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HISTORY.

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER has a history. Under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. (not the present organization) there was established in the Spring of 1858, the Hunterstown Mission Sabbath School. The school met first in the German M. E. Church, then on Third Street, near Walnut. Nine pupils were in attendance. They all went out as missionaries, and in a few weeks the school had an attendance of 100. Obliged to move, Mrs. Sheppard, an Episcopalian lady, offered rooms on the northwest corner of Second and Walnut. Again they moved to the store rooms of Maj. C. W. Hunter, Second street near Henry. The school outgrew its quarters, and Weigler's Hall was rented. Often 400 gathered in that room, and precious results followed on the labors there.

This enterprise, having become established and successful, friends began to plan for providing a permanent home. Messrs. Samuel Wade and Arba Nelson, at an annual festival of the school, publicly offered to be each one of ten to build such a home. A subscription paper was circulated, on which eventually \$3,267 was realized. In the meantime an organization had been effected and a Board of Trustees duly elected. A committee was appointed to select a site and build. The northwest corner of Sixth and Henry streets was soon the location of their neat chapel. In the erection of this building, Messrs. Wade and Nelson became responsible for the cost in excess of the subscriptions. The title of the property being in the names of the previously elected site committee, that committee directed to write a declaratory deed in favor of Messrs. Wade and Nelson, securing them in the matter of the indebtedness they had assumed, in all, \$1,765.91. Under the provisions of that deed the property was afterwards sold to the highest bidder, and bought for the Church of the Redeemer.

To the original Mission Building Fund many Presbyterians contributed. In full return for such aid, on the later renovating of the old church, members of the Church of the Redeemer turned over to them pews in the former house valued, it is estimated, at not less than \$1,200.00.

The organization of the church was on this wise. The Presbyterian Church of Alton was the adopted home of many New England Congregationalists. In the course of years the establishment of a society of more congenial order was providently favored. The withdrawal of the Presbyterian denomination from co-operation in the work of the American Board and American Home Missionary Societies, and the establishment of similar agencies of their own, tended



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to awaken denominational spirit in all Congregationalists. The strength of the Alton church warranted the swarming of a young colony. The opportunity opened in the Henry street region was considered the call of God.

On the evening of Friday, June 3rd, 1870, at the house of Mr. F. T. Lewis, a preliminary meeting was held of "those in favor of the organization of a Congregational Church in this city." Fifteen persons were present. After devotional exercises the matter was discussed at some length, and all present expressing themselves in favor of the movement, a committee was appointed, consisting of Mr. Samuel Wade, Mr. James Newman and Mr. John Atwood, to prepare a statement setting forth the reasons and motives which actuated them in this movement. One week later, at a meeting held at the same place, a statement was submitted by this committee, and was unanimously adopted and signed by the twenty-seven persons present. This statement was as follows:

"Seeing in the present prosperity and large membership of the church ith which we are connected (First Presbyterian) indications of God's providence pointing to this as the time to colonize, we the undersigned, while grateful for a place within its fold so long, and with most fraternal feeling towards all its members, do rejoice in efforts to build up another church of Christ of such polity as we think most scriptural and best adapted to utilize and bring out the working force of individual Christians. Looking to the Great Head of the Church for guidance and direction in our Christian work for the salvation of souls and for our growth in grace, we do hereby pledge each other our hearty co-operation in prayers, in efforts, and in suffering, if need be, top lant an organization which shall hold forth the Word of Life to souls that are perishing."

After adopting and signing this statement, those present made arrangements for further organization by appointing committees on Church Manual and Confession of Faith, on Hymn Books, and for securing a pastor for the leadership of the new organization. From this time meetings were held every week for prayer and conference.

On Sunday, July 3d, 1870, the new organization held its first public services; Rev. H. D. Platt of Brighton preached in the Mission Chapel on Henry street, before mentioned. On the evening of Friday, July 29th, at a called meeting, at which Rev. H. D. Platt presided, the church was organized with 48 members. An informal call was presented at the same time to Rev. M. K. Whittlesey of Ottawa, Ill., to become its pastor, and the call was informally accepted, leaving further arrangement for the future. At a meeting held Aug. 27th, a Manual was adopted and officers were elected.

October 18th, a council met for the public recognition of the church and the installation of its pastor. After careful examination of the records of the church, and other matters pertaining to the relation of pastor and people, the public exercises of the recognition of the church and installation of pastor were conducted. Shortly after the action of this council, the church and its pastor were admitted to the Southern Association of Illinois.

