

INTERESTING HISTORIC STORY LEXINGTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

BY W. G. MUSGROVE.

(Concluded from last week.)

A committee was selected to differences between the fac- committee was composed South street church: Bros. S. S. Church, Alex Jones, and J. G. Chinn. et church—Levi Van Camp, Bledsoe, J. Graves, Allen J. S. Muse. These com- and selected arbitrators, having agree to faithfully decision. raters heard both sides, and ed that the two organizations up for the present." This commendation was caused et that there had arisen troubles among some of the in the South street church. bles were the beginning of of that branch, and shortly nearly all the members to the original body. about 1849 or 1850 when ight became pastor. He was little education, but was a ator, with a musical voice, a nance, and was an apt The church grew in nd in influence under his care. about five years. com gives the names of the in the following order: oung, Frank Palmer, John T. N. Gaines, Samuel S. len Wright." Henry Thomas employed as an evangelist, ith T. N. Gaines in the field, ly preached occasionally in After Allen Wright came winford; then Allen Wright oyed the second time, and ed by Noah Miller, who one year, and was followed t. Hulet for one year. Next ge W. Elley, who remained of 1858, when he resigned back to Kentucky. Thomas gan his pastorate in the fall and remained till August, 1864, removed to Louisville, Ky., succeeded by his brother, ley, who remained till the of 1865. feeling ran high in 1865, chorobes of this city all felt et. This church was with for about a year after Bro. John R. Frame was the om March, 1866, to March, October, 1867, Wm. C. Daw- called, and remained two hen in October, 1869, D. M was called, and remained preaching 3 Sundays in each October 1870. He was suc- N. Gaines, one Sunday in a some six months. In April, orge G. Taylor was called, ined till July, 1872, when he to Kentucky. After the on of Bro. Taylor the church ak W. Allen, who began his e September, 1872, and one year. After Bro t, in September, 1873, there ncy in the pulpit till Janu- , when Bro. C. B. Edger was and remained till October, October, 1870, until some time there were no regular preach- es. Then George Plattenburg 1876 and gave this church h of his time. This continued t. In September, 1877, Jesse es was called, and remained s. He resigned September, d accepted a call from the d Holden. After Bro. Hughes e was a vacancy from Septem- 9, to August, 1880. g, 1880, the church was e in securing the services of S. Lucas, and it may be said that day the real unity, hard- prosperity of this church He found us in debt, and with tical division in our ranks; t left us three years later, we t of debt, were united, and ing good work. October, 1883, Bro. Calvin S. ll was called, and remained ember, 1884, when he was of the Central church in St. Louis. eptember, 1884, till May, 1885, eb was without regular presch- es. In May, 1885, Robert ertz was called, and remained reb, 1886, when he resigned to call as a missionary to King- ancas. In May, 1886, George began his pastorate, and re- till March 31, 1889. He was d in July, 1889, by S. R. who remained about eight use, 1890, Galen M. Goode our pastor, and remained eight

years, to be succeeded in December, 1898, by our present pastor and beloved brother, E. J. Fenstermacher. Besides the elders and deacons who have heretofore been mentioned in this article, we find that in January, 1864, the church elected three elders to act in connection with Bro. Levi Van Camp. The following were chosen: T. P. Haley, P. R. Whittlesey and Hiram Christopher. In August, 1865, we find Dr. Peter Temple was an elder, though we have no record of his election. At the same time L. V. Wernag is acting as recording secretary. June 23, 1889, the church elected Geo. M. Catron, John S. Blackwell and John E. Burden as elders. As Bro. Burden had previously been elected as deacon, the place made vacant was filled by the election of Frank Bowman as deacon. On the 29th of September, 1889, Elder Proctor, of Independence, held services in this house and ordained the following officers: Elders—Granville Clayton, Joseph B. Shelby, Thomas Shelby, John S. Blackwell, John E. Burden. Deacons—A. W. Smith, Ernest McCausland, W. W. Duncan, James H. Hall, James C. Kelly, Frank Bowman and Evan Young. In November, 1898, John S. Blackwell, who had resigned his office of elder, was re-elected. At the same time W. G. Musgrove was elected as elder. Bros. F. T. Hix and Benj. F. Eaton were chosen as deacons at the same time. In the spring of 1899 these two deacons were ordained. The two elders having previously served as elders were not re-ordained. There has been no record kept of the various elders and deacons of the church. In writing this history your committee has but little information from 1844 till 1888, and what information we have secured has been done by gathering a scrap here and another elsewhere. In 1890 the elders were G. M. Goode, G. Clayton, J. B. Shelby, J. E. Burden, J. S. Blackwell, Thomas Shelby. The deacons were Jas. C. Kelly, W. W. Duncan, Evan Young, James P. Hall, Waller Barnes, Frank Bowman, Stewart, Summers, A. W. Smith, E. M. McCausland. In February, 1895, T. J. Bandon, F. C. Barnes and George W. Johnson were elected to take the places of W. W. Duncan, Waller Barnes and Stewart Summers. But little attention has heretofore been paid, in the records, when an elder or deacon resigned, died or refused to serve, and we cannot learn at what date many of them ceased to be officers, or when new officers were elected. We know that Dr. W. A. Gordon and Harrison Smith were elders many years ago, and that Geo. M. Mountjoy, A. J. Hall and James P. Hall were deacons. They were serving in 1884, but we do not know the date of their election, or when they ceased to act. The officers of the church at the present time are as follows:

