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"REMOVE NOT THE ANCIENT LANDMARK WHICH THY FATHERS HAVE SET."—Bible.

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DEDICATORY EXERCISES OF THE NEW FREE METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE

The new publishing house was formally dedicated to the service of the Lord on Thursday afternoon, October 14, 1909, amid great rejoicing of the people assembled on the happy occasion.

The exercises were as follows:

1. Bishop Edward P. Hart, who presided, made the following remarks:

About one year ago the executive committee of the Free Methodist church adopted a resolution ordering the purchase of the lot on the corner of

ages past," was announced by Rev. F. H. Ashcraft, of Greenville, Illinois, a member of the executive committee, and sung by the congregation.

4. Prayer was offered by Rev. Benjamin Winget, missionary secretary.

5. Bishop William Pearce gave an address as follows:

This day marks an epoch in Free Methodism. Some structures are monumental. Some find their illustration in mountain systems which give birth



108-110 FRANKLIN STREET

*ROOMS OCCUPIED BY S. K. J. CHESBRO AS PUBLISHER. T. B. ARNOLD'S OFFICES WERE ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THIS BUILDING

Washington boulevard and May street. They also elected a building committee and instructed this committee to proceed at once to erect a building for a publishing house. The result of their labors we have before us in this substantial and convenient building; and, according to previous announcement, we have come together to formally dedicate this property to the service and glory of God. This certainly is a red-letter day for Free Methodism, and I earnestly pray that as at the dedication of the Temple of old the cloud of God's glory filled the place, and as that cloud of glory was typical of the Holy Spirit, so may the blessed Holy Spirit take possession and fill every apartment of this building.

2. The Rev. Mendal B. Miller, district elder of the Oil City district, Oil City conference, a member of the building committee, read the 84th Psalm.

3. Hymn No. 156, "O God, our help in

to mighty rivers that flow forth to bless whole continents. This structure is both monumental and causal. It is a monument to our enterprise as a church, a sure sign that Free Methodism is not an experiment, and is not decadent. It will be a source of literary products and general Christian influence that will gladden the entire lengths and breadths of our church domain, and extend to regions beyond.

When the Lord created the heavens and the earth and their fitting furniture He did but express in outward form the inner workings of His infinite mind. In wisdom He made them all. The sun, moon, and stars, the sounding sea, the towering mountains, the immense forests, the majestic rivers, the fauna and flora, and above all, man in his complex being—these are but the thoughts of God in the concrete.

In man the moral image of his Maker has been lost; the mental has only been weakened, not lost, and man's thoughts, like God's, find expression in

the outward and the seen, in stone, brick, wood, etc.

As a result of the fall men build monuments to their own folly. The first great building after the flood, Babel, showed plenty of ability, but was erected in independence of God, in defiance of God. This is a fitting sample in evil principle, succeeded by others whose end is, or shall be, confusion. Babylon, the Parthenon, the temple of Diana, the palaces of the Caesars, the Circus Maximus, the Coliseum, the massive, costly, and splendid idol-temples of India, St. Peter's, the Vatican, "the tower of Julius, London's lasting shame," the Mormon temple at Salt Lake City—these are a few on the Babel plan.

There is no clearer sign of the mixed good and evil in the world than the conglomeration in buildings we are compelled to see every day. Some represent the necessary conditions of life. Most of these are dwellings; some are governmental, as the capitol at Washington; then industrial, as the various manufacturing plants; commercial, including banks, etc.; transportation buildings, printing establishments, and those devoted to art, science and general education.

Some are directly devoted to sin and sinful purposes, as breweries, saloons, dives, bijous, and theaters. Many stand connected with false religions, as churches devoted to the enunciation of the doctrine of justification by works. This would include Catholic churches. Masonic temples are in the same class. Many Protestant churches are given over to fashion, pomp and pride.

Methodism has its historic structures. A mid-day meeting is now held in the John street mission, New York City, where Asbury and others preached much more than a hundred years ago.

Free Methodism has planted her churches from ocean to ocean, but this new building is, above all others, the central structural expression of Free Methodism. After fifty years of church life the doctrine of holiness, the grand depositum of Methodism, as Wesley termed it, is preached in all our pulpits, and the publishing house will be the source of holiness literature and wholesome and helpful literary productions of many kinds.

THE FREE METHODIST, the Sunday-school periodicals, missionary literature, and well-selected books will constitute a steady stream of good things through all the coming years.

Amid our rejoicing in the completion of the new building a note of sadness also comes in. Our beloved brother, Bishop Wilson T. Hogue, who labored so strenuously to produce the effect seen today, is greatly afflicted, and our honored treasurer through so many years, Rev. S. K. J. Chesbro, seems at this hour to be passing away from us.

It is a cause of peculiar satisfaction that Bishop Edward P. Hart, whom we so love and revere, is present to preside on this occasion. The building committee have done their work nobly and well, and are worthy of all praise.

Looking back upon our providential past, and living in the light of the hallowed present, we can view the future with hope and confidence, and believe that the next fifty years, like the past, will find the Free Methodist church preaching and living in holiness to the Lord.

6. Bishop B. R. Jones spoke as follows:

I am much pleased to be present on this important occasion. No special topic having been assigned to me, I infer that I am expected simply to relate my personal experience. I first became closely related to the publishing interests of the church in 1890, when I took the editorial chair of THE FREE METHODIST, in our old quarters at 108 Franklin street. I remember something of the sacrifice involved upon the part of those connected with the work in their efforts to establish our publishing interests on a substantial basis.

A few years later, when we removed to 14-16 North May street, our conditions were greatly improved. Our publishing interests steadily enlarged, until to some it seemed a necessity that more commodious quarters be secured. Accordingly the necessary plans were executed, and to-day we are assembled to dedicate this fine, commodious building to God. This structure is a monument of the Lord's kindly dealings with us as a people, and it is a credit to the denomination. As I travel throughout the church I am able to gain some idea of the feeling that exists toward this enterprise. Everywhere I have been a deep interest has been shown and there is a general inquiry as to the status of the new publishing house.

This commodious, substantial building represents sacrifice. We have had no millionaires to assist

us in this enterprise, but the contributions so freely offered have come largely through those who from their limited means have given as unto the Lord. They shall not lose their reward.

This Free Methodist publishing house should be as a light in a dark place. The periodicals issued here should go forth as "leaves for the healing of the nations." It should be generally known that the fine building on the corner of Washington boulevard and North May street, Chicago, is the headquarters of the publishing interests of the Free Methodist church. It should ever stand for the maintenance and spread of pure Free Methodism. We claim to be an uncompromising people, and the periodicals published here should fully and faithfully represent the principles and issues of the church. This may properly be regarded as a "house of God" in the sense that here God meets with, and reveals Himself to, His faithful servants. It should be a "house of prayer." Would it not be well to set apart a suitable room for the noon-day prayer service?

May the divine blessing abide upon this enterprise that it may be a benediction to the present and future generations.

7. Bishop Walter A. Sellew addressed the audience as follows:

The opening of this beautiful and commodious publishing house is an epoch in the history of the Free Methodist church. In these rushing days of progress and expansion, no denomination can expect to hold a place in the religious world without having at least three phases of equipment: schools and colleges for the development and training of the youth; mission work and charitable institutions, as an outlet for the surplus activities and benevolences of its members, and a publishing house for the dissemination of its literature. The Free Methodist church has seven seminaries and one college, all well equipped and in successful operation. It has extensive and successful foreign mission work, besides orphanages and homes, and now the completion of this beautiful building makes a fitting and appropriate introduction to the semi-centennial year of our church existence.

This structure, of such beautiful architecture and so solidly constructed, represents much more than can be seen, and stands for more than bricks and stone, or dollars and cents. It represents in material form the principles for which the Free Methodist church has labored and struggled for the past fifty years.

Those who have observed these people called Free Methodists have noticed three things:

1. They firmly and strongly believe in the authenticity of the Holy Scriptures, that the Bible is divinely inspired and that it is the true guide to happiness here and hereafter. Believing these things, they are a people of deep, strong and positive convictions. They stand for something definite and positive, and are ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh them a reason of the hope that is theirs, with meekness and reverence (1 Peter 3:15).

2. They not only believe these things and stand ready to affirm that belief, but they are ready and willing to conform their lives to their principles. When it comes to living every day in strict and careful obedience to the teachings of the Bible, but very few have the courage of their convictions. In the face of opposition and persecution, from many classes of people along many lines, these people have held true to their convictions and lived their lives in harmony with what they believe to be the truths taught in the Bible.

3. They have done all this at a sacrifice of time, of money and reputation. They have gladly given of their time for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom in the earth, they have willingly given to God's cause of their means, both systematically and intelligently, and they have proved by sorrowful and bitter experience the truth of that scripture which says, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Tim. 3:15).