The church was at this time receiving frequent accessions to its membership, and prospering in many ways, when it was called to pass through a season of severe afflication in the loss by death of

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(This space given by courtesy of the L. J. Hartman Clothing Company.) several of its most active members. On the 14th of November, 1870, Mr. John Blaisdell died. February 16th, 1871, Mr. Arba Nelson, one who having the means, had it in his heart to do much for the young church, was called away. May 18th, Mr. Thomas Smith, and June 20th, Mr. Timothy Souther, were removed by death. These losses were severe, and might easily have crippled the church, but the hand of God was in it all, and while he afflicted, He also blessed.

On Oct. 24th, 1872, after a pastorate of two years, Rev. M. K. Whittlesey was dismissed by the advice of council, that he might accept a call to the superintendency of Home Missions for Southern Illinois. In December of the same year, the church called Rev. Robert West of Ludlow, Ky., to the pastorate, and his work began with the month of February, 1873. During this year (1873) many additions and repairs were made within and without the church building, including the placing of an excellent Hook's No. 2 Cottage Organ, the gift of Mr. Samuel Wade, whose munificent benefactions up to this date and till his death are gratefully remembered.

In the early part of 1874, the church was greatly blessed in connection with the revival work of Rev. E. P. Hammond, in Alton, receiving a large addition to its membership, and being led to renewed activity in the cause of the Master. Rev. Robert West was installed pastor, April 29th, 1874. He resigned his pastorate Nov. 7th, 1876, becoming Home Missionary Superintendent for the Southwest. In this work he became widely known through correspondence with our demoninational journals. While on a vacation in the East he received a call to the Shawmut Church, Boston, accepting, which he labored there one year. A call to be editor of the Chicago Advance, invited him to a field of wide usefulness. He threw every energy into the work. In a time of critical interest in our Church history he was the champion of every good thing and outspoken in assault upon evil. Little dreaming of rest, he used his Sabbaths in preaching, and was helpful in all sorts of Christian meetings. On Sunday, Oct. 24th, 1886, he filled an appointment at Sycamore, Ill. After evening service he was taken suddenly ill, and died before morning. On Oct. 29th, all that was mortal of Robert West was brought to this, his church home, at Alton, Ill. Colleagues in the ministry spoke tenderest words of the friend and brother in the Gospel, and kind hands bore the casket to our city of the dead. His memory will ever be cherished in this church.

The pastorate was vacant from October, 1876, until March 1st, 1877. At that date Rev. Geo. C. Adams of Hillsboro began work with us. The council, meeting Sept. 20th, dismissed Rev. Robert West, and installed Pastor Adams.

In January, 1878, special meetings of three weeks' duration, were held under the leadership of the pastor. Fruits of this activity are manifest in the additions made at the communions immediately succeeding Feb. 3d.-23; March 3d,-8; for the year, 39.

An important addition to our property was made in the year 1878, when the Circuit Court decided in favor of the church, in the matter of the real estate left to us by Arba Nelson, deceased. This property included the present parsonage site, with other city lots. The latter were sold and the proceeds devoted to defraying the cost of remodeling the parsonage.



There was received at this time also a gift of \$500.00 from the estate of Jos. Burnap of Upper Alton, which was applied in the same work of fitting up the commodious manse of the church.

A field for larger influence offering, Rev. Geo. C. Adams resigned his charge and retired May 1st, 1881. He has since labored successfully in St. Louis, maintaining an interest still in the church he so ably served.

Sept. 1st, 1881, Rev. E. G. Chaddock of Manistee, Mich., accepting a call, entered upon work as our pastor. Growth in numbers and spirituality are recorded of this period. There was no marked revival, but the personal influence of pastor and wife were unitedly helpful for the permanent upbuilding of character among us. Health considerations compelled a change of residence, and Mr. Chaddock resigned, to take effect Aug. 31, 1885.

At the beginning of this pastorate the Sabbath School, continued as from the first, a Mission School, was adopted formally by the church. Guided by the wisdom and inspired by the spiritual interest of its corps of workers, this organization has been a most important factor in our church life. The revival under Pastor Adams began there, and a large proportion of the later additions came from the nursery of the church.

March 1st, 1886, Rev. H. S. Mills, formerly at Forest Grove, Ore., began service as our pastor. Seeking ever the improvement of the condition of the church, Mr. Mills' work seems to have been not only increasing its membership, by addition of some of our most acceptable and worthy names, but by a purging of the roll of twenty-five names, either unworthy or lost from our knowledge. The needs of the unevangelized burdened the heart of our leader, who longed to make the Church a centre of larger influence upon that class lying beyond us in East Alton. The missionary spirit he possessed was therefore the more responsive to an urgent appeal, made by personal friends, and Mr. Mills resigned his charge Nov. 15th, 1887, to enter upon a pastorate at Huron, S. D.

