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EXTERIOR OF THE NEW CHURCH.



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# HISTORY

OF THE

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## Introduction



IN accordance with the resolution of the congregation at its annual business meeting, January 20, 1930, the undersigned has entered upon the task of preparing for as worthy an observance as possible of the fiftieth anniversary of the church this year.

Our first undertaking in this matter was the writing of the history of the congregation, an undertaking, which we regarded of great importance, inasmuch as a worthy observance of the founding of the church presupposes a right knowledge on the part of the present generation of the work performed by the fathers in the building up of the Kingdom among us.

The study of the official records of the congregation during these past fifty years has been exceedingly interesting, but it goes without saying that such a study has also involved much hard work. To select from the records such facts and accounts as might be fitted together into a true composite picture of the congregation's fifty years of activity is no easy task. The product of our effort is presented herewith, and we leave to the reader to judge as to its worth.

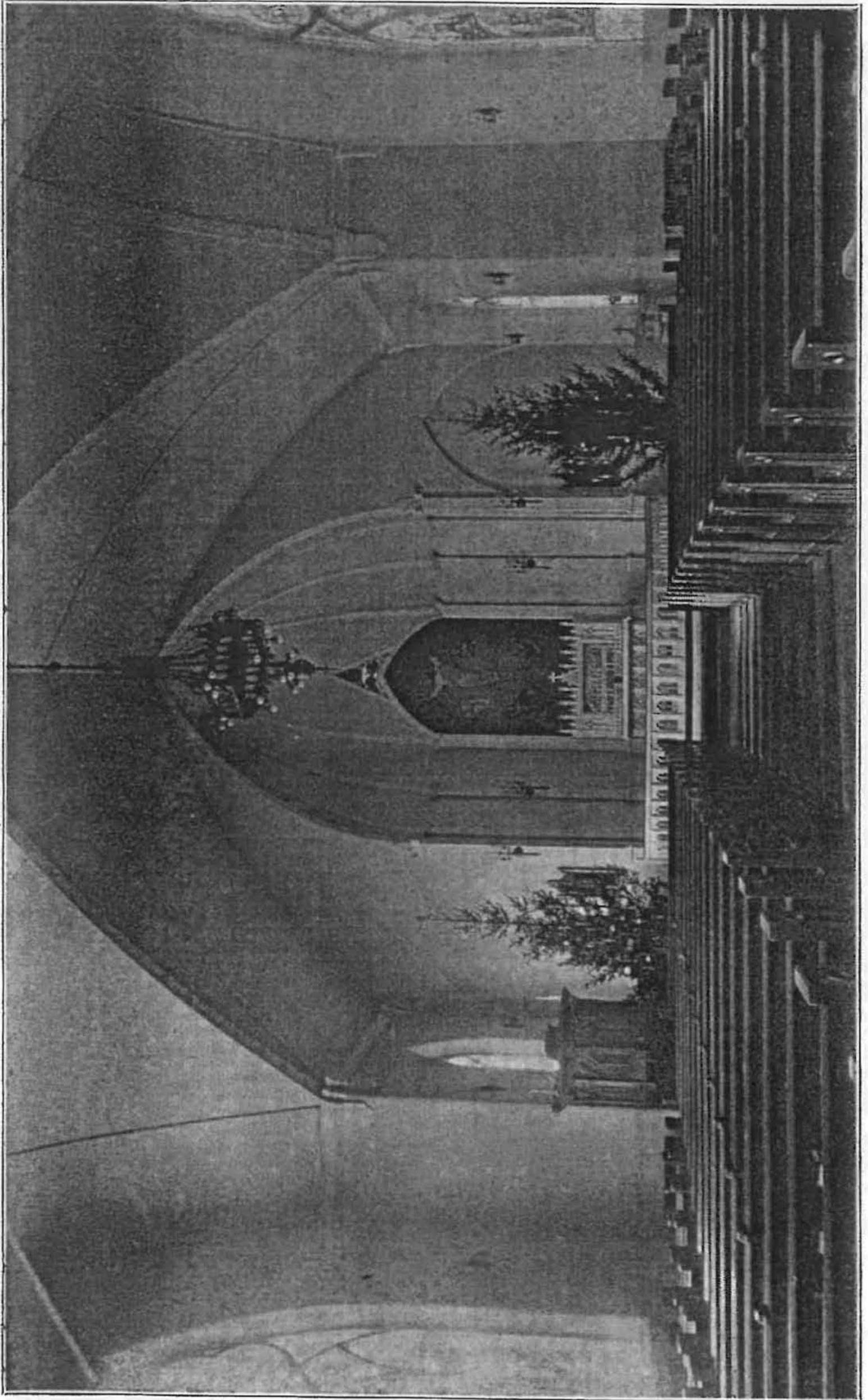
The membership of our Emanuel Church has been derived from almost every province of Sweden, the majority of our members, however, hailing from the provinces of Västergötland and Halland, that is, from the diocese of Gothenburg. The provinces of Värmland and Småland have also contributed goodly numbers to our constituency.

For information pertaining to matters in this history, which antedate the organization of the congregation, I am, in the main, indebted to the few who yet live among us of those who dwelt in these parts previous to 1880.

To assist in the preparations for the Golden Jubilee of Emanuel the undersigned has appointed Aaron Johnson, Alfred C. Anderson, Helge Pearson, Carl F. Johnson, Henning A. Johnson, Herbert Johnson, John B. Benson and Herman Johnson. Others will be asked to help in the making of the arrangements for the festivities, which will be held on the 9th and 10th of May.

P. J. O. CORNELL.

South Manchester, Conn., March 1, 1931.