This building is a memorial of sacrifice. Each brick represents self-denial, and every dollar given for its construction denotes loyalty to truth and devotion to God's cause here in the earth.

8. Bishop Sellew also spoke very feelingly about the absence of Bishop Wilson T. Hogue, and read the following letter from him:

2515 ORRINGTON AVE., EVANSTON, ILL.,
OCTOBER 14, 1909.
DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS: I would gladly be

with you at the dedication of the new publishing house to-day if such were the Lord's will, but as in His providence the hand of affliction is upon me, I bow submissively and say, "Thy will be done."

I am glad to report my condition much improved and I hope by the blessing of God and in answer to the prayers of His people some day to be with you again in the councils and activities of the church.

I wish to congratulate you all, and also the entire denomination on the successful completion of the new publishing house. This will be a great advantage to the denomination in the spreading of holiness literature throughout the land. Most devoutly do I pray that it may ever be a center of spiritual life and light which shall be diffused throughout the whole earth. We all have great reason to thank the Lord for this new building and the increased opportunity it will give us to spread

9. Hymn No. 202, "Zion stands with hills surrounded," announced by the Rev. Alexander Beers, of Seattle, Washington, a member of the executive committee, was sung.

10. The Rev. John S. M'Geary of Sharon, Pennsylvania, representing the church at large, gave the following address:

To use a popular phrase, "It goes without saying," that the press is one of the mightiest agencies of our times for good or ill—for good, when directed to that end; for ill, when used by evil men for the advancement of their base purposes.

The founders of our denomination were men of strong minds and broad views. Very early in the history of our work as a church they saw and felt the need of a church paper and facilities for the publication of such literature as would help to give



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the light and truth as we begin the second half-century of our denominational existence.

Your brother and fellow-servant in Christ,
WILSON T. HOGUE.

Bishop Edward P. Hart was appointed to convey words of sympathy from the audience to Bishop Hogue, and the following letter was sent in harmony with this action:

BISHOP W. T. HOGUE, Evanston, Illinois.

DEAR BROTHER: According to previous announcement, we met and formally dedicated the new publishing house at 1182-1184 Washington boulevard, this city. The services were characterized by much of the divine presence. Your communication was read and highly appreciated by the large audience. On motion of Rev. M. B. Miller, which was unanimously passed, I was appointed to convey to you the deep and heartfelt sympathy of the assembly in this hour of your affliction, and the earnest prayer for your speedy recovery. Yours in Him,
E. P. HART, Chairman.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 14, 1909.

strength and character to the work they were seeking to accomplish. Writing of this in *The Earnest Christian*, immediately after the organization of the Genesee conference, General Superintendent B. T. Roberts said, "The propriety of starting a weekly paper at this time was very fully discussed. The want of a medium in which the many misrepresentations of our actions and motives can be corrected is very generally felt." The different conferences, as they were organized and the work began to spread, in their annual reports expressed the same view. The first number of *THE FREE METHODIST* was issued under the editorial management of Rev. Levi Wood, of the Genesee conference, at Rochester, New York, January 9, 1868.

I have not felt that my part in the exercises of this occasion was to trace the history of our publishing interests. That belongs to others who can do it better than I. But as we contrast the beginnings of this part of our denominational work with what we see to-day, may we not truly say, "A little one has become a thousand, and a small one a great nation?" "Behold what God hath wrought,"

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Correspondence

THE NEW PUBLISHING HOUSE

By the courtesy of the executive committee it was my privilege to attend the annual board meetings at Chicago, October 12-21. The meetings were held in the substantial, commodious and convenient new publishing house, 1132-1134 Washington boulevard. This building is all that can be desired for the purpose for which it was erected, and is a credit to the denomination, situated on a fine boulevard, within easy access of the business center of the city. Its location was wisely chosen and those who have planned and had the oversight of the construction of the edifice are deserving the highest praise.



WASHINGTON BOULEVARD, LOOKING WEST FROM THE NEW PUBLISHING HOUSE

Our people from all parts of our work will do well, by liberal donations, to see to it that all the remaining indebtedness is speedily provided for. **E. P. HARR.**

WHO WILL HELP?

DEAR BROTHER:—Will the editor please give notice in THE FREE METHODIST that Mary Allene, infant daughter of Rev. Joseph H. and Carrie Jones, died of pneumonia October 23, 1909?

Sister Jones is very poorly and it will be some time yet before they can go to their new field of labor. They desire the prayers of the church.

Anyone feeling disposed to help them financially may be assured they will be helping good people in a needy time, and who for several years have labored faithfully for the cause of Christ. Address them at Sidell, Illinois. **A. F. NISWONGER.**

THE NEW HOME OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

In the erection of the new publishing house, the Sunday-school department has been highly favored. In the old building there were no office rooms given up to this department, and the work had to be done in the general office and wherever desks might be crowded in. Convenient and commodious offices have now been provided for the department, and the work can be done with much greater satisfaction. The quarters arranged for the printing and mailing of the Sunday-school literature are very convenient and satisfactory.

The Sunday-schools of the church are the gainers by the change, and as there is a con-

siderable indebtedness remaining upon the new publishing house, it is fitting that our Sunday-schools contribute toward this cause. It would be a great help if our schools should give from one to five dollars each toward the liquidation of this debt.

We would suggest that a thanksgiving offering be taken on Sunday, November 28th, in each Sunday-school that has not yet contributed, and the amount forwarded to Rev. Walter A. Sellev, treasurer, 1132 Washington boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. The name of the school and the amount will be reported in THE FREE METHODIST.

DAVID S. WARNER,
WILLIAM B. OLMSTEAD.

CLEVELAND DISTRICT MEETING

The first district meeting of the Cleveland district, Ohio conference, was held at Cleveland, Ohio, October 21-24. Twelve of the

day night there were four at the altar for pardon.

We have opened up a mission in the southwest part of the city. There has been quite a number converted. Brother Young opened up this work, also. He has gone to Mattoon, Illinois, and Sister Nellie Allen is coming to-morrow to help in this meeting. Brother T. H. Duvall and I have been doing a good deal of the preaching in the southwest part of the city. The opening is good for a good work. Praise our God for victory at Terre Haute. **C. A. FLEMING, Pastor.**

KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE CONFERENCE

The fourteenth annual session of the Kentucky and Tennessee conference, was held in Nolinsville, Tennessee, October 23-31, 1909. Bishop William Pearce presided with perfect acceptability in every way. His seasonable addresses and sermons were a means of grace to all.

APPOINTMENTS

Bowling Green District—**C. G. Heath,**
District Elder

Scottsville, Petroleum, Mount Carmel, and Bethlehem, Hardy Simmons; Bowling Green, Cassaday, Mount Zion, Kelley's Chapel, Oak Forest and Woodbury, E. V. Towns; Wrightsburg and Rumsy, C. G. Morehead, supply.

Walter Mayfield and J. W. W. Kelley, evangelists; H. C. Foster, left without an appointment, paragraph 94 of the Discipline; Nels Nordrum, given a certificate of good standing as a probationer in view of taking work in the Texas conference, C. G. Heath, member of the Bowling Green district quarterly conference.

Louisville District—**C. G. Heath,** District Elder

Louisville, Mount Beulah, Cedar Grove and Upton, Thomas Hall, James Elrod, supply.

H. O. Coates, left without an appointment, paragraph 94 of the Discipline.

Nashville District—**C. G. Heath,** District Elder

Gallatin, Cottontown, Cedar Grove and Walker's Chapel, W. O. Cook, supply; Manchester, Zion Hill and Deckard, N. G. Pomeroy; Simmon's Chapel and Hickerson Station, to be supplied; Deer Lodge and Buenville, L. M. Eliot, supply; Monterey, to be supplied; Stru's schoolhouse and Padenville, B. Osborn, J. B. Hay, supplies.

F. K. Baker, evangelist.

Alabama District—**C. G. Heath,** District Elder

Mission Chapel, Mobile and Deer Park, A. G. Fellows.

WALKER MAYFIELD, Sec'y.

WANTED—A CITY WORKER IN ALBERTA

Calgary, the metropolis of Southern Alberta, is a city of 30,000 population, and is growing fast. It has been doubling its population about every two years for some time. An open door is now presented for the holiness work.

Commercialism and worldliness make spirituality there of a rather low type. We have two Free Methodist families in the city who love the good old paths of salvation. They are liberal supporters of the gospel. A few months ago some lay members of the other churches felt strongly that their churches were cold and worldly, and were not putting forth the efforts they should to get sinners saved and believers led on to higher ground. They rented a small hall on the main street for \$55 a month, and opened an undenominational mission where they have services three nights in the week. Here the truths of holiness are advocated and desired to be preached. Those interested in the mission are a fine class of people, talented and quite well-to-do. They are hungry for holiness truths and invite any holiness man to preach at their meetings.

