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TO

MATTIE HARRIS LYON

The author takes pride in dedicating this History as a tribute to Mattie Harris Lyon, the value and influence of whose life is so patently apparent. Uniting with our church in 1867, she began her glorious record of service to her God at that time, and has continued her labors for the ensuing 66 years without interruption. One of the oldest living members of our church, her work has embraced all of its departments, but her particular field of endeavor has been with the Woman's Missionary Society. Without her valuable aid this history could not have been completed. Her remarkable memory has furnished us with facts in numerous instances where they could not have otherwise been obtained.

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In the eleventh chapter of his Epistle to the Hebrews, the Apostle Paul calls the roll of some of the great heroes of faith who served their day and generation, from the beginning of time down to his own day. As he turns back the pages of history and names these heroes one by one, he sketches briefly and accurately the particular achievement for which each is illustrious so that the value and influence of their lives and labors are easily apparent. The great Apostle did not call the names of all the men and women whose lives entitled them to be placed upon his glorious and honorable list; he himself said that time would fail him to name them all.

And so it is with anyone attempting to write a history, however brief or however extensive, of the Marietta Methodist Church for the last one hundred years. Still, anyone attempting this task would be derelict in his duty, if he failed to call the roll of some of these later day heroes and heroines of faith, who have worked, suffered, and spent their lives in building up our Church and extending the Kingdom of God in this world.

If one had the gift of Paul, he could write a chapter in the history of this Church and its influence in our town that would almost rival that great chapter written to the Hebrews by the great "Apostle to the Gentiles".

While it is true that no member of our Church may have climbed the ladder of fame to the heights reached by Abraham, Moses, Samuel, or David, it is nevertheless also true that during a century's existence of the Marietta Methodist Church, there have been inscribed upon its rolls the names of many men and women who have lived, worked, and died in the same faith ascribed by Paul to Abraham and the prophets, and when on the "last day" all the nations of the earth gather before the Great Judge of the universe to receive their rewards, these names will be found enrolled in the Lamb's Book of Life, and will receive the welcome plaudit, "Well done, good and faithful servant".

By faith, William D. Anderson. By faith, Victor E. Manget. By faith, William M. Sessions. By faith, John Sanges. By faith, W. S. N. Neal. By faith, Thomas A. Gramling. By faith, Daniel Webster Blair. By faith, M. J. Cofer. "And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of" Alexander Stephens Clay, the Powers, the Lesters, the Thompsons, the Guytons, the Clinkcales, the Barnes, the Reidts, the Ruedes, the Reylons, the Blacks, the Sewells, the Northcuits, the McKenzies, the McClatcheys, the Mannings, the Nuttings, the Burkhalter, the Murrays, the Hollands, the Brumby, the Gilberts, the Phillips, the Austins, the Massey, the Owens, and a host of other
heroes who have had a part in our development, and who have now passed on to their reward. They, who through a faith in God and in our people, have wrought miracles, subdued difficulties, overcome insurmountable obstacles, and who "out of weakness were made strong". This chapter has so far been confined to the mention of those heroes who have passed on, but neither would it be complete without the mention of some of our heroes who are still laboring for their Master—some day the Record in Heaven will read: By faith, Fred P. Manget. By faith, Claude Smith. By faith, Jennie Manget Logan. By faith, Mattie Harris Lyon. Again time and space fails us to tell of other of our present day members who are laboring for His cause, and who will as surely find their names added to this glorious list. The chapter would be wonderful if properly written.

This chapter is properly written on the scrolls of the Recording Angel in Heaven, where records are immutable, and are subject neither to destruction by the ravages of time, nor to the feebleness of mankind's recollection.

Our attempt to record accurately and chronologically pertinent names and facts is hindered by a lack of records. Some of these records were burned by General Sherman on his famous march to the sea. Others have been lost or destroyed. Still others are so dim from the ravages of time as to be illegible. Therefore, we depend partially on the remaining available records and on what stories have come down as legends. Also, in consideration of the brief scope of this history, it is impossible to record every name or event incident to the development of our Church. At best, we can record only some of the outstanding facts and names. Naturally a great portion of this narrative consists of names without incidents. While they make dry reading, they are necessary to complete our records.

