HISTORY OF DRUID HILLS METHODIST CHURCH

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1910—1953.

This Historical Sketch is written from Church Records, from information furnished by Members, from Newspaper reports and historical sketches written from time to time of the Church and from two Church Histories—those of Grace, Mother Church of Druid Hills, and of Haygood Memorial Church, organized by Druid Hills Members.

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DRUID HILLS METHODIST CHURCH IS BORN.

DRUID HILLS METHODIST CHURCH is a Monument to the desire of interested Christians to further promote the Kingdom of Christ through the Methodist denomination by the expansion of its activities; to a great faith and devotion that had a small beginning, but which has grown and expanded over its more than a half century of service whereby its influence has been felt, not only locally, but in the State, in the Nation and in the World.

And Today, June 1, 1953, it stands on the threshold of greater Service to the Kingdom of God through the expansion of its Church facilities as it is on the verge of building a new and larger plant.

At the turn of the century (1900) the section at Ponce de Leon Avenue and Highland Avenue—west of what is now Druid Hills—was known as "Copenhill", so named in honor of three Atlanta citizens, Mr. Frank M. Coker, Mr. W.M. Pendleton and Mr. Lodowick J. Hill.

As "Copenhill Mission", Druid Hills Methodist Church had its beginning in the home of Mr. John Englert, a devoted Methodist, who lived near what is now the corner of Highland and Blue Ridge Avenues, in a mission Sunday School organized and supported by members of Grace Methodist Church, now located at the Northeast corner of Ponce de Leon Avenue and Parkway Drive—formerly Jackson Street.

Dr. T. R. Kendall, Pastor of Grace Church, (1893-1896) is credited with conceiving the idea of the Church. With the late
William S. Featherston, a member of Grace, as first Superintendent of the Sunday School, the "Mission" was "born".

Through the generosity of Capt. J. C. Hendrix, and other members of Grace Church, a lot was secured at the corner of Highland Avenue and Vaud Avenue, three blocks from the present Church (1953) at the corner of Blue Ridge Avenue and Seminole Avenue, N.E.

On November 20, 1900, the Copenhagen Land Co. conveyed to the Trustees of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of the North Atlanta District, North Georgia Conference, Lot 4, in Block 14 of Copenhagen, 100 by 175 feet at the Northeast corner of Highland and Vaud Avenues. The price paid was $375.00, or $3.75 per front foot on Highland Avenue.

On September 20, 1901, the Trustees of Grace Church conveyed the lot to W.S. Featherston, J.W. Englett, J.J. Englett, W.L. Bartlett and J.E. Cheshire, as Trustees of Copenhagen Methodist Episcopal Church, South. On this lot, a small, white frame building was erected at a cost of $900.00, this sum being raised and contributed by the principal Methodist Churches of Atlanta.

In this building was organized the Copenhagen Mission, at first attached to Grace Church, but was soon transferred to Inman Park Methodist Church. The Rev. C.C. Davis preached for the Mission as a supply in the beginning, and the Rev. J.E. Rosser also preached as a supply for the Mission for a time.

In 1909, Julius M. Skinner succeeded W.S. Featherston as Superintendent of the Sunday School, and he later was succeeded by Mr. S.H. Fincher, he being the last Superintendent of the Mission Sunday School and the first Superintendent of the newly organized Church Sunday School after the 1909 Conference.

Sunday School was held every Sunday afternoon, but there were
no regular preaching services.

At the North Georgia Annual Conference held in November 1909, the Mission was made an independent "charge" under the name, "Druid Hills Church". An appointment was set up and announced "To be supplied". Thus, Druid Hills Methodist Church was "born".

The Rev. Edward G. Mackay, a student at Emory University, was appointed to the Pastorate of the Church to take effect on Jan. 1, 1910.

The first service was held by Rev. Mackay on Sunday, January 9, 1910 at 11 a.m. The "doors of the Church were opened" and the following united by certificate:

Judge John S. Candler, Miss Allie G. Candler, Dr. Stewart R. Roberts, Julius M. Skinner, Mrs. Julius M. Skinner, Miss Sarah Skinner, (Mrs. Barnwell), Miss Frances Skinner, E. M. Marsh, Mrs. Annie Marsh, Miss Hattie Marsh, Miss Effie Marsh.

Rev. Mackay, Druid Hills' first regular Pastor, served two years—1910--1911. He has since served the Methodist Church in many capacities and is now (1953) Superintendent of the Oxford District, living at Oxford, Ga., site of Methodisms pioneer Oxford College, genesis of Emory University.

The First Quarterly Conference of the newly organized Church was held on Jan. 19, 1910, with Dr. Joel T. Daves, Presiding Elder, in charge, and Rev. E. G. Mackay "Pastor in Charge". Listed as "present" in the Conference Minutes were: E.G. Mackay, Fred G. Warde, S.H. Fincher, E.L. Graydon, W.R. McDonald, J.M. Skinner. Mr. Warde was elected Secretary of the Conference.


Seven were recorded as being present at the First Quarterly
Conference. The Church was definitively organized and the name "Druid Hills Methodist Church" was adopted.

The Mission having become a Church, the hour of the Sunday School was changed from afternoon to forenoon. Supt. Fincher, being employed in the Government mail service, could not attend in the morning and resigned. Pastor E.G. Mackay appointed Dr. Stewart R. Roberts to succeed Fincher as Sunday School Superintendent.

On the "general state of the Church", Pastor Mackay reported to the First Conference:

"The condition of the Church is good. The outlook is exceptionally encouraging and we are getting organized for an aggressive onward movement***The Sunday School is in very good condition and is growing".

The First Conference further reported:

"The following Committee of three, John S. Candler, J.M. Skinner and E.L. Graydon, was appointed to look into the advisability of building a new church.

"The Druid Park Presbyterians were given the privilege of holding service in this Church building during the afternoon hours".

(Listed on the first page of the Quarterly Conference Report, preceding the report of the First Conference, along with other officers of the Church, were Trustees as follows:


The Second Quarterly Conference is recorded as having been held on January 9, 1910", but this was likely on "June 9" for under the report of Miscellaneous Business" is recorded: "In move by Judge Candler, seconded by Dr. Roberts, giving the Pastor a leave of absence during July. Jno. S. Candler and E.L. Graydon (were) elected Delegates to District Conference, S.R. Roberts and W.R. McDonald alternates. Asa W. Candler and W.R. Branham elected Stewards\)".
Pastor Mackay reported to the Second Conference on the condition of the Sunday School as follows:

"The Sunday School has been making marked progress under the able guidance of Dr. Roberts, our Superintendent, and through the efforts of a consecrated corps of teachers and officers. During the last Quarter the average attendance has doubled, and it has been necessary to pitch a tent on the outside to accommodate the Infant Department. The School is still growing and we feel are feeling more and more the need of a larger building".

Pastor Mackay also reported at the Second Conference:

"The general state of the Church is good and there has been much progress made during the Quarter. The following Thirty members have been added to the roll by certificate:

"Judge J.S. Candler, Miss Allie Candler, Mr. J.M. Skinner, Mrs. J.M. Skinner, Miss Sarah Skinner, Miss Frances Skinner, Dr. S.R. Roberts, Mr. E.M. Marsh, Mrs. Annie Marsh, Miss Hattie Marsh, Miss Effie Marsh, Mr. W.H. Wynn, Master Joel T. Daves, Mrs. C.W. Davis, Mr. J.P. Pharr, Mrs. J.P. Pharr, Miss Blanche Harris, Mrs. Edna Pope Smith, Mrs. J. Laura Pope, Mrs. W.N. Cochran, Mr. Asa W. Candler, Mrs. Hattie Lee Candler, Mr. H.A. Puckett, Mrs. C.W. Whittington, Mrs. J.D. Simmons, John Simmons, Mary Lou Simmons, Mattie Simmons, Joseph Simmons".

The Third Quarterly Conference was held on September 2, 1910 and it was "Moved that two names, Dr. S.R. Roberts and W.R. McDonald, be added to original count on Church building, and that the Committee to be instructed to act at earliest possible moment and bring definite plans to a called meeting of Quarterly Conference".

(The new church committee was then composed of John S. Candler, J.M. Skinner, E.L. Graydon, (See Page 4), Dr. S.R. Roberts and W.R. McDonald).
Pastor Mackay continued to "plug" for a new and larger Church and his report at the Third Conference included:

"The membership already taxes the capacity of the Church and reminds us of the imperative need of a larger and better equipped building", and "From every indication the time has come for a definite campaign for building of a new Church to meet the growing needs of the community".

