

# LOCAL CHURCH CELEBRATES 50TH YEAR

## 'SOUL OF MAN,' PAGEANT THEME

Unusual Religious Spectacle to Feature Anniversary Week Observances

MRS. GOBLE, CHAIRMAN

One Hundred People Comprise the Cast

The outstanding, serious single undertaking of the week's program is undoubtedly the religious pageant, which will be given on Thursday and Friday evenings in Rudolph Matz hall in Community House. Mrs. Sherman M. Goble is general chairman of the pageant and has been ably assisted by a group of committees which have designed and made the costumes, prepared the stage settings and lighting effects, selected and trained the cast, and arranged for equipment and properties.

### Traces "Soul of Man"

The pageant is designed to trace the greater stages in the development of the soul of man, with special reference to modern religious life as a product of the spiritual ages and therefore to our church. The development is traced by the employment of Biblical scenes illustrating six historical phases, that of fear, that of law, that of faith, that of love, that of life eternal and that of service. A prologue and an epilogue open and close the pageant.

The characters are taken by members of the church who have devoted earnest effort to the preparation of the parts with a loving consecration that lends an atmosphere of sincerity and truth to the performance.

"Soul of Man" is produced by the Community Players and was written by Mary Lewis Langworthy.

Nearly 100 people compose the cast for the six episodes. The chairmen of sub committees include Mrs. Benjamin F. Langworthy, Mrs. John C. Marshall, Lawrence A. Janney, L. L. Buchanan, Willard Beatty, Miss Olive Grover, Mrs. Donald Murray, Mrs. Davies Lazear.

As announced elsewhere, admission is free, but will be by ticket, to avoid over crowding on either night. Tickets may be obtained from Miss Williams, at Community House.

### Anniversary Dinner

Monday night is devoted to a Fellowship Anniversary Dinner, at which everyday relationships and neighborhood friendliness will be emphasized. It will be one of the largest dinners ever given in the village, as between 600 and 700 are expected to attend. The dinner will be followed by a program of entertainment in Matz hall. Greetings will be extended from the village council, by John S. Miller, Jr., president, and from other Winnetka churches, by William B. McIlvaine. Mrs. A. Montague Ferry, Mrs. Charles M. Thomson, Mrs. Ballard Bradley and Mrs. Luther H. Barber are assisting Mrs. Ayres Boal on the dinner committee. David Lasier is captain of a small army of men who will act as waiters, and Mr. Ferry and Mr. Wallace D. Rumsey have secured the services of numerous headliners, both ancient and modern, to furnish the evening's less serious program. The dinner will furnish a distinctive flavor to the anniversary celebration.

## Program of Fiftieth Anniversary Week

### PROGRAM Fiftieth Anniversary Week Sunday, October 19

- 9:00 A. M. Assembly of Church School.
- 9:15 A. M. Pilgrimage to previous sites of the church with short exercises at each place, returning for the close of the services to our own church.
- 11:00 A. M. Morning service of worship with anniversary sermon by Rev. James Austin Richards in the church auditorium. "The Church Visible and Invisible."
- 11:00 A. M. Worship for boys and girls with anniversary sermon by Rev. James William Frederick Davies, D.D., in Matz Hall.
- 6:45 P. M. Anniversary services and program of the Young Peoples' Clubs.
- 8:00 P. M. Public service in the church auditorium conducted by the Men's Class.

### Monday Evening, October 20

7:00 P. M. Anniversary Dinner in Community House followed by varied program in Rudolph Matz Hall.

### Tuesday Evening, October 21

8:00 P. M. In the Neighborhood Room. Historical and Fellowship Night with songs and reminiscences. Mr. William C. Boyden, Presiding.

#### Addresses:

- (a) The Historical Background ..... Mr. William A. Hadley
- (b) The Living Church ..... Mrs. Carrie B. Prouty
- Address ..... Rev. Ozora Davis
- Pres. of Chicago Theological Seminary
- Reminiscences ..... Rev. Quincy L. Dowd
- Statistics ..... Charles S. Thorne
- Memories ..... Rev. Benjamin S. Winchester
- Group Singing by Audience. Old Hymns and Gospel Songs in charge of Mrs. Arthur Dean.