Rev. C. C. Warner, resigned at LaSalle, Ill., was called and began work May 1st, 1888. In the early part of 1889 union meetings in Armory Hall, under Evangelist H. F. Sayles, were highly successful, quickening spiritual life in all the churches of Alton. Forty additions to our membership, 32 of them on confession of faith, are recorded for this year.

The twentieth Anniversary of the organization of the Church occurred on July 29th. It was voted to celebrate that event by appropriate services, choosing Sept. 28th as a more convenient date.

In October evangelistic work was again undertaken under L. P. Rowland of Grand Rapids, the Cumberland Presbyterian, and the Baptist Mission uniting with us. November 23d, twenty-three persons entered into covenant with us.

The Y. P. S. C. E., started under Mr. Mills, has developed creditably. Its Sabbath evening prayer meeting is one of the most spiritual services held in the church. The harmonious activity there stimulated, together with the worthy type of piety encouraged, promise excellent things for the future.

A Junior Endeavor Society was organized in February, 1895, under the leadership of Miss Mary Rich, and now has about 30 members.



In many departments of the church woman's work maintains the good name from the beginning associated with the ladies of the Church of the Redeemer, Missionary Societies—Home and Foreign, the Aid Society, the Ladies' Bible Meeting and the Young Ladies' Missionary Society, deserve individual mention beyond the limit of this space. To emulate the self-sacrifice and devotion bestowed by the company included in these organizations would be worthy ambition of all our membership.

Dec. 19th, 1890, the resignation of the pastor was accepted, to take effect on or before May 1st, 1891.

Rev. John H. J. Rice of Oakland, Cal., was called to the pastorate of the Church of the Redeemer February, 1891, and began work April 27, of the same year.

Dr. Rice served the church for thirteen years as pastor, and in August, 1904, resigned to take a rest at Oberlin, O. The prominent work of his pastorate was the building of a new and commodious church edificus at a cost of more than \$20,000.00, and its dedication free of debt.

In April, 1905, Rev. Allen A. Tanner became pastor of the Church, and lived a beautiful life among us until May 13th, 1909, when the health of his family necessitated his living in a higher altitude, and he resigned. Large numbers were added to the church during these years, and so far as the citizens of Alton were concerned, he was probably the church's most beloved pastor.

On January 23, 1910, Rev. L. R. Martin of Sioux Rapids, Iowa, became pastor of the church. In May, 1914, because of the ill health of Mr. Martin, the church voted him a four month's leave of absence in which to recuperate, but on August 31, the church received his resignation. Mr. Martin was a sweet singer and helped much with the music of the church.

On November 8th, 1914, Rev. I. G. McCann of Chicago became pastor and served us until June 8, 1916, when having been called to the Mexican border with the regiment of which he was chaplain, he sent his resignation to the church.

The present pastor, Rev. Charles Cecil Smith of Farragut, Iowa begun his work with the church December 24th, 1916.

OUR CONSTITUTION.

I. NAME.

The name of this Church shall be The Church of the Redeemer of Alton, Illinois; its order Evangelical Congregational.

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Its object shall be the Christianization of man; the advancement of its members in holiness and usefulness, by Christian fellowship work and worship, and in the use of the Christian ordinances; acknowledging the Divine Redeemer as its Head, and the Scriptures as its infallible guide in matters of faith, order and discipline.

III. MEMBERSHIP.

The members of this organization shall be such persons as give credible evidence of Christian character; to be received in accordance with the Standing Rules of the Church.

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IV. OFFICERS.

The officers of this Church shall be a Pastor, three or more deacons, one or more Deaconesses, a Clerk, a Treasurer, a Benevolent Treasurer, a Solicitor, an Auditor, a Standing Committee and a Board of Trustees consisting of five members. The church may appoint from time to time such other officers or committees as may seem necessary, in accordance with the Standing Rules.

V. ELECTION.

The members of all stated Committees shall be elected by ballot. VI. PROPERTY.

The property of the Church of the Redeemer may be sold and conveyed by the trustees of the church, only on the authorization and direction of the church shown by a vote of the church, taken at a meeting duly called for that purpose, such vote being passed by a two-thirds majority of members present having ther ight of suffrage.