On my way to conference recently I greatly enjoyed preaching for them three times.

Now it seems that an excellent opportunity is here presented for a good work to be done in connection with the little class we have in the city that are without a pastor. But it needs a spiritual preacher with faith in God and gifted with wisdom and tact in dealing with people. Surely the right per-

son is needed.

thirteen preachers of the district were present, Brother J. A. Bolton being detained at home on account of sickness. The meetings started well and continued to increase in interest until Sunday evening, when ten persons knelt at the altar and most of them prayed through to victory. One, a Catholic, seemed to be wonderfully saved and shouted the praises of God, rejoicing in his new-found faith.

The report of preachers on condition of their work was encouraging, and each seemed hopeful for a year of victory and salvation.

Our dear Brother Wesley conducted the services with his usual ability. His Sunday morning sermon was one of inspiration and power to both saint and sinner. Surely God was with us and all are looking for greater things this conference year.

A missionary meeting was held Sunday afternoon conducted by Brother and Sister Matthewson. Their addresses were very interesting and we believe will have a lasting effect on all that heard them. A collection of \$135 was taken in cash and subscription. **C. W. SMITH, Sec'y.**

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA

Our work is starting out well. We had seekers the first Sunday night and the second. One claimed to get sanctified.

I went across the Wabash river to Taylorville and organized a mission with about twenty members. Brother Young had held a very successful meeting there. We organized a Sunday-school of thirty-five, and Brother Williams, one of our exhorters, holds services there Sunday nights. Last Sun-

son for this place is somewhere in the land. "Say not ye, there are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? * * * Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they [this field] are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal." Amen.

But where is the reaper? Shall the grain fall to the ground for want of a person to go forth and gather it for the Master? Should you feel this work laid on your heart you might write to me regarding it and yourself. I would want references and a recommendation from your district elder as to your fitness for this work. My address is 24 River street, Edmonton, Alberta.

Oscar L. King.

AN APPEAL

Having been sent by the North Michigan conference to the Greenville circuit, I found a grand class of pilgrims, but who are quite poor; but who are willing to do all they can for the cause of God.

This work is in a growing city where a good many of our pilgrims come to work in the factories. There seems to be a good deal of prejudice against our church here, but we believe it is giving away some. We are having grand meetings. Conviction is on the people.

We have a small church here in a factory district, in a good place among the poor and laboring class of people. We expect to see many of them saved. But the great drawback to the work is, there is no place for the preacher to live. The pilgrims rented the only house they could get and it is a very cold shack at best; but we moved in. We could not do any better. So they are trying to build a parsonage. We have solicited nearly all of the city of about 7,000 population, and we have received a lot and a little more than half enough to build the house. We believe God's people will feel like helping this young and growing class. If we cannot get help soon we will suffer in this cold house all winter. Now, my brother, my sister, this is a case of necessity, and all of you by asking God just what to do and obeying His voice will help the cause of God along, and this class on their feet, so the work can move. May God bless every cheerful giver.

Send all money to C. A. Gallup, pastor, 422 West Williams street, Greenville, Michigan.

I endorse the above appeal.

J. E. SANDERS, District Elder.

CHICAGO DISTRICT MEETING

The first district quarterly meeting was held at Evanston, Illinois, October 21-24. The meeting began well and each service continued with increasing interest and power.

All the preachers of the district were present and were greatly helped of God in preaching the Word. The following ministers preached during the meeting: B. Winget, D. W. Hart, W. J. Bone, M. F. Childs, C. M. Stirdivant, John Will, and the writer. Our district elder, E. G. Cryer, is a blessed man and full of courage for the work. He was graciously helped of God in exhortation.

An excellent missionary meeting was held Saturday evening, in charge of Rev. B. Winget. Several returned missionaries spoke, after which a collection was taken of \$135.00, in cash and subscriptions.

The sermon Sunday morning by Rev. B. Winget, was one of strong meat, and was a feast of fat things. The pilgrims were greatly encouraged by the truth. Rev. C. W. Troxel, returned missionary from China, preached in the afternoon. The Lord blessed the truth and souls prayed through to victory. Showers of blessing came upon the saints during the love-feast. Everybody was free to follow the Lord.

Rev. W. J. Bone preached in the evening. Conviction was on the people, and one soul sought the Lord.

The pastor, F. D. Brooke, and his faithful wife, and the pilgrims of Evanston are blessed and looking for a year of victory. Two were taken into the church Sunday morning by the pastor.

We all received special help during this meeting to drive the battle on, and lift up

a standard of righteousness against the great tide of worldliness in our midst. God is helping us. Bless His Name.

B. R. PARKS, Sec'y.

PORT HURON DISTRICT MEETING

The Port Huron district held its first district quarterly meeting on the Snover and Argyle circuit in the Snover Free Methodist church beginning October 14th and closing the 17th. The meeting was pronounced a success by all who were in attendance. A blessed spirit of harmony prevailed in all of the services. The pastor had all things ready, and we all were nicely entertained which gave the meeting a good impetus.

The Holy Spirit was with us from the first until the close. Many seekers were made to rejoice in the God of their salvation.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society held a grand meeting Friday afternoon. Rev.

under conviction. Pray on, brothers and sisters. The battle is not ours, but God's.

(Mrs.) CLARA PARSONS.

SCOTCH BUSH, NEW YORK.—Work opening up well; and Zenas Miner, the new pastor, is cordially received and bountifully supported. Best of all, five souls have recently surrendered to Jesus.

H. L. CROCKETT, D. E.

UTICA, NEW YORK.—The first Utica district quarterly meeting just closed here with a powerful altar service. There was much of the Spirit's presence. Five or six testified to receiving pardon or purity. Confessions were made and covenants renewed. Many were quickened and all encouraged.

H. L. CROCKETT, D. E.

CROWN HILL, ONTARIO.—A tabernacle meeting was held in the village of Hillsdale, last summer, which resulted in a new ap-



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H. Barnes preached the sermon from Acts 1: 8, after which a collection and subscription of one hundred dollars was taken.

Sunday was a high day in Israel. Rev. H. Voorhess preached an excellent sermon Sunday morning from the Psa. 15:5, after which about one hundred seventeen partook of the communion.

The Port Huron district is looking for a good year and the preachers are returning to their respective circuits with new zeal and courage.

The quarterly conference voted our next district quarterly meeting to be held at the Ball church, on the Yale and Ball circuit; also the district to hold one camp-meeting sometime in August. This meeting is to be held at Mayville, in the village park. * * * *

Field gleanings

LUDINGTON, MICHIGAN.—The Lord is wonderfully helping us. Quite a number have sought the Lord since our coming. We are encouraged in Him. Two backsliders sought and found the Lord on Sunday last.

C. E. EDINGER.

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS.—We gladly welcomed Brother D. C. Stanton of the New England district, and believe God will use him to help build up the work here. We are looking to God for the victory. He is with us. Two souls were at the altar Sunday night for the blessing of holiness. More are

pointment being opened up on the old Crown Hill circuit. The prospects are still encouraging. Last evening, October 26th, about twenty-five grown people and over twenty children were present in a cottage prayer meeting. The interest is increasing and a number are under conviction. We need the prayers of the saints for this new field.

W. AND E. HARNDEN.

GALION, OHIO.—For weeks some of the pilgrims had been praying for the outpouring of the Spirit at the time of the quarterly meeting; and their prayers were answered beyond their expectations. Brother Hopkins, our elder, came in the fulness of the gospel of blessing. He preached in the Spirit, and the Word was blessed to the good of those who listened. Three backsliders were reclaimed, and one sister sought the blessing of holiness. The pilgrims are greatly encouraged for the future of the work.

E. A. BRYAN.

CADILLAC, MICHIGAN.—The quarterly meeting for the Cadillac circuit which was held October 29-31, was a decided success. Brother J. A. Watson, our district elder, was on hand to do business for our King. The Lord was with us, especially on the Lord's day. Brother Watson did not have a chance to preach in the morning, as the Lord came in answer to prayer and poured out His spirit on His saints. Souls confessed their sins, sought and found deliverance from bondage. The preacher and pilgrims are encouraged to drive the battle on. Mrs. L. L. IDE.

Encouraging reports of special meetings reach us every day. Our prayer is that the work will spread mightily.

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for surely if God had not helped us we could not have accomplished what we have.