### Wednesday, October 22

10:00 A. M. to 3:00 P. M. Fiftieth Anniversary of the Women's Society in the Neighborhood Room with luncheon in Rudolph Matz Hall.

### Thursday Afternoon, October 23

4:00 P. M. Reunion and Fellowship Meeting in the Neighborhood Room. All old time residents, friends and neighbors are invited to drop in, informally for greetings, stories and a good time. Mr. Frank A. Windes ..... Host

### Thursday Evening, October 23

8:15 P. M. A Religious Pageant, "Soul of Man" in Rudolph Matz Hall.

### Friday Evening, October 24

8:15 P. M. Second Presentation of the Religious Pageant, "Soul of Man" in Rudolph Matz Hall.

### Saturday Evening, October 25

8:00 to 10:00 P. M. "Drop in Night," at the parsonage, 739 Lincoln Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Richards and Mr. and Mrs. Davies will at home, to all, informally.

### Sunday, October 26

- 9:30 A. M. Church school in all departments.
- 11:00 A. M. Morning Worship. Sermon by Rev. James Austin Richards, "Looking Forward."
- 11:00 A. M. Regular Services and worship for boys and girls with sermon by Rev. James William Frederick Davies in Rudolph Matz Hall.
- 5:00 P. M. Candle Light Communion Service of Consecration.

### PAGEANT ADMISSION BY TICKET

It has been decided that admission to the Pageant on Thursday and Friday evenings will be entirely by ticket. As has already been announced, there will be no charge for admission, but in order to distribute the audience over the two evenings to insure that every one who wishes to see the Pageant will be accommodated, and also to provide against the possibility of crowding on one or the other evening due to bad weather, the program committee will issue tickets, one good only on Thursday evening, and the other good only on Friday evening. These tickets may be obtained at the morning service at church, Sunday, the 19th, and on the following days at the church secretary's office, (Miss Williams). Those who find themselves unable to use tickets which they have secured, are requested to return them to Miss Williams, promptly, so that others may use them, as no tickets will be distributed beyond the capacity of the hall.

### Jubilee Committees

Since the idea of celebrating the anniversary was conceived, some six months ago, many people have devoted their time and thought to making the affair a success. The general direction of the enterprise has been in the hands of a committee, headed by Dr. James O Ely. The other members are: Ernest J. Allsebrooke, vice chairman; Mrs. William C. Boyden, Mrs. Sherman M. Goble, Lloyd F. Hollister, Lawrence A. Janney, John C. Marshall, Albert B. Martin, Mrs. Rudolph Matz, Mortimer B. Parker, Mrs. Carrie B. Prouty, Rev. James A. Richards, ex officio; Rev. J. W. F. Davies, ex officio.

The working committee and their chairmen are given below; a full list of committee personnel will be found in the souvenir program of the celebration:—Historical, Mrs. Carrie B. Prouty; Pageant, Mrs. Sherman M. Goble; Program, Albert B. Martin; Program publication, Alfred G. Freeman; Radio, Charles M. Thomson; Dinner, Mrs. Ayres Boal; Dinner program, A. Montague Ferry; Invitation, Merritt Starr; Flowers, Mrs. Edmund B. Bartlett and Mrs. John E. Freeman; Foreign field, Mr. and Mrs. William A. McKinney; Men's Sunday Morning class, W. Reynolds Brooks; Church school, Rev. J. W. F. Davies; Statistician, Charles S. Thorne; Chief ushers, James A. White and Frederick H. Scott; Woman's society, Mrs. Charles M. Thomson; Young People's society, Miss Vera May Ogan; Finance, Ernest J. Allsebrooke; Winnetka spirit, Mrs. Carrie B. Prouty; Publicity, S. Bowles King.

