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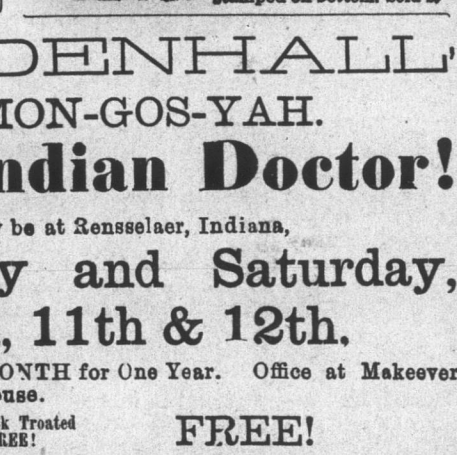
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Laying Corner Stone

—OF THE—
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
RENSSELAER, IND.,
Tuesday, October 15th, 1895.

CHURCH HISTORY.

The corner stone of the new Presbyterian Church edifice will be placed in position with appropriate ceremonies, Tuesday afternoon, October 15th, (see program on eighth page) and we have deemed it a fitting occasion to reproduce the History of the First Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer, as prepared and read by Wm. B. Austin, Esq., on vacating the old house of worship, with additional records bringing it up to date.

It has been said that railroads are the forerunners of civilization. That this is true is undisputed, but speaking from the standpoint of a somewhat aged resident of this town, I believe we still have been in heathen darkness had we waited on railroads to enlighten us. The church came here in 1847, the railroad in 1877—thirty years later.

Like that of the Puritans and Pilgrims of old, the history of the church at this place has not been altogether roseate. Nine persons, headed by James Van Rensselaer, the father of the town, formed the nucleus from which has been evolved the church society of to-day. There were times when the church had apparent prosperity, but on the other hand, for long stretches of years—at one time from 1866 to 1883—not one ray of light came. That the organization did not entirely disband was due altogether to the efforts of a few faithful ones in maintaining the Sunday school and in sowing seeds which in later years has ripened and been harvested, and to-day forms the nucleus of the church at this place.

Man is of a peculiar nature, he is not always satisfied with his lot. A minister of the Gospel is but a man, has a man's wants and inclinations consequently if he is not paid for his services he cannot be expected to continue his employment, and hence it is that this struggling congregation in its early history had four pastors in that many years.

The first minutes of the church society read as follows:

Rensselaer, Ind., Feb. 20th, 1847.
At a meeting of persons friendly to the organization of a Presbyterian Church in Jasper county, Rev. E. W. Wright was called to the chair. After prayer it was resolved to proceed to constitute a church and Rev. Jesse Edwards and Z. Sheets, Elder, from the church at Monticello,



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Church Directory.

PRESBYTERIAN.
Rev. M. R. PARADIS, Pastor.
Sabbath School, 9:30 a. m.
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.
Claus Meeting, 11:45 a. m.
Epworth League, Junior, 2:30 p. m.
Epworth 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 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 these brethren be ordained 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 whenever convenient, until 1848, when Rev. Thomas M. Chestnut was duly installed as pastor, and continued as such until 1852. Mr. Chestnut was befather of our good sisters and friends, Mrs. Fletcher Monett and Mrs. Sharr. The minutes of June 2d, 1850, are as follows:

A 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 Asenath Coen his wife, as members of this Church.

The pioneers of our church, like the pilgrims 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 for the Constitution and on one occasion 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 scandal of the trial of 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. Matheson, 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 been committed, and 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 might materially hinder our success; Therefore, be it

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

The evidence shows that a lady member had added 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.

Milroy; and John Keller, Stephen Donaldson and Fletcher Monnett moved away.

During this period the spiritual life and corporate existence of this society rested entirely on the two Miss Smiths and Elder John Coen. Within the memory of the speaker Mr. Coen has carried wood from his residence on the outskirts of town to warm the church for Sunday School on cold Sunday mornings. As one of the younger generation, I feel that to these spirits who, through the chaos attendant upon the closing of the war and other troubles, carried our church ship through and landed her safely in the harbor.

Who will doubt that a charitable Jehovah watched over the struggling congregation with a pitying glance!