S.Y. Allgood, Pastor Pro-Tem, reported at that Conference:

"Mr. and Mrs. M.C. White have been received from St. Paul Station, and Mrs. Ida Wright from Inman Park Station".

Pastor Mackay also reported "A series of Special Services will soon be held in which we hope to accomplish much".

The Fourth Quarterly Conference was held on November 4, and apparently the Special Services -- the Church's First Revival -- had been held for Pastor Mackay reported to that Conference:

"The week of Special Services recently conducted was conducive of much good. Twenty-five desired to unite with the Church on profession of faith, nineteen of whom have been received. The membership of the Church is now One Hundred and Ten. (Nov. 4, 1910)."

"This is a gain of nearly four hundred per cent".

First Conference in 1911.

The First Quarterly Conference was held on January 13, 1911 and Pastor Mackay reported the following additions to the Church roll:

Added by certificate:

W.M. Fambrough, Mrs. W.M. Fambrough, Mrs. J.B. Hightower, Miss Frances Hightower, Mrs. M.B. Hillburn, Mrs. W.M. Brannon, Mrs. M.A. Lamb, Miss Ruth Lamb, Mr. Forest Adair, (Who was added to the Board of Trustees); Mrs. Forest Adair, Miss Elizabeth Adair, Mr. Jno. M. Wright, Mrs. Jno. M. Wright, Mr. Will D. Thomson, (Who was elected a Steward);
Jno. W. Cook, Jno. A. Farnsworth, Mrs. J.A. Farnsworth, Miss Margaret Farnsworth, Mrs. J.F. Wright,

"Removed by death Mr. Anderson R. Logan".

The total membership of the Church was reported as 115.

The Second Quarterly Conference was held April 23, 1911 and Pastor Mackay gave the names of ten members "removed from the membership by certificate" and announced the "following have been added by certificate":

Mrs. J.F. Bauknight, Louise Bauknight, Orin Bauknight, Mrs. John F. Taylor, Miss Florence Taylor, Mr. Forest Adair, Mr. C.J. Cabe (?), Mrs. C.J. Cabe (?), Mr. C.A. McGrew, Mrs. C.A. McGrew, Mr. Clint C. Carpenter, Mrs. J.A. LeConte, Mr. J.A. LaConte, Mrs. (?) Louis LeConte Jr., Mrs. (?) Bertha White.

The Third Quarterly Conference was held July 27, 1911.

Pastor Mackay reporting on the "forward" condition of the Church, added: "The time is ripe for a forward movement towards the erection of a new Church which will furnish comfortable and adequate accommodations to the congregation and Sunday School. The present building would not hold all the members at one service and with the continuation of the steady growth of the past, some steps must be taken to meet the needs of the situation".

Pastor Mackay reported "the following members have been baptized and received into the Church":

Mark G. Johnson, Miss Gladys Whittington,

"The following have been received by certificate":

Thos. L. Thower, Mrs. T.L. Thower, Miss Teresa Thower, Miss T. (?) Lene (?) Thower, Mrs. M.J. Brannon, Bruce Brannon, Robt. Brannon, Miss Daisy Cheshire, Mrs. Laura A. Wilder, Miss Ellen Wilder, Miss Laura Wilder, Miss Georgia Wilder, Miss Hope Wilder, Mrs. E.C. Mackay.
LOT ON SEMINOLE PURCHASED.

A definite move to build a new Church was sparked at a Special Quarterly Conference held August 11, 1911, with the Rev. Joel T. Davee, Presiding Elder in the Chair. Present were Rev. E.G. Mackay, Paul W. Key, E.L. Graydon, W.D. Thomson, W.R. Branham, W.R. McDonald.

Record of the Conference is as follows:

"Building Committee to have in hand the erecting of new building was named as follows:—Jno. S. Candler, W.D. Thomson, Dolph Walker, Dr. Stewart R. Roberts, J.M. Skinner, W.R. Branham and W.R. McDonald.

"The purchase of lot corner Seminole and Blue Ridge for new Church was approved.

"The Trustees were by resolution authorized to sell the present lot fronting on Highland Ave.

"The prospective cost of new building was fixed at $25,000 and a movement to secure $15,000 immediately was begun.

"Committee to secure subscriptions was named, composed of Jno. S. Candler, W.D. Thomson, Dr. S.R. Roberts, W.R. Branham and the Pastor, (Dr. Mackay).

The Trustees were authorized to borrow the amount of money necessary to make cash payment for new lot, and let the property stand as security to cover the amounts personally assumed by them in doing so; and they were authorized to pay for same out of fund hereafter raised in the process of the building operation".

The lot selected was owned by the late Capt. Thomas M. Clarke, and is situated at the Northeast corner of Seminole and Blue Ridge Avenues, being lots No. 35, 36 and 37 of the Clarke property, fronting 1311/2 feet on Seminole and 237 feet on Blue Ridge, back to the alley.

The deed from Thomas M. Clarke to C.E. Wright, A.B. Tumlin, George D. Webster, Mark White, Forrest Adair, John S. Candler, Dolph Walker, W.
Episcopal

D. Thomson and Paul Key as Trustees of "Druid Hills Methodist Church, South", was executed on August 16, 1911, and recorded August 33, 1911 in Deed Book 511, Page 564, in the office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia.

The price paid for the lot was $7,380, or $40 per front foot on Seminole Avenue. This increase over the $3.75 per front foot paid for the Highland Avenue lot twelve years before, indicated how rapidly this section of Atlanta had developed and how great was the need for a great Church at the new location.

Bishop Warren A. Candler preached a sermon and took a collection to pay for the lot, and start the new Church building. He raised $6,000 in subscriptions.

Fourth Quarterly Conference.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference was held October 1911. This was the last Quarterly Conference of the Church at which Dr. Joel T. Daves presided as Presiding Elder, and Rev. E.G. Mackay, as Pastor.

Pastor Mackay reported "The Sunday School is in a flourishing condition. During the absence of our Superintendent, (Dr. Roberts), Mr. Wightman Bowden has given us good service. A Sunday School Library has been established".

He reported"the following have been added by letter": -

Mr. J. Willis Greene, Mrs. J. Willis Greene, Mr. A.L. Waldo, Mrs. A.L. Waldo, Mrs. C.R. Andrews, Mrs. A. McD. Wilson Jr., Mrs. R.H. Jones, Miss Nell Waldo, Mr. Ward Wight, Mr. Linton K. Starr, Mr. Chas. B. Barnwell, Mr. Harry Cabiness Grimsby, Mr. Harlan Branham, Mr. Fletcher A. Gillette, Mrs. Fannie E. Gillette, Mr. Chas. W. Asbury, Mrs. Chas. W. Asbury, Mr. Percy Cole, Mr. Howard Stone.

First Quarterly Conference --1912.

Dr. S.E. Wasson, a transfer to the North Georgia Conference from Alabama, was appointed Pastor of Druid Hills Church in November 1911,
to succeed Dr. Mackay, who had served as the Church's First Pastor since January 1, 1910.

The First Quarterly Conference was held on January 11, 1912, with Dr. W.P. Lovejoy presiding, he having succeeded Dr. Joel T. Dave, who had served the Church as its First Presiding Elder—at the Conferences held in 1910 and 1911.

The fund set up for the Presiding Elder was $36.00 and for the "Preacher in Charge", $600.00.

Pastor Wesson reported the following having been received into the Church by certificate:

Percy Coles, Carle Asbury, Mrs. W.K. Sheldon, Mrs. S.E. Wesson, S.E. Wesson Jr., J.C. Oliver, Mrs. J.C. Oliver, Mrs. Bill Brannon, A.J. Paxon, Mrs. A.J. Paxon, A.L. Norris, Mrs. A.L. Norris, Mrs. B.S. Price, Mrs. Geo. Roering (?), Mrs. O.P. Lyman, C.A. Mauck, Mrs. C.A. Mauck, Hugh Mauck, Misses Grace Mauck, Floy Mauck, Ruth Mauck, Ollie Belle Mauck, Willie Bell Mauck, Sears (?), Mrs. ---Sears, Miss gâte Kelley, Mrs. Catherine Remzer (?), Mrs. C.E. Hurst, Miss Mary Carle Hurst, Eugene Jarrard, Mrs. Eugene Jarrard, E.W. Rose, I. S. Hopkins Jr., Mrs. I.S. Hopkins.

