

# A CHURCH HISTORY.

History of First Baptist Church of Denison.

## THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Mrs. Helen Cassaday Prepares Interesting Paper Telling of Founding of Denison Church.

In the research necessary to compile the history of the first fifty years existence of the Baptist church in Denison, Iowa, many items of interest came to light among these facts. The first religious services in Crawford county were conducted by Rev. Wm. Black, a Methodist minister, who had all Western Iowa as his field. Naturally the meetings were not very regular, but as we learn from "old settlers" were well advertised and every one attended them.

Rev. Black preached the first sermon on October 19, 1856, in the first school house built in the county in Mason's Grove near what is now Deloit. After the sermon he organized the first church with seven members.

In the autumn of 1855, Rev. J. W. Denison came to the county as agent for the Providence Western Land Company, and during that year and the next selected a large holding of land for the company. In 1856 commenced the settlement of the town which in due course of time was named Denison after its enterprising agent. He was then in the prime of a vigorous manhood, energetic, and with ample means at his command, and, naturally became the honored, and

was effected with the following persons as charter members:  
 Rev. Jesse W. Denison.  
 Thomas H. Manners.  
 Mrs. Isabella Manners.  
 Wilson B. Manners.  
 Margaret J. Manners.  
 Ann M. Manners.  
 Oscar S. Gates.  
 Joseph D. Seagrave.  
 George W. Calkins.  
 Albert F. Bond.

On Sunday November 1st, the public exercises of the occasion occurred. Rev. J. W. Denison, preaching the Sermon of Recognition, and S. F. Wallace of Bangor, Maine gave the charge to the church. This was the beginning of "our church," small indeed, having little prestige—but moderate talent and few in members. They all were assured of present benefit; were happy in the possession of privileges and associations and blessed in the presence of the Master and in the assurance that they were doing what they could. The Sabbath services, Sunday School and prayer meeting were often of tender and spiritual character. Earnest effort and devotion were surely receiving the Divine approval. The school house was often crowded. A beneficial influence flowed from his center.

On March 5, 1858, a society was organized in connection with the church consisting of persons in the community who were not church members yet who were favorable to the cause of Christ and would cast their influence on the Lord's side. It was thought that such co-operation with christian people would tend to win them in heart as well as hand to their Savior, and influence their children to lead religious lives. This society commenced with eleven members and was numerously added to as time

by the burning of our church, none was more bewailed than the loss of the bell. Its clear sweet tones were the first to sound from a church tower in the county. It was bought by the help of many Sunday School scholars as well as other generous contributions costing over \$400.00. It was of steel, its weight 750 pounds. The bell fell with the tower and was badly cracked. It was bought by the Luney Bros., and recast and hung back of the old Presbyterian church in Denison a number of years, but on the building of their new church, it was laid aside for some eight or nine years, when in 1906 Rev. A. G. Martyn secured it for the use of a Presbyterian church in Lawton, Iowa where it was hung in this church tower with suitable ceremonies of dedication.

About this time the church had two thriving missions, one in Paradise township and the other near Coon Grove from which we received many earnest church members. As yeas passed on and our membership increased and our Sunday School classes crowded upon each other, it was found necessary to enlarge our borders so under the efficient and painstaking oversight of Brother Halver A. Norman the north wall of the auditorium were moved 20 feet and the vestry enlarged 12 feet and another vestibule built. The pulpit and choir loft are now more advantageously located. It has always been the aim of our honored board of trustees to keep the church in good repair comfortably warmed well lighted and their endeavors have met with the sincere appreciations of the membership, who have earnestly seconded their efforts.

The ministers who have served the church been our loved under shepherds are:

- Rev. Jesse W. Denison, 1862-63.
- Rev. Geo. Scott, 1863-70.
- Rev. Rob't Dunlap, 1871-73.
- Rev. Arthur M. Duboc, 1873-75.
- Rev. J. B. Hawk, 1877-80.
- Rev. Amos Robinson, 1880-83.
- Rev. W. H. H. Avery, 1883-87.
- Rev. H. C. Nash, 1887-94.
- Rev. R. Venting, 1894-97.
- Rev. F. W. Bateson, 1898-02.
- Rev. G. E. Morphy, 1902-05.
- Rev. C. H. Stull, 1905-07.
- Rev. C. Edw. La Reau, 1907.

