CHAPLIN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Celebrates Completion of One Hundred Years of Successful Activity—Memorial to Founder Unveiled.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

Willimantic, May 31.—Tuesday was the biggest day Chaplin people have experienced in many years. Three hundred or more guests and returning citizens united with the townspeople and members of the church in fittingly commemorating the 100th anniversary of its foundation.

The exercises opened at the church at 10 o'clock with a devotional service conducted by Rev. Eugene M. Frary of Bernardston, Mass., a former pastor of the Chaplin church. The welcoming address by the local pastor, Rev. Granville Yeager, followed, and there was an interesting historical address by Frank C. Lummis of Chaplin. Music was furnished by Helmold's orchestra of Willimantic. Soprano solos were rendered by Miss Inez M. Litchfield, a student of the Damrosch institute of New York, who is a Chaplin young lady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew M. Litchfield.

A bronze tablet to Benjamin Chaplin, founder of the church, was unveiled at noon. A reception was held in honor of Miss Jerusha Crosby, the oldest resident of the town, who is in her 100th year and who was taken to the church in her wheel chair as she is unable to walk.

Afternoon Session.

The afternoon programme comprised a poem written by Miss Josephine M. Robbins, the schoolmistress of Chaplin, an able sermon by Rev. Sherrod Soule of Hartford, and a number of short addresses by visiting clergymen from surrounding Congregational parishes.

Just before the unveiling of the memorial tablet there was an impressive christening ceremony, Muriel Louise Copeland being christened by the Rev. F. D. Sargent of Putnam. She is the child of Mr. and Mrs. Willis J. Copeland of Chaplin and a direct descendant of Deacon Benjamin Chaplin. The memorial tablet was unveiled by Katy Ochendorf and Celie England.

The fine bronze tablet is a memorial to Deacon Benjamin Chaplin, founder of the church, and is given to the church by the founder's descendants. The presentation was made by Dr. Dwight Tracy of New York in behalf of the descendants, and was accepted for the church by Rev. Granville Yeager, the pastor. The inscription is as follows:

Erected to the Memory of
BENJAMIN CHAPLIN
By His Descendants
On the Centennial Anniversary of
This Church Which He Founded.
1810-1910.
"Lord, I have loved the habitation of Thy house."—Psalms, xxvi:8.

Dinner Served.

An excellent dinner was served to the large crowd present by a caterer from Willimantic.

Church Organization.

May 31, 1810, Deacon Benjamin Chaplin, who was a member of the church in South Mansfield, organized the church, the deacon having offered property for the founding of a ministerial fund, which should be used in establishing a new church and society, and an ecclesiastical society was incorporated in October, 1809, the church being organized later at a council held in the house of Rev. David Avery, whose wife was Benjamin Chaplin's daughter.

Original Members.

There were fifteen original members, eight males and seven females, who came from the Mansfield First church and the Mansfield church. A meeting house (the present one) was erected in 1814, and it was remodeled in 1823, 1836, 1867, and again in 1891. A steeple was added in 1834 and in 1837 a parsonage was built.

The Chaplin Ecclesiastical society took an important part in securing the incorporation of the township by the general assembly in May, 1822. It was taken from the towns of Mansfield and Hampton. The boundaries of the ecclesiastical and school societies were made identical with those of the town, which was named in honor of Deacon Chaplin. The town government was organized July 4, 1822. Erasmus Hovey was moderator, Dr. Orrin Witter was chosen town clerk and treasurer, John Boss, William Martin, Origen Bennett, Luther Ashley and Nehemiah Holt were elected selectmen. The Rev. Jared Andrus was pastor of the church when the town government was formed. Darius Knight was elected deacon that year.

Early Pastors.

Rev. David Avery acted as pastor of the church for a time, but Rev. Jared Andrus was the first settled pastor. Rev. Mr. Avery had been a chaplain in the revolutionary war and had been present at the surrender of Burgoyne and the capture of the Hessians at Trenton. He was born in Franklin, April 5, 1746, and was converted at the age of 20 under the preaching of Whitefield, the English evangelist. He graduated from Yale in 1769. He studied theology under the Rev. Eleazer Wheelock and was ordained as missionary to the Oneida Indians August 29, 1771.

Chaplain in Revolutionary War.