Contract Let to Build Church.

The Church Building Committee, with little money but with much faith, on January 31, 1912, let the contract for the Church building on the new lot at the corner of Seminole and Blue Ridge Avenues to Hard & Worn for the "erection and completion of brick Church building, stone foundation, slate roof, to include hot air heating".

A.F.N. Everett was the Architect and the contract called for completion of the Church "on or before August the First, 1912".

Cost of the "work and materials" of the Church was stipulated in the contract to be $30,100.
The Contract was signed by the builders, "Hard & Warm, Ings., Straiton Hard, Treas.", and by the "Building Committee of Druid Hills M.E. Church, South, John S. Candler, Chairman, Dolph Walker, W.D. Thomson, Stewart R. Roberts, W.R. Branham, W.R. McDonald".

The contract was for the building and heating plant only and the cost of the seats and the organ was not included.

The seats or pews were purchased from the Southern Seating & Cabinet Company, of Jackson, Tenn., at a cost of $300.00. They were paid for by the Women's Missionary Society of the Church, this group of energetic and active women, also providing the carpets for the aisles; gave the first individual Communion Service; bought the velvet curtain for the Choir rail, and helped pay for the organ.

The organ cost $2,000.00. Andrew Carnegie, of Pittsburgh, Pa., the steel magnate, at the request of Dr. Wasson, contributed $1,000.00 to the organ fund.

Methodist Trinity Church, on Whitehall Street, moving to a new location on Washington Street, donated its silver-toned bell, purchased at a cost of $1,500.00, to Druid Hills Church. This bell served Trinity from 1871 to 1911, sounding the call of its members to church services held during the intervening years.

Mrs. E.W. Offut, of the Presbyterian Church, gave the pulpit Bible. William Snyder, father of Mrs. Paul W. Key, donated the marble corner-stone for the new Church, and which bears this wording:

DRUID HILLS
M.E. CHURCH, SOUTH
ORGANIZED A.D. 1910
ERECTED A. D. 1912.
The Trustees of the Church borrowed the money to pay for the lot on Seminole and Blue Ridge Avenues from the Central Bank & Trust Corporation, Candler Building, and obtained on a temporary loan to pay the contractor as the work on the Church progressed, something above $35,000 from the Coca-Cola Company.

All of the indebtedness of the Church was eventually taken up and secured by a loan deed on the Church property to Hirschen Brothers of Atlanta, and when this note became due it was paid by Judge Candler and by him reduced to $30,000. The note carrying this balance, with $1,200.00 interest, was also paid by Judge Candler and given to Emory University as a part of its endowment, the Church paying interest on the same at the rate of 6 per cent. for a term of years.

Work on New Church Begins.

The Second Quarterly Conference was held on March 13, 1912, and the Minutes recorded:

"The new building was begun on Feb. 29th and is progressing".

Pastor Wasson reported "the following persons have been received by certificate":

L.C. Greer, Mrs. L.C. Greer, W.L. Beyer, W.L. Beyer Jr., Miss Marguerite Beyer, Miss Ethel Beyer, Leslie Hubbard, Mrs. Leslie Hubbard, D.C. Hemrick, Mrs. D.C. Hemrick —Jackson— (?)-Mrs. R.B. May, G.V. Jackson, Mrs. W.R. Wood. (Bad penmanship)

The Third Quarterly Conference—Dr. Lovejoy, Presiding Elder, was held presiding, on July 11, 1912. The minutes reported "The next Quarterly Conference will be held in the new Church", adding: "The new Church rapidly nearing completion. Will be ready for us by Sept. 1st".

Pastor Wasson reported the following members received by certificate:

The Fourth Quarterly Conference was held on October 7, 1912, Dr. W.P. Lovejoy, Presiding Elder, presiding; Rev. S.E. Wasson, Pastor.

The conference was evidently held in the new or present Church, although no reference was made to that fact in the Minutes of the Conference. Resolutions were passed extending thanks of the Conference to Andrew Carnegie, (evidently for his contribution of $1,000.00 to the Church organ fund), to the Ladies of the Church for their co-operation; also to Judge J.S. Candler for his efforts in the building of the new Church.

Further evidence that this was the First Conference held in the New Church is borne out by the unusually large attendance at the session, those recorded as being present in addition to Dr. Lovejoy and Pastor Wasson were:


It was recorded at this Conference that J.A. Leckler had been elected Sunday School Superintendent. (Presumably to succeed Dr. Stewart R. Roberts). W.L. Beyer Jr. was elected a Trustee, and the
following Stewards:

J.S. Candler, W.D. Thomson, S.R. Roberts, W.R. McDonald, 

That was the last Conference attended at Druid Hills Church as Pastor by Dr. Wasson, who was succeeded by the Rev. H.B. Mays.

First Conference Held in 1913.

The First Quarterly Conference was held on January 22, 1913, with Presiding Elder W.P. Lovejoy in the chair, and the Rev. Henry B. Mays, Pastor in Charge, attending his first Conference at Druid Hills as its Pastor.

The membership was reported as 371; value of the Church $30,000.00; indebtedness $30,000.00. The budget included $42 for the Presiding Elder, and $900.00 for the "Preacher in Charge"—this evidently being an increase over the $800.00 reported at previous Conferences.

(The above may have been amount paid in 1912, as amount estimated for "support of the Preacher in Charge for the present year" was given as $1,500.00, and for the Presiding Elder, $75.00—Historian).

At this Conference it was recorded that Robt. Hayes was elected Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School, and that "Resignations of A.L. Waldo, J.M. Wright and L.B. Sullivan were accepted. W.A. Albright, F.A. Gillette and R.C. Little elected Stewards".

Pastor Mays reported: "The Sunday School passed the 200-mark last Sunday in attendance for the first time. We did not have chairs enough to seat the scholars. Something will have to be done immediately to secure more chairs for the beginners".

Reporting on the "General State of the Church", Pastor Mays said"
"The general state of our Church at present is one of embarrassment on account of our success. These woods seem to be full of Methodists and the tide is set our way. Last Sunday we did not have chairs enough for our Sunday School classes, nor books enough for our worshippers. The new Pastor has received a cordial welcome and is happy in the work."

"Received by certificate: Turner W. Clanton, Mrs. Carrie L. and Elizabeth Clanton, Robt. C. Little, W.A. Allbright, Wm. A. and Mrs. Sophie Allbright, George R. Browder, Miss Lillian Browder, Mrs. Lucy B. (R.L. Jr.) Butts, Eugene R. and Mrs. Annie Clyde Ragland, Walter E. and Mrs. Charlotte Hancock, Wm. S. and Mrs. Kate Williams, Mrs. Florence B. Mays (H.B.), and Alice D.F. Olive, Lamar P. and Henry B. Jr. Mays, Mrs. Ada B. Bean, Wm. R. Snyder.

"Wm. Henry, Mrs. Olin, and Miss Mildred Harris, Edwin T. and Mrs. Lula Keith Payne, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Gregory, Joe (or Jas) W. Holmes, W. Marvin Thurman and Mrs. Kate G., Anna and Kathrine M Thurman, Judge Wm. H. and Mrs. Mary P. Fish, Dr. Harry L. and Mrs. Nell M. Flynt, Miss Patie A. Flynt, Joe C. Sewell, Ralph Reid Asbury, Joe. F. and Mrs. Katie C. Bradfield, Jas. E. and Mrs. Anna W. Gullatt, Miss Helen A. Gullatt.

"Dismissed by certificate: Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Graydon, and Ralph Reid Asbury.

"Pastoral visits paid: 133".

Second Quarterly Conference

The Second Quarterly Conference was held on April 14, 1913, Presiding Elder W.P. Lovejoy in the chair, and Rev. H.B. Mays Pastor in Charge.

The report included "For rent of Parsonage: $90". This is the first reference made to fact that a Parsonage was being pro-
provided the Pastor of the Church.

The report said W. R. McDonald's resignation as Steward accepted. J.W. Bowden elected to succeed. J. A. Farnsworth and Robert Hayse elected Stewards.

Pastor Maya reported:

"The Sunday School is about to burst its bounds, the actual attendance has reached 336. **Every class wants a room. We now have three classes without rooms, not counting the class ***in the vestibule.

"Since the last Quarterly Conference on Jan. 33, we have received by baptism and vows: Mrs. Jessie L. Cook, Mrs. Cynthia May Sutton, (or Sitton), Ruth E. Coleman, Martha A. Norris and Willie D. Farnsworth.