VII. ANNUAL AND BUSINESS MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the church for the election of officers, hearing of reports, and for the transaction of other business, shall be held on the first Monday of October, at 7:30 P. M. If for any cause it fails to be held at that time a quorum, either by proxy or otherwise, must vote, at the regular hour, for an adjourned meeting to be held at such time as may be desired; and due notice given of such adjournment. Ordinary business may be transacted in connection with any regular meeting of the church, unless objection be made, in which case a special meeting shall be called. Special business meetings may be called from time to time as the Standing Rules may provide.

VII. STANDING RULES AND AMENDMENTS.

This church may from time to time adopt its own Standing Rules and Regulations, but only in harmony with the laws and customs or usages of Congregational churches. It may amend this Constitution by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting at which a quorum, defined in the Standing Rules, is present, or at any special meeting properly announced, provided such alteration shall have been proposed at a previous meeting. But it shall have no power to change its polity or alienate its property from the use of an Evangelical Trinitarian Congregational Church.

STANDING RULES.

I. MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. All persons desiring to make a profession of religion and to unite with this church, having been approved by the Standing Committee, shall be publicly propounded at least one week previous to the time of their admission; and, having been received by a vote of the church, they shall become members by publicly adopting our Articles of Faith, receiving baptism (if they have not before been baptized), and entering into covenant with the church. In cases of extreme sickness or helplessness, rigid adherence to the rules may be dispensed with; the action of the Standing Committee in such cases being subject to ratification by the church.

Sec. 2. Members of other churches desiring to unite with us



shall deliver the proper testimonials to the Standing Committee. If approved by that committee they shall stand publicly propounded, at least one week previous to the time of admission; and, having been received by a vote of the church, shall become members by publicly entering into covenant with the church. Propounding may be omitted by an unanimous consent of the church.

Sec. 3. A member who may know any reason why a candidate propounded for admission should not be received into the church, shall first make such reasons known to the pastor and deacons, and if they deem it insufficient, he may afterwards make it known to the church, which body shall take action upon same.

Sec. 4. Requests for letters may be made known at any regular weekly meeting of the church; and if, at the end of one week, no objection has been made in writing to the pastor or clerk, the letter shall then be issued by the clerk. If objection be made the same shall be reported to the church for its consideration and action.

Sec. 5. Non-resident members are expected to communicate with the church at least once a year and give good reason for non-transference of membership to some church near them. If such letters be not written, upon recommendation of the Standing Committee such name may, by vote of the church, be placed upon a special membership list, and, at the expiration of five years, be dropped from the church roll.

Sec. 6. The Standing Committee is expected to report to the church for similar action, the names of such resident members as habitually absent themselves from communion or from the stated Sabbath services of the church. Such persons shall not be entitled to letters of admission certifying good standing.

Sec. 7. Should any unhappy differences arise between members of the church, the aggrieved member shall follow in a gentle, Christian spirit the rules laid down by our Lord in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew. Should any gross breach of the church covenant or of public scandal arise, the Standing Committee shall endeavor to remove such, and if they fail they shall report the same to the church for final action. If any matter of grave difficulty arise in the church, which it is unable to adjust, it will, if requested, ask the advice of a mutual council of Congregational churches.

Sec. 8. The censures inflicted upon offenders shall be such as in the judgment of the church the offender deserves—private reproof, public admonition, temporary suspension from church privileges, or excommunication. In cases of excommunication, however, notice shall be given from the pulpit on Sabbath.

II. OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

1. The pastor's duty shall pertain to the preaching of the Gospel, the administering of the sacraments and the conducting of the public religious services of the church. He shall also be moderator in the business meetings of the church with such limitations as shall be defined in the Standing Rules.

2. It shall be the duty of the deacons to prepare for and assist in the celebration of the Lord's Supper; to receive and distribute the charities of the church, and to present a report thereof annually; to act as spiritual helpers to the pastor, and in his absence to conduct the social religious meetings of the church. They shall be four in number and shall be divided into two classes, each to serve two

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years; one class to retire annually and one to be chosen annually, the same individuals being eligible to re-election.

3. The duties of the deaconesses shall be to visit the sick and the aged, the poor and the unfortunate of their own sex in the church; and to take a general interest in such in the parish who are not under the watch care of any church.

4. The Standing Committee shall consist of the Pastor, Deacons, Clerk, President of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society, the Sunday School superintendent, and three members chosen annually from among the sisters of the church, preferably the presidents of the Missionary Societies. The duties of the committee, in addition to those already stated under the head of membership shall be:

(1) The supervision and selection of such literature as is needed by the church and Sunday school.