ELDERS.

E. J. Fenstermacher, pastor,
Thomas Shelby,
Joseph B. Shelby,
Dr. N. B. Payne,
John S. Blackwell,
W. G. Musgrove.

DEACONS.

Jas. C. Kelly,
Jas. H. Hall, clerk,
Thos. J. Bandon, treasurer,
F. C. Barnes,
Geo. W. Johnson,
Fred T. Hix,
Benj. F. Eaton,
W. W. Duncan, gone,
A. W. Smith, dead,
Frank Bowman, ceased to serve,
Stewart Summers, ceased to serve,
Evan Young, ceased to serve.

Some notable meetings have been held in this church, and such men as Alexander Campbell, Moses E. Lard, W. H. Robinson, J. E. Wilks, McGarvey and many other brilliant speakers and writers have taken part, but we have no record of dates or results. In 1870 the Wilks-Duzler debate occurred in this city. On the 19th of March (probably 1887) Bros. Wilks, Duncan and Allen held a meeting, lasting till April 15. There were thirty-six additions to the church. In November, 1891, the well remembered Martin meeting was held in the tabernacle. It continued seven weeks, closing on Sunday night, December 20, 1891, with 252 additions to the church. There were 29 additions

to the last night of the meeting. In the fall of 1899 Bro. Fenstermacher held a meeting lasting three weeks. The membership was greatly swelled, and 47 names were added to the church roll. In August, 1900, the matter of re-modeling our church was taken up, and committees were appointed. The work was begun in November, 1900, and completed by February, 1, 1901, at a cost of \$3,000. The present building, which cost about \$18,000, was erected in 1870. The church is also owner of a neat parsonage, worth about \$2,500. The present membership is about 400, but many of those whose names are on the roll have moved away or died, and we estimate the actual membership at about 300. It has been said, but we do not vouch for the statement, that since the organization of the church there has never been a Lord's day when the emblems were not spread in this church, with a single exception. That exception was on Sunday, September 21, 1861, the next day after the battle of Lexington. The Sunday school was organized in 1844 by Dr. J. G. Chinn, and he was the first superintendent. We have no means of finding out the names of the various persons who have been superintendent since that time. We can recall the names of Granville Clayton, who served in 1874, James P. Hall, who served from 1884 to 1892; Joseph B. Shelby, Miss Nannie Gordon, W. G. Musgrove and J. K. Leiter. We think that Dr. W. A. Gordon, Dr. Peter Temple, Dr. James Temple and Dr. Chris Stewart also served in that capacity many years ago. At present Bro. Clarence Vivion is the superintendent. He is assisted by about ten teachers, and there is an average attendance of about 120 pupils. The Ladies Aid society has been a valuable aid to the church in many ways. This society began planning for building a parsonage in 1881 or 1882. The parsonage was finally built, and Bro. Terrell was the first pastor to occupy it, in 1886. The deed for the lot at the corner of Main and Eleventh streets was made by Andavilla Dowden in trust to Levi Van Camp, H. M. Bledsoe, Carr B. Waddell, Samuel Hudson, P. R. Whittlesey and Pleasant W. James. On the 13th of August, 1865, some of the old trustees being dead, and others refusing to act, the church elected a new board of trustees, as follows: P. R. Whittlesey, Lewis V. Wernag, Harrison Smith, Granville Clayton, John R. Runyon and William D. Walnright. On Sunday, June 12, 1887, all the above trustees sent in their resignations. They were accepted, and the church elected a new board, as follows: Thomas W. Barnes, John E. Bascom, John E. Burden, George M. Mountjoy, Joseph B. Shelby. We have no record of any election of trustees since that time. Your committee would recommend that all the members of the church who are in possession of interesting information in regard to the church history, be requested to put such information in writing, and give it to the church clerk, and we would suggest that the clerk record such information in his minute book for future use. We would further recommend that all old church records be delivered to the clerk. There must be several books in existence containing the records between July, 1844, and January, 1888. These books would have been of great value to us in preparing this sketch, but we were compelled to do without them, and consequently our history is very imperfect. Respectfully submitted, W. G. MUSGROVE.

