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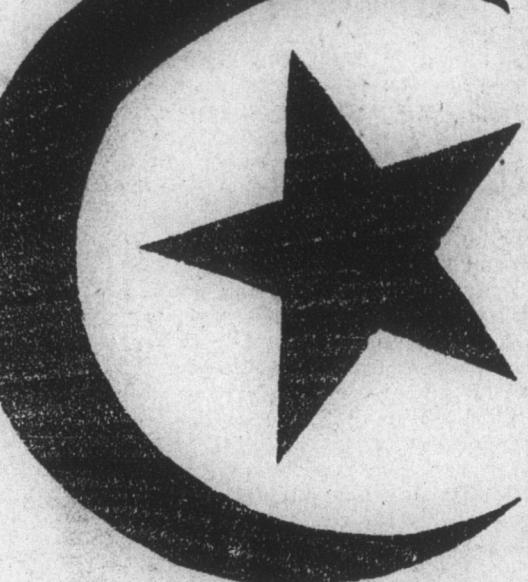
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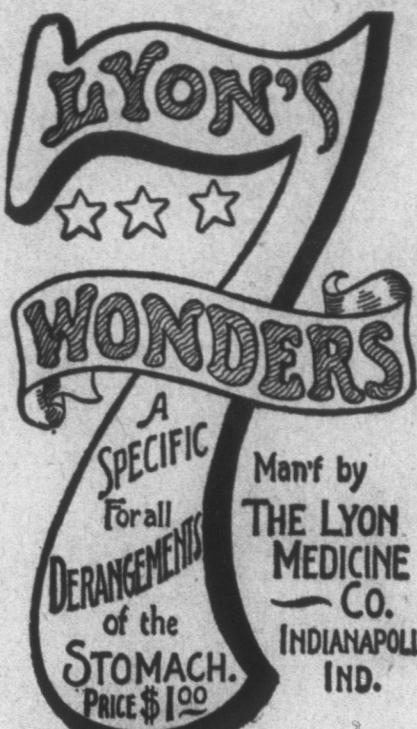
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Public Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Junior Endeavor, 3:00 p.m.
Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p.m.
Public Worship, 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

REV. R. D. UTTER, Pastor.
Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m.
Public Worship, 10:45 a.m.
Class Meeting, 11:45 a.m.
Boy's League, Junior, 2:30 p.m.
Elder's League, Senior, 6:30 p.m.
Public Worship, 7:30 p.m.
Epworth League, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTIAN.

REV. J. H. BRADY, Pastor.
Bible School, 9:30 a.m.
Public Worship, 11:45 a.m.
Junior Endeavor, 2:30 p.m.
Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p.m.
Public Worship, 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

were invited as a session to judge of the testimonials of membership. The following persons were received on certificate:

James Van Rensselaer, Susan Van Rensselaer, Susan C. Weston, Ezra Wright, Martha Wright, Lucinda Mahaffie Henry, Henry Barkley, Ira Allen, Lois B. Allen.

Resolved that we now proceed to the election of two elders, and the vote being counted Ezra Wright and Henry Barkley were declared duly elected, and it was agreed that they be ordained on tomorrow at three o'clock p.m.

Resolved, That this Church be denominated the Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer.

Whereupon the meeting adjourned.

EDWARD WRIGHT, Chairman.

Rev. Edward Wright was a supply for the new organization, which met when ever the pastor was absent. In 1848, Mr. Thomas M. Chestnut was duly installed as pastor, and continued as such until 1852. Mr. Chestnut was the father of our good sisters and friends, Mrs. Fletcher Monett and Mrs. Sharp.

The minutes of June 2d, 1850, are as follows:

Session met and was opened with prayer. Rev. T. M. Chestnut, moderator.—Elders present—Henry Barkley and Ezra Wright. The following persons were received on certificate from the Church of Coal Creek: John Coen, a ruling Elder, and Asaph Coen his wife, as members of this Church.

The pioneers of our church, those of old, were very strict in discipline, and although the old-time Calvinistic doctrine of election, even in that day received many assaults, yet the session stood manfully by the confession and at one time declined to grant but a modified letter of dismissal to James J. Porter who to some extent questioned the strict Calvinistic interpretation of this doctrine of election.

A somewhat amusing incident to older members was the church trial of Dr. Joshua Clark for alleged slandering of the Ladies Sewing Society. The trial commenced April 7th, 1852, and occupied about fifty pages of the minute book.

It seems that Dr. Clark had taken exception to certain exercises which occurred at the Sewing Society which met at Col. Work's residence, on the farm now occupied by Mr. Wm. Mattheisen, and wrote and circulated a paper the substance of which is as follows:

"Whereas the present Sewing Society was principally gotten up for the purpose of procuring funds for the completion of the Presbyterian Church;

And whereas, Certain gymnastic exercises are to a certain and proper extent to be desired, and are promoters of the health of the members;

And whereas, In the conduct of these exercises certain small improprieties have of late crept out to the scandal of the good name and fair fame of said Society;

And, whereas, It is apprehended that unless these indiscretions are corrected some of the strictest may be disposed to withdraw their connection and support from us, which must materially hinder our success; Therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Ladies Sewing Society of Rensselaer, that hereafter, in the exercises of the meeting, there shall not be more than one polka dance of an evening, and in such dance no member shall shave her foot more so high, etc."