In 1853 Rev. Gilbert Small came, and after him Rev. Aug. Taylor.

And from then many students came to us from the McCormick Seminary, which terminated in us installing Rev. M. L. Trosler as pastor in 1859.

The church began to build in 1856, and is now on a fair footing spiritually and financially.

This building was erected in 1856-2 at a cost of \$1200 and was without incident except that the church was sued for the seats and judgment entered, which was soon paid.

There is to some extent a feeling of buoyancy within us at the thought of the new church building. But we will experience many pangs of regret at the thought of leaving forever this house that has protected us during infancy, childhood and manhood.

Here was the cradle of Presbyterianism in this county. Here have been baptized as infants and adults representatives of almost every family in the town and surrounding country; and from this altar have been carried the remains of many of those who have gone to that undiscovered country from whose bourne no traveler returns.

It is meet that we should on this occasion dwell upon the past—for as past links us to the future. We of the present generation can but return to those pioneers our heartfelt gratitude, and our hope is that we can in our feeble way carry forward in a worthy manner the work they have begun.

This old church will pass from our sight, but not from our memory. To the speaker some of the fondest and sweetest memories of childhood and youth are entwined with this old building. The childish Sunday School songs, "Come to Jesus," "Climbing Up Zion's Hill," and many others, were sung in its walls. The Christmas entertainments, the festivals, the harvest homes, the choir practices, the installations, have engraven themselves upon my mind so that the hope of years will not eradicate them, and I do not but many can testify to the same experience.

I say all hail to the old church; all hail to its bell and pulpit; and the fact that it is supplanted by a grander edifice does not detract one whit from our honor and reverence for the old building. It is but one way which God has provided. His cause goes marching on that we who pull down our old church and build a grander, larger one.

We know not the ways of God; they are past finding out, but we believe in the Gabriel, with one foot on land and one on sea, shall proclaim that time is no more, and the Lord shall give due credit to the instruments made use of by Him in making up His jewels, that the old Presbyterian Church of Rensselaer will have its due credit in the Lamb's Book of Life.

There is reason for all this. All religion, all science, all law, all wisdom of history, and all noble present energies are centered upon the future, not upon the past. Piety, patriotism, and progress are not so much concerned about the "From whence?" as with the "Whereunto?" of the world, and the people thereof.

Nature, repeats, and progress is a perpetual pioneer. On and upward are her imperative commands, and have been from the day man turned from the barred gates of Eden, until he shall come again redeemed and rejoicing through the wide open gates of the Eternal City.

We welcome the new church with open arms; we will be proud of it, its modern seats, pulpit, windows, towers, conveniences, and its magnificent pipe organ (for we doubt not we will have one). We will be proud to show it to our friends as the offspring of the present generation, and it will prove a blessing to the town and county.

July 24th, 1870—Elder Ezra Wright and Martha, his wife, were, at their own request, dismissed to unite with the Presbyterian church of Richwood, Ill. He had served this church faithfully and well for nearly twenty three years.

During Rev. Wells' stay with us (a little less than a year) three members were received, three suspended, and two dismissed by letter.

June 17, 1871—Rev. Goodison, stated supply. During his stay with us there were six members received and three dismissed. Dr. James Ritchey and Stephen Donaldson were elected elders. Seven children baptized.

June 20, 1874—Rev. R. L. Adams commenced his labors with us, and during his pastorate (one year eleven members were received and two dismissed).

February 8, 1879—During the next two years we had no regular preaching. Rev. Gilbert Small gave us a part of his time, and one member was received.

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 again 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 '85-86-87 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 dis-coursed 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. E. 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 as supply 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 daily 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 Monnett, F. P. Bitters, E. L. Hollingsworth, G. K. Hollingsworth, James W. MeEwen.

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

W. B. Austin, Ed. D. Rhoads, M. F. Chisette, 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 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 both 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. Commendations of citizens like yourself, are very grateful. Please express my regret in not being able to attend the Corner Stone laying.

Sincerely yours,
CLAUDE MATTHEWS.

Letter From Rev. Gilbert Small.

Idaville, Ind., Oct. 3d, 1895.

James 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 one 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 stated 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.