## PILGRIMAGE TO START PROGRAM

Children of Church School to Enact Unique Ceremony Tomorrow Morning

VISIT EARLIER SITES

Smoking Torch to Lead Great Procession

Led by a smoking torch, like the column of smoke which led the peoples of olden time, the symbol to them of the leadership of Jehovah, the Pilgrimage will start Sunday morning at 9:15 o'clock if the weather permits. Following will come the stand of flags, first the Christian flag, the only banner that can be flown above or carried in front of the flag of the United States. Then will come the ministers of the church, with former ministers and representatives of those who worshipped in the church buildings which are no more. The members of the church school will march in class formation. Between the high school and the grades will be placed the Chamber of Commerce band to furnish music for the hymns which will be sung during the course of this Pilgrimage.

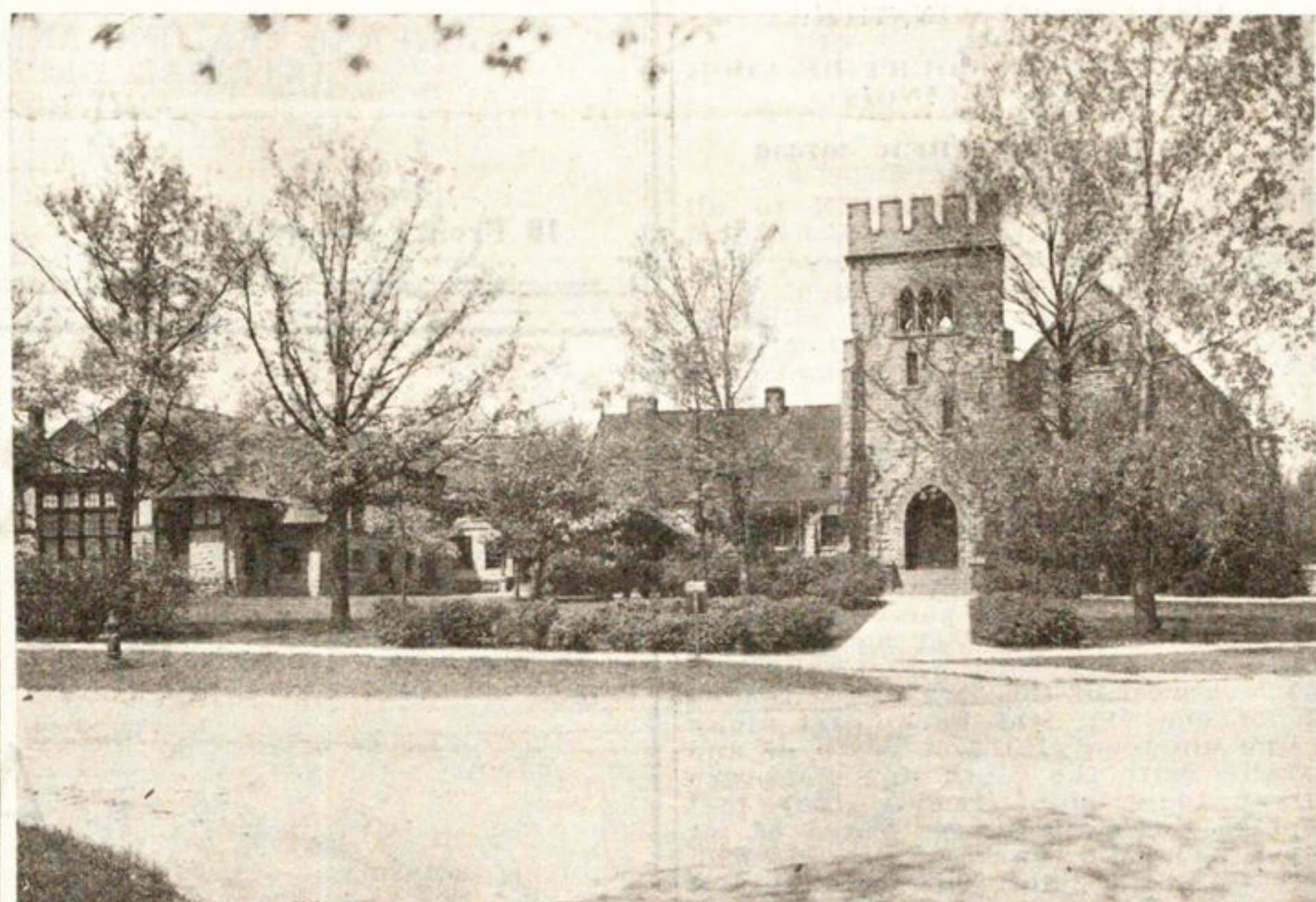
The route will be from the Congregational church, east on Pine street to Cedar, thence south on Cedar to Cherry, west on Cherry to Maple. Here beside the butter-nut tree, which threw its shadows on the church building fifty years ago, Frank Windes, a pupil in the Sunday school in that building, will give the address. One of the girls of the senior class will place a wreath at the base of this tree in thankfulness for what these people did, that we might have such a church to-day.