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“The Sparrow Hath Found Her a House, and the Swallow a Nest for Herself.”—*Psalm 84: 3.*

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HERE has always been a deep longing in the heart of man for something that might provide him with true peace and contentment. In the life of the psalmist this profound need was gratified only by his presence in the Temple and by his participation in the worship of Almighty God. His soul longed for the courts of Jehovah and his heart yearned for the altars of God, for it was there that his spirit found rest in communion with the Lord.

No mere earthly prosperity is ever sufficient to give contentment to the soul of man. The Lord's own invitation: "Come unto Me, and I will give you rest", is indicative of the only right source of true peace.

The longing for such peace as can be derived only through communion with God is universal among men, and it was this longing, which in the land of their adoption attracted our Swedish forebears to joint assemblage around the Word of God and the Holy Sacraments. Theirs was the experience of the hymnist:

*"I heard the voice of Jesus say  
'Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon My breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary, and worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting-place,  
And He has made me glad."*

With this experience, however, arose the desire for the erection of sanctuaries, even though, at first, these must of necessity be of the simplest and plainest type. The Church with its "heavenward-pointing spire" is one of the most eloquent symbols among us of the longing in man's heart for God.

But every church edifice is at best only such a symbol. The real Temple of God on earth is not made of wood or brick or



PASTOR P. J. O. CORNELL, D.D.



MRS. CORNELL.



MISS HILDUR CORNELL.



JOHN CORNELL.



ADOLPH CORNELL.

stone, but it consists rather of "living stones", joined together by faith and love into "the communion of saints", into "the household of God."

Unless the material sanctuary in our midst be filled with worshipping souls it remains a mere meaningless shell, a corpse, a pile of dead material lacking all contact with the spiritual and heavenly world.

The Church of God on earth is a training-school for heaven. Its members must learn to look carefully into their own hearts to the end that they might know their sinfulness and their need of salvation, but through the incense of prayer their communication must ever continue with the Lord of Heaven and their contact become ever stronger with the "temple that is not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." "Forward, ever forward" must be the motto of every Christian—forward toward the heavenly prize! Such is the great purpose of the work of the Church of Jesus Christ.

*"Be the children's voices raised  
To the God their fathers praised.  
Let His bounty failing never,  
Be on us and all forever!"*

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It is an established fact that Swedes and those of Swedish extraction resided in Connecticut many, many years before the organization of our Emanuel Church.

History tells us that some of the members of the old Swedish Colony at Delaware made exploration tours to Connecticut and Rhode Island. How many of these early settlers remained in this vicinity is not known, but it is a matter of historical knowledge that a Springer, of which there was a notable relationship in the old Swedish Colony at Delaware, dwelt in Connecticut during the early days of our state and that his descendants afterwards migrated westward and were numbered among the pioneers of Illinois.

It is further a matter of comparatively common knowledge that a learned Swedish chemist, Lorentz Berg, arrived in Portland or Middletown and later also at Manchester and Glastonbury, in which latter place he entered business relations with a Mr. Williams, with whom he founded and developed the well-known Williams Shaving Soap Company. He came to these parts around the year 1840 and in 1848 at Glastonbury he succumbed to the effects of a fatal accident. His grave in the

Glastonbury cemetery is the oldest definitely known Swedish grave in Connecticut. As a matter of particular interest to our people may it be said that the library of this man is now, thanks to the efforts of our own Rev. S. C. Franzen, in the possession of Upsala College.

The next Swedish arrival to Manchester, as far as we have been able to determine, was a tailor from the province of Värmland, Olof Magnell by name. We have been told pertaining to him that he learned his trade in Norway, that he resided thereafter for a time in Berlin, Germany, whence he moved to Paris and then to London, and that during his stay in these places he acquired sufficient knowledge of German, French and English to serve him adequately at least in his business relationships. In 1862 he landed at New York and, following a brief stay in Chicago, he came to Manchester, where he spent his remaining days.

In 1870 Nils Magnell, a brother of Olof, arrived in Manchester with his wife, Brita, and his daughter, Christine. These, too, were "värmländingar", hailing from Brunskog in that province of Sweden.

Mrs. Nils Magnell became the first woman employee at Cheney Brothers' silk mills, and her daughter, Christine, who later became Mrs. Aaron Johnson, was confirmed in the Swedish Lutheran Church of Portland, following a period of instruction by the pioneer pastor, Rev. T. O. Linell, who, on his periodic trips to Portland, would make Manchester a stopping-off place. Rev. Linell was also the officiating clergyman at the marriage of the first Manchester confirmand of his to Aaron Johnson in 1885. She was the first Swedish girl who attended the school in South Manchester.

A number of other Swedes arrived here soon after 1870, among whom were August Lindell and his wife, J. H. Swenson and his wife, John Green and his wife, August Edward Anderson, Adolph Lidberg, Natalia Lidberg, Carl Gustafson and his wife, Amelia Lidberg, Joseph Modin and his wife, Hans Hanson and his wife, T. S. Johnson and his wife, Alfred Olson and his wife, Philip Johnson, E. J. Jacobson and his wife, V. Soderlund and his wife, Carl Manson, Anna Lindberg, Frank Manson, Peter Peterson, Alfred Schiller, Anders Funk and his wife, John S. Lamberg and his wife, L. P. Nelson and his wife, Carl Bergendahl, John Peterson and his wife, Robert Osterberg, C. A. Johnson, Ida S. Johnson, Alma Nilson, Emma Bjorkman, Mary Brink,



REV. J. MELLANDER.

Karl Nyquist, Ida Johnson, Alfred Anderson, S. Kyrkander and his wife, Adolph Linell and his wife, Natalia Lieberg, Solomon Anderson and his wife, Aaron Johnson, Mr. Magnell's mother, Christine, P. J. Jacobson and his wife, and possibly others. All of these arrived in Manchester between 1870 and 1880.