(2) They shall also transact such other business as, from time to time, may be referred to them by vote of the church.

(3) And they shall have general supervision of the spiritual interests of the church.

5. The Board of Trustees shall consist of five members, so classed that one shall be retired and one elected at each Annual Meeting, in addition to filling such vacancies as may occur. The duties of the Board of Trustees shall be to exercise such control of the church's property as is granted to them by the constitution; to devise ways and means for sustaining stated preaching of the Gospel and the administering of the ordinances, according to the doctrines and usages of Congregational churches; for incidental expenses connected with the church, and to see that all the moneys are deposited with the treasurer to be disbursed by their sanction, or by vote of the church. The Clerk shall send a certificate of election of trustees to office of Recorder of Deeds of Madison County, according to law.

6. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the church to keep a faithful record of all the doings of the church, including all regular and special meetings, a chronological list of its members, showing the time and mode of their admission and dismission, and of their death, so far as he may be able to ascertain; a list of the children baptized, and such other matters as the church from time to time may vote to make matters of record.

7. The Treasurer shall receive funds belonging to the church, keep a regular account thereof, noting the objects for which they are raised; all money raised for the support of public worship or church work to be disbursed according to the will of the the church or upon the order of the Board of Trustees.

8. The Benevolent Treasurer shall receive all money received for benevolent purposes, and shall disburse the same according to the instructions of the Standing Committee, or the vote of the church.

9. The Auditor shall make a careful examination of the finances of the church, the receipts and disbursements, and shall compare the Treasurer's accounts with his vouchers and with the reports of the Trustees and Deacons, and report the result to the church. This examination to be made upon the reports at the Annual Meeting.

10. It shall be the duty of the Solicitor to mail to each member of the church a blank form of church subscription, and at the earliest

date possible following the annual meeting, to put into the hands Motor of the Treasurer the result of such canvass. Kinloch, 1283 Bell, 1096 Gardner 11. The Sunday school officers shall be members of the church and shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meetings. Car 12. The Clerk, Treasurer, Auditor and Solicitor shall be elected at each Annual Meeting, but in case of any failure to elect these officers at the stated time, they shall hold over until their successors **Modern Auto Co.** are elected, as shall all other officers. 13. Other Committees: (1) Music Committee, A music committee of six shall be chosen annually, whose duty it shall be to have general supervision of church and Sunday school music, and to decide upon GARDNER SALES AND SERVICE music leaders for the various services of the church and Sunday school. 14. Such other committees may be appointed and duties assigned them as may seem necessary for the best interests of the church. Used Car Bargains — Terms Reasonable 15. The church shall appoint delegates to represent it in the meetings of the General Association of Illinois; in the Springfield As-If you don't buy your car from us sociation, and, if deemed expedient in all the ecclesiastical councils we both lose money in which it may be invited to participate. The expenses of all such delegates, with those of the pastor, shall be paid from the funds of the church. These delegates shall make a brief report of the action of the bodies to which they were sent to the church. 424 BELLE ST. ALTON. ILL. III. CHURCH SERVICES AND BUSINESS MEETINGS. 1. There shall be two public services on the Sabbath with the preaching of the Word, unless otherwise voted by the church. 2. The regular weekly prayer meeting shall be held each week on Thursday evening. 3. The Lord's Supper shall be celebrated on the first Sabbath of **Mississippi Valley Coal Co.** each alternate month, commencing with January, or oftener if the church so elect. The preceding Thursday evening being set apart as a preparatory meeting. 4. Business meetings for the ordinary business of the church may be held in connection with any regular meetings of the church without previous notice. 5. Special meetings may be called by the Pastor or Deacons, or shall be called by the Clerk at the written request of five members of the church, provided there be at least ten days' notice of the same. ORIGINAL HILLSBORO, OLD SPRINGFIELD, 6. The President of the Board of Trustees shall preside at all special meetings in which financial or property interests of the church are to be considered and voted upon. The Senior Deacon shall pre-FAMOUS, PARADISE SOUTHERN ILLINOIS side at such meetings as especially concern or relate to the pastor of the church. IV. SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE. COAL The church will make contribution each year to each of the seven benevolent societies of the denomination, unless otherwise ordered by vote of the church; the general interest of this part of our work to be under the direction of the Standing Committee. V. SUNDAY SCHOOL. **Both Phones** Broadway and Market Sts. 1. The church shall have general oversight of the Sunday school. 2. The officers of the Sunday school shall be a Superintendent, First and Second Assistant Superintendents, Secretary and Treasurer,

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with such other officers as shall from time to time seem necessary. The term of office shall be one year.

