

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH.**

APRIL 1, 1896, TO MARCH 31, 1897.  
 Total cost of new church..... 7,040.90  
 Subscriptions and cash..... \$5,461.43  
 Labor and mater'l donated..... 797.43  
 6,258.86

Present liability..... \$782.04

**DISBURSEMENTS.**  
 Given to missions..... \$204.16  
 Various contributions..... 92.13  
 Running expenses..... 158.00  
 W. M. S. raised..... 425.00  
 Mission band..... 155.55  
 K. L. C. Endeavor..... 164.00  
 Sunday school..... 294.37  
 To pastor..... 600.00  
 Presiding elder..... 68.70

Total amount contributed..... \$2,161.91

**MISCELLANEOUS.**  
 Members received during year..... 19  
 Total membership charge..... 109  
 Members died during year..... 3  
 Conversions..... 12  
 Baptized..... 7  
 Sermons preached..... 193  
 Special addresses..... 11  
 Pastoral visits and calls..... 212  
 Walked about (miles)..... 872  
 Traveled about (miles)..... 3472

The above report of Pastor Thoren shows the new church on the west side to be in a highly prosperous condition. They were dispossessed of the old church about a year ago, since which time they purchased lots and erected a very neat, the best in the city—house of worship, practically all provided for at a cost of over \$7,000. For any church in this city that would be a noteworthy achievement, but this one with no wealthy members, it was a phenomenal event. The increase in membership of 19, over 20 per cent., that is at the rate of doubling the size of the membership every five years. What other church in the Park can show such a record? The mortality rate is low, only three; which shows that all the good do not always die young.

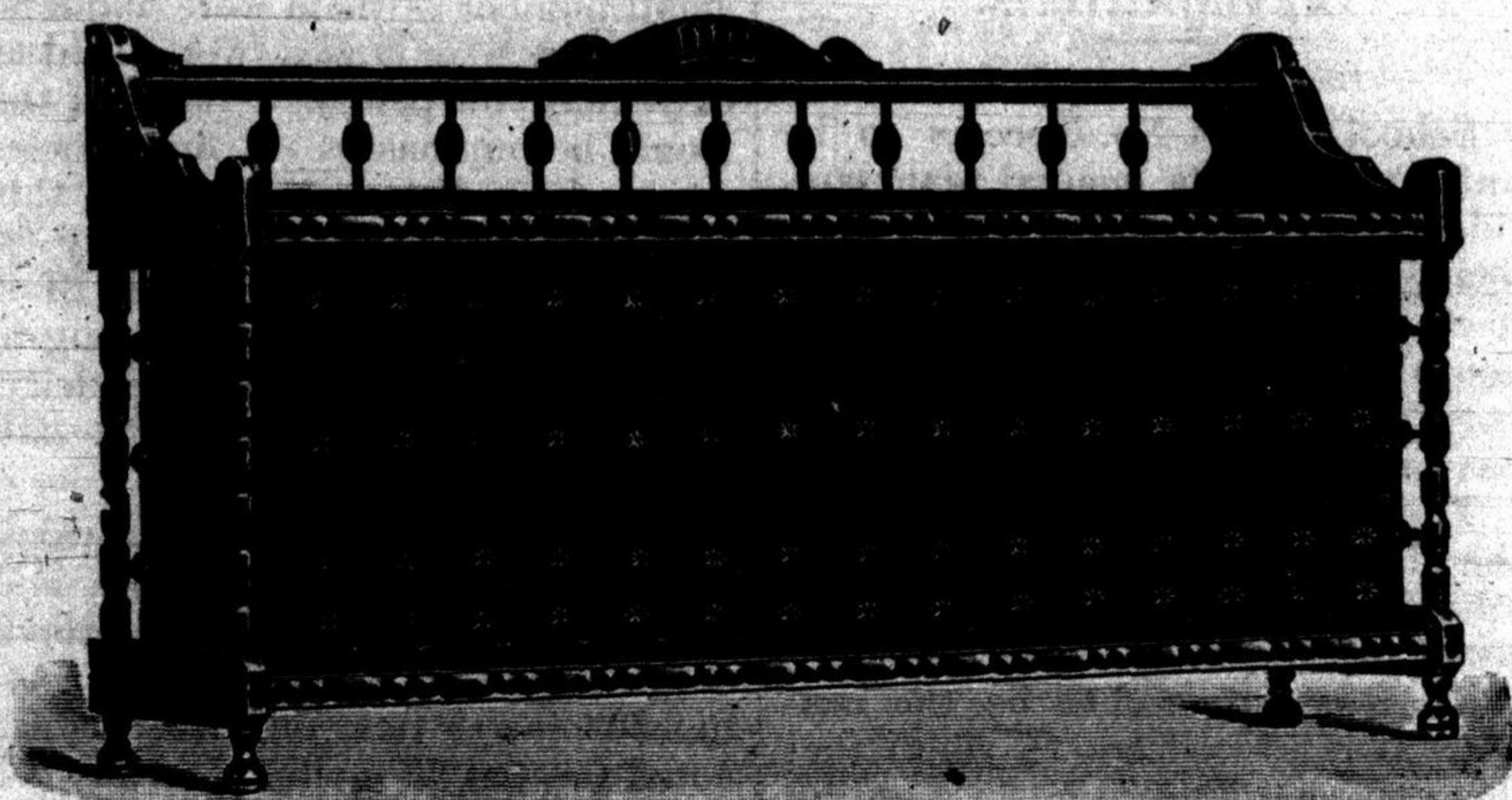
The work of the pastor is very large, over 200 sermons and addresses, over 4 per week; no man can go on doing that year after year, whose lungs are not made of brass and his nerves of steel. Then, he has walked, largely in this city, nearly 1000 miles, on an average three miles a day, to say nothing of his "journeyings oft" by rail into all parts of his church field, some 3500 miles. The smallest relative item of expense in it all is the pastor's salary, which shows that the pastor and his household practice to the full all the economies they preach to their people. The financial showing for this people we regard as a remarkable one, and it is one in which every loyal citizen in Highland Park may take an honorable pride.

We think it is time the city marshal arrested a few of the reckless lads, who dash up and down, in front of the postoffice and business portion of St. Johns avenue, in defiance of all the city.

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