Services of worship were first held here and there in private homes, as, for instance, at the home of Nils Magnell, August Lindell, P. A. Johnson and others.

No records are available from these early days and to arrive at complete and authentic information pertaining to this period through oral transmission on the part of those from that time, who are still living among us, is, of course, out of the question. Much has necessarily been forgotten in the half century and more, which has elapsed since then. A student by the name of Peterson is said to have read sermons out of postills at these earliest Swedish services in Manchester, but it is also said that he was not a Lutheran, but a Swedenborgian.

The first written allusion that has come to me relative to the earliest church work among the Swedish people of South Manchester consists of a letter from the late Rev. A. P. Monten. In his communication to me from Duluth, Minnesota, March 31, 1924, he says among other things: "It was I who started the work in South Manchester, and the big news (he refers to the dedication of our new church) has brought to mind my first visit to the place. At the time that I studied at the Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia church work was started by us in a number of places in Connecticut. In Portland we organized the Zion Church, which became the mother church. Some person in Portland had relatives in South Manchester and he accompanied me to that place on the Saturday after Christmas, 1874. On the following day I was to preach there. Cheney Brothers had placed a hall at the disposal of the Swedish service of worship, and a Swedish student by the name of Peterson had preached at these services. I visited him and was received very courteously. He asked me even, if I would take charge of the service for that Sunday. I preached on the text for the day, Luke 12: 32—'Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom.' In my sermon I happened to say that the kingdom referred to in the text was not such a kingdom as conceived of by Swedenborg. Immediately the student, Peterson, jumped to his feet and cried: 'Sir, prove what you say!' When he had sat down I continued my sermon as though nothing had happened. We had a very solemn service."

The student, Peterson, was, of course, a Swedenborgian, but our people had until then been unaware of it. After that time, however, he was not permitted to preach in Manchester, but Monten visited our community once a month.



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Monten was not ordained at that time, but he became a pastor the following year, when he left the East and took up pastoral work in Minnesota.

Rev. C. E. Lindberg, who later became professor and dean at our Seminary in Rock Island, preached in South Manchester for the first time on March 17, 1875, when his text was John 12: 24. It is quite certain that Rev. Lindberg visited our community a number of times before the organization of the congregation, and that he preached to our people several times after the work among us had been established.

The first foreign missionary of the Augustana Synod, Rev. A. B. Carlson, visited South Manchester previous to his departure for India, where he died on March 29, 1882. His career in India was short, only little more than three years.

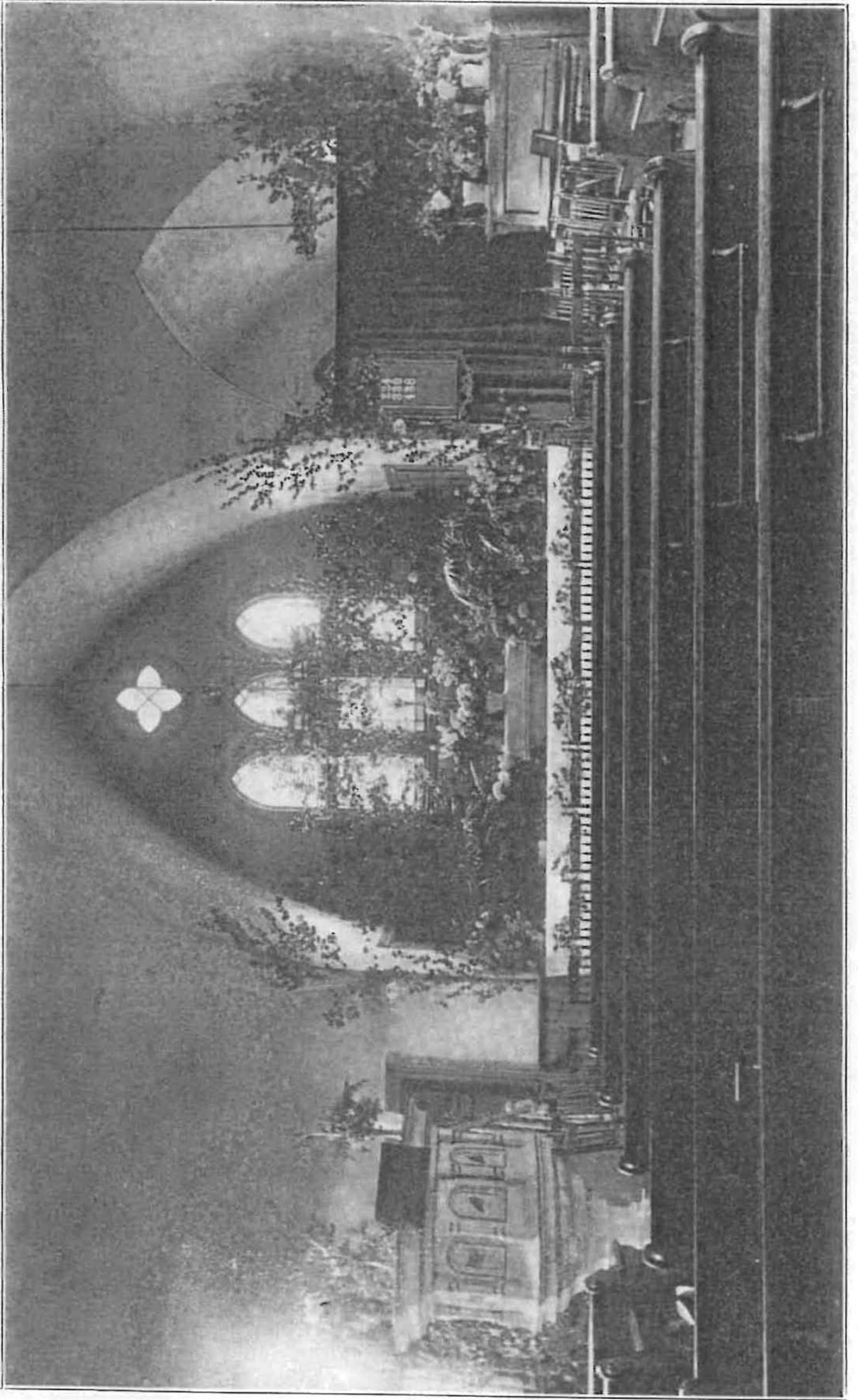
Rev. T. O. Linell of Pontiac, Rhode Island, stopped off at South Manchester a number of times on his way from Pontiac to Portland, Connecticut, and it is possible that Rev. P. J. Swård and Rev. Fogelström visited our people during the days that these pastors were located in Brooklyn, New York. When Rev. J. Mellander assumed charge at Portland, Connecticut, he, too, visited South Manchester a number of times, and the records show that he participated in the organization of our Emanuel Church.