He entered the revolutionary war as a chaplain. Dr. Avery died at Middletown, Va., February 16, 1818. Dr. George W. Avery, surgeon in the gulf department during the civil war, who died in Hartford in 1893, was a grandson of the first pastor in Chaplin.

The Rev. Jared Andrus, the second pastor, was born in Bolton, May, 1784. He became pastor at Chaplin December 27, 1820, and held the position until May 11, 1830.

Rev. Lent S. Hough succeeded Pastor Andrus, assuming the duties of the pastorate August 17, 1831, and continuing in the work until December 30, 1836.

The pastorate of the Rev. Erastus Dickinson, which lasted from October, 1837, until January, 1849, was characterized by the largest revival in the history of the Chaplin church—in 1840—when 86 members were added.

The Rev. Merrick Knight, the successor of Mr. Dickinson, began his work in Chaplin in May, 1850, and remained pastor until December, 1852.

The Rev. John Robinson Freeman was pastor of the church from April, 1853, until May, 1856.

The Rev. Joseph Willes Backus became pastor of the church in January, 1854, and retained the pastorate until December, 1857. He was a graduate of Yale, class of 1846. He was a man of marked ability and his pulpit ministrations were of a high order.

Rev. Francis Williams entered upon a long pastorate in the church at Chaplin, February 24, 1858, and remained at the head of the church until May 2, 1892. Mr. Williams was a member of the general assembly from Chaplin in 1876, the centennial year. He was a native of Ashfield, Mass., and died in East Hartford January 8, 1896. He was succeeded at Chaplin by Rev. M. S. Phillips, who was settled November 1, 1892, and remained with the church until March, 1894.

Rev. E. M. Frary was settled July 1, 1894, and concluded the work in October, 1903. In the revival of 1895, which was conducted under his ministry, 33 new members were added to the church. Mr. Frary's work in Chaplin was for the advancement of the church and community. He was succeeded by Rev. Andrew J. Small, January 11, 1904, who continued in the pastorate until last spring. He is now settled in Merrimac, Me., his successor at Chaplin being the Rev. Granville Yeager.

Has Sent Out Many Preachers.

The Chaplin church has been the spiritual birthplace of a considerable number of men who have entered the ministry. Rufus Smith, who heads the list in point of time, died in East Hartford, without charge, June 1, 1854. Other ministers converted in the Chaplin church were Rev. Ebenezer Churchill, Rev. Rufus Smith, Rev. Roswell Robinson Snow, Rev. Allen Clark, Rev. George Soule, Rev. John Robinson Freeman, Rev. Isaac Clark, Rev. William Burton Sandford, Rev. Walter Eugene Lanphear, also Justin Martin and Charles Edwin Griggs. Rev. George Soule was the father of Rev. Sherrod Soule, who was one of the speakers at the services Tuesday. Rev. Walter E. Lanphear is pastor of the Congregational churches of Mansfield Center and North Windham.

Membership Ninety-three.

The present pastor of the Chaplin church is Rev. Granville Yeager, who came from Braintree, Mass., about five months ago. The membership of the church is now ninety-three, twenty-seven of whom are absentees. The persons who have been members the longest are Julius Church of North Windham and Miss Julia A. Clark of Chaplin, both of whom joined the church in 1840. Miss Jerusha Crosby, who is in her 100th year, became a member of the church about twenty years ago. She is a native of Lisbon, this state, and lived in Brooklyn for many years. When 17 years old she went to Norwich. She has a sister in Brooklyn who is 96 years old. Miss Crosby lives near the Chaplin church and is cared for by Mrs. Kellar of Hartford, a graduate nurse.

The deacons of the Chaplin church are Winslow B. Gallup and Andrew H. Grant. The latter is clerk and treasurer of the church. Frank W. Martin is superintendent of the Sunday school. Rev. Granville Yeager, A. M. Grant, Mrs. A. M. Grant, W. B. Gallup, Mrs. W. B. Gallup, Mrs. Cora Goodwin, Mrs. Jessie Hunt and Frank C. Lummis constituted the committee of arrangements for the big celebration held Tuesday.

SMOKE MENACE.

New Haven Physician Says that Dense Pall Greatly Impairs Health.

Dr. James S. Maher of the New Haven health board, has been making atmospheric observations to determine various matters, among which was the effect of the smoke caused by the local factories on the population.