We live in a literary age. Every cause in our day has its literature. The man who would in these times represent any movement successfully must be familiar with its literature. The cause which we as a church represent is not only second to none, but before it all others must step aside and accept a secondary place and importance. What other movement can compare in importance with that which has for its object the moral and spiritual uplift and regeneration of the race? We hear much in our day of the survival of the fittest, but the glory of our mission is that we bring a message of hope and uplift to the unit; we publish to the lost, the fallen, the degraded everywhere that there is One who is not only able but willing to "rescue the perishing, lift up the fallen," and "save to the uttermost all who come to God by Him."

omen of the enlarging of our work along all lines; and may not only our publishing interests go forward to greater achievements, but in all lines of our church work may there be an awakening to greater undertaking, which will result in the accomplishing of greater things for the cause that we represent. Would that there might go forth from this occasion and from this day an influence which will cause many throughout the church to adopt Carey's motto, "Undertake great things for God, expect great things from God," as their own.

The building which we here to-day dedicate is in every way a credit to the church. It is especially a credit to the men who have had in charge the matter of its construction, and who in the midst of the busy cares of other work to which God and the church have called them have without any additional remuneration assumed the burden of looking after the details of its erection. Of one thing

over, and in whatever field in the providence of God and in the wisdom of the church we may have been called to labor, we shall have laid aside the implements of our toil and shall meet at His feet who gave Himself for us and to whom after He had redeemed us from our sins we gave ourselves. And then with Levi Wood, and with Lewis Bailey, and with Joseph Travis, and with B. T. Roberts, and with C. B. Ebej, and with S. K. J. Chesbro, and with all others who have helped to make this work what it is, and who shall help to make it what it may be in the days to come, we shall talk over the battles and victories of this department of His work as well as others, and then looking back the way by which we have come and then up to Him who saved us and enabled us to take the way and persevere through wind, and wave, and storm, we shall fall at His feet and give to Him the praise, the honor, and the glory for it all.

11. The Rev. William B. Rose, publishing agent, representing the publishing house, spoke as follows:

For the first twenty-six years of its existence, the Free Methodist church had no denominational publishing house of its own, nor could it claim so much as a home even of the most modest character. *The Earnest Christian* and *THE FREE METHODIST*, both conducted as private enterprises, served well their purpose while the church was developing strength to set up for itself.

The first publishing agent, Rev. T. B. Arnold, was elected at the general conference held at Coopersville, Michigan, in 1886. At the same time *THE FREE METHODIST* was purchased from him, and the church became its own publisher. The office of publication was located at 108 and 110 Franklin street, in this city. At the annual meeting of the executive committee in 1888, T. B. Arnold resigned and Rev. S. K. J. Chesbro became his successor.

Shortly after Mr. Chesbro became the agent he began purchasing and selling books, using *THE FREE METHODIST* as an advertising medium. We have often heard him speak of the purchase and sale of the first book, upon which a profit of a few cents was realized.

At the general conference of 1894, arrangements were made for the purchase of the building at 14 and 16 North May street, as a permanent home for the publishing interests of the denomination, and on April 23, 1895, about eight and one-half years after the church began publishing for itself, the business was moved to the May street location.

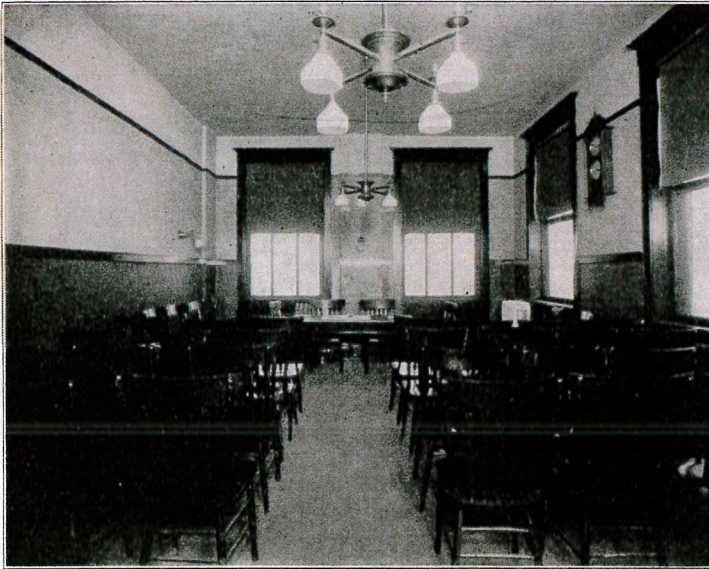
This building, originally erected for a church, was remodeled and fitted up with offices and vaults, with the expectation that it would serve the purposes of a publishing house for many years to come.

At first only a small portion of the building was required for the needs of the business, which consisted of the publishing of *THE FREE METHODIST* and the caring for a small but growing book trade. The space occupied was three rooms; one on the second floor, used as the office and editorial rooms, and one on the first floor as the printing office; and a small room in the rear of the printing office, where the books were kept on one side wall. One of the rooms in the rear on the first floor was used as a private room for the missionary secretary and the other as a class-room for the First Church, which had retained a large room on the second floor. All the other rooms were offered for rental.

In 1897, to provide for the enlargement of the business following the purchase of the Sunday-school literature, the two rooms on the second floor were connected and the editors of both *THE FREE METHODIST* and the Sunday-school papers and quarterlies, and the missionary secretary, were located on the north side of the building.

The printing office on the first floor was enlarged to double its size by the addition of the room on the north side of the same floor. Later, the rooms in the rear, used as class-room and missionary secretary's room, were made into one and became the book room, the small room, until then used for books, becoming the mailing room for the Sunday-school department. A job press, a paper cutter and a linotype machine, together with other requisites, had, with increasing business, called for all the available space to be found in the building, which a few years before had seemed sufficiently large for almost any increase that might be expected for a long period.

A few years ago a building was erected upon the lot immediately adjoining the house on the north, rendering the rooms upon that side almost wholly unfit for occupancy, because of the cutting off of



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ROOM

We bring a message of present deliverance and uplift. Whatever the source of the individual's downfall, whatever the nature of the sin which holds him, we bring to him a message of present deliverance. We tell of One who "Breaks the power of cancelled sin, and sets the prisoner free," one who delivers from the power of appetite, passion, propensity and natural inclination, and implants within the individual a power which not only makes for holiness, but makes holy. Certainly such a cause is worthy of a literature, and its literature is worthy of a support on the part of all who profess to love the cause represented by this building here to-day.

The good that has already been accomplished by our publishing interests can not be estimated. The influence of our weekly paper, *THE FREE METHODIST*, alone, in binding together and unifying our people and keeping all sections of the church in touch with each other, is impossible to estimate. Speaking to-day for the church at large, I think I may truly say that our people are awaking more than in the past to the importance of this branch of our work, and that in the days to come the support which they will give to those whose toll has made possible the erection of this building will demonstrate their appreciation of the faith of those who made the first venture in the direction of giving us a publishing house, and the wisdom that has piloted our publishing interests through the shoals and breakers which many times surrounded them in the beginning of their history, and in bringing them safely to the place they occupy to-day.

May I venture to express the hope that the erection of this building, with its enlarged and more perfect facilities for the carrying on of the work which is here to be done, may be an auspicious

we may all rest assured, and that is that "graft" has had no place in the work that has been done here. It is a source of genuine satisfaction to every loyal member of the church that as he looks in this direction, our publishing interests and our various denominational interests are housed in such commodious and convenient quarters. But while we rejoice in the completion of this fine building, and shall from all quarters of the church look toward it with a little of the same feeling that animated the loyal Jew as he looked toward the temple at Jerusalem, it were poor consolation after all if we had but the thought of the building to cause us to rejoice. Our chief cause of rejoicing will ever be that here is a center from which is going forth a stream of light, bearing the message of full salvation. Our weekly paper, *THE FREE METHODIST*, *The Earnest Christian*, our Sabbath-school literature, *The Missionary Tidings*, and all our publications, bear this message to the world, and it is our hope that the increased facilities afforded by this new building may but increase our efficiency in the work of carrying to the lost everywhere the message given to us in the beginning of our denominational existence, namely, "A present salvation, full and free, and for all."

Speaking for the church at large to-day, I am sure if each member were here and knew as much of the history of this enterprise as I do, they would heartily second every word that I say. In their behalf I wish to express my appreciation of this beautiful and commodious building and of all the care and labor it has entailed upon the part of those who have been charged with bringing this enterprise to the successful completion which we see to-day.

In a few days all our toils and labors will be

daylight. It became apparent that material alterations would have to be made in the building or an entirely new structure would have to be erected to meet the actual and pressing needs of the business.



REV. THOMAS B. ARNOLD
Publisher, 1874-1888

After much deliberation upon the part of the executive committee, and by action of the general conference of 1907, it was decided to build. Accordingly, the present site, 100x100 feet, at the northwest corner of Washington boulevard and May street, was purchased and a building committee ordered by the executive committee was instructed to proceed to build a structure 50x100 feet, with three stories and basement. This building was begun in December, 1908, and was completed so as to be received from the architect early in August, 1909.