The first Swedish arrivals to South Manchester came from the provinces of Värmland, Västergötland and Halland, but natives of Småland, Östergötland and other provinces of Sweden also chose our city as their abode.

The following quotation is from the minutes of the meeting at which our Emanuel Church was formally organized:

“Minutes recorded at the organization of the Emanuel Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church in Manchester, Connecticut, March 1, 1881.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1881, the Swedish people of Manchester gathered for the purpose of organizing a congregation, the need of a more stabilized church work among us having long been felt and desired. Rev. J. Mellander of Portland, Connecticut, who for a time had served the Swedish people of our community with the preaching of the Word of God, was present and opened the meeting with the reading of Scripture and prayer, after which he addressed himself in a brief message to those present.”



INTERIOR OF THE OLD CHURCH AT THE LAST CONFIRMATION IN THE CHURCH 1917.

A. Olson was elected the secretary of the meeting and he recorded the names of all those who desired that a congregation be organized.

The constitution recommended for congregations by the Lutheran Augustana Synod of America was then read and considered paragraph by paragraph, after which it was unanimously adopted.

Following a resolution to meet again on March 2 for the purpose of signing the constitution, this first session was adjourned at 7.30 p. m. and was formally closed with prayer and the singing of a hymn.

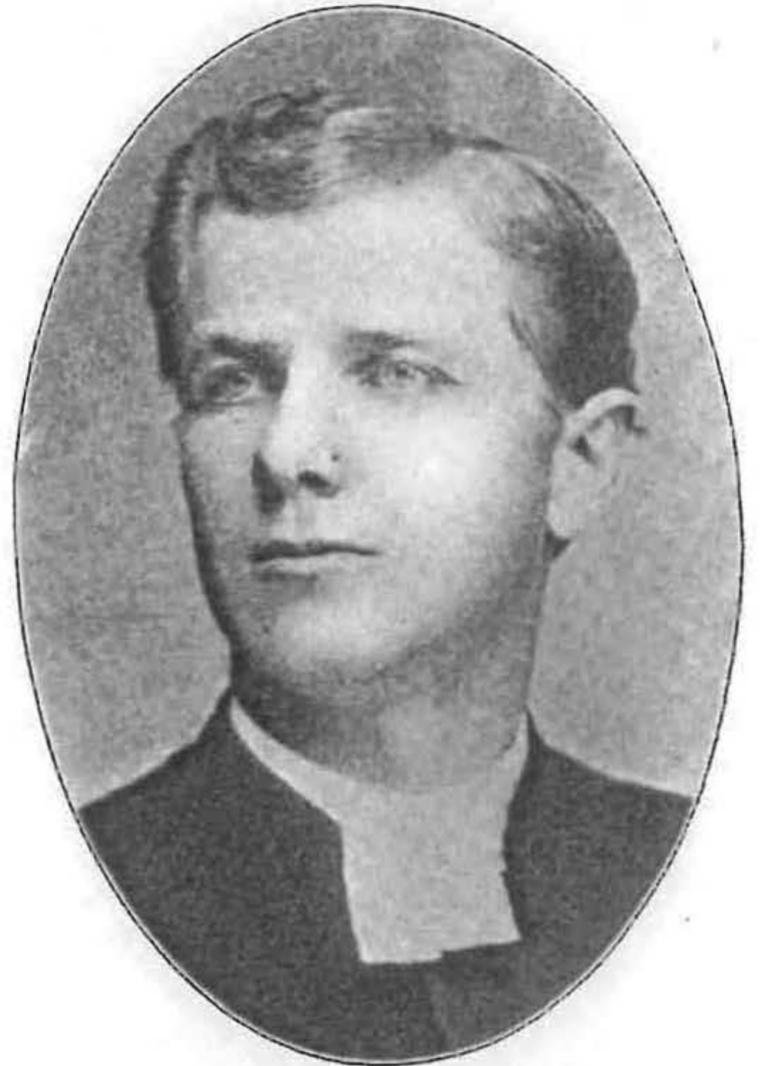
The second session was duly held on March 2 and was opened in the usual way with the reading of the Word of God, prayer and the singing of a hymn, after which the minutes of the meeting held the previous day were read and approved.

