

CENTENNIAL OF THE ANDOVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MANY FORMER MEMBERS HERE

Many Former Members Here to Help Celebrate Anniversary.

The First Presbyterian Church of Andover, observed the one hundredth anniversary of its founding in very appropriate services, beginning Saturday afternoon and lasting until Sunday afternoon.

Saturday Afternoon and Evening
Saturday afternoon was a get-together meeting where former members and attendants renewed acquaintances with resident members of the congregation. At six o'clock the ladies of the church served a fine dinner to all, feeding about two hundred people. Many came from a distance to join with the members in properly observing the occasion.

At 8 o'clock Saturday evening short talks were enjoyed by former pastors and former members of the congregation. Pastor R.E. MacGowan presiding, Hon. Jesse S. Phillips of New York City, who was always an active worker in the church when living in Andover, made a fine address. Rev. H. D. Bacon, of Portville, a former pastor, of the church for nine years spoke feelingly of the period of his administration and was much enjoyed. Prof. Thomas, H. Armstrong of Rochester, who was an attendant at the church during the time of his residence here as principal of the High School, told of the successes of the members of the school, graduating under his tutelage, and was of great interest. Rev. H. B. Williams of Rochester, eleven years pastor of the church preceding the present pastor, gave a very interesting talk dealing with reminiscences of the activities of the church while he was the leader of the flock.

The program was interspersed with appropriate selections by the choir, and the whole evening was one of much enjoyment.

Sunday Morning
One of the largest congregations ever seated in the church were present Sunday morning, many former members and attendants at the church had come, some many miles, to hear the centennial sermon and listen to the services. The pastor, Rev. R. E. MacGowan gave the centennial sermon, reviewing briefly the history of the organization of the church. A large choir furnished special music for the occasion. Messrs. Howard Richardson and Carl Hann sang appropriate solos and Miss Alice Rogers rendered sweet assistance with her violin.

Sunday Afternoon
The services Sunday afternoon closed the Centennial Celebration, and the church was again filled to capacity to listen to the fine addresses by former pastors. Rev. H. D. Bacon, spoke of the many good church workers who were active and rendered him great assistance during the time of his pastorate of the church, but who had passed on. His address was very touching and awakened many warm memories.

Rev. Chas. H. Harrington Has Only Good Words for Davis



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Dedicated Jan. 23, 1868

Rev. H. B. Williams gave a very inspiring address, characteristic of those so many of his hearers had learned to love and appreciate during his eleven years of labor in this vineyard. He outlined the program of the modern church, and many warm words of praise were heard for his masterful sermon.

History of the Church
The first religious organization in the Town of Andover, was the Congregational Church, which today is the First Presbyterian Church. The early settlers were none of them professed Christians. But history informs us that many of them, before coming to settle in the new country then considered "Away Out West" had been attendants at Congregational churches. Mrs. Luther Strong as well as Mr. and Mrs. Asa S. Allen, and Amherst Kingsbury, were members of the Congregational Church. On July 14, 1824, a meeting was held to effect an organization under the rules of the Congregational Church. The original members were: Amherst Kingsbury, Asa S. Allen, and Abigail Strong. The record says: "Asa S. Allen was chosen deacon and clerk, and the society took the name of 'The First Congregational Church of Andover.'"

The first house of worship was dedicated in 1840. It stood on the present site of the Andover State Bank. The building was burned at the time of the great fire in 1856.

The present church building was dedicated Jan. 23, 1868 and the name of the society changed to the First Presbyterian Church of Andover.

The Presbyterian Harvest Home an annual festival of this society,

usually held in the Maple Grove in what was the Andover Village Park, the third Thursday in August, is a public event of the year to more than those under whose supervision it is conducted. It is liberally patronized by all.

CLASS BANQUET WAS ENJOYED

Members of 1921 and '22 Classes Have Fine Evening at Hotel Swink.

Thursday evening August 21st, a fine banquet was enjoyed at Hotel Swink, by the classes of 1921-'22, of Andover High School, and a few invited guests.

The speaker of the evening was Prof. Levi R. Tubbs, who was the principal of the school at the time the class graduated. His subject, "Brain Versus Brawn," was listened to with the greatest interest, which it deserved, by his former pupils and friends.