### March to Masonic Temple

After a response by the school, the march will be taken north on Maple to Elm street, and west on Elm to the site of the Masonic temple, where stood the second church building. There Charles J. Eastman, who was a pupil there in the church school, will make an address, and a wreath will be placed in appreciation of what those people did.

The Pilgrimage will then be continued west on Elm and north on Lincoln to the present church, were Mrs. Carrie B. Prouty, who has had intimate association with the church in all three locations will give the address, and a third wreath will be left.

This Pilgrimage in the minds of the members of the school is a sacred ceremony and therefore a holy Pilgrimage. Let those along the lines of march carry out this spirit of reverence by remaining quiet, the men removing their hats as the emblems of religion and country pass.



The present Winnetka Congregational church, built in 1906, at Lincoln avenue and Pine street. Community House at the left.

### "Hostess Room"

The Neighborhood room at Community House will be known as "Hostess Room" for the week of the 50th Anniversary. It will be in charge of the Woman's society of the Congregational church and should prove to be one of the unique features of the celebration.

It will be open at all times during

the week, and will serve as a meeting place, a resting place and a place for sociability. Tea will be served each afternoon, sight seeing trips will be arranged, and everything that can be done to make the visit of out of town friends a success will be attempted.

Out-of-town guests are asked to use the "Hostess Room" as headquarters and to register there upon arrival. If desired they will be assigned to homes where they will be entertained. Mrs. Charles M. Thomson and her committee expect to find accommodations for all out of town members who can attend the celebration.