In accordance with the resolution made at the first session the constitution was then signed with the understanding that all who appended their names to the document were to be considered members of the newly-organized congregation. Those who signed the constitution were the following: Matilda Stenberg, Elisabeth Green, Matilda Green, Amanda Peterson, Amanda Johnson, Alfred Olson and his wife, William Soderlund, C. G. Gustafson and his wife, August Lindell and his wife, S. J. Carlson and his wife, Philip Johnson, E. John Jacobson and his wife, Anna Marie, Carl Manson and his wife, Frank Manson, Peter Petterson, Joseph Modin and his wife, Alfred Johnson, Anders Funk and his wife, John A. Lamberg, P. A. Johnson and his wife, Emma C. Johnson, Hans Hanson and his wife, Justina Liberg, Amalia Liberg, Natalia Liberg, Adolf Liberg, L. P. Nilson and his wife, Edward Anderson, Carl Bergendahl, J. H. Swenson and his wife, Emelia E. Hammerin, Nils Magnell and his wife and daughter, Christine, John Peterson, Robert Osterberg, C. A. Johnson, Ida S. Johnson, Alma Nilson, Christina Magnell (the elder), Emma Bjorkman, Mary Brink, John Green and his wife. C. Nyquist, Gerda Nyquist and Vendla Nyquist were present the first evening and consented to the organization of the congregation.

These officers were elected: John H. Swenson, president; J. A. Olson, secretary; F. A. Johnson, deacon for one year; John Green, deacon for two years; August Lindell, deacon for three years; Josef Modin, trustee for one year; John Carlson, trustee for two years; Andrew Funk, trustee for three years.



MISS CHRISTINA MAGNELL.



PASTOR G. E. YOUNGDAHL.



FRITZ JACOBSON, Ph. D., R. N. O.



MR. J. WIKBERG.

It was further resolved at this same meeting that the congregation apply for membership in the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Augustana Synod; that each communicant member of the congregation pay twenty-five cents per month toward the support of the church; that a church register be purchased as well as also a finance book; that the congregation through Rev. J. Mellander petition the Mission Board for aid or counsel to the end that a preacher be assured the South Manchester church at least once a month; that Rev. Mellander be requested to provide the congregation with at least one week-night service a month until other arrangements might be made. The meeting was closed with prayer and the singing of a hymn.

At the annual business meeting of the congregation January 2, 1882, J. H. Swenson presided and J. A. Olson served as secretary.

At this meeting Peter Peterson was elected a trustee for three years and also treasurer of the congregation. Charley Gustafson was elected a deacon for three years.

On February 24, 1882, a special congregational business meeting was held for the purpose of calling a pastor. Student O. A. Landell was called to become the pastor of the congregation at a salary for the first year of \$150, it being understood that he would conduct one Sunday service a month in South Manchester.

Student Landell was ordained into the Holy Ministry on June 18, 1882, and took up work immediately thereafter in New Britain. By virtue of his acceptance also of the South Manchester call his pastorate comprised both congregations. Rev. Landell seems, however, to have a leave of absence for a period of nine months, during which time the congregation was visited regularly by Student Ludvig Holmes.

At a business session of the congregation on August 7, 1882, a committee consisting of N. Magnell, J. Swanson and S. Kyrkander was elected to take under advisement the matter of erecting a church edifice and this committee was instructed to submit its recommendations to the congregation at the next annual business session of the church, January 1, 1883. The committee was unable to render a report at the January meeting, however, probably because the matter was of such import as to require more time to plan.

At the meeting of the congregation January 1, 1883, the first financial report was rendered. According to this report



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the income of the congregation from July 27, 1882, to January 1, 1883, had been \$148.25 and the expenditures \$115.65. Hence a balance on hand of \$33.10.

It was at this meeting, too, that the congregation voted to have two Sunday services a month and one week-night service. For the extra Sunday service it was voted to pay five dollars a month additional to the pastor.

At a meeting of the congregation on March 6, 1883, the matter of renting quarters in the Congregational Church was broached as was also the matter of purchasing from the Congregational Church a number of pews that were for sale.

On May 25, 1883, at still another business meeting of the congregation, it was voted to raise the pastor's salary to \$200 per year as soon as he could begin to visit the congregation two Sundays a month and preach two sermons on each of those Sundays.

In 1884 Rev. Landell's pastoral connection with the congregation was severed, and Student Ludvig Holmes became then for some time the congregation's acting pastor. At the annual meeting that year the income reported by the treasurer was \$427.70 and the expenditures \$363.08.

When Student Holmes returned to Rock Island for the completion of his studies the congregation engaged Jonas Wikberg, a school teacher and lay-preacher recently of Gävle, Sweden, to direct the work of the church. Mr. Wikberg with his family established his home on High Street, near Pine, but his term of service was cut short by death. He departed this life August 23, 1885.

At the annual business meeting of the congregation January 9, 1885, it was reported that the income for the previous year had been \$306.14 and the expenditures \$245.90. At this meeting, too, it was decided that the preacher's salary was to be "at least fifteen dollars per month, but must not exceed twenty-five dollars per month." The preacher, however, must guarantee the congregation services on two Sundays a month and once each week on a week-night. For the first time, also, the matter of salary to the organist is mentioned in the records of this meeting. Miss Christine Magnell was the organist, and she was at this meeting voted a salary of one dollar per month. No doubt she had rendered her services without charge up till this time.

Following the death of Jonas Wikberg, Student G. E. Young-

dahl was called to preach one Sunday a month and one week-day. As salary he was offered fifteen dollars a month. Student Youngdahl presided at the annual meeting of the congregation January 6, 1886, and, according to the records, Student James Moody also visited the congregation during that year.

The financial report at the 1886 meeting showed a total income of \$259.45 for the previous year and a total expenditure of \$245.58. It is interesting to note that the congregation each year so far had lived well within its means.