The whole number of members who have united with this church is 659. There have gone from our church as missionaries to foreign field, Brother John M. Carvell and Brother Albert E. Seagrave. As Home missionaries Sisters, Lily M. Plimpton and Marilla Pettis. Many others have filled, prominent positions in the Masters vineyard.

It is of interest to know something of what we as a church have been doing financially in these years, though that of all the years is not attainable, commencing with 1884, except the years from 1890 to 1893 up to 1907. The church has paid—

- \$25022.78 for home church expenses.
- \$2124.19 for S. S. expenses.
- \$1165.58 State Missions.
- \$779.99 for Foreign Missions.
- \$940.63 for Home Missions.
- \$808.73 for Christian education.
- \$401.88 for Publication society.
- \$4537.61 for Miscellaneous benevolence.

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## Sunday School Column

Side Lights on Next Sunday's Lesson for Teachers and Pupils.

By CHAS. K. MEYERS.

### Sunday School Association Officers.

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June 14, The Risen Christ by the Sea of Galilee, John 21, 1-25.

The lesson for this week takes up the third appearance of Jesus to His disciples after His resurrection. This time it was when they were fishing on the Sea of Galilee. Although they knew that Christ had risen it did not impress itself on them that they should preach or teach about Him. Peter said "I go fishing" and six others of the disciples decided that they would go with him. They had the same success in their fishing that day, as a part of them did on a former occasion, when Jesus called them to "be fishers of men." They were out all night and caught nothing when Jesus appeared on the shore and told them to put their nets on the right side, and then they made a large draught. Jesus called them on shore and they ate with Him. During the meal Jesus said to Peter three times "Lovest thou me?" and on this disciple protesting that he did, and that with much earnestness, Jesus commanded him, "Feed my Lambs—Feed my Sheep."

Out of the very many truths to be taught by this lesson we speak of the following: First. It is very probable that these disciples had no idea that their future life work was to preach the gospel of Jesus the risen Savior. They thought to go back to their old occupation of fishing. Jesus came and changed their plans as His coming now into the life and heart of an individual gives new ambitions for the future. It was honorable to fish but far greater to preach. I hope that some of the children who read this column will think seriously of becoming preachers and missionaries for the risen Christ.

Second: I presume that if every Christian in this locality were asked "Do you Love Jesus?" they would reply "Certainly I love Him." Then I ask "Are you showing it by feeding His Lambs?" Jesus said that all the people were His lambs and that He was in position to them as a shepherd. True Christians should be alive to help others by giving words of advice and difficulties of those with whom they are brought in contact. The parents will not be held guiltless if they do not instruct the little ones of the homes showing them a good example. The Sunday school teacher who feels no responsibility for the lambs in her charge, but wastes the precious time failing to teach vital religion will be held to accountability. It is one of the strongest indictments against Christians generally that if they really believe that their friends are in danger of eternal punishment or separation from God's love, they do not work with unabating zeal to bring them into the right relations with God.

Jesus said to Peter, and to us, that if we love Him we must work for Him. It was Jesus Himself who likened the end of life to a court, or place of judgment, when the record of each one will be taken up and those who were kind, gentle, loving caring for the poor and unfortunate would be rewarded. He added "In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me." These brethren are His lambs. Are you feeding these lambs?

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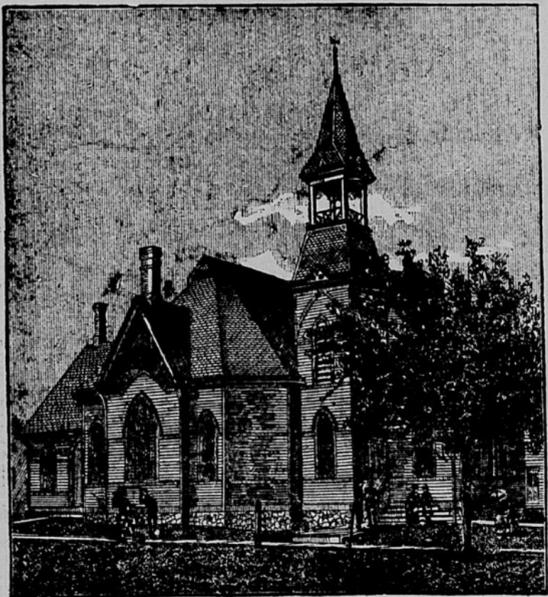
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

