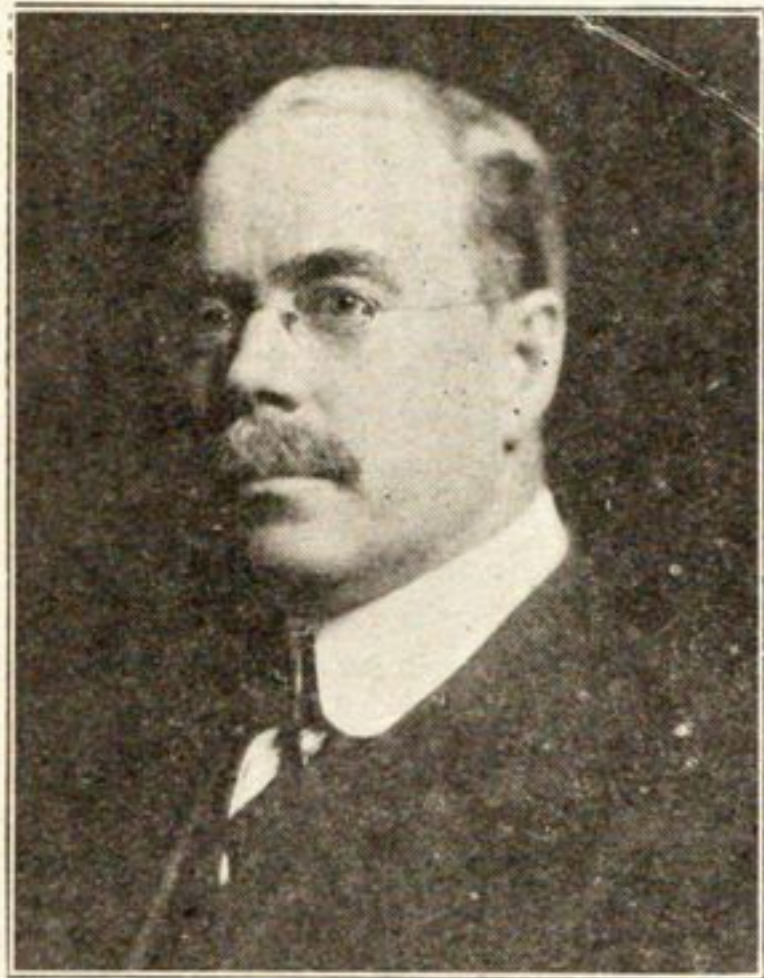


BAPTISTS MEET TO PLAN BIGGER WORK

Annual Meeting Shows the Church Makes Strides

Another milestone was passed Wednesday evening of this week by the Wilmette Baptist church on the occasion of its Ninth Annual meeting. The occasion itself was the more significant because it was the first annual gathering held in the church



Shailer Mathews

building, which was occupied for the first time last September.

A beautiful dinner, beautifully served in the spacious new dining room of the church by a committee of the Woman's society, opened the program of the evening, a larger number sitting down than have ever attended the annual meeting or have ever been served in the new building.

Hear Various Reports.

After the courses, the pastor, Rev. Francis C. Stifler, acting as toastmaster, called for the various reports. A novel feature of the proceedings was the entire elimination of the long and tiresome reading of statistical records from the various departments of the church. Some days ago these were all submitted to an editing committee, one of whose members, Miss Annie S. Beach, read a most beautifully written and intensely interesting story of the years' work. In similar fashion all the financial transactions of the various departments of the church were compiled into a single statement, copies of which were before all the members. These figures were interpreted by C. E. Thompson, chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Big Membership Increases.

The outstanding features of the church record for the year were the following: The membership of the church showed its greatest annual increase, one of 18 per cent, sixty new members being received during the year. The Bible school average attendance increased 28 per cent. The attendance at the morning worship showed an average increase of 13 per cent with a similar increase in the support of the Mid-week meeting. The present membership of the church is 255. The Young People's society registered a year of phenomenal growth. Its membership was just doubled and the attendance at weekly meetings was 104 per cent of the membership. For this record the local society is expecting national recognition.

In its Stewardship the church, in spite of greatly increased expenses due to entering the new building, and in spite of times of money stringency, surpassed any previous year in its gifts for various causes. For the running expenses of the church \$7,696.76 was contributed; for benevolences, including all the various World enterprises of the Baptist denomination and many gifts to local causes, \$3,329.77, which is considerably larger than the gifts ever made before to other objects; for the building fund, \$19,866.59; making a grand total of actual gifts for all causes of \$30,893.12, which is greater by more than \$1,300 than the total funds raised last year.

Adopt New Budgets.

By unanimous vote of the members the following budgets were adopted for the ensuing year: For benevolences, a total of \$3,000, including beside the great Baptist World enterprise, the Chicago Church Federation, the Wilmette charities, the Woman's Protectorate and other local causes; for current expenses a budget of \$9,932 was adopted. These budgets have already been provided for by the generous subscriptions of the members and friends. It is expected that more than \$20,000 will be raised for the building during the year, insuring the completion and furnishing of the auditorium.

The annual election of officers for the year followed the presenting of the budget.

Mathews Praises Church.

The speaker of the evening was Dean Shailer Mathews of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, who, ten years ago, as chairman of the Baptist Executive Council of Chicago, called together a small group of men who later became the founders of the local church. Dr. Mathews is one

of the nation's greatest Christian statesmen and in his usual happy vein he pictured the prospects of this growing church so that every member present was encouraged to do his utmost.

An interesting feature of the gathering was the presence at the meeting of all the founders of the church save one, Mr. J. D. Greig, who now lives in Florida. Two of the others of this founders' group, now living elsewhere, were the popular guests of the occasion, Mr. A. E. White, of Boston, and Mr. P. R. Finlay, of Keokuk, Iowa.

The meeting closed with presentation of the program for the year as planned by the Building committee which, if the times warrant, will bring the present unit of the building to completion before another annual meeting and will leave the way open for the contribution of the other large unit of the plant designed for school and recreational purposes to be placed at the rear of the present structure.

REALTORS TO STUDY SECRETARY'S WORK

Secretarial Session to be Held at San Francisco

San Francisco—The problems of a secretary will be discussed from many angles at the annual convention of the National Association of Realtor Secretaries to be held in San Francisco from May 30 to June 3. The convention will be held in conjunction with that of the National Association of Real Estate boards.

There are more than 400 boards represented in the national membership, each having a secretary. Ad-

vice from these boards assure one of the largest gatherings of board secretaries ever held.

The meetings of the board secretaries will be held in one of the smaller convention halls of the exposition auditorium where the meetings of the National Association of Real Estate boards will also be held. Both conventions have adopted the conference plan. There will be a few general meetings, but the small group meetings for the intimate discussion of special subjects will predominate.

Leslie Burks, president of the California Association of Realtor Secretaries, is in charge of the arrangements for the secretarial convention. In addition to the business program there will also be an extensive program of entertainment for the visiting secretaries. This will include a luncheon given by the San Francisco Real Estate board, side trips in and around San Francisco to points of interest and many other features.

Theatre Guild Endorses Community House Drive

Added impetus to the campaign for an enlarged Community House came this week with the announcement that the Executive committee of the North Shore Theater Guild had heartily endorsed the new plan, including as it does a modern auditorium with stage facilities ample for the production of drama.

In a letter to its membership the Executive committee recommends wholehearted support in the matter of individual pledges.

NOTICE

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We welcome you to Northmoor Country Club at Ravinia. The club is now open. There are plenty of players to keep you busy; playing privileges and prizes. Mr. George V. Gelhar, Caddy Superintendent, will look after your interest.

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