He said this week that the number of clear days in New Haven was comparatively small. He further states that there is a dense pall of smoke continually hanging over the city, which greatly impairs the health of its residents.

Dr. Maher claims that the city should pass a smoke ordinance which would make it necessary for every factory burning soft coal to use a smoke consumer.

At the present time there is such a petition pending before the local board of aldermen. At the public hearing a short time ago, it was warmly opposed by local manufacturers. Dr. Maher has received communications from almost every large city in the country, in which they state that regulations have been adopted making it necessary for the shops to have smoke consumers.

Parole of Federal Prisoners.

Congress seems to be quite as much impressed with the new notions about the parole of prisoners and the probation system as many of the individual states appear to be. Congress has recently passed a law which will, if the president approves it, make things decidedly easier for the constantly increasing number of federal prisoners who are incarcerated for violating the federal statues.

Under the new law any federal prisoner who is sentenced to a year or more and for less than a lifetime, who has not had a previous conviction and has behaved himself well, is entitled to his parole after serving one-third of his term. If in any way he violates the term of his parole he may be ordered back to prison. There is to be a parole board in each judicial district, consisting of a federal judge, some private citizen and the superintendent of prisons at Washington. These are to determine in each case whether a convict is entitled to a parole and issue orders for his release. The law is very similar to the parole and probation systems now in force in a number of states. Where the new system has been tried it is said to have worked well, and that the number of paroled prisoners who violate their parole is extremely small.—New Orleans Picayune.

New Superintendent at Soldiers' Home

George O. Robbins of Waterbury has been appointed superintendent of the Pitch home for soldiers at Noroton to succeed Colonel James N. Coe. The salary is $2,000 a year. Mr. Robbins is one of the best known Grand Army men in Connecticut and has an excellent war record. He has been commander of Wadhams post four times and was senior vice-commander of the state G. A. R. for the year 1907-1908. During the service in the civil war, he was captured in the fall of the garrison at Plymouth, N. C., on April 20, 1864, and was imprisoned at Andersonville. Mr. Robbins has a wide circle of friends who will be pleased to hear of his promotion.

Daily Thought.

The sorrow of yesterday is as nothing, that of to-day is bearable, but that of to-morrow is gigantic because indistinct.—Euripides.

First and Last.

When a girl begins to call a man by his first name, it generally indicates that she has designs on his last.—Lippincott's.

Hard Work All Along.

"It's purty hard work gittin' to the top, but them who hev been there say it's harder work a-holdin' on."

French Cynicism.

In their first passion women love their lovers; in all others they love love.—La Rochefoucauld.

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MISS MAMIE HIGHTOWER ON STAND

Witness in Case Against "Big Bill" Keliher—She Denied Planting Any of Bank Looter Coleman's Money—Interesting Proceedings.

Boston, May 31.—The government was more successful today in establishing relations between George W. Coleman, the confessed looter of the National City bank of Cambridge, and "Big Bill" Keliher, on trial in the United States circuit court for aiding Coleman in lifting more than half the bank's deposits.

Keliher Hoped Coleman Wouldn't Squeal.

Two witnesses said that Keliher spoke repeatedly of Coleman and at one time expressed the hope that he would not "go back on him." Another witness knew that Keliher and Coleman were friendly and the government made some progress in its effort to substantiate the claim that much of the money went into the gambler's pockets with Keliher's aid.

Part of Coleman's Testimony False.

Yet Coleman was forced to admit that an important part of his testimony before the Suffolk county grand jury, which also investigated the matter, was false, especially his statement that he loaned or gave Keliher $150,000 or $200,000, and that Keliher had urged him to stop playing faro.

Coleman's Female Companion a Witness.

The afternoon proceedings were made interesting through the presence of Coleman's last sweetheart, Miss Mamie Hightower, of Kansas City, on the stand. The young woman became Coleman's companion a couple of months before the bank failed and was his traveling mate in that swift journey to Kansas City just as the crash came. She denied that she had "planted" any money of Coleman's, and Coleman denied it also earlier in the day. She did say that she had some property in Kansas City which the late R. J. Holmes willed to her.

CUPID IN NEW ROLE.

Will Unite Couples Who Would Go "Back to the Farm."