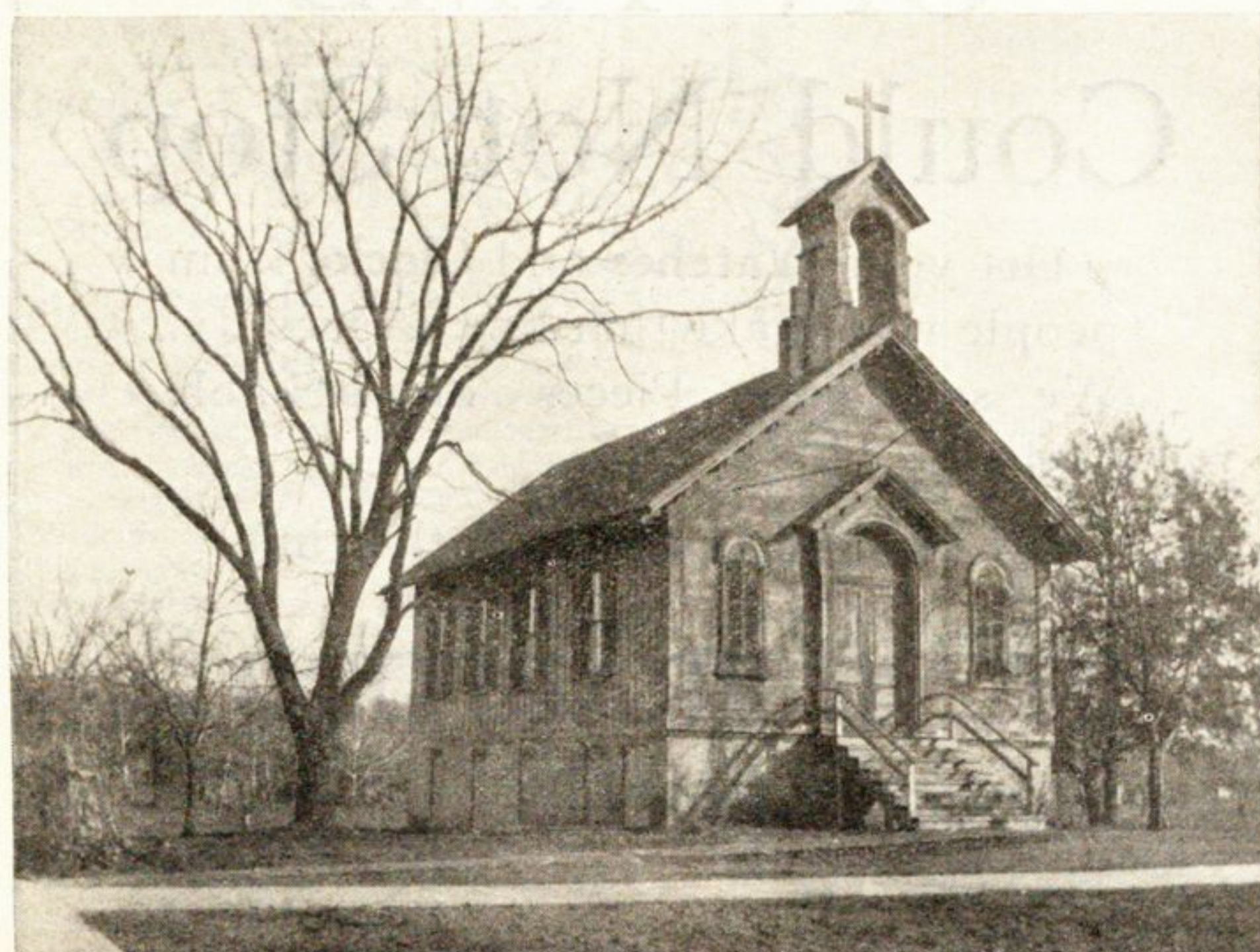
### Sunday Services

#### "Church Visible and Invisible" Sermon Topic

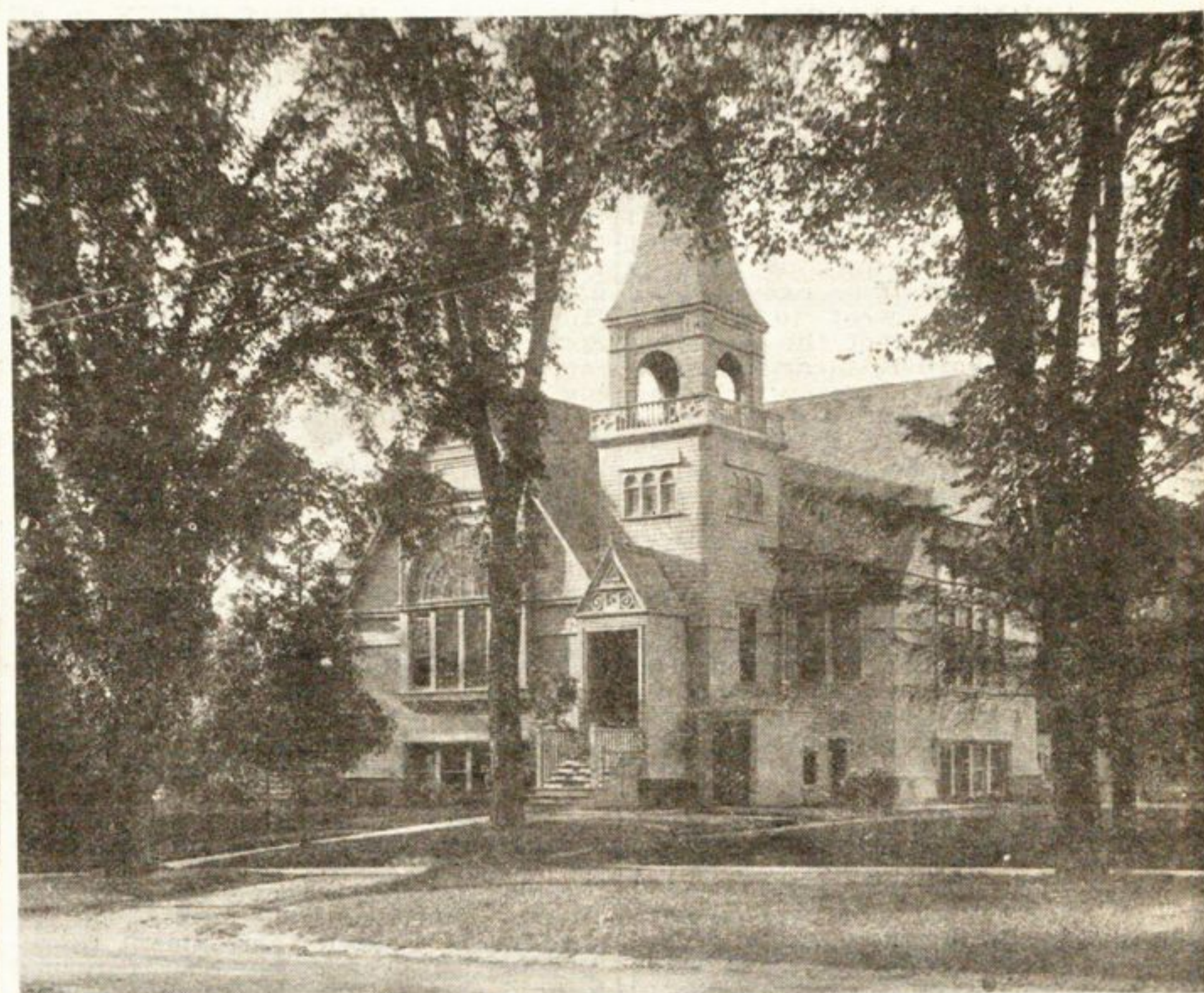
At 11:00 o'clock will be held the usual morning services, conducted by Mr. Richards and Mr. Davies. There will be a special musical program by the quartet, including the following numbers:

- Anthem—Sing, O Daughter of Zion.....
- ..... Stevenson
- Anthem—Sing Alleluia Forth.....Buck
- Offertory Anthem—God Is Our Refuge
- ..... Webbe

Rev. Mr. Richards has selected as his sermon topic for this occasion "An Anniversary Sermon on the Church Visible and Invisible." Dr. J. W. F. Davies will as usual, preach to the boys and girls in Rudolph Matz hall.



The original Congregational church, 1874-1886. Maple and Cherry streets.



The second church building on Elm street west of Maple, 1886-1906.

### YOUNG PEOPLES MEETING

Late Sunday afternoon the Young Peoples' clubs will hold their special anniversary program. At 8 o'clock there will be a public service in the Church auditorium, conducted by the Men's Sunday Morning class. The meeting will be addressed by Prof. Peter G. Mode of the University of Chicago on "The Making of a Creed." Assisting W. Reynolds Brooks in the preparations for this meeting are Glen C. Bull, Charles J. Eastman, John C. Marshall, Thomas H. Ratcliffe and William Aver McKinney.

### SATURDAY RECEPTION

The informal reception at the parsonage on Saturday evening will afford an opportunity for friends to meet not only Mr. and Mrs. Richards, and Mr. and Mrs. Davies, who will receive, but also visiting former ministers, their families, and other guests. Mr. and Mrs. Quincy L. Dowd, Mrs. Edwin F. Snell, and Mrs. Benjamin S. Winchester will be present at this "drop in" evening. It is regretted that Doctor Winchester finds it necessary to return to the East on Friday. Miss Harriet Kidder, of Cedar Falls, Iowa, daughter of our first pastor, will also be present.