Georgia was the cradle of Methodism. No less a person than John Wesley himself has said that the second Methodist Society ever organized was in Savannah. Let no one who has not read the history of Methodism in Georgia think for a moment that it had easy sailing in its infancy. On the contrary it had a struggle for existence. The little handful of believers who left England under James Oglethorpe and the city are the same age. Marietta was founded at that time, coincidental to the settling of Cobb County. Methodism came with these first settlers, so that the church and the city are the same age.

The history of Marietta Methodism is a romance of Christian conquest. The first religious service held in the town was in the home, a log house with a dirt floor, owned by George W. Winters, and the first sermon was preached by Rev. John P. Dickinson, a Methodist. This was an open union service, attended by those of all faiths. From this meeting, the Methodist Church was organized with thirty-seven members. Rev. Dickinson was assigned to the Cumming District, but served the Marietta Mission four years. Later meetings were held in the courthouse, which was also used as a community house, as well as for public worship. It is an actual fact that for the first four or five years, these pioneer settlers were threatened with Indian uprisings.

As the membership increased, the first church was built on Hawk Street, on the spot where the Coca-Cola Plant now stands. The Marietta church was a Mission in the old Georgia Conference, which embraced the entire state, as well as a part of Florida. The Pastor's salary then was $200.00 a year.

A great revival was held in 1838, conducted by Rev. R. W. Johnson, pastor, and Rev. J. W. Glenn, P. E., father of W. F. Glenn. There were 295 members of the church then.

The record of the accomplishments during these first few years is very meager, particularly during this "Pioneer Period".

The first railroad was built through Marietta in 1842, after which the town began to grow. Log houses were gradually replaced by frame houses, and these pioneer settlers began to prosper. There is no available record of the personnel of the church, nor of its officers, but we know of a revival under Rev. John W. Yarbrough, at which 150 members were added to the church.

In 1844, the Methodist Episcopal Church was split into the Northern and Southern branches. The differences which brought on the war between the states had already seeped into our great Church and its organization. This was one of the first harbingers of the gathering storm.

This year also the Georgia Conference became a separate state division, being entirely separated from the Florida Conference. Another interesting change was in the garb of the preachers from the long-tailed overcoat, to the long circular cloak.

Marietta church, heretofore a Mission, was made a Station in 1846, in Cherokee District, which extended from the Chattahoochee River to the Tennessee line. Rev. J. P. Turner was the first station pastor, and...
Rev. Russell Renneau, P. E. The church was blessed with a very successful year.

In 1848, under the leadership of Dr. Charles R. Jewett, as pastor, a new church was built. The old one was sold to Henry Husk, who used it as a workshop. The new brick church was built on Atlanta Street, being used until 1900, when it was sold. This new church was made possible by the liberality of Mrs. Waterman, a saintly woman, and mother of Mrs. Mary Phillips, and by Mr. Isaac Sewell, who donated the lot. He was the father of Charles Sewell, who later was a local preacher in our church.

Completed this same year, it housed the first Annual Conference held north of the Chattahoochee River. Bishop James O. Andrew presided—this being the first of the five Annual Georgia Conferences to which Marietta has been host. The father of our Bishop Dickey was received at that time.

From this point, on up until the beginning of the war in 1861, our records are very meager. While we do have the names of the pastors, and in most cases of the Presiding Elders, the records of the accomplishments and of the personnel of the church are not complete. We do know that our people became much more prosperous in this ante bellum period, and a good many of them wealthy, if wealth may be reckoned in terms of the number of slaves owned, and the number of acres of land under cultivation. Under the leadership of Rev. Charles Fullwood in 1854, a most glorious revival meeting was held, and as the fruits thereof, seventy new members were received into the church. The salary of the preachers was slightly increased, and in 1855, the church had attained such prominence and significance in the eyes of the Conference as to warrant this great revival at our church took place in 1867, under the leadership of Rev. W. F. Cook, pastor. This meeting lasted six weeks, and was probably the most glorious meeting in its history. The church was filled to overflowing every night, and many were turned away. The whole town, as well as the surrounding countryside, was stirred as never before.