St. Louis, May 31.—A matrimonial bureau as an adjunct to the farm movement in Missouri is to be established by John H. Curran, state commissioner of immigration, and will be put in operation as soon as applicants appear.

In order to stop the rush of young people to the cities, and to aid city people who wish to make homes in the country, the immigration commissioner proposes to take the role of Cupid. He will match country boys and girls and keep them from leaving the farm, and he will assist lovelorn city dwellers to find partners in the country on condition that they forsake the city and go to the farm to live.

COMMUNION WINE ILLICIT.

Michigan District Attorney Says He'll Prosecute if It's Used.

Battle Creek, Mich., May 31.—Ministers who serve wine to their congregations will hereafter be classed as "boot-leggers" in dry Calhoun county, according to Prosecuting Attorney Howard Cavanagh's announcement.

The statement is made following the application of a Marshal clergyman for a doctor's prescription to enable him to buy communion wine. Local opinion makes no exceptions in the use of wine or alcoholic beverages, the prosecutor thinks, and nothing stronger than grape juice goes hereafter.

One Household Waste.

The protest against the higher price of milk in Boston and other New England cities has served to direct attention to the needless multiplication of expenses in its delivery. The cost of distribution, it may be assumed, must fall upon the ultimate consumer. The present method needs such system of economical distribution as Mr. Rockefeller introduced into the local marketing of petroleum. An observer may see a dozen milk wagons, each with a driver and a boy, pass through the same street within an hour. Each will deliver milk at a few houses, seldom adjacent; for it appears a fact not readily explained that rarely do two next-door neighbors, or even two families in one tenement or apartment house, buy milk of the same dealer.

It would be an obvious advantage to the milkman if he could concentrate his customers within one neighborhood. Instead, he supplies families scattered through long routes, when his stock might be disposed of within a few blocks if his customers were contiguous. These dealers are industrious and accommodating, but their labors are misdirected and scattered. Here is an example of competition that is wasteful, that must fall as a tax upon the consumer and that appears to be of no benefit to anyone.—Washington Post.

Nothing to Brag About.

Such a fuss over that aero flight across the English Channel! Mosquitoes fly across the whole state New Jersey every day.—Washington Post.

Progress

And the next thing we know there'll be June roses and young folks will be getting married. And it was only the other day that we were facing the big snow.—Milwaukee Journal.

Popular Amusement of the Rich.

Smuggling seems to be running divorce a close second as a popular amusement in high society.—Washington Times.

Problem for the Railroads.

What the railroads would like to know is how they are going to keep on increasing their dividends if they don't increase their freight rates.—Indianapolis News.

COTTON LEAK PROSECUTIONS.

Haas and Peckham Plead Not Guilty to 1905 Indictment.

Washington, May 31.—Moses Haas of New York and Frederick A. Peckham of Cincinnati, Ohio, pleaded not guilty to the indictment returned against them in 1905 in connection with the cotton leak in the department of agriculture. They obtained leave to withdraw the pleas in ten days, and file motions to quash the indictment or to make such other plans as they may be advised. Having been released from the 1908 indictment under the recent ruling of Justice Gould on their pleas in abatement, the men will now attempt to obtain a decision invalidating the earlier charges.

"PIGTAIL DAY."

Custom of Years Observed at Bridgeport High School.

Wednesday was "Pigtail day" at the High school and the gallant seniors with their a la Buster Brown attire and the fair maidens with their sweet and attractive appearance of braided hair with bright hued ribbons was something of a treat for the old school.

The young men with trousers adjusted to knee with bright hued hosiery unique of design, was as a gallant remarked, "Some class"; but the pigtail coiffure of the fair maidens was not running second, as they won in a walk.

Fined for Chasing a Deer.

For chasing a deer which was swimming in Long Island sound and trying to make a landing, P. H. Fitzgibbons and John Pritchard were each fined a nominal amount in the Milford town court Tuesday.

Consolation of Wise Men.

It is from books that wise men derive consolation in the troubles of life.—Vistor Hugo.

Envy.

There is not a passion so strongly rooted in the human heart as envy.—Sheridan.

Inaugurated New Era.

The first practical quick firer, the Gatling gun, was perfected in 1861.

Is Kept Too Busy.

The real martyr never has time to enjoy the honor.

Cannot Be Forgotten.

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