efficient leader in public affairs and the promoter of all things pertaining to its best welfare. Scarcely were the lands located and town site located, than he began to provide for education and church accommodations and privileges. A school-house, 14x20, was built by him on the beautiful rising ground now within the W. A. McHenry residence plot. This was then an open hill-top, affording an unobstructed view of the surrounding country in all directions. The building stood alone, on the most elevated position then occupied in the town, and could be seen for miles around. Previous to this, Mr. Denison had held meetings and preached in the old Denison House; the only building having anything of a public character in the town. When this school-house was finished religious services were at once established regularly in this new, and at that time, commodious building. Mr. Denison also preached in Mr. S. E. Dow's log house, in Union township in what is now known as Dow City—while the Methodist pastor preached across the river at S. J. Comfort's house.

Mr. Denison was planning for something more permanent than the present meetings, useful and helpful though they were. He kept talking about the organization of a church. This seemed to some impossible, to others, as not likely to be successful, few were particularly favorable, while many thought that a lasting organization could be effected. But he was persistent; kept talking about it and would not be discouraged and finally announced that a meeting would be held to consider the organization of the First Baptist church of Denison, Iowa. He then secured the promise of attendance from all that he could, and when the appointed time came, the meeting was well attended, and the matter of taking proper steps for such organization was placed in Mr. Denison's hands to formulate and present to an adjourned meeting. This meeting occurred sometime in August of 1857 and it was not until October 31, 1857 that the organization

passed on, but with the growth of population and the organization of churches of various denominations in town and the adjacent county villages, the need for such a society ceased, and it was discontinued on March 29, 1863.

The church services were held in this school-house, until sometime in 1858 when the court room in the new county house was completed and the Baptist and Methodist sused the room alternately until in 1868 when the Baptist commenced the erection of a church edifice which stood on the lots where Kemming, Kelly, Lamborn and Boylan now are. It was dedicated on January 3, 1869. In the spring of 1875 business having increased the price of lots very materially, it was decided to sell the present location and buy farther from the business center. This was done and the church building was moved to the location on the corner of Chestnut and Sweet streets. In the spring of 1884, the church found it necessary to build a parsonage on the lot north of the church. The building was completed during the summer and was first occupied by Pastor Avery. As the church accumulated property it became necessary, to have Articles of Incorporation that the trustees might do business legally and these were adopted March 18, 1884.

On the evening of February 14, 1886, after an evening of shivering discomfort, although the sexton had been trying vainly to heat the church with green wood—the church edifice was completely destroyed by fire. Saddened but not dishearted, the brave little band faced the situation, through the foresight and generosity of two of the members, insurance had been kept up, and with this for a building fund a subscription was circulated and our present church was erected. Meantime the preaching services were held regularly in the Germania Hall where our Sunday School reached "high water mark" 400 and then in the Episcopal church until the dedication of the building on February 12, 1888.

Among the many things destroyed

### STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The forty-third annual convention of the Iowa Sunday School Association will be held at Marshalltown, Iowa, June 29-July 1, in the First Methodist Episcopal church. The first session will open Monday, June 29th, at 1:30 p. m.

The following noted speakers and Sunday school specialists will be present and take part in the program: W. C. Pearce, Chicago, Ill., International Secretary of the Adult and Teacher Training Department; Miss Clara Louise Ewalt, New York City, Elementary Grade Specialist of National repute; Miss Marie C. Brehm, Chicago, National Scientific Temperance Lecturer; Dr. D. E. Jenkins, Omaha, Neb., of School of Theology, Bible Lecturer; Judge U. S. Guyer, Kansas City, Kans. a popular lecturer on the "Boy Problem" and kindred subject; Rev. J. B. Smith, Webster City; State Secretary of the Baraca Class Movement; and many other noted State workers, including Dr. C. J. Kephart President of Leander Clark College Toledo; Rev. J. S. Corkey State President Winterest; Rev. Frank F. Fitch Des Moines State Secretary; Emerson DePuy Des Moines Adult Bible Class Specialist.

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