With the advent of the War between the States, of course our membership was sadly depleted. A great percentage of the men of the church left to join the Confederate Army. This terrible debacle also crippled the regular functioning of the church in other ways. With most of the men above fifteen years of age away, with the remaining members suffering abjectly from poverty, and with even the pastors leaving to join the army, it requires no strain on the imagination to realize the terrible difficulty under which our church labored. The Rev. Jordan, the pastor in 1863, left to join the army, was elected Captain of a company, and in a very short time was killed in service. Rev. R. A. Holland, the pastor in 1864, left in July when General Sherman took possession of the town. Of course this particular period, when Sherman's army occupied the town and burned most of it, as well as Atlanta, blazing his path of vandalism from Chattanooga to the sea, was one of total paralysis of church activities. It is not within the scope of this article to include any stories or description of the famous battles of Kennesaw Mountain and Cheatham's Hill, which were fought in and around our fair city, but it is worthy of note to mention the fact that our church building had been used as a hospital by both the Confederate and Union armies, and further to note that General Sherman used it for a horse stable.

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members, this brother was forgiven, and upon a promise to refrain in the future was restored to good standing. Without attempting to draw any conclusion, we will point out that this brother was later admitted into the Conference, and became one of its outstanding pastors.

The old parsonage having been burned by Sherman, it was decided to buy a new parsonage in 1870. This new parsonage was also located on Powder Springs Street, and the cost is shown as $1500.00. In 1871 we find a record showing 300 members in the congregation, and the pastor’s salary as $800.00. This year W. D. Anderson was Superintendent of the Sunday School, and Secretary of the Board of Stewards. Other stewards mentioned are C. A. Guyton, L. S. Northcutt, and Humphrey Reid.

In 1872 Rev. George G. Smith was assigned to the pastorate. He had been a Chaplain of Philip’s Legion in the war between the States, and received a wound at the Battle of Gettysburg, from which he never fully recovered. He was greatly loved by the entire congregation, particularly by the children. He later wrote a “History of Georgia Methodism” from which we have found a lot of pertinent and valuable information, used in the preparation of this article. Under him the New Hope Sunday School and the Olinville Sunday School were first organized. At this time the church building was deemed unsafe, and for two years our congregation had no building of its own in which to meet, pending repairs to the old building. During this interim the Baptists kindly tendered their church to Rev. Smith, if he would be their pastor. He gladly accepted this proposition, and the two congregations met jointly until August of 1873. At this time the Sunday School was resumed, after having been suspended during the time when there was no church building.

During this period, the church membership had decreased to only 191 members. However in 1874, under the leadership of Rev. W. F. Glenn, the church experienced a significant growth, with the addition of many new members. The records for this period also show the names of Judge W. M. Rogers, W. E. Gilbert, L. S. Northcutt, W. B. Clinkscales, J. G. Bromby, and William Phillips as Stewards, with W. A. Rogers as Superintendent of the Sunday School. The Sunday School attendance was very poor, the average being only 70.

On November 22, 1875, William D. Anderson was licensed to preach, and joined the Conference the same year. He had served with General Robert E. Lee, and was wounded at the Battle of Cold Harbor. He returned to Marietta to engage in the practice of law, in which profession
his rise was indeed meteoric. In addition to attaining fame as a lawyer, he was also honored with political office, serving four terms as Member of the House of Representatives of the State of Georgia. Incidentally, it has been stated on the good authority of his contemporaries, that, had he chosen, he could have easily had the next Democratic nomination for Governor of his State. Foresaking all this, “choosing not to run,” he took up the battle for the Master, and joined the Methodist Conference. In this new field of labor he had an even greater measure of success, and his name has gone down through the years as one of the greatest preachers in Methodism.

Two years later, under W. P. McClatchey as Superintendent, the Sunday School attendance increased to 180. Among the Stewards listed are W. R. Power, Alexander Stephens Clay, D. F. McClatchey, H. V. Reynolds, and W. S. N. Neal. The next year our church lost one of its oldest and most consecrated members, when Mrs. Waterman was called to her reward in January 1878.

In June of 1878 the Marietta Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society was organized, this being the first in Southern Methodism. Although another church has claimed the distinction of having the first society, the record is indisputable, and so to Marietta belongs the honor.