Everett Clair, who very capably acted as toastmaster, also invited different class and school mates who mingled thots grave and gay in their remarks, and all took part in the general singing, which added much to a memorable evening.

As the banqueters departed it seemed the thot of all that this should be the first of many regular Andover High School Annual Alumni banquets.

MERRY TRAVELERS

Big Production to be Given By Local Talent

Probably the most pretentious local talent production ever presented in Andover will be staged at the Auditorium Sept. 18th and 19th under the auspices of O. E. S. and

THE LITTLE COUNTRY THEATRE

Rural Communities Putting On Plays at the Cuba Fair Next Week

The little Country Theatre promises to be the big feature at the Cuba Fair September 10, 11 and 12. The big tent furnished with comfortable chairs and attractive scenery will be the place to rest and at the same time enjoy the highest type of entertainment.

Each local coach is working with a cast which expects to produce the play to receive first award. Miss Laura Stillman of Alfred, who attended the summer course in rural dramas at Cornell University, is now devoting her time to rehearsals with the different casts. She has many new ideas and is giving much help on the final touches.

Each play in itself is best. The schedule of plays and casts for fair week is as follows:

Wednesday 11:00 A. M.—1:00 P. M.

"Teeth of the Gifted Horse" presented by Petrolia.

Florence Butler Irene Richardson

Dick Butler Adolph Vossler

Aunt Marietta Lola Howden

Anne Ruth Watson

Mr. Blake Cecil Curtin

Katie Pearl Lewis

Coaches: Mrs. P. F. Curtin and Mrs. F. H. Witter.

Wednesday 2:00 P. M.—3:00 P. M.

"The Changed Housewife" presented by Little Genesee

Husbands Mrs. Amy Crandall

Sons John Sandford

George Cerrick

Harry DeGroff

Betsy Wheeler

Book Agent Mrs. L. D. Lamphere

Coach Thursday 11:00 A. M.—1:00 P. M.

"Joint Owners in Spain" presented by Independence.

Mrs. Mitchell Mrs. Walter Green

Mrs. Fullerton Mrs. Potter

Miss Dyer Mrs. Briggs

Mrs. Blair Mrs. Clark

Coach Mrs. E. R. Crandall

Thursday 2:00 P. M.—3:00 P. M.

"The Maker of Dreams" presented by Alfred.

Pierrot Norah Binns

Pierrette Lois Rogers

Manufactures W. H. Thomas

Coach Mrs. S. C. Stillman

Friday 11:00 A. M.—1:00 P. M.

"Betsy Anne" presented by Obi.

Betsey Anne Marguerite Farrington

Aunt Minnie Elma Reitz

Mrs. Hepworth Mrs. Maud Farrington

Tom Le Vern Whitney

John Orval Perry

Ezra Hepworth Harley Beckwill

Coach Mrs. Emma Fisk

Swain Reunion

The Swain family reunion was held Labor Day, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hess (of Canaseraga.) The family to the number of sixty-five were present.

An excellent dinner was served on the lawn at one o'clock. After some time spent in visiting, games, etc., a business meeting was called.

Secretary and treasurer's reports given and accepted. Officers elected for the coming year as follows: Pres. John Swain of Canaseraga; vice president George Swain of Wellsville; secretary and treasurer Mrs. Nora Hess, Canaseraga. On

SAYS HE IS A MAN OF HIGH REFINEMENT

Former Pastor of Andover Baptist Church Has Only Praise for Candidate

According to the Rev. Charles H. Harrington, former pastor of the hamton Evangelist and former Andover Baptist Church and Bings Secretary of the Practical Bible Training School, but now pastor of the second largest church in the South, at Charleston W. Va., while in Binghamton but last week, had only praise and good words for John W. Davis of West Virginia, candidate of the Democracy for president. Dr. Harrington said that he is a personal friend of Candidate Davis and has for him the highest respect and esteem. "Mr. Davis is a southerner of the old school," he said; "a man of high refinement and clean cut nature and withal, every inch a gentleman. No man stands higher in the affections of his state than does Mr. Davis, and it has always been that way. I am glad to say that while at Charleston I have met him and learned to esteem his companionship highly indeed."