"By vows: Eugene Ragland Jr., Miss Marian B. Holmes, Miss Fannie May Holmes, Jack D. and Mrs. Christine B. Cobb, Edith M. Hancock.

"By restoration of Church Conference: T. Ardell Kemp, Mrs. Arch Avery and Wm. C. Jones.

"By certificate: John D. and Mrs. Leila Dunbar, Miss Birdie Dunbar, Wm. R. Whittaker, Mrs. Lucy M. Campbell, Joe C. and Mrs. Sarah Roberts Gause, Miss May Marguerite Gause, Mildred R. and Martha R. Greer, Miss Hortense Nunn, Wm. Wesley and Mrs. Alma Pope Roberts, Mrs. Florence A. (J.R.) and Harold Bernstein, John L. Sutton, Mrs. Rosa Lee Kemp (T.A.), Benj. R. and Mrs. Peare (Pearl-?), McGe.

John E. and Mrs. Bessie and Ona McGeathy, Mrs. Willie V. and Miss Antoinette Johnson, Daniel W. and Mrs. Elsie W. Johnson, Mrs. Susan R. (H.J.) Ellis, Edwin M. and Mrs. Ella Pope Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. K.C. Burgess.

"Present membership- 352".
Pastor Mays also reported on Church attendance:

"The Sunday morning congregations nearly fill the Church, but I expound the Gospel faithfully to an average of 40 of the faithful at night. The prayer meetings have averaged only 19".

"The women have divided the Church into Circles and are raising money to pay for the pews. Such activity as they have stirred up I never saw before. What with rummage sales, picnics, concerts, organ recitals, etc., they are going to have the pews and the chairs in the SS paid for and a surplus".

Parsonage Committee named.

"A motion was passed and authority given to the Church to proceed with plans for erecting a Parsonage.

"The following Committee was elected to forward these plans: S.R. Roberts, W.A. Albright, R.C. Little".

(The Church has never erected a Parsonage, but has bought for use as Parsonages two ready-built residences—the first at 2005 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E., in 1939, which was sold in 1952, and the H.Y. McCord home at 1336 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E. which was bought for a Parsonage in 1952).

Third Quarterly Conference.

The Third Quarterly Conference was held on July 16,1913, with Presiding Elder W.P. Lovejoy in the chair, and Rev. H.B. Mays Pastor in Charge.

The report included: "Bro. W.D. Thomson made motion to price old church (at Highland and Vaud—lot only likely as building was later moved) at ($4,250. Motion carried, Bros. Thomson and Candler authorized to dispose of property to best advantage, subject to approval of Special Conference".

The Sunday School was still most active and growing and with not enough space even in the new Church, as Pastor Mays
reported: "We are very much puzzled to know how to care for our Beginners' classes, which even in the summer, are too large for their rooms. At present, they are meeting in the vestibule of the Church. What they are to do when cold weather comes, this Board of Managers will have to find out. The Sunday School committees of this body have one estimate for moving the old Church back of this one of $335!"

"Since our last Conference, April 14th, we have received by baptism and vows: Helen Winona Hill, by vows, Mrs. Genevieve W. (G.C.) Lynch. By certificate, John W. and Mrs. Nettie Davison, Mrs. Annie (A.W.) Long, Miss Lourine Gregory, Miss Alline Perryman, David C. and Mrs. Sarah Hemrick, Mrs. Sarah (Frank) Holly, Leon Walker, Dr. Lorne E. and Mrs. Grace Hastings, Mrs. Florrie (John) Faulkner, Dorothy May Bryant, Telfred E. and Mrs. Kathleen Myers, and Mrs. Roxie (J.E.) Brisendine.

"Infants baptised: Roy Willis Green and Mary Buford Wood".

Death of Joe C. Sewell was reported.

Pastor Mays reported: "Our four Missionary Societies and Missionary Committee***have raised the debt on the pews and carpeted the Church".

Fourth Quarterly Conference.

The Fourth Quarterly Conference of the year was held on Nov. 10, 1913, with Presiding Elder W.P. Lovejoy presiding and with Rev. H.B. Mays Pastor in Charge.

Appointment of W.A. Albright as Sunday School Superintendent was reported, and Assistants, Mrs. W. A. Albright and Robt. Hayes. J.M. Skinner was appointed Church Leader.

(Mr. Albright evidently succeeded J.A. Leckler as Superintendent of the Sunday School).
Pastor Mays reported:

"The Sunday School rejoices at last in adequate facilities for its work. To the teachers in the Beginners' classes, Miss Hope Wilder, Mrs. Leila Frizzell and Mrs. L.K. Starr, is due the projection of the plan of moving the old Church to the rear of this Church, for a Primary Department. They were backed up by the Sunday School Con. of this body, Bros. Albright and Little. The work cost something over $500. Mrs. W.A. Albright was appointed Superintendent for that Department.

"We now have on the Sunday School roll 351".

The Sunday School continued to grow to the extent that an addition was built on to the old Church building, which was used by Sunday School classes until the present Sunday School building was erected.

The old Church building was then dismantled.

It was at this Conference that it was reported that a "motion was made by Bro. Thomson and passed" ratifying the sale of the "old Church property" at the corner of Highland and Vaud Avenues for the sum of $4,350.00, the proceeds thereof may be invested towards paying the indebtedness due on the present Church property".

The co-operative spirit of Druid Hills Methodist Church was evidenced at that time by the fact that "J.A. Leckler, W.A. Albright and Robt. Hayes appointed as a Committee to confer with Committee from Baptist and Presbyterian churches regarding organizing (a) District Sunday School Association.

This fraternal and co-operative and Christian spirit had been exemplified several years earlier when the Presbyterian Church was given permission to hold services in the Church at
Highland and Vaud Avenues.

It might be pointed out that this co-operative spirit toward the other Churches in the neighborhood—the Druid and Hills Baptist, the Druid Hills Presbyterian and Church—still prevails at Druid Hills Methodist Church.

Pastor Mays reported on the membership:

"We have received by vows since July 16: Ada Martha Asbury and Arthur McDermott Wilson III; by certificate: James T. Jetton, Wm. J. and Mrs. Lois Atkinson, McDaniel, Mrs. Charlotte Lee (Ike) Carter, Mrs. M.L. Underwood, Mrs. Margaret (H.A.) Steed, Robt. L. and Mrs. Eunice W. McCullough; Mrs. Roberta Rousey, Miss Ruby May Rousey, Thos. R. and Mrs. Della M. Campbell, Ernest S. and Mrs. Carry W. and Miss Victoria Mae Copeland, Mrs. Ada Knox, Ormon L., Mrs. Myrtie V. Allan and Van Jernigan, Wm. J. and Mrs. Bertha H. Nichols, Mrs. Hattie H. Holland, Mrs. Fannie S., Miss Daisy, Miss Allie, and John Henry Ramseur, Mrs. Iva (Geo., A.) Argard, Willis and Mrs. Virginia W. Dobbs.

"Infants baptised: John Wilson and William Alford, children of John and Mrs. Florrie Faulkner, Sept. 25".

"We have received during the year 144, dismissed 34, giving us a net gain of 120, and present membership of 391".

The Board of Trustees reported at that time included: J.S. Candler, W.L. Beyer Jr., W.D. Thomson, Forest Adair, Mark White, Paul W. Sey, Stewart R. Roberts.

The last page of the Quarterly Conference Record which began with the First Conference held by the organized Druid Hills Methodist Church on January 19, 1910 and the last Quarterly Conference held in 1913, and on Nov. 10, is this record:

****This will leave a balance of debt on the Church for purchase of new lot and erection of the Church building, of something like $31,300*.

This was amount due on the Church debt after funds on hand and the proceeds from the sale of the lot on Highland and Vaud Avenues had been applied to the note due by the Church.

This concludes the records taken from the Quarterly Conference Record, property of the Church History file, which contains the records of the Conferences held for four years—1910--1911--1912--1913.

As far as known, this is the only Conference Record in the Church.

Dr. Mays Serves Four Years.

Dr. Mays served as pastor four years—1913-14-15-16. Dr. Fletcher Walton served as Pasto one year 1917, after which he was active as the "Pastor" of the Men's Bible Class.

Judge Candler in 1914 succeeded Mr. E. W. Rose as Lecturer of the Men's Bible Class, serving in that capacity until 1932—13 years. He died December 1941.