In November of the same year the annual Conference was held here with Bishop McTyeire presiding, at which time the North Georgia Conference Missionary Society was organized. H. J. Adams was pastor, and Simon Peter Richardson, presiding elder. Bro. Richardson, a great man, served our church four years as P. E. and was one of the most popular men ever sent here. In his autobiography he writes a great deal about Marietta Church, and about his everlasting friendship formed among our people.

At this conference Dr. Lovick Pierce preached his last sermon in our church. Mrs. Mattie Harris Lyon recalls having heard it, and remembers that he took as his text, Paul’s last words, “For I am now ready to be offered, and the time for my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith”. The next morning he fell in the conference room, and died shortly thereafter. Indeed, the selection of his last text was truly prophetic.

The records for the next few years have been destroyed, and there is little to report, other than the names of the pastors and presiding elders. William D. Anderson was Pastor in 1879-1880, Peter M. Ryburn in 1881, with W. F. Glenn as Presiding Elder. W. R. Power was Sunday School Superintendent, with Victor E. Manget, Assistant. The church increased during these years, the Sunday School was in a flourishing condition, and we note that the pastor’s salary had been increased to $800.00 in 1887, and by 1890 to $1200.00. During this period the church was again host in 1887 to the North Georgia Conference, with Bishop McTyeire again presiding.

The next two years were under the leadership of Rev. A. C. Thomas, Pastor and W. F. Cook, P. E., and records show both the Sunday School and League doing well. On the Board of Stewards we find the names of two sons of Dr. William D. Anderson, George D. Anderson, and W. D. Anderson, Jr., Dr. J. D. Malone also comes on the Board at this time. Rev. John Sanges died in May. The loss of this local preacher...
was a great one to the church.

In 1896 Brother T. A. Gramling and wife came to us from First Church, Atlanta, and he was elected Steward. Claud Smith came to us from South Carolina. He was a deeply consecrated young man, who later went from this church as a missionary to Brazil. This year we find Alexander Stephens Clay running for the United States Senate, to which position he was elevated by the people of his State. Even during the heat of his campaign he did not neglect the Sunday School Class which he taught. During this year, a new parsonage on Atlanta Street was purchased. The money for remodeling the house was raised by the Home Missionary Society, and at the Fourth Quarterly Conference the Trustees reported the parsonage paid for without having incurred any debt. The church roll at this time showed a total of 455 members.

Dr. J. W. Quillian came in 1897, and was with us for the next three years, during which time the church, the Sunday School, and the Missionary Societies did fine work, but the League disband.

In 1897 Miss Jennie Manget married Dr. O. L. Logan, and Miss Minnie Manget married Mr. Scott Davis, the double ceremony being performed by the father of the brides, Rev. V. E. Manget. Dr. and Mrs. Logan left immediately as medical missionaries to China, going far into the interior of the country, where no missionary had been before. Dr. Logan was later killed by one of his patients, an insane soldier.

During the next year Rev. Elam Christian was added to the list of the local preachers, and Walter L. Sessions succeeded J. S. Stewart as Sunday School Superintendent. Claud Smith was Superintendent of the Olivnville Sunday School, and the Epworth League was reorganized with thirty members. The Board of Stewards include the following: W. Hardeman, George Owen, and H. A. Barnes. Since the need of a new church had become acute, the following committee was appointed to erect a new church plant: Thomas M. Brumby, Sr., D. W. Blair, W. L. Sessions, C. A. Guyton, R. N. Holland, and W. M. McKenzie. Dr. Quillian made the following report to the Quarterly Conference:

"Through faith and prayer and through the consecration of $14,000.00 of their substance to that end, the congregation is going forward in the work of erecting a magnificent building—and the same pillar of fire that has led them through many difficulties will lead them to the end. The old church has been sold, and a lot bought on the corner of Atlanta and Anderson Streets, at a cost of $2,590.00 paid for the same".

The next year, 1899, D. W. Blair was elected Superintendent of the Sunday School. When Claud Smith resigned from Olivnville to go to Wofford College, J. W. Hardeman was elected Superintendent, and there under his administration the school had the largest attendance in its history. Mrs. Emily Welsh and Mrs. Hardeman were teachers at the local school. Mrs. Emily Welsh and Mrs. Hardeman were teachers at the local school.

