

## Beautiful Kiron Rejoices In Handsome New Church

### Dedication and 40th Anniversary Services of Thanksgiving Last for Ten Days.

### STORY OF THE CHURCH BUILDING RETOLD

#### Entire Community Participates in Pride over the Wonderful Accomplishments of these Earnest Workers Who Have Added This Fine Edifice to Their Thriving City.

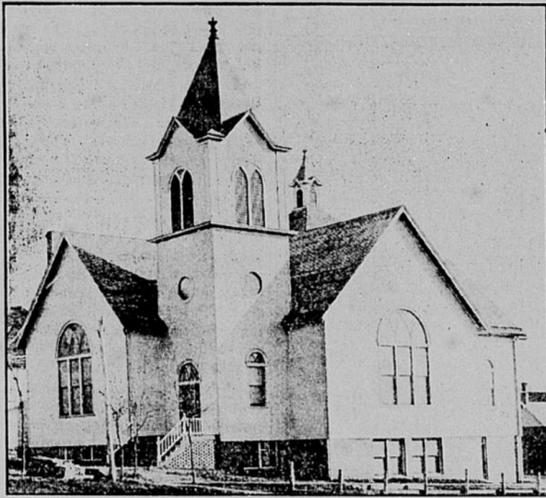
The past ten days have been most important ones for the Baptists. Events that long will be pleasantly remembered by them and which will go down in their church history and be read with interest by their succeeding generations have taken place. The first session commenced on Friday evening with a song service led by Rev. Gustave Nyquist of St. Paul, followed by an address of welcome by the pastor, Rev. A. Lagerquist. The baptistry was dedicated for service when the rite of baptism was administered to two persons. Rev. A. Norberg of Gowrie gave an address, his subject being, "The Significance of Songs in our Religious Service," which was practically demonstrated at the close of his speech by five small girls arrayed in white dresses, who appeared on the platform and very beautifully sang two songs followed by the choir, which had especially been trained for this conference and event.

Saturday morning's session was devoted to listening to an address by Rev. L. Johanson of Sioux City, his theme being, "Reasonable Worship of God" and he brought the thought forth that it meant an entire service

and devotion to God of a person's being. All he possesses should be brought in line to serve God and the result in such a service would result in joy and rich blessings in this present life and the unspeakable reward for eternity. Rev. Linder of Forest City followed him with an address on the subject, "The Young People and their training for Christ and the Church." In this afternoon session Rev. A. Lagerquist gave a very interesting and well prepared lecture on the subject, "The Church of God." At the close of this session Maurice Sjorgen read a brief history of the Baptist church here during the past forty years which was followed by short addresses from former pastors of the church, who were present, and a number of the elder members of the church, who testified to the wonderful work of an all wise hand which had led, guided and blessed in the past years. Of the members who spoke were I. Michaelson, John Erickson, H. Hallander and Mrs. John Sandberg. Rev. J. A. Jader followed with a very interesting and inspiring address in which he urged the church not only to look back and review its work but to push on for

the future and accomplish greater things. The evening session was devoted to listening to a sermon by Rev. L. Johanson of Sioux City, who in his original and sincere method reminded the church of the great truth that God has done all things well. Sunday dawned with great expectancy and anticipation, which was to be the great day of the dedication festival. At the Sunday School service addresses were listened to by Chas. K. Meyers, and Rev. L. W. Linder of Forest City. Rev. J. A. Jader of Omaha occupied the forenoon hour by

led by Rev. Gustave Nyquist. Rev. E. Rosen preached on the subject of the congregation and the community's attitude towards the Lord's House. The speaker said that he took it for granted that the church was the Lord's House and pictured the blessing the new church would be to its congregation, a place to which they could invite the people to come and worship and listen to the gospel. The new church he showed, in various ways was a credit to the town and entire locality and especially an honor to the Baptists. He cited to the various rooms in



NEW SWEDISH BAPTIST CHURCH, KIRON, IOWA. DEDICATED DEC. 5, 1908

delivering a most able and inspiring sermon using as his text, Matt. 21:1-11. He is a good speaker and his address was among the best delivered during the conference bringing forth good thoughts and making practical application to his listeners.

The afternoon preaching which commenced at 2:30 was preceded by Rev. S. A. Johanson of Arthur, who devoted a short time in a warm exhortation. A song service followed,

which the church work could be conducted in a practical way viz. the Sunday School, prayer, and preaching service, and the choir practice, and also the library and its influences for good. He eulogized the practical arrangements and conveniences and up-to-date style of the building, which he stated was the results of modern architecture. He voiced the fact that every church was designed not alone

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## KIRON PEOPLE PRAISE PASTOR.

### UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP THE SWEDISH BAPTISTS OF KIRON DO WONDERS

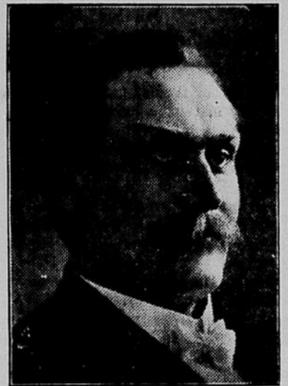
### PASTOR THE SUPERINTENDENT.

#### Biographical Sketch of Stalwart Swedish Pastor Whose Enthusiasm and Energy Inspired Kiron People to Help.

Rev. A. Lagerquist was born in Eskelstuna, Sweden May 6, 1871, in a home that was deprived of much of this world's goods and his parents were unable to be given him more than a common school education. His mother was of German descent, her parents emigrated from Germany and located in Sweden during the reign of King Gustaf III. His father engaged in the manufacturing of table cutlery. At the age of 12 years, he had to leave his home to go out and earn his own living and so was deprived of the influence of a home and the limited comforts of the same which means so much to a young boy of that age. From his early youth at different times God's Spirit strove with him to give his heart to God. This was no doubt the result of his mother's prayers and training in the home and the influence of the Sunday School of which he became a member when at the age of four years old. In the year of 1888, Jan. 25th, he yielded to the voice of God and was converted and the following month was baptized and joined the Baptist church. He met with opposition from his parents, owing to this step he had taken, as they were strict members of the State church and devout observers of its doctrines. Very soon after his conversion he became a worker in the Sunday School and preached the word in neighboring towns. About a year later he emigrated to America, and landed in Chicago, in May 1890, where he for some time followed the carpenter trade, which he had learned under his Sunday School teacher's instructions in Swe-

den. He became a very active member of the Baptist church in Englewood, especially in the Sunday School and among the young people and was a very effective worker against the cursed liquor traffic which at different times brought on him the wrath of the saloon keepers, who threatened violence against him.

While in Sweden, as well as in America he was urged by many to enter the ministry, and when he felt God's calling he entered into that work. He entered the Morgan Park school Oct. 1893, where he received his training for the work to which he should devote his entire time. His first vacation from his school period was spent preaching to the Baptist congregation at Swede Bend, Iowa. The following year he accepted a call



REV. A. LAGERQUIST.

from a congregation at Austin, Ill., where his labor proved a blessing and inspiration and an uplift to the church, which had fallen into a depressed condition. In 1895 he accepted a call to work at Rock Island, where he labored for three years. On May 6, 1897, he was united in marriage to Josephine Erickson, who was the oldest of five sisters, and we are told that she was the best one of the number. In 1899 he accepted a

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## Headquarters for Santa Claus AT KIRON, IOWA

We have made special arrangements with the generous Santa Claus to be his headquarters at Kiron. He has told us to sell the pretty things the children like at **REMARKABLY LOW PRICES.** So that all can be remembered by parents and friends. Here are few of the beautiful things we offer:

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