The evidence shows that a lady member had edified the Society with a polka step, a dance which was then new, and had sung the song "Ben Bolt." The evidence does not show that Uncle John Coen or any other gentleman indulged in the dance, but it is presumed that some one did.

Rev. Thomas Whallon was pastor in 1855 to 1859, and Rev. H. A. Mayhew from 1859 to 1863, when occurred one year pastorate of Revs. L. D. Wells, Mr. Patton and Mr. Goodson.

Then for a long period of seventeen years the church was without a pastor and struggling for life. During this time came the trouble involving Cicero H. Tatman, Ezra Wright and Gen. R. H.

The Business Man's Statement.

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Yours truly,

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April 17, 1881.—Rev. Augustus Taylor began his ministerial labors with us, and during his stay of a little over a year eight members were received and two dismissed.

June 1883.—Rev. Gilbert Small preached for us until October of the same year, during which period seven members were added.

March 29, 1885.—Rev. Gilbert Small again came to the rescue, and during '85-'86 twenty-seven members were added to the church under the ministrations of Mr. Small and other stated supplies.

From March 12, '87, to June 24, '88, Rev. Duncan and Rev. Mr. Tressler discontinued to us very acceptably, when Mr. Tressler was installed as pastor—the first installation service that had occurred in the history of the Presbyterian church of Rensselaer. During his stay of about a year and a half forty-seven members were received and five dismissed.

July 8, 1890.—Rev. L. L. Gorby commenced his labors with this church, and during his pastorate of eighteen months thirty-eight members were received and seven dismissed.

August 3, 1893—Rev. Edward Baech accepted a call, and during his stay of a little over a year thirteen members were received and ten dismissed.

October 2, 1894—Rev. M. R. Paradis commenced laboring with us and up to April 14, 1895, received thirty-seven members and dismissed three.

At the expiration of six months as supply, Mr. Paradis accepted a call to continue as pastor, and was soon thereafter duly installed.

A List of the Eldership Of the First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer from its organization to the present time:

Ezra Wright, Henry Barkley, John Coen, Ira Allen, John Coen, Jr., R. H. Milroy, S. Donaldson, James Ritchey, Cornelius Hutton, S. A. Fulton, C. P. Mayhew, D. E. Hollister, Fletcher Monett, F. P. Bitters, E. L. Hollingsworth, G. K. Hollingsworth, James W. McEwen.

Board of Trustees Of the First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer at this date:

W. B. Austin, Ed. D. Rhoads, M. F. Chi cote, John Eger, F. J. SEARS, Chairman.

Mrs. C. D. MARTIN, Sec'y.

Letter From Gov. Matthews.
In response to a letter requesting his presence and an address on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the new Presbyterian church, Gov. Matthews replied as follows:

Executive Department.
Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 1, '95.
Mr. James W. McEwen, Rensselaer, Ind.

My Dear Sir: I seem to be unfortunate in my invitations to your city, and will again be unable to accept your very kind invitation to attend the laying of the corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church the 15th of October. That day I have three important Board meetings, and on the following day the 16th, at ten o'clock must be here to open the bids for our two years printing contract. The Secretary of State not being here, compels the Auditor and myself to be here. I am sorry that I cannot come, but it is very difficult to get away.

I am making an effort to attend the centennial celebration of Fort Wayne on the 18th, not being able to get there on either of their other days.

I appreciate and thank you sincerely for the kind words you write of myself and trust I may continue to merit them. Comendations of citizens like yourself, are very graceful. Please express my regret in not being able to attend the corner stone laying.

Sincerely yours,
CLAUDE MATTHEWS.

Letter From Rev. Gilbert Small.
Davidville, Ind., Oct. 3d, 1895.
Jas. W. McEwen,

My good old friend: Yours received, and I send a photo which was taken during the days I served in Rensselaer. I have no later ones in possession, but this resembles me at the time I was known in the field, and when a future generation, yet unborn, tears down the edifice now going up, they can gain an idea of what I resembled in days gone by.

Affairs in that church have undergone a change since my first visit nearly eighteen years ago, when Mr. Coen told me there was no use in trying to revive the church. Yet at the end of a year, for which service, one-half time, I received \$175, the cause looked brighter; and when I went back, four years or so later, signs of growth were apparent, and at the end of two years as stat'd supply, I left 50 members, and the way was open for a settled pastor.

Would like to be with you on the 15th, but am otherwise engaged. Hoping to see you all when the church is dedicated in the spring.

I remain
Yours as ever,
GILBERT SMALL.
Remember me to all friends.