Judge Candler was a charter member of the Church, having joined Druid Hills at the first service held on Sunday, January 9, 1910, was a member of the first Boards of Stewards, served long as a Trustee and as Lecturer of the Men's Class.

He was long a bulwark of strength not only in Druid Hills Church, but also in Southern Methodism. He was on the Committee that selected the site of the present Church; was a
the leader in financing the building of the Church, being a generous contributor to that fund. He saw that project crowned with success at the dedication of the Church on October 3, 1921, his brother, Bishop Warren A. Candler, preaching the dedication sermon.

Judge Candler contributed liberally to the building fund of the Educational Building of the Church, which was proposed in 1922. His son, Asa Warren Candler, was among the first 30 members who joined the Church and he was elected a Steward early in 1910.

The imprint of the Candler Family on Druid Hills Methodist Church is Indelible.

World War I Casualty.

Dr. Fletcher Walton was pastor during 1917, and at the time of the outbreak of World War I, or when the United States declared war on Germany.

With a membership of fewer than 500, members of Druid Hills entered into war work of various kinds.

Mute evidence of the Church's One Casualty in that war—Lieutenant William Louis LeConte— is contained on the tablet placed in the vestibule of the Sunday School Building which reads:

WORLD WAR I

William Louis LeConte
Sept. 27, 1915—July 19, 1918
Second Lieut., I.R.C.
Attached to
Co. I, 59th U.S. Inf.
Killed in Action
Chateau Thierry, France
Lies Sleeping In
Belleau—Aisne Cemetery

"Greater Love Hath No Man Than This, That A Man Lay Down His Life For His Friends"

—Jno. 15:13
Lieut. LeConte was the son of Mrs. J.A. LeConte, who lived on Osburne Avenue, N.E.

Church is Dedicated.

The Third step in the progress of Druid Hills Church was the dedication of the new and present Church Building on October 3, 1921. The First step was the organization of the Church and the Second was the purchase of the lot at the corner of Seminole and Blue Ridge Avenues.

Dr. Wallace Rogers came to Druid Hills in November 1917 and served as its Pastor Four years—1918—1919—1920—1921. His ministry was most active. The first part included the activities of the Church relative to World War I; a big membership increase in the Church was attained during his pastorate; the crowning event of his pastorate being the dedication service.

The final debt of the Church—a note held by Emory University—totaling $20,000.00, with interest, was paid and "fully satisfied" on September 19, 1921, which cleared the Church of all debt, and qualified it for the dedication service.

It was a Glorious Day for Druid Hills Methodist Church on October 3, 1921. It had been eleven years since the Church was organized (Jan. 1910) and nine years since the present building had been built and occupied. During those nine years the building debt had hung over the Church. It had finally been paid off on September 19 and just thirteen days later was the day set for the dedication service.

A handsome program was prepared for the occasion, bearing a picture of the Church, with insets of Bishop Candler and of Dr. Wallace Rogers, Pastor. Besides the program, it also carried a history of the Church.
Bishop Candler preached the Dedication Sermon at 11 a.m., after which the Building was presented by the Trustees, Judge John S. Candler, Dr. Stewart R. Roberts, Forrest Adair Sr., W.L. Beyer Jr., Dr. Paul Key and Wm. D. Thomson.

The Church was then dedicated by Bishop Candler.

The opening prayer was by Dr. Fletcher Walton, former Pastor of the Church, and scripture readings were by Pastor Wallace Rogers and by Rev. Edward G. Mackay, the first pastor of the Church and who served during 1910-1911.

Special music for the occasion was under direction of Miss M. Ethel Beyer, Church organist and music Director, the choir members including: Mrs. Legare Davis, soprano; Miss Willie Shields, alto; Mr. L.L. White, tenor; Mr. Leslie Hubbard, bass.

The History of the Church concluded with this paragraph:

"From nineteen members of the Church at its organization (1910) we have grown until now we have more than eleven hundred members of the Church and a Sunday School from a beginning of less than forty, to more than eight hundred. Of this large number, about 300 adults regularly attend from two rolls of members of the Men's and Women's Bible Classes of more than 400. The Sunday School enrollment is approximately 1300".

Further Building Program

Following the removal of the original Church building from Highland and Vaud Avenues in 1913 to the rear of the present Church on Blue Ridge for use as a Sunday School building, especially for the Primary Department with Mrs. W.A. Albright in charge, it was soon found that the building was too small and additions were made to it at a cost of approximately $7,000.

These units—wooden—were torn down when the present Sunday
School Building was erected, but was still standing when the Church was dedicated on Oct. 2, 1931, and on which was owed $1500. It was a separate unit from the Church and was not involved in the dedication service.

Dr. Alfred M. Pierce followed Dr. Rogers at Druid Hills, serving as its Pastor three years,—1932—1933—1934. Dr. Pierce has since been active in Methodism, serving as Presiding Elder of the Dalton District, and is now compiling a History of every Methodist Church in the North Georgia Conference. This is a Herculean task which is being handled ably by Dr. Pierce.

Druid Hills Church Has Never Stood Still. Within a year after it was dedicated, the Church was too small to accommodate the large congregations that attended it, so in 1932 the present Balcony was built in the Church auditorium at a cost of $4,330, paid for in full at the time.

By 1934, the Sunday School had outgrown its wooden buildings, and the present Educational or Sunday School Building was erected at a cost of $120,000.00. Architects were Hentsz, Reid, Adler and Ernest D. Ivey.

The building was erected with day labor by Mr. Ivey as Supervisor, who now (1953) says: "It was started and stopped many times because of lack of funds". The sum of $60,000 was raised and the remaining $60,000.00 was borrowed.

Judge Candler was a great factor in financing this building. He paid $100 on every $900 raised on the fund of $60,000.00, his contribution on that totaling $6,000. That was the cash fund. Then in paying off the remaining $60,000.00, for which a note was given, his contributions amounted to $4,647.50, which means he contributed $10,647.50 to the Sunday School building fund.
The Sunday School Building was erected on part of the original lot bought in 1911 at the corner of Blue Ridge Avenue and Seminole Avenue, which fronted 131\frac{1}{2} feet on Seminole.

The debt on the building was paid off in full in 1941.

Dr. J. Wiley Quillian served Druid Hills as its Pastor in 1925-1926 and it was during his pastorate that members of Druid Hills Church "established Haygood Memorial Church, the official action establishing the new Church being taken by the Quarterly Conference on May 31, 1925. Two members of Druid Hills, Judge John S. Candler and N.C. McPherson Sr., each gave $1000 of the $2000 necessary to buy the lot for the new church. To the new church, Druid Hills gave a rich dowry in Mr. McPherson, Mr. R. A. Agnew, Mr. James K. Polk and a number of others who went with their families to the new Church" -(Perry Bloodworth's History).

"A History of Haygood Memorial Methodist Church--1951" gives this further information on Druid Hills part in establishing Haygood:

"Dr. W.L. Pierce, Presiding Elder of the North Atlanta District at that time, ***interested a few members of Druid Hills Methodist Church in the plan (to establish a new Church) and at a Quarterly Conference of that Church, appointed a Committee, composed of R.A. Agnew, N.C. McPherson Sr., J.W. Starr, Judge John S. Candler and the Pastor of the Church, Dr. J. Wiley Quillian, to work out the plan.

"This Committee***selected as a site for the Church, the northeast corner of North Highland Avenue and Lanier Place, (formerly known as Kimballville Farm). On May 30, 1925, this location was purchased and deed made to R.A. Agnew, R.H. Jones Jr., J.W. Starr, N.C. McPherson Sr., and Mrs. A.L. Norris, as Trustees of
Haygood Memorial Methodist Church (South). The price was $5000.00 and approximately $2500.00 was paid cash.

'This Committee also agreed upon a name, the name 'Haygood' was given it in honor of Bishop Atticus G. Haygood and of his sister, Miss Laura Haygood, who was one of the first Missionaries from the Methodist Church to China and who served many years as such in China'.

Thus it will be seen from the above record that members of Druid Hills established Haygood Memorial Church, bought the lot and named the Church.

(Dr. Quillian died on May 35, 1930 in Augusta, where he was Pastor of St. James Methodist Church. His body rests in Greenwood Cemetery in Atlanta).

Dr. Robert L. Russell was Pastor of Druid Hills for five years, 1927-1928-1929-1930-1931. He later served as Presiding Elder of the Atlanta District, and also served Methodism in other capacities.