3. These officers shall be elected by the church at the Annual Meeting of the church.

4. The duties of the Superintendent shall be such as usually devolve upon the Superintendent of a Sunday School.

The First Assistant Superintendent shall be assistant to the Superintendent.

The Second Assistant Superintendent shall have charge of the Primary Department of the Sunday school, and in conjunction with the Superintendent shall manage that department.

The duties of all other officers shall be such as usually devolve upon the several offices to which they are elected.

VI. AMENDMENTS.

1. These rules may be amended or repealed at any Annual Meeting, or any meeting called for that purpose, by vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

2. The Articles of Faith may be amended or changed by a similar vote, after the proposed changes have been presented at a regular or special meeting at least one month prior to date of meeting voting to change said Articles of Faith. Said changes, however, shall not be of such a nature as to change the faith of the church from that of a Trinitarian Congregational Church.

3. A quorum for the transaction of business other than such as may be denominated ordinary, shall be twenty; for ordinary business, seven.

CONGREGATIONALISM

A Congregational Church is an independent body, having within itself all necessary powers of government, discipline, and ownership of such property as it requires.

Yet, while independent of all judicial or legislative authority from without, Congregationalism recognizes both the value and necessity of such fraternal relations for mutual helpfulness as may be afforded in local, state and national associations and special councils.

Congregationalists require for church membership evidence of repentance for sin, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and renewed life. They believe in the new birth and then in the fruits of righteousness. Church membership is not a goal, but a starting point for those who truly desire to "attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a full grown man, unto a measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

Freedom is allowed for individual interpretation of the Scriptures as containing the Christian principles of living; choice is given between immersion and sprinkling in baptism, according to conscience, although the latter form is the most general with Congregational Churches. The use or rejection of liturgical forms is left to the local church; and individuals are expected to decide mooted questions touching conduct each for himself, according to the promptings of a conscience enlightened by the Holy Spirit, guided by the example of Christ and assisted by weighing the opinions of older Christians.

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Two distinguishing characteristics of Congregationalism are its missionary zeal and its regard for education. Congregationalists founded the first foreign missionary society in this country; they have produced some of the most successful evangelists, including President Finney and D. L. Moody; they have taken a leading part in the newer forms of Christian work, including institutional or open churches and social settlements. Congregationalists founded nearly all of the New England colleges, and have planted institutions of learning in the South and West, as well as the great Middle West. They led in the industrial training of the Negro and the Indian through the work of General Armstrong, and first opened common school in the Mormon communities.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

There was a time when the Church stood as the earthly counterpart of the Kingdom of Heaven. She was held to be a divine institution. Membership was based wholly upon one's attitude toward God. This attitude was expressed in one's acceptance of the creeds and theological dogmas of the Church. Thus church membership was entirely a matter of beliefs. It insured one of God's protection on earth and of Heaven after death.

Today, as Congregationalists, we hold to a different view. There is no less of Divineness clustering about our Church than formerly; but there is more of humanity. The Church stands for a Divine Ideal in human hands. Today, church membership is based upon one's attitude toward, and relationship to, one's neighbors, as well as upon one's belief. Thus moral character is as essential as creedal statement. The Church, then, becomes the earthly counter part of the Kingdom only as she accomplishes moral character in men and women.

Therefore, the Church is an arm fighyting for right and justice. Her members are soldiers. Of course, we still expect and receive, the Divine Presence. This presence, however, finds expression in our inspiration rather than in mere protection. As soldiers we have to work to do—a battle to fight. The supreme motive of membership must be that of service to our fellow men. It is not that we might get only, but that we might give as well.

Thus every member is under moral obligation to serve his Church as best as he can. Broadly speaking, there are two ways in which we can serve—giving effort and giving money. The Church needs trustees, deacons, ushers, and singers, etc. Every member should be willing to do any or all of these tasks in so far as he is able. Too, the Church must have money. Every member should contribute to the financial needs of the work. To this end, our local church has adopted the "Every-Member-Canvass" plan. Every member is called upon at the first of the year to make their pledge for the year. It would be ideal if each of us would see our solicitor or treasurer and volunteer our pledge. How much should each give? It is easy to find each one's share; just divide our yearly budget by our membership. Of course, some must give more, others less. For in giving to the church, as in all life, our ability MUST be the measure of our obligation.



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