Every one who has had the privilege of seeing the new building and going through its different floors will be free to say that it is remarkably well adapted in its appointments to meet the requirements of the publishing business, and the various interests of the church, and that the location is ideal in many respects.

The large and commodious office is on the first floor, connected with which is the agent's room. Upon the same floor is the book salesroom and the book stockroom and shipping room, while in the basement a large room is devoted to the uses of the Sunday-school periodicals and supplies, as stock and mailing room. Upon the second floor are the editorial rooms of THE FREE METHODIST and the Sunday-school publications, and of the Sunday-school secretary. The missionary secretary and the missionary treasurer each has rooms upon this floor and a convenient room has here been set apart for the use of the bishops. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society have desirable rooms upon the first floor, which they have furnished for their use. In addition to the rooms named there are two upon the third floor fitted with furniture for the use of the executive committee and the missionary board when holding their annual meetings, and for other meetings from time to time. The larger portion of the third floor will be devoted to the composing and printing department, and the rooms upon this floor, as well as those set apart for other uses throughout the building, are remarkably well adapted for their purpose, being light and airy, with steam heat, electricity, etc.

The church is to be congratulated upon having provided, through its executive committee, so magnificent and suitable a building for its publishing and other interests, and the committee having charge of the erection of the building are deserving of hearty commendation for their work, which has extended over several months.

The agents wish to express for their employees, and for all connected with the various interests so well served in the new publishing house, their unbounded thanks for the change in conditions as between the old building with its cramped and dark rooms and the spacious and cheery quarters in the new building.

Our hope is that the proportions of the business may become such that within one or two decades

at the most it shall be found that even this building is too small, and that a still larger structure has become an imperative necessity.

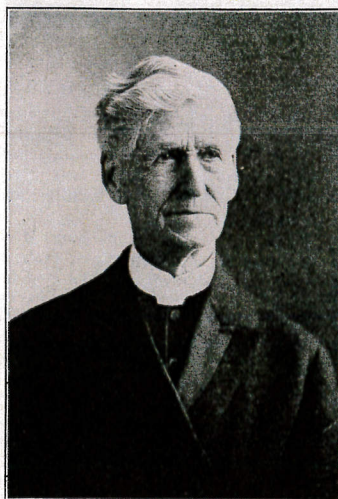
12. Rev. J. T. Logan, editor of THE FREE METHODIST, representing the denominational organ, gave the following address:

It has fallen to my lot, through the good graces of the program committee, to give an outline history of THE FREE METHODIST, the official organ of the Free Methodist church; and I shall proceed to do so as briefly as is consistent with the subject assigned me.

The whole history of THE FREE METHODIST from its beginning has been one of financial hardship and personal sacrifice, as will be plainly indicated by perusing the following story. Had not the Lord Jehovah been in the movement, it would most surely have passed out of existence long ago.

From the time of the organization of the Free Methodist church the need of a weekly paper devoted especially to its interests was felt. Some resolutions bearing upon the subject were passed from time to time in the annual conferences, and various committees were appointed to consider the matter; but these suggestions and efforts did not crystallize into anything definite until the general conference, held in Buffalo, October, 1866, forty-three years ago, took steps toward the establishment of a weekly paper for the denomination.

They deemed it necessary to raise \$5,000 as a



REV. SAMUEL K. J. CHESBRO
Publishing Agent, 1888-1907

financial basis on which to commence the publication of the paper with safety to its financial interests.

Rev. Levi Wood, of the Genesee conference, was appointed to collect that sum; and, if successful, he was to be the editor of the new publication. It was stipulated that his salary should not exceed \$1,000 a year.

The name of the new paper was to be THE FREE METHODIST.

Brother Wood took hold of the project in earnest, and 2,000 copies of the report of the committee on publications, adopted by the general conference, were printed in tract form and sent to the preachers, and they were urged to cooperate in the movement. He traveled for three months during the winter of 1866-1867, and visited most of the circuits in the Genesee conference. But he met with failure and found the task of raising \$5,000 an impossible one, and he reluctantly gave it up.

Failing in that project, he determined to undertake the publication of THE FREE METHODIST on his own responsibility. In harmony with this purpose, he issued a circular to the effect that if he could obtain 2,500 subscriptions at \$2.50 a year, he would issue an eight-page weekly, each page to contain five columns, seventeen inches long, of solid reading, comprising the best original and selected articles.

Many responses were made to the circular, and much interest was manifested in various places, but still the names secured fell far short of the required number. Thus the matter rested until the

annual conferences at their respective sessions, in the fall of 1867, adopted reports on the subject. These conferences pledged a hearty support to the enterprise upon certain conditions which they named.

Brother Wood then began the publication of the paper. But instead of having 2,500 subscriptions to start on, as he desired, and these at \$2.50 a year, he began with but 500 subscriptions on the list, and these were for \$2.00 a year. The first regular number was dated January 9, 1868. A sample number had been gotten out some time previous to this date, for use in canvassing.

At the end of the first year he reduced the subscription price of the paper to \$1.75 a year, at which price it remained as long as he published the journal.

For two years and nine months he edited and published the paper. It was published at Rochester, New York. Brother Wood lived at North Chili, ten miles away, and went to and fro as the occasion demanded. This great man, great in body, great in brain, great in soul, worked with all his might both day and night, denying himself of much needed sleep and rest, to make the venture a success. It was a difficult task indeed. One thousand eight hundred dollars was donated to the enterprise, but when it was transferred to his successor there was about that amount of a debt on it. He had increased the subscription list to 2,350.

He found that he could not keep it up financially, and at the general conference held in Aurora, Illinois, in 1870, he tendered the paper to that body. It was accepted, and at a forenoon sitting some arrangements were made for its publication under the control of the church, and Rev. Epenetus Owen was elected editor. In the afternoon of the same day he resigned.

At this juncture, Mr. Joseph Mackey, of New York, a business man, volunteered to take the paper and publish it in the interest of the church, he to assume the responsibility for the debt then resting upon it. To this proposal the general conference readily assented, and he became the owner of the journal. It was immediately removed to New York City.

The first number of the new series was issued November 10, 1870. In Mr. Mackey's hands THE FREE METHODIST appeared in an entirely new form, and its general make-up was different from what it had been before. The subscription price was placed at \$2.50 a year in the city, and \$2.00 a year outside. This extra price for the city was made necessary because each paper delivered in the city had to have a one-cent stamp affixed to it, according to the postal arrangements.

An appropriate motto, "Remove Not the Ancient Landmark Which Thy Fathers Have Set," sug-



REV. WILLIAM B. ROSE
Assistant Publishing Agent, 1896-1907
Publishing Agent, 1907

gested by Rev. W. B. Rose, then an employee of Mr. Mackey, was adopted and placed beneath the headline, where it still appears.

The paper did not pay expenses, and Mr. Mackey

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Editorial

THE DEDICATION

The 14th day of October, 1909, will long be remembered by all the Free Methodists who attended the dedication of the new pub-

They were instructed to proceed at once to the erection of the edifice.

Plans were adopted, contracts awarded,



JOSEPH MACKEY
Editor, 1870-1871

eral conference, and he used his great ability and influence in securing legislation looking to the consummation of the project. He had the plans drawn from a sketch prepared by himself, and he gave much thought and personal concern to the enterprise until he received the stroke of paralysis that incapacitated him from further activity in the matter. The whole church owes to him a debt of gratitude for the part he has taken in the matter.

Brother Rose, as well as Brother Miller, has also done considerable toward carrying forward this enterprise that will prove a great blessing to the church for years to come; and he and Brother Miller, with the whole building committee, are worthy of commendation that they have produced such a fine edifice.

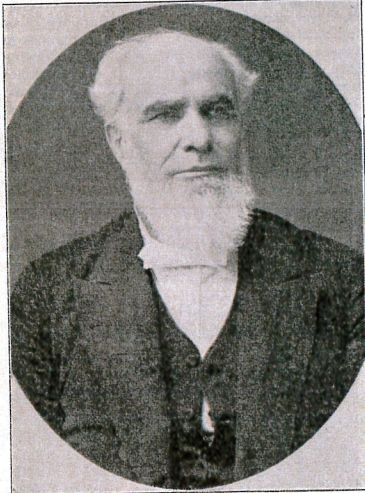
The building, 50x100 feet, elsewhere described in this paper, is well adapted to the different departments of the publishing house, and only those who were confined in the dark, cramped and unpleasant quarters in the old building can have any adequate conception what the new building means to all those connected in any way with the publishing house.