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Dr. W. W. Wadsworth came in 1900, and all branches of the church continued to increase. J. J. Daniell was President of the Epworth League, with Fred P. Manget, Vice-President. It is interesting to point out that the Epworth League was later destined to bear the name of Fred P. Manget, after he had achieved fame in the foreign mission field. Bishop Galloway dedicated the handsome new church in April, on the Sunday after Easter. Great credit must be given to Mr. T. M. Brumby, Sr., Chairman of the Building Committee.

In 1901 the Marietta District of the North Georgia Conference was created, thereby removing our church from the Atlanta District. Dr. R. E. Belk, Pastor, and S. B. Ledbetter, P. E., were assigned to us. Dr. Belk was one of the most popular, lovable, and efficient ministers ever sent to our church. At this time the membership totaled 582, and the pastor's salary was raised to $1500.00.

In 1903 the annual meeting of the Foreign Missionary Society was held in the church. It was very fitting that this celebration should have been held at the church in which it was organized.

This year the church suffered an irreparable loss in the death of Judge Wm. M. Sessions, a man who had always been true to his country and to his fellow men. He was a man of peace, and in his death the country lost a man of great courage and great influence for justice and righteousness still remains engraved on the memory of our church and of our town.

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The meeting was participated in by not only our church, but also by all denominations. The church was filled at every service, standing room at the front, and many were turned away.

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In September of 1909, Dr. Fred P. Manget, a son of Rev. V. E. Manget and Miss Louise Anderson, a daughter of Rev. Wm. D. Anderson, were married in our church, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Manget. Dr. Fred Manget and his bride left immediately for China to do medical missionary work, and he is today head of the great Methodist Hospital at Huchow. It is generally conceded at this time, that he is the outstanding missionary from Southern Methodism. He and his charming family have recently paid us a visit, but now have returned to resume their work in China.

In 1909 the membership of the church had grown to 818, and the pastor's salary had been increased to $1600.00. In December of this year, Senator Clay died, and was buried from the church in which he had labored for many years before entering public office. Our church and our state had lost one of its greatest men in the death of Steve Clay.

Rev. G. W. Duval came as pastor, and remained four fruitful years. The Home and Foreign Missionary Societies united this year, and Mrs. B. T. Frey was elected President of the new organization, being succeeded in December by Mrs. Mattie Harris Lyon. There was no League at this time, and the Sunday School under the leadership of J. J. Daniell, was doing as well as could be expected, being greatly hampered on account of cramped quarters. The need of a new Sunday School building was being felt even at this early date.

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Dr. Rembert G. Smith came to us in 1915 for four years. He was a very popular man here, and unusually good results were obtained under his pastorate. In 1916 the church debt was lifted by the wholehearted cooperation of all the members, who contributed very liberally. Mrs. Lyon, President of the Missionary Society, was at this time a life member. The Society this year supported a scholarship in China, as they had since 1889. It is called the "Eliza Manget Scholarship", in memory of our beloved Mrs. V. E. Manget.

The Epworth League was reorganized and named the Fred P. Manget Epworth League, with A. D. Little, President. Ninety-five members were enrolled, and the League has flourished since that time, without any serious reversals, and has been a tremendous power in our church, especially among our young people. It is indeed a fitting memorial to Dr. Manget. The next year, Dr. Manget and his family took their first vacation, after having been in China for seven years.

The years of 1917 and 1918 will be vividly recalled as those of the great World War. Sixty-two of our young men, and one young lady, Miss Leila Anderson, daughter of Wm. D. Anderson, were in the service of our country. A roll of honor now hangs on the wall of the church as a memorial to those who heeded the call of their country. Incidentally, Brother Allgood, our present pastor, was Chaplain of the Emory Unit.

At this time, our membership totaled 857, and the pastor's salary was $2000.00.

In May of this year, Rev. Claud Smith, our missionary to Brazil, came back home and preached to us. He was another of our sons who had taken up the cross and had gone to Brazil to do his part in preaching the gospel to every living creature.

Bishop Lambuth came and preached the sermon celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the Missionary Society. Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. W. R. Power, and Mrs. Lucy Gilbert, who were the only surviving charter members, and who were all life members, sat within the chancel. It was a great day in the history of the Society.