At a special business meeting of the congregation June 10, 1886, Student Youngdahl was called to devote all his time from July until the end of August to the South Manchester Church and as salary for this period he was offered fifty dollars a month.

It was at this meeting, too, that the congregation voted to build a church, the dimensions of which were to be 60 feet by 36 feet. A building committee was elected, consisting of Student G. E. Youngdahl, G. Kyrkander, August Lindell, John Bjorklund, Nels Magnell, Per Johan Jacobson, Aaron Johnson and Peter Petterson.

The church was to be a frame building, and, to begin with, it was intended that it should have a basement. This latter plan was changed, however, so that, instead of a basement, a so-called "church-parlor" was attached to the south side of the edifice. The plans for the building were made by E. M. Cheney.

At a meeting of the congregation June 28, 1886, it was voted that the church should contain a cellar large enough to accommodate a furnace and that the tower of the church should be built high enough and strong enough to make possible the installation of a church bell. No bell was ever installed, however, whether because the tower would not hold one, or because of lack of funds, we do not venture to say.

The contract for the church was let on October 8, 1886, to a Mr. H. Camp, a Hartford builder and contractor, and, according to agreement, the church was to be finished by December 20, 1886, at a total cost of \$3,300. Haste was, thus, one of the chief considerations. The future revealed, too, that neither in this case was haste unaccompanied by considerable waste.

The one who gathered the funds for the church was Student Youngdahl. Nils Magnell, Aaron Johnson and Mrs. Carl Gustafson conveyed him to the homes of the Swedish people of Manchester and introduced him to them, but Youngdahl himself



DR. LUDVIG HOLMES.

did the actual soliciting, and with his attractive personality he succeeded in presenting the matter so well that the subscriptions proved ample for the completion of the building.

The credit for the beautiful and central location of the church, however, belongs without question to Aaron Johnson, who suc-

ceeded in prevailing on Frank Cheney, Sr., to donate to the congregation a parcel of land on Church Street 100 feet by 150 feet.

Previous to the completion of the church building services were held in the smaller room in Cheney Hall and later in the so-called "Stolpa" Hall on Center Street near Main Street, where the Masonic Hall is now located. This hall is often called a church in the official records of the congregation, and it was pretty much a church, for, not only did the Swedish people use it for their services, but the English-speaking Episcopalians also had their quarters there.

At the expiration of Student Youngdahl's term of service in the fall of 1886, Rev. Ludvig Holmes, who then was pastor of the Swedish Lutheran Church at North Grosvenordale, was called to spend one week a month in Manchester. In addition to him Student R. A. Thomson, also served the church, and two Sundays a month Student Fritz Jacobson, a post-graduate student at Yale, preached to our people. Student Jacobson resided, too, for a while in Manchester, and, after him, came also his brother, Henning Jacobson, who served the congregation a few months, and also Student N. E. Kron preached here for some time.

Such frequent changes in leadership were not conducive to the best interests of the work, but, under the circumstances, was unavoidable. Professor Gustav Andreen, as well as his brother, Philip Andreen, also served our church in those days from time to time. Rev. N. G. Johnson of Bridgeport visited South Manchester a number of times as did also Rev. E. Edman of Waterbury. Dr. T. N. Hasselquist is likewise definitely known to have appeared before our people.

The records tell us that in the fall of 1887 a heating system was installed in the newly-erected church, as were also pews, and it was dedicated Easter Sunday, 1888 by Dr. Jacobson.

### Rev. Augustus G. Olsson.

Rev. Olsson was called to become the pastor of our Emanuel Church in 1889, and arrived in South Manchester to take up his duties on August 24, the same year.

His salary the first year was \$700 and a free-will Christmas offering. It was raised, however, before long to \$800 a year, and, after a while, free parsonage was also granted him, al-

though for a short time, following the purchase of the parsonage by the congregation on April 8, 1891, from Frank Cheney, Sr., for a sum of \$2,000, Rev. Olsson did pay a rental of \$10 per month. This amount was equivalent to the interest on the cost of the house. Usually this has been the only way by which congregations have been able to acquire parsonages, they have borrowed the money with which to buy their houses, and then permitted their pastors to live in them at a rental equivalent to the interest on that money. Gradually, however, as the parsonages have become paid for the rental has been reduced until eventually it has been entirely eliminated.



PASTOR AUGUSTUS G. OLSSON.

The Ladies' Aid as well as the Young People's Society have existed in our church since the earliest days of our history. Sunday School and a two-month Summer School were also begun soon after the organization of the congregation. Mrs. Wikberg supervised both the Sunday School and the Summer School. She was remunerated for her services as Sunday School superintendent at the rate of fifteen cents per child, and in the Summer School at the rate of one dollar for each pupil, whose parents did not belong to the church. The Summer School remuneration was charged to the children, but later the congregation abandoned this plan of financing the school and appro-

priated a salary of \$35 per month to the Summer School teacher.

Following the completion of the church building and a decided influx of Swedish people to our community the congregation increased considerably in membership.

Previous to the coming of Rev. Olsson 25 baptisms performed by almost as many different pastors had been recorded in the congregation's Book of Ministerial Acts. Eleven persons had been confirmed, according to the congregation's official records, thirteen couples had been joined in holy wedlock and twelve persons had been laid to their final resting place.

There can be no doubt but that a great many more pastoral acts had been performed among us during the years that preceded Rev. Olsson's arrival, but, due to the fact that no real recording had taken place in our church until Student Fritz Jacobson and his brother, Henning, introduced the Church Register and the Book of Ministerial Acts, pastors, who baptized, confirmed, wedded and buried within the confines of our pastorate, no doubt recorded their acts in the records of the congregations which they happened at that time to be serving. No entirely complete system of recording existed in our church until Rev. Olsson's time.