Those of our people who have visited the new building have expressed themselves as

and the work began in December. Brother Hogue gave personal attention to the enterprise until he was prostrated in July last, when the burden of the management of the business largely fell upon M. B. Miller and W. B. Rose.

W. A. Sellew, treasurer of the board of directors, went to the Pacific Coast early in the year to engage in meetings and hold his spring conferences, and M. B. Miller, the assistant treasurer, wrote personal appeals, sent out circulars, received and disbursed the funds and also spent weeks at Chicago, giving personal attention to the business, without a single penny of recompense, and at a financial loss by having been compelled to be away from his district so long. He deserves special mention for this.

To Brother Hogue more than to any other



REV. LEVI WOOD
Editor, 1868-1870

lishing house. It was an event that meant much to us as a church and marked a distinct epoch in the history of our denomination. It was the consummation of hopes long cherished on the part of some and a source of satisfaction and gratification to all.

The general conference of 1907 took action authorizing the executive committee to erect a new publishing house in Chicago.

As is well known this committee, in October, 1908, purchased the fine lot, 100x100 feet, at the corner of Washington boulevard and May street, elected a building committee, and took the necessary steps for the erection of the building.

The following named persons were elected as the building committee: Bishop Wilson T. Hogue, Bishop Burton R. Jones, Bishop Walter A. Sellew, Rev. M. B. Miller, Rev. F. H. Ashcraft, Rev. B. D. Fay; Laymen, T. Sully, J. T. Tait and J. H. Porter.

A sub-committee was elected, composed of W. T. Hogue, M. B. Miller and J. H. Porter.



REV. LEWIS BAILEY
Editor, 1871-1873

person belongs the credit for the church having such a fine publishing house to-day. It was he who presented the matter to the gen-



REV. DILLON P. BAKER
Editor, 1874-1882

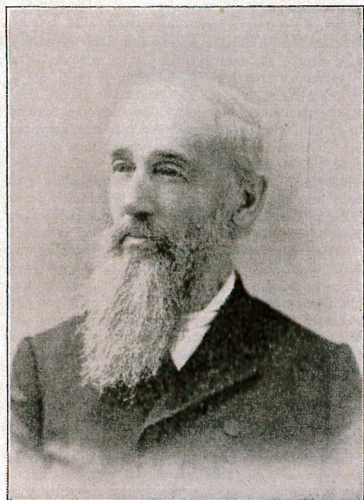
being well pleased with its appearance and appointments.

It was fitting that Bishop Edward P. Hart should be present and preside at the dedicatory exercises, and he performed his part with grace and dignity. The occasion was marred by the absence of Bishop W. T. Hogue and Brother Chesbro, both of whom would have been delighted to be there had not the hand of affliction been laid heavily upon them both.

Brother Chesbro had the privilege of visiting the building once after it was finished, on the 23d of August, and was delighted with its arrangements. We all looked forward with hope that he would be able to attend the dedication, but we were doomed to disappointment, as he was at that time fast approaching the portals of the tomb.

Much of the presence of the Lord was manifest during the exercises. It was indeed a "red-letter day," as expressed by Brother Hart, for the whole Free Methodist church.

The dedication having been held during the annual sessions of the various boards, representatives of the church were present from



REV. JOSEPH TRAVIS
Editor, 1882-1886

many places, which added to the interest of the occasion.

We believe our people will be greatly pleased to know that the location of our publishing house is so easy of access, being within one and a fourth miles from the center of the city. One short block south is the Madison street surface line of cars, said to be the best patronized line of street railway in the United States. By this line persons can reach the building in fifteen minutes from the loop district in the center of the city. One block on the north is the Ogden avenue line, which runs on Randolph street from the loop, in about the same time as does the Madison street line. One short block west and two north is the Ann street station of the Oak Park (Lake Street) elevated railroad, by which persons reaching the city by any of



REV. BENJAMIN T. ROBERTS
Editor, 1886-1890

the roads can readily and quickly get to the publishing house.

Less than three-fourths of a mile from the

publishing house the magnificent passenger station of the Northwestern railroad is being erected. Near that station the Pennsylvania railroad will soon erect a union station for the lines entering the present station on Canal street. A great post-office building is to be erected in the near future on the West Side. All these buildings will add to the value of our publishing house, and make the location more convenient for our people. It would be hard to conceive of a better place in Chicago for our building than where it is now located.

Our people have responded generously to the appeals which have been made for funds, and by reference to our columns to-day they will have a better conception than ever how their contributions have been expended and how valuable is the property in which they have a share.

We believe they will be pleased also to look into the faces of the men who have, through much hardship and trial, personal sacrifice and heroic effort, made it possible for us to have a church paper and a denominational publishing house.

Of the ten editors of THE FREE METHODIST,



REV. BURTON R. JONES
Editor, 1890-1894

six have crossed the line of worlds; and of the seven publishers, four have gone to their eternal reward.

A SPECIAL REVIVAL NUMBER

It is our purpose to issue another Special Revival Number, on December 14th, similar to the one issued last January.

Articles written by fifty or sixty prominent men in our church will be given, embracing warnings, invitations, etc.

Also, short selections and illustrations, designed to awaken sinners, will appear, and urgent appeals will be made to the unsaved to flee the wrath to come.

This special number will be adapted for general distribution among the unsaved, and will take the place of tracts and literature of that character.

The publishers have generously agreed to furnish copies of this special issue at one cent and a half a copy, postage paid. The money must accompany the order, as the publisher can not afford to open an account with any one for such a small amount. No orders received for less than *ten copies*.

Orders should reach the publisher not later than December 4th, so he may know how many copies to print.

We trust our pastors will order a liberal supply and distribute them generously.

In holding revival services we have found that it pays to advertise the meetings well, and in distributing circulars calling atten-



REV. WILSON T. HOGUE
Editor, 1894-1903

tion to these services it would pay to distribute copies of this special issue also.

Now, please take hold of this proposition at once and send in your orders soon. Do not wait until the last week, as that will be a busy one for all.

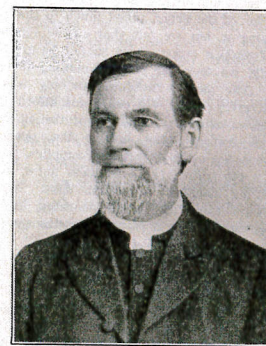
Last January we had orders for over 7,000 extra copies of the Special Revival Number, but could only send out about 4,000, because many of the orders were received too late.

The time is short.
Order to-day.

SPECIAL OFFER

We are glad to announce that the publishing agent has instructed us to inform the readers of THE FREE METHODIST that the paper will be sent to NEW SUBSCRIBERS from the date the subscription is received until January 1, 1911, for the regular yearly subscription price of \$1.50.

Now is the time for our preachers and people to push the canvass of the paper. It ought to be in thousands of homes where it is not now going. There can be a great increase of its circulation if our friends will



REV. CHARLES E. EBAY
Editor, 1903-1907

take hold of the matter and give a little time to its introduction among their acquaintances.

DEDICATORY EXERCISES

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was compelled to get relief from the heavy burden by selling the paper. The last issue from the hands of Mr. Mackey was that of December 7, 1871.

Rev. Lewis Bailey, a chairman in the Illinois conference, purchased the paper from Mr. Mackey. The latter did not receive much remuneration for the mailing list. All he asked Brother Bailey to do was to collect, so far as he could, and pay over to him, some \$600 of delinquent subscriptions; but it is doubtful if much was realized from this source. Brother Rose, in writing of this event, said: "Certainly the church owes to Joseph Mackey a debt of gratitude for the noble way in which he shouldered the burden of this responsibility at a most critical period in the history of the paper."

THE FREE METHODIST was then moved to Aurora, Illinois, the subscription price being fixed at \$2.00 a year.

As heretofore, it did not prove to be a profitable investment. While the editor's cherished ideal was to have a paper free from secular advertisements, in view of the shortage in receipts from subscribers, he soon found it necessary to admit a sufficient number of paid advertisements to keep the enterprise from going under financially. He was practical and sensible enough to admit clean advertisements rather than to let the paper become a failure or to go into bankruptcy.

Two short years under the heavy strain which his relation to the paper imposed caused his physical powers to give way, and he exchanged worlds. His labors as editor were very much appreciated by the church.

During the next eight months the paper was owned and controlled by his widow, Mrs. Mary E. Bailey, and it was published for her by Rev. John A. Murray. Rev. Levi Wood wrote the editorials during these months.

Early in the summer of 1874, Rev. D. P. Baker and Rev. T. B. Arnold purchased the paper from Mrs. Bailey. The new firm began their administration on August 12, 1874. Of this venture Brother Arnold writes:

"We gave our note to Sister Bailey for \$1,500; \$500 was for the type and material, and \$1,000 for the 'good will' of the paper. The subscription list at this time was 3,200, the unpaid subscriptions just balancing the indebtedness to subscribers. The paper had never yet paid expenses, there having been a loss under the Bailey administration of about \$1,000. This was made good by the \$1,000 paid for the 'good will' of the paper.

