

AN ANNIVERSARY SERMON, 1918-1928

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Rapid Growth of Presbyterian Church During Past Ten Years; Many Attend the Service

"Teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom"—Psalm 90:12.

In the sight of Almighty God ten years is but a moment. For this church, now drawing towards its fifty-eighth year of unbroken service in this community, the last decade has been significant.

The Factor of Change

The most measurable factor bearing directly upon the Highland Park Presbyterian church during the last ten years has been the factor of change. A little less than one-third of the present active membership were connected with this fellowship in 1918.

The factor of change has also been noticeable in the social currents affecting the national and local atmosphere in which the membership of this church have carried on their work and thought. There is only time to summarize in a few phrases the immense panorama of the years in which the World War has bequeathed its heritage and from the immediate shadow of which we are only now beginning to emerge.

This fact of change, not only in the personnel of our membership, but in the forces and movements which vitally matter in the development of all that makes up human personality, is at once a stimulus and a very baffling problem to one responsible for proclaiming the Gospel of Christ.

The Factor of Growth

Another important factor which seems quite definite in the retrospect of ten years is that of growth. The population of the community has increased steadily during that period and the membership and attendance of our church reflect the increase.

dicating a number which is more deceptive than truthful. Under this stringent regulation our church now for the first time since it was founded in 1871 will report this year a membership somewhat in excess of five hundred.

In some respects this growth of numbers should be cause for rejoicing. From the point of view of the pastor it involves certain handicaps. Ten years ago it was possible to visit all the homes of the parish regularly each year and know the members of each family intimately.

The number of our organized activities has increased. The Young People's Society was re-created after several years of complete inactivity. The mid-week prayer meeting has taken on a deeper meaning for our fellowship as the church night program. Among the entirely new developments have been the addition of a director of religious education as a fulltime worker, a committee on religious education, a young people's council, a thriving adult Bible class, a young people's choir, a Camp Fire group, and a Young Woman's Club.

It is difficult to say anything definite regarding the growth of our church in what is far more important than mere numbers or finances or organization, namely, its inner life of corporate spiritual strength, its daily expression through its membership of the mystery and power of the Grace of God.

Our Present and Future Needs

When we make an analysis of our present and future needs certain objectives suggest themselves. The first of these is a substantial addition to our parish house, costing at least one hundred and fifty thousand dollars and occupying our property immediately south of our present building.

is impossible and it is difficult to retain the numbers we have been able to gather. With the very large numbers of families almost certain to come to Highland Park within the next ten years, a certain proportion of whom we may reasonably expect for our parish, there is only one solution to our problem, namely, an addition to the present parish house.

Another need confronting us is the rapid development of our community. Within the last ten years Highland Park has enlarged its geographical limits until it covers a wider area than any other city along the North Shore. Evanston, with a lesser area, has more than sixty thousand people.

Allied to this is another need not altogether easy to describe. Perhaps it could be put in briefest terms by saying that we require a larger degree of initiative among the members in working out expressions of discipleship which build the spirit of the church.

Perhaps our chief weakness as a church lies in our failure thus far to create a distinctive men's work. In the strict sense of the term we have no such organization. Twenty-one men serve on the official boards and about twenty-five render praise worthy service in our church school.

The Purely Personal Note

There is little of the purely personal note that needs to be said on such an occasion as this. Some of the happiest years of boyhood were spent in this church and community. In this place marriage has come and parenthood and some deep and abiding friendships, all infinitely precious.

there were blunders, not blunders of faulty motive so much as inexperience. There have been many things for which to thank God. There also have been occasions demanding inward struggle and exacting high cost in the stuff of one's soul.

Sermon preached by the Reverend Frank Fitt at the Highland Park Presbyterian church, Highland Park, Illinois, on Sunday morning, March 18, 1928, on the tenth anniversary of his assuming the pastorate.

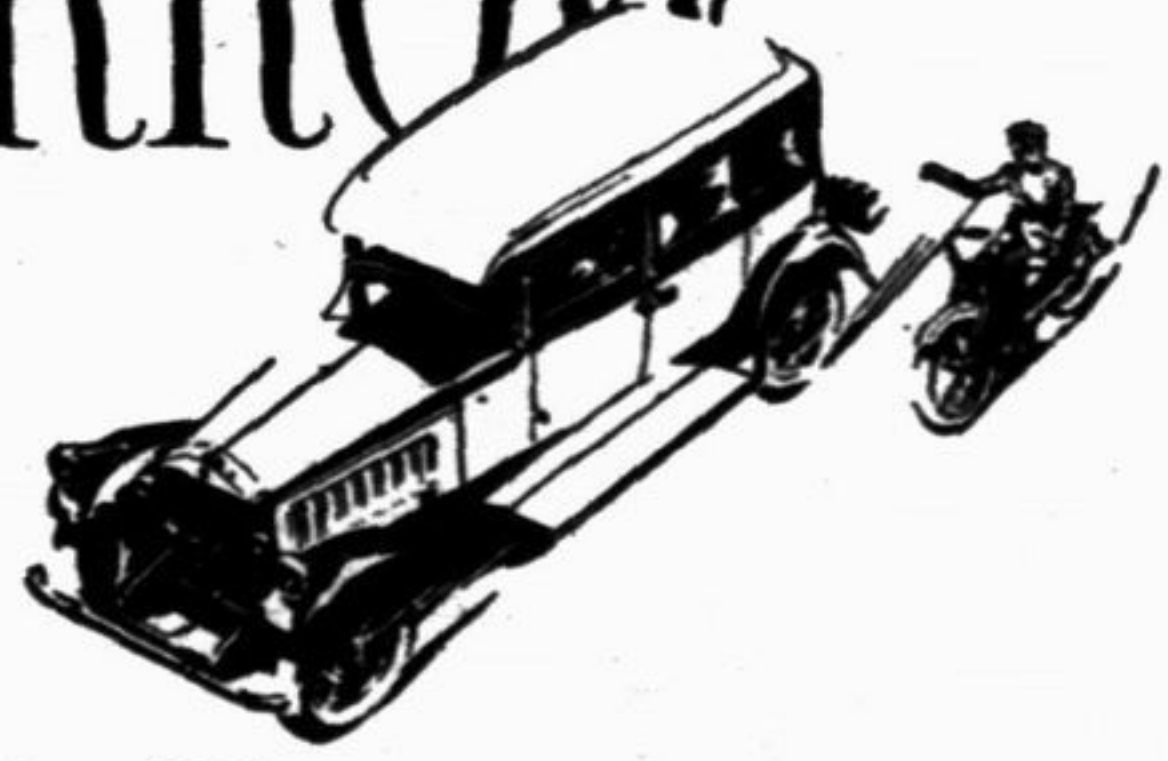
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STYLE NOTES FROM HUP EVANSTON SHOP

Although there are an endless variety of smart ensembles for Spring wear, these two set forth here will give the general style trend:

With a visit of gray as the basis, wear a shirt either of solid green or green stripes and figures on a white ground, cravat of the same color, hose to match with contrasting cloaking or jaquard figures, black shoes, small shaped curl brim green hat and tweed topcoat.

For a combination with a tan suit, a tan shirt with closely set stripes is good, cravat of figured orange, hose in a heather mixture, tan shoes, tan snap brim felt, and tan topcoat.

The most pronounced change this Spring in Hats is for the higher tapered crown and narrow curl brim, with green the outstanding shade. In shirts, blue and green will be strong favorites. The collars smaller with shorter points. In hose for the more subdued colorings with novel cloaking.

The conservative man will favor the two button suit with notched lapels—and trousers slightly narrower at the bottom.

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