, Sarah May Brown, Ruth Neely and Helen Goodman.

#### Here And There.

The attendance at our church school a week ago reached the high mark of 207. This is the second best record since 1930. Let us endeavour to make the record 250 before summer.

Many of the Sunday School classes are sharing in the special Easter offering for the church.

The monthly meetings of the officers and teachers of our church school, are helpful and encouraging. It has the merit of a kind of clearing house for the many problems which come up in our work with the children. The teachers should strive to be present at every one of these meetings.

#### DURING LENT.

The pastor is preaching on successive Sunday evenings a series of sermons on "The Sins that Crucified



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Jesus." The subjects or the sins which are being discussed in this series are: Indifference, Prejudice, Envy, Greed, Treachery and Desertion. The response, at the time of this writing has been very satisfactory.

**EASTER PROGRAM.**

The usual services will be held on Easter Sunday. Sermon appropriate to the day will be preached by the pastor at the morning service. The children's choir, and our Senior choir are preparing music to be sung, on this occasion. In the evening the service will be entirely musical and we may look forward to it with pleasure.

**B. Y. P. U.**

The speakers for the past month on Sunday evenings have been: Mildred Bairstow, Mrs. Walter Binkin, Francis Peters, and Eleanor Marley. Everitt Verbeck, and a few friends recently assisted in the installation of the officers of the Cold Point Society.

The next rally of the District B. Y. P. U. will be held at Roxborough in April.

Ruth Shaw.

**DASHED TOGETHER.**

The sympathy of our membership is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Lister and family in the recent death of the latter's mother, Mrs. Lister of Wildwood.

Mrs. James Shaw one of our well known members has been a recent patient in one of our hospitals. We are glad to report, that she is sufficiently improved in health to return to her home in Burlington, N. J.

Edith Ashton has been on the list of the sick, but is now well on the way to recovery.

Mrs. Chris Verbeck a sturdy veteran of our church has been on the list of the sick, but we are happy to say has resumed his work again.

Miss Helen Lister one of our active young ladies met with an unfortunate automobile accident recently. Although the car was damaged we are happy to state that with the exception of some bruises and severe shock, no serious injury was suffered by Miss Lister.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Lee, of Newportville who was known to many of our members and we extend to our friends and fellow members, Mrs. Grimwood and Mrs. Amy Lee Reiss our expressions of deepest sympathy in the loss of their father.

A beautiful service of dedication was held for Robert Bell Jr., on a recent Sunday. "Bobby's" first contact with life is a commitment to Jesus, who is the friend of little children.

The sympathy of our church family is extended to Mrs. Eisbrenner, and children in their recent bereavement.

The pastor recently officiated at the funeral service of Miss Morrison of Alleghany Avenue of this city. He also conducted the services for Mrs. Rickard of Queen Lane.

Mrs. Stewart of Vance Street had a very pleasant evening recently with the members and friends of the choir as her guests. They had such a "jolly good time" that another affair of this kind is promised for the near future.

The attendance at our morning service for the last three months averages higher than any previous time in the history of the present pastorate. We think that it proves that adversity—is conducive to making people give God a large place in our lives. A wise man has said. Great are the blessings of adversity.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Robert Kenworthy on the occasion of his graduation from Germantown High school. Robert has an enviable record as a student, and we wish him success as he now starts out in life.

Mrs. Rownsley who is nursing a broken arm as the result of a fall some weeks ago is improving as rapidly as can be expected.

Edith Goodman matriculated in Junior High School recently. If there are other students in our church or school who have made advancement—either in graduations from High or Grammar schools we would like to know of the same.

A wise man recently said, "The present depression has fallen the hardest on those who are not in good standing with the Lord." The psalmist said, "I have been young and now am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging "bread."

Mr. Robert Birkmire whose illness we reported in one last issue is now greatly improved and able to be "out of doors."

Mrs. Pickles and Miss Illingworth who were recently reported sick have fully recovered from their indisposition.

Miss Ethel Diehm was in the list of graduates from the Roosevelt Junior High and is now a matriculate in Germantown High school.

Mrs. Goodman is on the list of our sick folks, and unable to attend to her duties.

Mr. Harry B. Binkin was recently re-elected to the office of treasurer of the North West Baptist Social Union.

Ella Wallbank graduated from Roosevelt High and will pursue further studies in Germantown.