"It seemed like a bold move for inexperienced persons to assume the responsibility without financial backing of an enterprise which had never yet paid running expenses; but we had figured as best we could the saving that could be effected by moving the enterprise to Sycamore, Illinois, where my brothers were running a printing office, and where we could have our work done quite cheaply, where rents were low, and living expenses could be reduced to a minimum, and thought that with the help of God we could carry the enterprise through. The paper had been issued as a 7-column folio, on a 25x38 sheet. We enlarged the paper to an eight-column folio, and used a 26x40 sheet. This increase in the size of the paper added much to the expense of running it, but we felt that at the subscription price of \$2.00 a larger sheet should be given. Accordingly, we took the risk of making it pay expenses. The most scrupulous economy was exercised in every way. We could not afford the expense of an office boy, so I swept the office, built the fires, corrected the mailing list, opened the mail, kept the books, purchased supplies, paid the hands, wrote editorial and business notes, and ran the mailing machine on mailing days. My office hours were from six in the morning until ten, eleven or twelve o'clock at night, as the case might be."

After all the hard work expended by Brother Arnold at the end of the first year the profits of the business amounted to but \$150.

On April 1, 1880, they moved the printing establishment to 212 Washington street, Chicago, having rented the first floor and basement. The following spring, finding their quarters too circumscribed, they moved to the third floor of the same building, with entrance on Franklin street, the address being 108-110 Franklin street.

In January, 1882, they again enlarged the paper to a six-column quarto, printed on a 32x44 sheet.

The general conference convened at Burlington, Iowa, in October of that year. The question of a denominational publishing house was a prominent

one at this conference. The committee on publications, after mature deliberation, brought in a report adverse to establishing such a house, but accepted a proposition from Brother Arnold to elect an editor, whose salary should be paid by the publisher.

Rev. Joseph Travis was the man chosen to edit the paper. This arrangement brought the management of the literary department of the paper under denominational control and the responsibility of this part of the administration was shifted from the publisher to the church. Brother Travis held the position from 1882 to 1886, and filled the place with great acceptability.

The general conference of 1886 decided to establish a Free Methodist publishing house, and Brother Arnold sold the paper, together with the printing material, office furniture and subscription list and good will to the church.

General Superintendent Benjamin T. Roberts was elected editor and Rev. T. B. Arnold the publisher. Brother Roberts' writings in THE FREE METHODIST, as elsewhere, were marked by the choice of practical topics of common interest. These were treated forcibly, clearly, concisely. Though deeply learned, he avoided the display of learning. Deep spirituality marked his writings.

The general conference of 1890 elected Rev. Burton R. Jones to the editorial chair, and for four years he served the church faithfully in that capacity, and then was called up higher—to the bishopric.

In 1894, the general conference elected General Superintendent Wilson T. Hogue editor, and by order of that body the subscription price of THE FREE METHODIST was reduced to \$1.50 a year.

Brother Hogue was re-elected editor in 1895, and served in this capacity until the general conference of June, 1903, which was held in Greenville, Illinois, when he was again called to the office of general superintendent. His editorial term lasted eight years and eight months, during which period his splendid abilities were admirably used in the upbuilding of the kingdom of God.

The Rev. Charles B. Ebey, of California, was elected editor by the general conference of 1903, who served the church in faithfulness and with acceptability for four years, when the present incumbent was elected to the editorial chair by the general conference of 1907.

In 1894, when the general conference reduced the subscription price of THE FREE METHODIST to \$1.50 a year, the business was placed on a strictly cash basis; subscriptions had to be paid in advance and were cut off at the end of the date paid for unless renewed. In writing of the effect of this change in the financial policy of the church, Rev. S. K. J. Chesbro, publishing agent, made the following statements in THE FREE METHODIST of May 4, 1897:

"The 'advance system' went into effect in the 'hard times' that struck the country in 1893. Many could not raise the amount to renew, and dropped out. Others became offended because we dropped their names, and although professing to be loyal to God, ceased to take the paper because we would not trust. Another influence that works harm is that so many independent papers are reaching out for patronage. Six or eight papers are now circulating among us. Although these various papers profess not to take away from the 'parent,' yet facts prove that in those conferences our list does not grow, and in some instances diminishes. It can not be otherwise, especially when prominent men stand by them and urge an increase of patronage."

For a while after the change was made to a cash basis, the subscriptions fell off heavily; but before long the tide turned, and the list has been steadily climbing, until now it has reached the highest mark in its history, something over 7,000 copies being printed weekly, an average of one copy to four and one-fourth members in full relation in the church, a record that is likely not equalled by any other denomination.

The following is a list of the editors of THE FREE METHODIST, with the time they served:

Rev. Levi Wood, from January 9, 1868, to October 10, 1870—two years, nine months.

Joseph Mackey, from October 10, 1870, to December 7, 1871—one year, two months.

Rev. Lewis Bailey, from December 7, 1871, to December 23, 1873—two years.

Rev. Levi Wood, for Mrs. Bailey, from December 23, 1873, to August 12, 1874—eight months.

Rev. D. P. Baker, from August 12, 1874, to October —, 1882—eight years, two months.

Rev. Joseph Travis, from October, 1882, to October, 1886—four years.

General Superintendent B. T. Roberts, October, 1886, to October, 1890—four years.

Rev. Burton R. Jones, from October, 1890, to October, 1894—four years.

Rev. Wilson T. Hogue, from October, 1894, to June, 1903—eight years, eight months.

Rev. Charles B. Ebey, from June, 1903, to June, 1907—four years.

Rev. J. T. Logan, from June, 1907.

While THE FREE METHODIST has never proved to be a source of great revenue to the church in its own name, it has been the medium through which, and only by which, some of the other departments of the publishing house have proved so remunerative; and, viewed from this standpoint alone, has been a business success of no small proportions.

This paper has been an able advocate of the principles held dear to us as a church, and has ever been an important factor in the dissemination of pure and wholesome truths among the people. It has consistently defended and proclaimed the Bible doctrine of holiness unto the Lord; and it has fearlessly assailed wickedness of every character, in high as well as in low places. It has not compromised with the world or the devil; but has persistently uncovered iniquity and exposed sin, and to-day it stands, as it ever has stood, among the foremost radical, uncompromising holiness journals of the land.

THE FREE METHODIST has passed through many vicissitudes, and has been published during its forty years of pilgrimage through the wilderness to the Promised Land in no less than six different places, namely: Rochester, New York; Aurora, Illinois; Sycamore, Illinois; 212 Washington street; 108 Franklin street; 14 North May street, in Chicago.

After many wanderings and conflicts and struggles and financial difficulties, by the help of the Lord and the personal sacrifices of many, it has finally left its last habitation in the dark, dingy, dirty, dreary, dismal, desolate quarters at 14 North May street, and has now reached its permanent home for generations to come in this beautiful, commodious, substantial, convenient building on this lovely boulevard, within one and a quarter miles of the business center of this great metropolis, where a wider field of usefulness is open to it and before which lie greater achievements for the Master's kingdom.

13. Rev. William B. Olmstead, Sunday-school editor, representing the Sunday-school interests, spoke as follows:

The Sunday-school is the service of the church where children and adults unite in an organized capacity for consecutive and systematic Bible study. In the Sunday-school the whole church should be brought into action. It is a department of the church and should be governed and supported by the church.

The modern Sunday-school is of recent origin. It had its beginning only about 125 years ago, while the first record of a Sunday-school in America dates back exactly 119 years. During the past thirty-five years, however, since the adoption of the uniform lesson system in 1872, the Sunday-school movement has been gaining headway by leaps and bounds, until now there are 14,000,000 Sunday-school scholars in this country, and the proper management of the Sunday-school has become an integral part of church work.

To quite an extent the strength of a church can be measured by the interest shown in the Sunday-schools. No church will continue to prosper and grow only as it perpetuates itself by growing from within. During the last few years the Free Methodist church has entered heartily and extensively into active Sunday-school work. The Sunday-school literature, which was formerly published by Rev. T. B. Arnold, was purchased by the church about twelve years ago. It was at first edited by Rev. W. T. Hogue and Mrs. Emma L. Hogue. In the fall of 1898, Rev. W. B. Olmstead was elected as editor and filled the position until the election of Rev. David S. Warner in June, 1907. The demand for the Sunday-school literature of our denomination has increased rapidly, as the years have gone by, until now our output is nearly three times as great as when the literature was purchased and first published by the church. From the financial standpoint, the church reaps quite a benefit from this source. Brother Chesbro has often been heard to say that the Sunday-school literature was the golden egg of the Free Methodist publishing house. But aside from all financial considerations, we believe that the literature published in this department has a very strong influence upon the moral and spiritual condition of the church. For eight years, the church in its aggressiveness along

Sunday-school lines, has seen fit to maintain the office of a Sunday-school secretary. Although there were no well-defined plans outlined, the work has moved steadily forward and is gradually taking form.