NOTE—As the above article was read to the official board, and by the board referred back to the committee, it does not purport to be a complete history, and hence is not signed by all the members of the committee.

The Sol Smith Russell company, an organization that has no superior among traveling companies, will present the great play "A Poor Relation," at the New Grand opera house at an early date with Frederick Summerfield playing the part of "Noah Vale." After the illness of Mr. Russell, which necessitates the temporary retirement of this favorite American comedian for another year, his manager, Fred G. Berger, made the existing arrangements in order to give the play-goers of those cities who have never seen the play an opportunity to do so. "A Poor Relation" is clean, sweet and wholesome, full of humor and pathos.

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A Narrow Escape.
Young Tom Shelby, son of Jo Shelby, who represents Lafayette county in the legislature, in a letter to his mother from El Paso, Texas, gives an account of quite a narrow escape he recently made there from a mob that labored under a mistake. He said:
"Was leaving the White Oak depot here with the agent of Geo. S. Good, a contracting firm at work on the new Rock Island road, when a party of Italians attacked us and refused to let us go. They had been working for Good, had quit and their baggage had been held. My mistake was in being with Good's agent. They held on to our coats and threatened violence unless their baggage was released. Finally two policemen arrived and rescued us. Only three or four of the dagoes could speak English and their jabber was enough to frighten one to death."

Sister M. Antonio Dead.
Sister M. Antonio died at 11 o'clock last Friday morning at St. Mary's convent, Independence. She was forty years of age and had been a sister of Mercy for four years. Sister M. Antonio was Miss Maggie O'Malley, daughter of A. O'Malley and wife of Lexington. The funeral took place at Independence at ten o'clock Saturday morning and was attended by the parents of the deceased and her sister, Miss Rose, and cousin, Miss Annie O'Malley. Miss Tillie Bour also went up to attend the funeral.

The INTELLIGENCER extends sympathy to the bereaved family.

New Grand Sold.
The New Grand opera house, which has been owned and so successfully managed for the past six years by Walter B. Waddell, was sold last Friday evening to Gus Haerle, the consideration having been \$7,500. Mr. Haerle will take charge as soon as the transfer is legally made.

This is one of the prettiest little play houses in the state and Mr. Haerle, who is one of Lexington's pushing business men, is to be congratulated on his purchase. Mr. Waddell's management has been most satisfactory to the people and Mr. Haerle's will prove equally as popular.

K. P.'s Elect Officers.
At the annual meeting of Lexington lodge K. of P. held Thursday night Nov. 28, the following officers were chosen: Elias Spruce, C. C.; Thos. Wedge, V. C.; Chas. Gustafson, Prelate; James Kerschner, M. of W.; Thos. Rosewell, K. of R. and S. and M. of F.; Dan Ruebel, M. E.; Joe A. Wilson, M. at A. Thos. Rosewell was elected trustee for three years. The lodge is in a most healthy condition and growing in membership right along.

Visiting Tigers.
T. B. Perry and Nick Hall, members of the Tiger team, M. S. U., came down last from Kansas City Friday night to visit friends at the academy. Mr. Perry, who has been playing end for the Tigers, was unable to go into the game Thanksgiving day on account of a sprained ankle, but Mr. Hill made a fine show at right half. Nick Hall and the Tigers won.

Chapter Elects Officers.
Lexington R. A. Chapter met Monday night and elected officers as follows:
Oscar Andreen, H. P.; Fred Wilson, king; Ben John, Jr., scribe; Thos. Walton, C. H.; H. Smauer, P. S.; R. Haie, R. A. C.; W. D. Rankin, treasurer; H. W. Winsor, secretary; D. A. Slusher, third val; R. A. Hicklin, second val; S. Sellers, first val; R. E. Norfolk, sentinel.

Committed Suicide.
William Neisher, a prosperous farmer living six miles east of Waverly, shot himself through the heart Monday. No cause is assigned for the suicide. Deceased leaves a wife and two small children.

Claude M. Coon left Tuesday morning for a trip through Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota, after a pleasant visit in this city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Morgan Coon, and his little son, Carlton. Mr. Coon is manager of the tonic department of the Rochester Brewing Co., at Rochester, Minn., and is traveling in the interest of that company.

Capt. Thomas Mattingly, of the ferry boat at Miami, came down from Kansas City Tuesday in a gasoline launch, purchased for use on the waters around his home town. Miss Emie Mattingly came down on the launch with her father and stopped off at Lexington for a visit with Mrs. Nagle.

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