The first pastoral record in the handwriting of Rev. Olsson is that of a baptism performed on March 31, 1889. During his stay in South Manchester he baptized, according to the records, 150 children, confirmed 32 in three classes, joined in holy wedlock 63 couples, and buried 42 persons.

While Rev. Olsson was here 240 adults were received into the congregation and 162 were dismissed. Thus, considering the 42 persons removed by death, the net accession during his period was 36 communicants, which, added to the 32 received by confirmation, made the entire increase in membership during his time of service 68.

Rev. Olsson moved from South Manchester some time in the beginning of 1895. The minutes of the annual meeting for that year, held January 27, bear his signature as being officially approved.

Rev. W. P. Anderson.

Following the removal of Pastor Olsson the congregation extended a call to Rev. W. P. Anderson of Waterbury to become the shepherd of the South Manchester church. The call was accepted and Rev. Anderson arrived in our city May 17, 1895.

Rev. Anderson proved a faithful and zealous pastor. During his term of service, which lasted 16 years, the membership of the congregation was considerably increased, a great influx of Swedes occurring during those years, particularly from the Swedish provinces of Västergötland and Halland. The congregation to this day comprises a membership, which to the extent of seventy-five per cent. is derived from the diocese of Gothenburg. Of course, all the provinces of Sweden are, nevertheless, represented among us.

Although Rev. Anderson was born and reared in America,



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every effort was put forth by him to preserve and increase among our people an interest in the Swedish language. By good-will and a bit of conscientious effort it is possible, even for those who are born in this country, to learn the Swedish language. Nor should we forget that the Swedish language, as well as our Christian knowledge, is one of the important heritages, which every father and mother among us is in duty bound to convey to the children. It is only in such cases where the parents themselves lack the knowledge of Swedish that the exclusive use of English among the children is entirely justifiable.

According to the official statistics of the New York Conference in 1895 there were 290 communicant members in our Emanuel Church at the time of Pastor Anderson's arrival.

During Rev. Anderson's term of service among us the church debt was completely paid, and, thanks to the initiative of the Young People's Society, the lot, comprising the land between the church and Chestnut Street, was purchased in 1896. At the annual meeting of the congregation January 20, 1896, the Young People's Society submitted a resolution to the effect, that, if the congregation would buy the lot, the young people would agree to pay for it. It was this resolution that led to the purchase of the lot, and the young people, true to their agreement, did also pay for it.

The purchase of the lot on the Chestnut Street side of the church was a very wise move. Through previous negotiations the congregation had acquired the church lot, which was 100 feet by 150 feet, and the parsonage lot, which was 95 feet by 150 feet. Thus, by acquiring the lot on the Chestnut Street side of the church the congregation became the owner of all the land on Church Street from the southern boundary of the parsonage lot to Chestnut Street, the depth of the strip being 150 feet. The exact frontage on Church Street is 343 feet and one inch.

During Rev. Anderson's time in South Manchester 467 children were baptized, 217 were confirmed, 121 couples were joined in holy matrimony, and 155 persons were committed to burial. The total accession of members during the period was 658, while 558 were dismissed during the same time.

Following a fruitful ministry of sixteen years in our church Rev. Anderson and his family moved from South Manchester in May, 1911.

An event of more than usual importance during Rev. Anderson's ministry was the entertaining of the New York Conference at the annual convention of this body February 8 to 13, 1899. It was certainly no easy matter for the congregation to receive 60 pastors and 36 lay-delegates in those days, for, in the first place, the Swedish families in South Manchester were not nearly as numerous as now, and, in the second place, there was hardly a home among us at that time that possessed conveniences to any appreciable degree. With only an ordinary range in the kitchen, and, perhaps, an oil-stove or two that could be moved from room to room, it was no easy matter to heat the houses of our members

in those days, and the winter of the Conference Meeting among us happened to be, also, one of the severest in the history of our church. The cold was terrific, and snow had piled to the height of the parsonage windows. On the way to Cheney Hall, where a mission program was conducted by the Conference in the evening of February 9, one of the pastors came very near to being stuck for the night in one of the huge drifts. Had he not been given a helping hand it is quite sure that the consequences would have been tragic.

I remember so well that, when we were to leave the convention on Monday nobody could tell as to the time for the next train, for snow had demoralized the train schedule. It was a question of making one's way to the station and waiting blindly for the first train that happened along, which in many cases was by no means the through train that was expected, but a mere "dinky", which, nevertheless, served the purpose of bringing the delegates to places from which travel could be resumed with greater degree of certainty.

The experience of the New York Conference in South Manchester that year resulted, however, in a resolution at the next convention never to hold the future meetings of the Conference at such a treacherous season of the year. The Conference met the following year the last week in April, and has, ever since, held its meetings in the spring of the year, rather than in the midst of winter. It is without question of interest to the congregation, however, to be reminded of those "good old days."

Following the removal of Rev. Anderson, Student Henning Johnson of Upsala College was engaged by the congregation to serve as school-teacher and preacher from June until August, 1911.

Rev. Dr. P. J. O. Cornell.

At a special meeting of the congregation May 25, 1911, Rev. P. J. O. Cornell of Brooklyn, New York, was extended a unanimous call to become the pastor of the Emanuel Church. The call offered a salary of \$1,100 per year, free parsonage and an annual free will offering at Christmas time. It has been raised to \$1,500.

Rev. Cornell accepted the call and arrived in South Manchester September 2 the same year, being inducted into his office officially by the president of the New York Conference, Dr. Fritz Jacobson, at the meeting of the Hartford District in our church November 21, 1911.



THE LADIES' SEWING SOCIETY 1886.