The Armistice terminating the terrible conflict which had rocked the entire world to its very foundation, was signed on November 11, 1918, and a Jubilee meeting for the whole town was held at our church, with Dr. Smith presiding. It was indeed fitting that the people of our town and our church should unite in rendering thanks to our God. We are grateful that since that time there has been no war of major consequence, and the churches all over the world of all denominations have united in their efforts to secure world peace and permanent freedom from wars and rumors of wars. The next few years saw the continued growth of our church, our League, and our Sunday School. The Sunday School at this time had 555 pupils on roll. The League was doing unusually well with 90 members under the leadership of Frank C. Bunting, who was later made President of the North Georgia Epworth League Conference.
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ful lay-leader, W. R. Power. He was a consecrated man who lived close
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church so dear to his heart, and for which he had rendered a life.
Rev. V. E. Mangol, a man who had not only given his life to serving
of his Master, and who preached the Gospel, but who had raised his family
of two of his children, Dr. Fred Mangol, and Jennie Mangol
Logan.
In 1920 J. G. Giles was selected Superintendent of the Sunday
School. The Baraca Class, with Judge D. W. Blair as the able teacher
and the Philathea Class, under the inspiring leadership of Col. Geo. D.
Anderson were both doing wonderful work along all lines. This year
church school had grown to the point where it was
reaching 450. A Teacher's Training Class had been started under the
church, particularly of the Sunday School, at one time the attendance
by the untiring work of this man, a Christian who never doubted his
conversion. He had also been a liberal contributor to our church,
and had many times helped it out of serious difficulties. He was also
as a leader in the Missionary Societies and other activities of the
community. Our church would be better off for more men like him.
We will pause here to state that his daughter, Mrs. Irma Neal Little,
was comparatively active until a few weeks before her death. Mrs.
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in God, interested at all times in whatever pertained to his church. She was a firm believer
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This year of our most consecrated members, Mrs. I. A. Reid,
mother of Mrs. T. J. Hamby, was taken to her heavenly home.
The League at that time had 96 members on roll, and continued to
do inspiring work. An Intermediate League was organized with Miss
Helen Griffin as President.
In 1922 Rev. R. C. Cleckler was assigned as pastor, remaining four
years. He was a very popular man, and while he was here, all depart-
ments of the church continued in their healthy growth. The response
of the members to the Centenary of Missions was very gratifying, as
well as to the Pledge for Christian Education, and our church was one of
the first two in Southern Methodism to pay her quota in full to the
Superannuate Endowment Fund.
During this year, our church lost two of its oldest and most conse-
trated members, in the death of Mrs. W. S. N. Neal and Mrs. Emily
Welsh. Mrs. Neal had been an invalid for years, but never lost interest
in her church and was always ready to respond to every cause. Mrs.
Welsh was comparatively active until a few weeks before her death.
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of this Committee. It is interesting to note that Mr. T. M. Brumby, Jr., Superintendent of Construction was a son of T. M. Brumby, who performed a similar duty in the construction of our present church building. The untiring efforts of Mr. Brumby will forever be appreciated by the members of our church. The Committee to raise funds, including D. R. Little, Chm., J. J. Daniell, P. B. Latimer, Jr., nd J. G. Giles, set about to raise $35,000.00. While this amount seemed very large, as indeed it was, our members responded in a courageous manner, and there was great rejoicing when ground was broken for the new building.

The year 1928 was one of great prosperity, and our country and our church benefited during this period. A total of $20,000.00 was raised by our church for all purposes, which was a record for all time. We suffered this year in the loss of Judge Daniel Webster Blair, a great man, a Christian gentleman, and a scholar, who had devoted a large portion of his time to our church and Sunday School. He served as Superintendent of the Sunday School, Steward, Trustee, and as teacher of the Baraca Class.

Under the leadership of Rev. J. W. Veatch, Pastor, and Rev. Nath Thompson, P. E., the next two years of 1929 and 1930 again reflected prosperity and growth in our church. Brother Veatch was one of the best loved pastors that we have had in the last decade. The Sunday School Building was completed and occupied in October, 1929, and it can be truthfully said that we have one of the finest church school plants in the state. It will stand as a memorial, not only to the Building Committee, but to the loyalty and liberality of all our members. This year the Sunday School attendance reached a new high-water mark, when there was a total of 685 present at one service, 305 of which were in the Baraca Class.