In 1929, it being deemed wise to secure additional land north of the Sunday School or Educational Building, three tracts were purchased—the former Underwood home, fronting 200 feet on Seminole, north of the Sunday School Building, on which there were and are four brick stores, the depth of the lot eastward being 73½ feet. Price paid was $35,000.00.

The second tract purchased was the Harry L. Flynt home, immediately east of the Underwood lot, which was 200 feet, north and south, and 78½ feet wide. Price paid was $13,500.00.

The third tract, bought in 1930, was the old Bonney home, east of the Flynt property, 189½ feet, north and south, and 80 feet wide. Price paid was $9,000.00.
The cost of this additional property was $46,500.00. This added to the original lot, means that the Church property now extends 331\(\frac{1}{2}\) feet on Seminole Avenue, and has a depth of 237 feet on Blue Ridge, across the entire lot. The north line, may be a little irregular, extending east and west. The property extends to within about 50 feet on Ponce de Leon Avenue and extends to an alley on the east side its entire distance.

The additional property, with the exception of the four stores, some of which are occupied, is used as a parking lot by

Dr. John Brandon Peters served Druid Hills as Pastor seven years—longer than any other Pastor—1933--33--34--35--36--37--38. It was during his pastorate—in 1939—that the Southern Methodist Church and the Northern Methodist Church merged and the first Conference of the North Georgia District after the merger was held in Atlanta in November 1939 and there through 1946.

After the Conference was moved up or "back" from November to June, the first North Georgia Conference was held in July 1947 and has been held there since. The Conference year now runs from June 1 to May 31 annually.

Dr. Peters gave Druid Hills an active, dynamic pastorate. He was transferred from Druid Hills to St. Louis, Mo., where he served as Pastor of a Methodist Church, later going to Memphis, Tenn., where he served both as a Pastor and as District Superintendent.

and Mrs. Peters.

After his retirement, he removed to their home in Atlanta and are now active members of Druid Hills Church. Dr. Peters, since Jan. 1, 1953, has been Associate Lecturer of the Men's Bible Class, and is otherwise active in the Church services.
Dr. Eugene C. Few, a native of Greer, S.C., came to Druid Hills Pastorate in 1939, succeeding Dr. Peters. He served the Church six years as its Pastor—1939—1944.

Dr. Few has a close connection with Methodism. He is a descendant of Ignatius Few, founder of Emory College at Oxford, which is the "Mother" of Emory University, near Atlanta. His pastorate at Druid Hills was most successful. The Church debts were paid off in 1941.

It was Dr. Few's pastorate that World War II broke out, many members of Druid Hills families donning the uniform and performing services in various branches of the Government—both at home and abroad.

Eleven members of Druid Hills paid the Supreme Sacrifice in World War II. They were:

Chas. C. Carpenter Jr.
Linton Cox
James L. Davis
Edward Fambrough
William Holbrook Manley
H.O. Mulkey
E. Randolph Partridge Jr.
Albert Leonidas Peterson
Chas. William Sigman
Joseph C. Taylor
Grady M. Walters Jr.

A large picture—3 by 5 feet—containing the photographs of the eleven members who made the Supreme Sacrifice, hangs in the Church vestibule and is a constant reminder to all who pass that way, of the patriotism of those Eleven Men.

Dr. Fred R. Chennault came to Druid Hills in 1944 and served four years—1945—1946—1947—1948.

It was during his pastorate that the question of erecting a new Church arose, and was aggressively advocated by Dr. Chennault.

In September 1946, the lot at the northeast corner of Ponce de Leon Avenue and Briarcliff Road, was purchased for
a cash sum of $50,000.00, which was raised for that purpose under the leadership of Mr. J. Lawrence McCord.

This site is the former home of Judge John S. Candler, and contains more than four acres. It was the first home built in the Druid Hills subdivision in 1909, and it is incidental that Judge Candler was a Charter member of the Church when it was organized in 1910. The home had been occupied by him and members of his family since, and the property was bought from his family.

This property—the site of the proposed new Druid Hills Church—was further added to and expanded in 1952 by the purchase of the house and lot, joining the Candler property to the east and known as the "H.Y. McCord home".

Purchase of this property—1226 Ponce de Leon Avenue—gives the Church a much larger lot with a frontage of 647 feet on Ponce de Leon Avenue.

The home is being used as a Parsonage and is occupied by the Pastor, Dr. Sisson and his family. The Parsonage at 2005 Ponce de Leon Avenue—the first ever owned by Druid Hills Church—was sold during the transaction and the money therefrom applied to the purchase of the McCord property.

On July 4, 1952, a ceremony was held on the Candler lot, marking the beginning of the work of building a Church thereon. Dr. Wicker, Pastor, presided. The residence was later sold and the lot cleared. The building and grounds had been used as a Recreation Center for the Church.

Dr. Rufus Wicker, came to Druid Hills as Pastor in October 1948, succeeding Dr. Cheennault, serving four years, 1949-50-51 and until he died on October 20, 1952. He came from the Florida Conference where he had served as Pastor of Trinity Methodist
Dr. Wicker's pastorate was marked, first by the outbreak of hostilities in Korea in which the United States is taking the leading part.

Druid Hills Church is furnishing its quota of soldiers in this conflict, approximately 50 or more members of the Church having entered the Armed Service in various capacities and activities.

NEW ORGAN INSTALLED

A pipe organ was installed in the present Church when it was built at the corner of Seminole and Blue Ridge Avenues in 1912. It was a two-manual Hall organ. by Miss Ethel Beyer.

Leon Greer was succeeded in 1919 as Organist in 1919/and she has served since as Organist and Director of Music. Over the years, Miss Beyer has provided music for the Church services and other occasions programs that have been inspiring and likely not surpassed by any Church in Atlanta.

Having been in use for 46 years (1912-1958), the Hall organ needed to be replaced with a new one and in 1950 Dr. Wicker appointed an Organ Committee, which was approved by the Board of Stewards on Feb. 13,1950. The Committee consisted of the Music and Finance Committees with the addition of Dr. Wicker, Mrs. J.C. Malone, Mr. Henry Bowden, and Miss Ethel Beyer, Mr. B. K. Laney to serve as Chairman.

The purpose of the Committee was to raise the funds, select an organ and have it installed in the Church.

Necessary funds for the project were raised by private subscription.

The order for the new organ was placed with the M.P. Moller Company, of Hagerstown, Md., to cost $16,229. The installation cost
was $1,600.00.

The organ was installed during February and March 1951, and was first used for public service on Easter Sunday, March 25, 1951, with Miss Beyer as Organist and who arranged the initial program.

The organ was formally dedicated on May 6, 1951, and on Friday evening, May 11, 1951, an organ recital was given on the new instrument by Virgil Fox, of New York, an organist of National and International renown.

NEW CHURCH PROGRAM.

Dr. Wicker in the fall of 1951 sparked plans to erect a new Church plant on the "Candler lot" by announcing that a seven-day campaign would be held from December 6--13, 1951 to raise funds thereafter.

At a "Day of Destiny" dinner-meeting held at the Biltmore Hotel on the evening of December 6, 1951, the sum of $204,000.00 was raised and pledged toward the building fund within the short period of one hour of solicitation of funds.

The response to the request for fund pledges was so enthusiastic, and spontaneous at the dinner-meeting that the quota was raised from $215,000.00 to $250,000.00, which amount was subscribed by the end of the six-day campaign.

Dr. Laurie G. Ray, Methodist minister from Tampa, Fla., directed the fund drive.

It was the plan to begin work on the new church when 60 per cent of the fund was collected.

Death of Dr. Wicker.

Members and friends of Druid Hills Methodist Church on the morning of October 30, 1952, were shocked when they learned that
Dr. Wicker, the Church's Pastor, had died suddenly early that morning. Stricken at the Parsonage-Home on Ponce de Leon Avenue, he died a short time later.

His funeral held at the Church on Tuesday, October 21, and was largely attended, appropriate music being provided by the choir and beautiful tributes were paid by the Ministers who conducted the service.

Expressions of sympathy poured in from members, not only of Druid Hills, but from churches of other denominations.

His body was taken to Florida and funeral services were also held in the Methodist church at Oxford, Fla., his birthplace, and interment was in the cemetery at nearby Coleman, Fla. on Oct. 23.

Stunned as never before in its history, at the loss of Dr. Wicker, the members of Druid Hills Church rallied loyally to Dr. L. M. Twiggs, who had been Associate Pastor of the Church since August 1, 1953, and who stepped into the vacancy caused by Dr. Wicker's death, and ably took up the work of the lamented Pastor, and "carried on" until the new pastor, Dr. Sisson became Pastor on December 1, 1953.

