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FIRST CHURCH OF PRESBYTERIAN WAS FOUNDED HERE 1827

STEADY GROWTH IS SHOWN OF INSTITUTION SINCE FOUNDING

The first recorded services of the Presbyterian Church were those held by the Rev. Wm. McCalla, a chaplain in the U. S. Army, who was stationed at Baton Rouge. In 1822 the Presbytery of Mississippi sent the Rev. Mr. Savage who preached at this place and at the Plains.

In 1827 the Rev. John Dorrance was placed in charge of this work, of the Plains and at Manchac. It was during his ministry in 1827 that the Church regularly chartered and ceased to be a missionary field.



The church at that time had fifteen members, many of whom resided twenty five miles from the church. Mr. Parmelee A. Walker was the first elder and the first infant baptized was James Bogan in 1822.

The First Church sent out its first colony in 1832 when it organized the Plains Church which is now one of

the strongest country churches in the South.

In 1841 the Rev. Lahele Woolbridge was called to the pastorate. During his ministry the church had about one hundred members. On January 15th, 1854 the present building was dedicated, it having been preceded by two other buildings on the same block. Mr. Woolbridge resigned having served the church about fourteen years.

After Mr. Woolbridge, Rev. Thos. Castleton became the pastor of this church and remained until 1860. He conducted a school in which many of our older citizens were educated. The Manse at that time was the house now owned and occupied by Miss Coe Garig.

Only one pastor has died while in the service of the church, Rev. W. H. Stratton who is buried in Magnolia Cemetery. Rev. R. F. Patterson, who died in 1908 was pastor about two years, but was serving Grace Church at the time of his death. Mr. Patterson led out the second colony from this church about forty years ago when Grace Memorial Church was organized.

One of the longest pastorates of the church was that of Dr. Jos. Y. Allison who served the church from March, 1884 to April 1st, 1900. It was during his pastorate that the present Manse was built, the pipe organ bought and the church remodelled. No pastor was ever more beloved by a whole community than was Dr. Allison. At the close of his service, the membership was 143.

Rev. E. L. Siler served the church for two years when Rev. T. M. Hunt-



er, D. D., was called and began work on April 2nd, 1904 and remained pastor until Dec. 1st, 1921, enjoying the longest pastorate the church has ever had.

During his pastorate the city began to grow and the church with it until in 1921 the church has a resident membership of about 550.

In 1904 the interior of the church was remodeled and is a very attractive auditorium. In 1911 the Hill Memorial Annex was built furnishing the church with Sunday School room and parlors. The Second Presbyterian Church was built in 1914

and is fast becoming a strong church. This was the first church which entered the North Baton Rouge field and a chapel was built in 1910 and another about two years ago.

About nine years ago, this church began work in Port Allen and has now a strong and self-supporting work house in a chapel which Mr. George Hill had built from the old Homestead residence. Work has been maintained at Chamberlin for seventeen years and recently our church has fathered the work at Ad-

dis. The church has bought the adjoin-

ing residence property for enlargement purposes and has a goodly sum in bank for this purpose, the larger part being donated by Mr. Hill.

The church works through its three departments: that of the men centering about the Business Men's Bible Class. The Woman's Department is a model of efficiency working through eight circles and reaching every woman in the church. The Young People's Department consists of the Bible School and three efficient Christian Endeavor Societies.

The church is officered by 11 elders of the Session and 19 members of the Board of Deacons.

MRS. A. G. REED.

The women of Baton Rouge are to be congratulated upon having Mrs. A. G. Reed elected to the head of the Louisiana Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Reed has served as president of the Sixth District for the past two years and has made an efficient officer. To her is due the success of the meeting in Baton Rouge, of course ably assisted by other club women of the city.

Never has there been a meeting so important nor so successful in the history of the federation, as the one of recent date and many letters have been received from the ladies in attendance expressing themselves as delighted with the reception and entertainment afforded them during their visit to Baton Rouge.

Mrs. Reed is a most charming, intelligent woman, and having her at the helm of the State Federation means the success of the important work of woman's clubs in Louisiana.

MANY IMPORTANT ACTS WERE RESULT OF WOMEN'S MEET

REPORT OF 22ND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE FEDERATION

(By Mrs. L. U. Babin, Secretary Local Federation Committee.)

The 22nd annual convention of the Louisiana Federated Women's Clubs held in Baton Rouge, Nov. 29-30 and Dec. 1 inclusive is now a meeting of history.

Many things of particular importance stand out in connection with this convention. It is highly appreciated that for the first time the Federation met in a clubhouse owned by women; it was the first gathering of these state women's clubs since women have the ballot; and it was the first time ever that a governor could report his attendance and his participation as a committeeman in an international peace conference, and Louisiana's governor is the first and only governor to have been called upon to do this, and the women are proud of John M. Parker.

The program of the convention as had been prepared, was carried out with but few exceptions, one being the absence of the General Federation President, Mrs. Warren G. Winter of Minn., who was one of the four women chosen by President Harding to act as committeemen at the peace conference. While Louisiana women regretted Mrs. Winter's inability to be present here they felt keenly the compliment bestowed upon Mrs. Winter and the federated women in this confidence and respect shown their general president.

Baton Rouge appreciates the honor given their towns-women, Mrs. A. G. Reed who was made president and Miss Daisy Badley corresponding secretary of the Federation. Mrs. P.

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