This year a tablet to the memory of Dr. William D. Anderson was erected in our church, and the dedication sermon was preached by Bishop Warren A. Candler. This tablet will stand as an ever present memorial to this noble man of God, whose influence will go down through the ages. It was fitting that this sermon should have been preached by Bishop Candler, as he and Dr. Anderson joined the Conference at the same time, and thereafter became the closest of personal friends.

In 1931 Rev. J. G. Logan was with us for one year, and Rev. Marvin Williams came as Presiding Elder, and has been with us since that time for three years. This year Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Little donated a home here for superannuate preachers of the North Georgia Conference. This home is now occupied by Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Strouder, who are happy to enjoy the liberality of this family, and are a blessing to our community.

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Marvin Williams, Brother A. S. Clay, III, Superintendent of the Sunday School, Brother P. B. Latimer, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Director, James Stanley, President of the Epworth League, C. M. Stevard, Mrs. T. J. Hamby, President of the Missionary Society, Layleader, and Mrs. T. J. Hamby, President of the Missionary Society, our church and all its departments have performed efficiently. Under the inspiring leadership of Mrs. Irma Neal, The Baraca Class, under the inspiring leadership of Mrs. Irma Neal, the Philathena Class, with Mrs. W. A. DuPre as teacher, have been doing a great and constructive work.

These last two years have been trying times in the history of our church. With not only our nation, but also the entire world, laboring under the throes of the greatest depression ever known, our struggle has been difficult. However, both the officers and the members have been loyal and determined. Indeed, the church has experienced a new growth and prosperity that would have been impossible in the past. We have recently lost several members by death, prominent among which are Brother J. C. Cogburn, Mrs. J. W. Hardeman, J. R. Brumby, both of whose untiring efforts are greatly appreciated by our membership. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hardeman are members of the Sunday School for two years, and have made an enviable record. Both Mrs. Hardeman and Mrs. S. D. Rambo, and Mrs. J. D. Malone. Both Mrs. Hardeman and her husband, James W. Hardeman, have been true and loyal members of our church. Brotherv Williams came as Presiding Elder, and has been with us since that time for three years. This year Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Little donated a home here for superannuate preachers of the North Georgia Conference. This home is now occupied by Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Strouder, who are happy to enjoy the liberality of this family, and are a blessing to our community.

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It is difficult to recount the numerous and varied accomplishments of our church and of its members in the light of their historical importance. These last few years are too fresh in our memories for us to single out those names and instances important enough to live through the ages. We can look back over the pages of this history and see very clearly that the memory of the accomplishments of men like William D. Anderson, Fred Manget, Claud Smith, Jennie Manget Logan, M. J. Cofer, V. E. Manget, and many others, will live forever. We have already referred to those sons of our church who have become famous as preachers, missionaries, and leaders of men. Perhaps it would be well at this point to quote from an article written by Judge John S. Candler, on the subject of "Georgia Methodist Laymen in Church and State": "The fifth Methodist Senator was A. S. Clay, a member of and a steward of M. E. Church at Marietta. At the time of his death, he could have had any other position belonging to the people that he might have desired. Geo. N. Lester, Col. in th Confederate Army, Judge of the Superior Court, Attorney General of Georgia, was one of the strong laymen of Marietta Church. Gen. William Phillips, a valuable layman, and a Brigadier General in the Confederate Army, and Judge William M. Sessions, of the Superior Court, also lived and served Methodism in Georgia". Judge Sessions was twice delegate to General Conference. Later Judge Daniel Webster Blair was honored with the office of Judge of the Blue Ridge Circuit. Also Col. Geo. D. Anderson was elected to the office of Solicitor General of the Blue Ridge Circuit. Col. Anderson has served this church for about 28 years in the capacity of Steward, a member of the Philathea Class. Brother H. P. Carpenter at present is Clerk of the Superior Court of Cobb County. Brother James J. Daniell is Ordinary of the County. Space will not permit us to detail the life service which Brother Jim Daniell has laid down for our church. A member for nearly 40 years, he has served as President of the Epworth League, Sunday School Superintendent, Steward, Trustee, Lay Leader, and Treasurer of the Building Committee of the new Sunday School Building. He has attended every Annual Conference since 1911, where his diligent work and influence is highly appreciated. He has served on the Joint Board of Finance, the Sunday School Board, the Board of Christian Education, and the Board of Lay Activities. Brother D. R. Little is now on the Conference Board of Superannuate Homes, and Brother J. G. Giles, is on the Conference Budget Committee. Dr. J. D. Malone, who has served faithfully and diligently for many years both as Trustee and as Chairman of Board of Stewards, is another who has been very influential in Conference work. Likewise the services and support of Bro. L. B. Robeson and of Dr. S. D. Rambo have been indispensable. There are others still among us in the prime of their lives whose deeds will be recorded in some future history. Who knows but that some of our present members will eclipse the records of those who have already passed on?