The Church membership feels that it owes a debt of deep gratitude to Dr. Twiggs for his valuable services rendered before the death of Dr. Wicker, during the vacancy, and since, he resuming his post as Associate Pastor.

Dr. Sisson Named.

The momentous question of who would be named to succeed Dr. Wicker as Pastor was answered by Bishop Arthur Moore during his sermon in the Church on Sunday, November 16 that he had appointed Dr. Rembert Sisson as the new pastor to take effect on December 1.
Dr. Sisson at that time was Superintendent of the East Atlanta District of the Methodist Church.

A sigh of relief, and a feeling of satisfaction and hearty approval greeted Bishop Moore's announcement, and the large congregation felt that it should burst into singing "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow. The members felt that the crisis faced by the Church had been met.

The death of Dr. Wicker came at a momentous time in the Church's history. He was in the midst of a three-way program—that of serving the Church as a consecrated Minister, pleasing to the congregation; he had launched a successful fund-raising campaign with which to erect a new Church plant on the Candler lot, and third, the burden of the plans for the new Church plant and its erection, rested largely on his shoulders and his leadership.

That was the situation faced at Druid Hills by the death of Dr. Wicker. The incoming Pastor confronted the need of being a consecrated Pastor to minister to the spiritual needs of the membership. That was the first requisite. The second was continuing the fund-raising campaign whereby the amount subscribed for the new Church would be fully collected, and third, was the burden of supervision of the erection of the new plant.

It was believed that Dr. Sisson fully measures up to those requirements. It is a recognised fact that he is a consecrated Minister, whose first purpose is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His Saving Grace.

Second, he was pastor of Haygood Memorial Church during its new building program and is experienced in fund-raising and in the supervision of the intricacies that are involved in the erection of a new Church plant.
Therefore, Druid Hills membership highly appreciative of the service Dr. Twiggs had rendered the Church for more than a month, rallied wholeheartedly, enthusiastically and co-operatively behind Dr. Sisson.

Dr. Sisson, still a young man, began his ministry in 1932 as Pastor of the Methodist Church at Brookhaven and later served the Redan and Rock Chapel charge, Nellie Dodd Memorial Church and Bethany Church in Atlanta, and the Methodist Church at Barnesville. He was Pastor of Haygood Memorial Church from 1945 to 1950, then being named Superintendent of the Atlanta-East District, in which capacity he was serving when named to Druid Hills.

Under his able leadership and that of Dr. Twiggs, Associate Pastor, and the Church Aides, there has been instituted a vigorous forward program of Christian leadership for the Church.

Under Dr. Sisson's ministry and leadership, Druid Hills Church is destined to go forward in its work of winning souls for the Church of Jesus Christ, which work will be greatly expanded when the new Church Plant is completed on the Candler lot.

The Druid Hills Methodist Church was nobly conceived and organized by a small band of earnest Christians more than half a centurt ago, and was dedicated to the Glory of God and to the promotion of Christianity.

It has promoted the cause of Christ among its membership; it has been tolerant of others by proclaiming its belief "In the Holy catholic Church"; it has fulfilled the Biblical injunction "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" by sending many Missionaries to foreign countries; it has furthered the cause of Christianity by being the prime organizers of one other Church (Haygood). It promotes Christian fellowship among
Druid Hills Church has long been a leader in its support of the Methodist Children's Home at Decatur, and under the able leadership of Mr. Joe L. Morris, as Chairman, this Church for several years has led all others in cash contributions on "Work Day" held for the Home. Druid Hills cash collection for this cause has been approximately $7,500 annually, far exceeding the contribution of any other church.

In spite of his afflictions, it was said of Job that he was "Righteous in his own eyes". Druid Hills Church does not assume that attitude at all, but it does take pride in its accomplishments and leadership.

In short, Druid Hills Methodist Church exists for the sole purpose of promoting Christianity, this work being led by two consecrated Ministers and by a loyal, Christian membership.

"Upon this Rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it", said Jesus Christ.

Druid Hills Methodist Church is built upon that Solid Rock of Christianity, and for the furtherance of Christian fellowship among its members.

Membership Gain.

Under Dr. Sisson's ministry, more than 300 members have been added to the Church roll, bringing the total membership to around 3,000.

Church Plans.

Mr. J. Lawrence McCord is General Chairman of the New Church Building Committee; Mr. Joe L. Morris is Chairman of the Building Plans Committee and Mr. O. F. Sealy is Chairman of the Building Finance Committee.
Ivey & Crook are the Architects for the new buildings. Mr. Ivey has long been an active member of Druid Hills and was the Supervising Architect of the Sunday School Building.

The membership looks forward to the day when construction of the New Plant on the Candler Lot will begin.

Completion of that Plant will be another mile-stone in the ever Forward Program of Druid Hills Methodist Church.
The SUNDAY SCHOOL at Druid Hills Methodist Church is older than the Church organization as such.

Copenhill Mission had its origin and beginning, W. Perry Bloodworth said in his Sketch of the Church written in 1935, "In the home of John Englett***near the corner of Highland and Blue Ridge Avenues, in a Mission Sunday School organized and supported by members of Grace Church".

Mr. Bloodworth further says that the lot at the corner of Highland Avenue and Vaud Avenue was conveyed to the Trustees of Grace Church on November 20, 1900, and on September 20, 1901, Trustees of Grace transferred title of the lot to the Trustees of "Copenhill Methodist Episcopal Church, South" and on this lot "a small white frame building was erected at a cost $900".

It is apparent and likely that Druid Hills Church had its first origin in the year 1900, meeting in the Englett home and likely there also while the building was being erected nearly two years later.

At first, Sunday School was held, with "supply" preachers being named—Rev. C.C. Davis, first, and then Rev. J.E. Rosser.

W.S. Featherston, one of the Trustees of Copenhill Mission, was the first Superintendent of the Mission Sunday School, and he served until 1903 when he was succeeded by Mr. Julius M. Skinner, (Father of Mrs. Barnwell), and Mr. Skinner was succeeded (1909—likely) by Mr. S. H. Fincher, who was the last Superintendent of the Mission and was Superintendent when Druid Hills Church was formally organized at the Conference held in
the Fall (Likely November) of 1909.

When the Church was organized in January 1910, the hour of the Sunday School was changed from afternoon to forenoon, and Supt. Fincher being in the government mail service, could not attend the morning service and resigned as Superintendent.

Pastor E.G. Mackay appointed Dr. Steward Roberts to succeed Mr. Fincher as Superintendent. He served during 1910-1911-1912. He was succeeded on Oct. 7, 1913 by J.A. Leckler, who served as Superintendent until Nov. 10, 1913, who was succeeded on that date by Mr. W. A. Albright who served as Superintendent through 1916;

Mr. Albright was succeeded by Mr. R. G. Little, who served during 1917—1918, when Mr. Will D. Thomson was elected Superintendent, who served for 20 years—1918—1938 in that position.

It is meet that true tribute be paid to Mr. Thomson at this point. His membership in Druid Hills Church is recorded in the First Quarterly Conference Minutes of the meeting held on January 13, 1911, by "certificate." The same record shows that he was also elected a Steward at that time, and he was elected a Trustee of the Church a few months later, the fact being recorded in the Minutes of the Quarterly Conference held on July 27, 1911.

Thus it will be noted that Mr. Thomson became a Steward, and Trustee of the Church in 1911, and became Sunday School Superintendent in 1913—serving the Church in those capacities during the formative and critical period of its organization and in building the present Church Property at the corner of Seminole and Blue Ridge Avenues.

Mr. Thomson served as District Steward and was one of the Trustees who bought the lot, the site of the present church, and he was a member of the Building Committee that erected the present Church.
Mr. Thomson, as one of the Trustees, who had directed the building of the new Church, not only took just pride in its completion and dedication on October 3, 1931, but he also had the pleasure of serving as the Church's Sunday School Superintendent when that plant was first occupied after its construction in 1931.

Mr. Thomson was involved in every forward movement of the Church during his membership there.

In addition to his many other duties in connection with the Church, Mr. Thomson was Lecturer of the Men's Bible Class from 1943 until the date of his death, April 30, 1952.

A Mighty Leader in Druid Hills Methodist Church had fallen.