The former evangelist is in a large place. His parish requires the assistance of two associate pastors, over whose work he has charge. He is a close friend of Governor Morrison, whose executive mansion and official residence are not distant from the church. A judge of the highest court in the state is a worshipper in the edifice and a member of the society.

"Down-easter folks, think that the West Virginian wears a razor down the bootleg, but that is not so!" he said. "We are just the same as other folk and there is no more wild nor woolly stuff in our state than in the other sections of the country."

An Address on County Health at Cuba Fair

Dr. Mark Bristol, the Health Officer of Cattaraugus County, will speak at Cuba fair on the afternoon of the 11th, under the auspices of the Allegany County Committees on Tuberculosis and Public Health. The board, headed by Dr. Bristol, is the pioneer in making the county a unit in health service. Its work is carried on in connection with the Milbank Demonstration in Cattaraugus County and has become an object of interest wherever public health is studied.

Dr. Bristol, before undertaking the experiment in Cattaraugus county, was secretary of the State Board of Health in Minnesota and is particularly familiar with the health needs of rural sections. He has had wide experience as a speaker on the aspects of his work which interests the citizens and tax payers and his address will be of undoubted value to the people of Allegany County. Entertainment, Mrs. Mabel Caple, Hornell.

A short musical program was given, and reunion adjourned, to meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Swain at Canaseraga on Labor Day, 1925.



Rev. H. B. Williams, Eleven Years Pastor of the Presbyterian Church

The clergymen who have served the church are: Rev. Silas Hubbard, Jabez Spicer, Asa S. Allen, Benjamin Russell, Jacob Russell, James Conley S. A. Rawson, Charles Kenmore, A. H. Lilly, J. Blakeston, J. R. Johnson, J. S. Winkoop, T. Kemp M. Nutting, J. S. Bingham, A. C. Titus, J. Lee, E. G. VanCleve, G. M. James, H. D. Bacon, H. B. Williams and R. E. MacGowan.

The church has a membership of about 175. The value of the church property is estimated at about \$18,000. The work of the church is ably supplemented by the Sunday School under the superintendence of Erwin D. Baker.

The history of the Andover Presbyterian church for the last fifty years, was not enlarged upon at the centennial celebration. Undoubtedly the speakers were of the opinion that the activities of the church were so well known that they needed no further reviewing at this time. So the News will let the reporter writing up the 200th anniversary cover this period of time.

It has been impossible for the News to secure an authentic list of those from out of town in Andover to attend the Centennial services of the Presbyterian church, Saturday and Sunday. We note the following: Rev. H. D. Bacon and son, Charles of Portville, Rev. H. B. Williams, Rochester and son, Thomas of Freeport, Ohio, Hon. and Mrs. Jesse Phillips of New York, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Armstrong, Rochester, Mr.

directed by Maxine Turner of the Turner Producing Company. "The Merry Travelers" is full of life and fun, catchy music and effective costuming. Over fifty local people will take part and rehearsals will begin Monday Sept. 8th.

Pease-Richie Reunion

There were forty-four members present at the Pease-Richie reunion in Island Park, Friday. A bountiful dinner was served and a short business session held with Will Pease acting as chairman. The following officers were elected:

President, R. A. Pease.
Vice-president, A. R. Mead
Secretary-Treasurer, Jennie Smith.
The next reunion will be held in Island Park, Wellsville, the last Saturday in June, 1925.

and Mrs. D. F. Betzner, Miss Jean Betzner and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Sisson, Hornell, Mrs. E. G. Probasco, St. Petersburg, Fla., Dr. F. E. Comstock, Wellsville, F. E. Lever and Nan Lever, Boston, Mass., Mr. and Mrs. Knox Miller, Mrs. James Redmond, Greenwood, Robert Miller and family, Jasper, Mrs. Carrie Potter, Scio, A. D. Howe, Whitesville, Miss Clara Comstock, New York City, Miss Agnes Miller, Brooklyn, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Richardson, Howard Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Sutton, Mrs. W. H. Phillips, Mrs. Wilma Preston, Hornell.

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