There are some hindrances which have stood in the way of real progress. The first of these is the lack of interest, not to say indifference, which has had possession of many of our people. Even some of our pastors and elders have not been enthusiastic for the movement. It has been estimated that only one fifth of the church members in this country attend Sunday-school. Possibly, the names of one-fourth of the membership of the Free Methodist church are recorded on our Sunday-school registers. This, however, would be a high estimate. What a tremendous uplift it would give our Sunday-school work if the other three-fourths would get into action. When our pastors become fully awake to this subject, they will see in the Sunday-school one of their greatest opportunities for thorough pastoral work.

A second hindrance is the opposition on the part of some to any aggressive movement, for fear the new or more approved methods will engender worldliness in the church. Many of our people have not yet come to realize fully that what we are endeavoring to do is merely to learn to do well the thing which heretofore we have been doing so poorly. New methods do not mean new principles, but merely a new and better way of bringing about those results which we are so very desirous of seeing accomplished.

A third hindrance comes from the fact that it seems difficult to enlist our people in consecutive and thorough Bible study. We have not yet come to understand that a good Bible reading may oftentimes be more helpful than a hallelujah sermon. Even our Sunday-school literature is not studied as it should be.

There are some features in the Sunday-school department, however, which are very encouraging.

1. Nearly all of our conferences have appointed Sunday-school secretaries. In some cases, the district elders are acting. Where elders can be found who will take hold of the work, this is proving an excellent plan and means an almost immediate revival in Sunday-school interests.

2. The teacher training movement, which is spreading like fire in the stubble throughout the various churches of the country, is slowly but surely making its way in the Free Methodist church.

3. But by far the most encouraging sign at the present time is the seeming desire on the part of many of our people who are holding official relation in the Sunday-school to do better work. "Tell me what to do to make our Sunday-school more interesting?" "How can we start the kindergarten department?" "Have you any literature which will help us in grading our school?" These and many other such questions are constantly being received. We feel that the Spirit of the Lord is moving upon the hearts of our people with reference to this most important work.

The Sunday-school department is very thankful to God and the church for this beautiful building in which we are now housed, and which is so soon to be dedicated to Almighty God. As a department, we pledge our best efforts in maintaining the standing and integrity of this house, and trust God may prosper us in the work.

14. The missionary interests were represented by Rev. Benjamin Winget, missionary secretary, as follows:

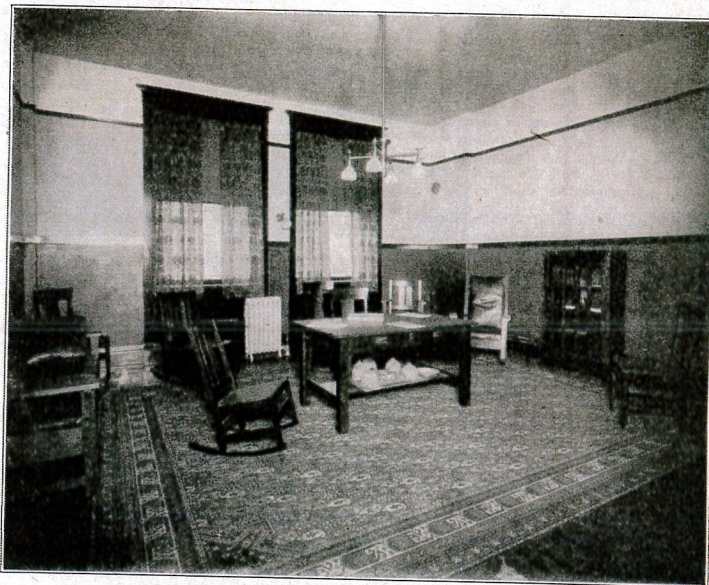
It is with special joy and devout thankfulness to God that we are assembled here to-day. This beautiful and commodious building represents the realization of deferred hopes and the fulfilment of the desires of some of our people who gave generous contributions toward it, but who now rest from their labors, while their works remain and are before us to-day. One of the first, if not the first, to make a generous gift toward this publishing house was Selden Beckwith, of Utica, New York. It was a gift of \$5,000. About the same time he made an offer of \$500 for foreign missions, if the Susquehanna conference W. F. M. S. would raise as much more. It did so, and a thousand dollars was raised by that conference for foreign missions, which was the largest amount raised for this purpose till then. Were he living, with what a joy would he look upon this structure, providing, as it does, such enlarged facilities for carrying forward all lines of work which God has committed to us, and especially because of the help it will give our foreign missions.

This place is to be the center where the general offices for the church work are located and sup-

plies are sent. From this house are to go forth the streams of blessing which shall give increasing life and spiritual beauty to the church and illumination and salvation to those who are in the region and shadow of death in our own and other lands. There are some differences in the varied lines of work done here, but they all have one aim and end in view. Some bring financial returns with more or less profit. They also give back to those who pay money for them personal benefits and blessings. Not so, in the same sense, is it with the missionary work, and the labor and gifts which are given for it. These represent a spirit of self-sacrifice greater than is manifested in connection with our other church work. Those who give for foreign missions do so, not expecting personal returns from their gifts in this life either on temporal or spiritual lines. Herein they manifest in the most striking manner the unselfish, Christlike spirit, which caused our Savior, though He was rich, for our sakes to become poor in order that we, through

greater things for God and expect greater things from Him, and God honors them, and they accomplish more for God in the homeland than those whose visions are restricted and obscured, and because of this are lacking the world-wide sympathy and love for the universal spread of His kingdom. To be sure there are no financial returns, no "golden egg," so far as material things are concerned, from the work of foreign missions. Those who give their means and themselves for this work look for their reward in the incorruptible, the gold of character, which has been purified from dross and tried in the fires of earth and thereby made ready for the King's seal and for the wonder and astonishment of angels.

Our publishing house has not been built for the glory of Free Methodism, but for the glory of God. The fulness of its work is to have our Lord's work fulfilled that this gospel must first be published among all nations preparatory to His coming. In the light of this truth, the greater and inspiring



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His poverty, might be made rich. Our Lord's works while here on earth, all pointed toward and had their climax in the "Great Commission," and its fulfilment in the salvation of men and the triumph of God's kingdom in all the world. This doctrine is clearly taught and strongly emphasized in many places in the Word of God. I call your attention to the following: "That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things" (Acts 15:17). "I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth" (Acts 13:47). "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne and unto the Lamb" (Rev. 7:9, 10). In order that His purpose is accomplished in the evangelization of the world, His church, everywhere, needs to see the relation of the different lines of Christian and gospel work, and their relative importance; also, how each should be given its proper place and its relative importance be recognized. In God's mind all the lines of His work are a unit, working together for the full and glorious accomplishment of His merciful purposes. All charitable, benevolent, educational and the sending forth of Christian literature, as well as the work of the church in the homeland, have as their climax and their glorious consummation the preaching of the gospel to every creature, and thereby gathering jewels for the Master's crown from all nations and peoples. Inasmuch as this is true, foreign missions is not an incidental part of the work of God's church, but its superlatively important part. Because of this, those who practically recognize its relative importance thereby become enlarged in their faith and love, and attempt

thought is, not how our publishing house can make the most money and send out the most literature, although these are necessary, but how can it accomplish the most in helping to publish the tidings of great joy to all people. Publishing houses, churches and the various means and agencies here are only the workshops where the indestructible material is being prepared for presentation to our Lord on coronation day.

Let us unitedly endeavor to apprehend more fully our possibilities in having the whole earth filled with the knowledge of God and thus prepare the way for His coming and triumphant reign and for all the glorious realizations resultant from His seeing of the travail of His soul and being satisfied; and let all the people say, Amen!

15. Owing to the lateness of the hour and the long distance many had to go, Mendal B. Miller, who was to speak representing the building committee, did not think it wise to do more than present the financial statement showing that the site and building had cost up to date \$61,669.83, and that there would remain an indebtedness approximately of about \$13,000 after the sale of the old publishing house and the Ogden boulevard site, at their estimated values of \$14,500 and \$7,000 respectively. He then called for an offering, and \$500 in cash and pledges was received, after which he, on behalf of the directors of the publishing house, presented the building to the chairman for dedication.

16. Bishop Burton R. Jones then offered the dedicatory prayer, after which the doxology was sung and Bishop Edward P. Hart pronounced the benediction.