Mr. Will Thomson was deep-rooted in Christianity and the Methodist Church. His Father, the late W.S. Thomson was one of the Trustees that in November 1871 acquired a lot on Irwin Street and Rolling Mill Street, (Now North Boulevard) that culminated in the organization of Grace Church, the "Mother" of Druid Hills. Col. W.S. Thomson was Teacher in "St. John's Mission"(1872) that became Grace Church.

Mr. W. S. Thomson moved his membership from Meritts Avenue Church to Grace in 1889 and was long a leader there, and he was active in several building programs of Grace over the years.

The late Walter McElreath in his "History of Grace Methodist Church"- (1951)- also says:

"***W. S. Featherston, who, with the help of Miss Frances Thomson, daughter of Col. Wm. S. Thomson, founded a missionary Sunday School***which developed into the Druid Hills Methodist Church".

So, it will see just how deep-rooted in the Church was our Mr. Will D. Thomson.
Mr. Henry L. Bowden succeeded Mr. Thomson as Superintendent, serving in that capacity through 1939-1940. After World War II broke out in 1941, Mr. Bowden joined the Armed Forces, serving during the war.

Mr. John Graham became Superintendent early in 1941 and served ten years, until 1951 when he was succeeded by Mr. Ralph Lockhart, the present Superintendent—re-elected for 1953-1954.

School Divisions:

The Sunday School, a well-smooth operating organization, under a corps of active teachers, and leaders, including the Pastor.

It is divided into Three Divisions: Children's, Youth and Adults.

In the Children's Division are the Nursery, Kindergarten, Primary and Junior Departments.

In the Youth Division are the Intermediate, Senior, and Older Youth Departments.

The Adult Division is composed of the following classes:

Open Door, Woroco, Quillian, Child Study, Comrades, Friendship, Men's Bible Class, and the Susannah Wesley Class.

It might well be said that the Sunday School is the backbone of the Church. Here the Youth—and Adults—are taught, become members of the Church, become workers in it and promote the work of the Church generally.

The Church School also operates an Infant Nursery, which is equipped with five beds and two playpens. Here, the babies may be cared for as the Mothers attend Church and other services.
BISHOPS WHO PRESIDED OVER DRUID HILLS CHURCH
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PRESIDING ELDERS-DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS
WHO PRESIDED OVER QUARTERLY
CONFERENCES AT DRUID HILLS:

Presiding Elders:

| Dr. Joel T. Davie             | 1910--1911  |
| Dr. W.P. Lovejoy              | 1912--1913  |
| Dr. A. M. Huglett             | 1914--1915  |
| Dr. J.H. Eakes                | 1916--1919  |
| Dr. W.H. LaPrade              | 1920--1923  |
| Dr. W.L. Pierce               | 1924--1927  |
| Dr. S.P. Wiggins              | 1928--1930  |
| Dr. R.L. Russell              | 1931--1934  |
| Dr. Lester Rumble             | 1935--      |
| Dr. C. C. Jarrell             | 1936--1937  |
| Dr. W.G. Henry Dist. Supt.    | 1938--1939  |
| Dr. E. G. Mackay              | 1940--1943  |
| Dr. J.W. Veatch                | 1944--1949  |
| Dr. Rembert Sisson            | 1950--1952  |
| Dr. W.M. Barnett              | 1953--      |

*Note: The years for Bishop Arthur J. Moore are incorrect and should be 1940--1953.
MINISTERS WHO HAVE SERVED DRUID HILLS METHODIST CHURCH:

Rev. C.C. Davis and Rev. J.E. Rosser served as Supply Ministers at the Copenhill Mission, 1900-1909, until Druid Hills Methodist Church was organized.

(1) Dr. Edward G. Mackay 1910--1911

* (2) Dr. S. E. Wasson 1913

* (3) Dr. Henry B. Mays 1913--1916

* (4) Dr. Fletcher Walton 1917

(5) Dr. Wallace Rogers 1918--1921

(6) Dr. A. M. Pierce 1922--1924

* (7) Dr. J. Wiley Quillian 1925--1926

* (8) Dr. R.L. Russell 1927--1931

(9) Dr. John Brandon Peters 1932--1933

(10) Dr. Eugene C. Few 1939--1944

(11) Dr. Fred R. Channault 1945--1948

* (12) Dr. Rufus Wicker 1949--1952

(13) Dr. L. M. Twiggs Oct. 20--Dec. 1, 1952
    (Associate Pastor, served as Acting Pastor following death of Dr. Wicker Oct. 20, 1952)

(14) Dr. Rembert Sisson Dec. 1, 1952--1953--

* Deceased.
WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

In "Historical Sketch of the W.M. S. of Druid Hills Methodist Church—1909—1934", written by Miss Mary Randolph Kent, (Mrs. Edward Swann) is said:

In the spring of 1908, a small group of women from Copenhill Mission gathered in the home of Mrs. J.M. Skinner to form a Missionary Society***organized by Mrs. F. F. Pim and Mrs. Skinner, both of whom were members of Inman Park Church. Miss Elizabeth Cheshire was elected President of this first Society; there were only 10 or 12 members and the dues were 10 cents a month.

"Though small in numbers they were great in works, entering with enthusiasm into the full program assigned.

"Am Young Woman's Society was organized by Mrs. J.W. Bowden, with eight members.

"In 1909, when Druid Hills Church was organized*** the W.M.S. was re-organized with a slight increase in membership. Mrs. Chas. W. Davis was the second President.

"When the congregation moved into this building in 1912, the Society had a membership of 62. Mrs. C.A. Mauck was President at this time. It was in 1913 that the young women sent their first delegate, Miss Ollie Mauck, to Conference, which was held in LaGrange.

"Then came a period of amazing activity. ***With Mrs. J.C. Oliver as local Treasurer they made enough money to buy these pews, and the carpet which covers these aisles; they gave the individual first/Communion Service to the Church, helped pay for the Organ and bought the velvet curtain for the choir rail.

"The stained glass window was given by the young women, and
the marble baptismal font, which stood for so many years in the chancel, was a gift from the children.

"Later, after the Circles were formed, the Circle of which Mrs. I.N. Stowe was Chairman, gave the handsome Bible and markers to the Church as a Christmas present. The pulpit light was a gift from Mrs. Robbins' Circle, and the gift was made upon the suggestion of Dr. Elizabeth Broach".

(Dr. Broach was long a valued member and worker in the Church, and being an artist, she painted a beautiful portrait, which she presented to the Church).

Miss Kent, in the History, outlined many activities of the WMS, including the fact that at one time "husbands of members were admitted as honorary members, paying one dollar each a year dues".

As "Women were the last ones at the Cross, and the first ones at the tomb", so women's activity for the cause of Christ continues and is exemplified in their work at Druid Hills Church.

In 1940 the name of the Women's Missionary Society was changed to "Women's Society of Christian Service"—an expanded name and an expanded Service.

The Work of the WSCS in Druid Hills Church goes Forward.

An inter-organization of the WSCS at Druid Hills is the Wesleyan Service Guild, "an organization for employed women in the Methodist Church.

This organization also does an inspirational and spiritual work for Druid Hills.

List of WMS and WSCS Officers.

Presidents who have served the Women's Missionary Society and the Women's Society of Christian Service and their term

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of office in years, were as follows:

Miss Elizabeth Cheshire, 1908-09; Mrs. Charles W. Davis, 1910-11; Mrs. C.A. Mauck, 1913-13; Mrs. A.L. Norris, 1914-15-16; Mrs. A.M. Muckenfuss, 1917-18; Mrs. A.L. Norris, 1919-20-21-22; Mrs. W.A. Albright, 1923-24-25-26; Mrs. C.C. Jarrell, 1927.

Mrs. R. K. Babington, 1928-29-30; Miss Annie Mae Broach, 1931-32-33; Mrs. B. K. Laney, 1934-35-36-37; Mrs. John T. Dennis, 1938-39-40; Mrs. M. W. Newbanks, 1941-42; Mrs. R.E. Wise, 1943-44; Mrs. J. Lawrence McCord, 1945-46-47; Mrs. George McCord, 1948-49; Mrs. J. C. Malone, 1950-51; Mrs. A. Worth Hobby, 1952-1953--.

Christian Education.

An expansion of the Service extended by the Church was the appointment of a Director of Christian Education, Miss Jane Seward being named to that post, and she is capably directing that phase of Christian work at Druid Hills Church.

Church Goes Forward.

Under capable Ministry and Leadership generally, Druid Hills Methodist Church moves Forward in 1953 to greater Service.

JUNE 1, 1953