In the beginning of our history, we referred to the 11th Chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, wherein the Apostle Paul called the roll of the great heroes of faith. At the end of the chapter, with a suddenness that is startling, Paul challenges his readers to make perfect the lives, performances, and sacrifices of these heroes. He says, in substance, that unless the men and women to whom he is speaking shall carry on, then these have lived and wrought in vain.

This has been the challenge of the ages to men and women in each generation.

We, the present members of this Church, are inheritors of a priceless investment in toil, thought, and spent life of those who have gone before us. All of our heroes who have completed their brief span of life have done their part in making perfect the lives and performances of those who preceded them. We who are now taking our turn in Life's swift race, must be ever cognizant of this great cloud of witnesses who are watching over us to see whether our performance will be such as to make worth while that which has heretofore been done. There is much of which to be proud in the history of our church. These first One Hundred years of its existence have been glorious ones. Our forefathers founded it in prayer and for God's glory, and the hand of God has led us through all crises thus far.

We humbly render thanks and praise to our Lord for whatever success our church may have attained. Our Centennial Celebration is truly fitting—certainly it is fitting that we honor our noble forefathers and predecessors. With our past history as an inspiration, we can look now to the future, remembering as we labor that we can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us.

Let us consider this call to service, and may we all "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus".

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PASTOR IN CHARGE
1918 R. G. Smith
1919 W. T. Hamby
1920 W. T. Hamby
1921 J. M. Tumlin
1922 J. M. Tumlin
1923 R. C. Cleckler
1924 R. C. Cleckler
1925 R. C. Cleckler
1926 R. C. Cleckler
1927 H. C. Emory
1928-H. C. Emory
1929 J. W. Veatch
1930 J. W. Veatch
1931 J. G. Logan
1932 J. L. Allgood
1933 J. L. Allgood

PRESIDING ELDER
J. P. Erwin
J. P. Erwin
J. P. Erwin
S. R. England
S. R. England
S. R. England
H. H. Jones
H. H. Jones
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Nath Thompson
Nath Thompson
Marvin Williams
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RECORD OF SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENTS

1854-1859 John Griffith
1867 Jot Lindley
1868 J. W. Grant
1869-1870 V. E. Manget
1871-1872 Wm. D. Anderson
1873-1874 No Sunday School, No Superintendent
1875-1876 W. A. Rogers
1877-1883 W. P. McClatchey
1878-1879 W. A. Rogers
1886-1887 J. A. Manget
1888-1889 W. R. Power
1890 R. N. Holland
1891-1896 J. S. Stewart
1897-1898 W. L. Seasons
1899-1904 D. W. Blair
1905-1906 J. J. Daniell
1907-1910 T. A. Gramling
1911 L. M. Spruell
1912-1919 J. J. Daniell
1920-1925 J. G. Giles
1926-1931 R. L. Vansant
1932-1933 A. S. Clay, III

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G. H. Northcutt, Vice-Chairman
C. P. Barnes Treasurer
L. R. Collins
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J. S. Dobbins
W. A. DuPre
M. C. Frey
J. G. Giles
G. A. Griffin

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P. B. Latimer
W. L. Richardson
L. B. Robeson

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Geo. D. Anderson
R. M. McNeel
J. D. Malone