Little could he dream at that time that so much work and so many sorrows and trials lay before him on this new field of labor, and well it was that he did not know. The enormous burden attached to the erection of the new church has left indelible marks on his person, and, then, too, both of his sons, when the World War came, were called to the colors never more to return.

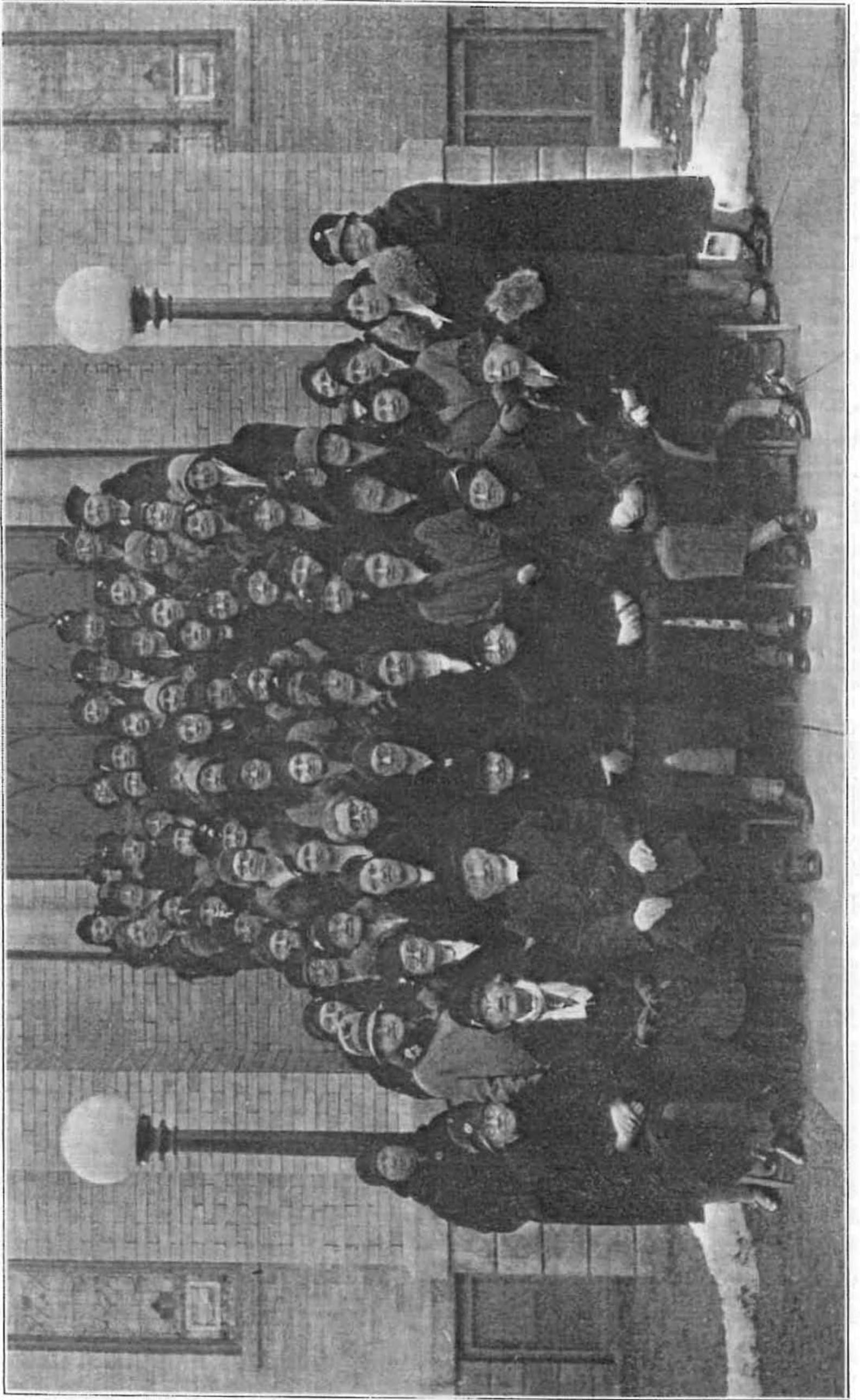
At the time of Pastor Cornell's arrival there were 150 families in the congregation. The number of communicants was 494, and there were 259 children recorded in the church register, hence a total membership of 753 souls.

We said in the previous paragraph "at the time of Pastor Cornell's arrival." We should rather have said that the figures contained in that paragraph are as of the annual meeting of the congregation the following year. Of the 494 communicants mentioned above 25 of them had been received between September 2, 1911, and January 1, 1912. Thus, there were at the time of Pastor Cornell's arrival in reality only 469 communicants.

For several years previous to the coming of Pastor Cornell there had been considerable talk about the matter of erecting a new church building, but the question had not proceeded much beyond the stage of "just talk." Invariably, when big things are undertaken, a period of much talk must have preceded it.

At a special meeting of the congregation February 21, 1912, however, a resolution was made to build a new church. The material was to be brick, and the cost of the building, according to the resolution, should be about \$25,000. A committee of six was elected to lay plans for the raising of funds, and the committee was instructed to submit its plan for consideration by the congregation at another special congregational meeting to be held March 14. These persons were elected to constitute the committee: Rev. P. J. O. Cornell, A. Theodore Johnson, John Leander, Oscar E. Johnson, Alexander Berggren and Algot Johnson.

At the meeting March 14 this resolution was submitted by the committee: "That a committee of one hundred persons be appointed to solicit contributions to the Building Fund during the period of one year." The congregation was not, however, at this meeting prepared to make an intelligent selection of persons to serve on this large committee, and, so, instead of appointing the committee directly, the congregation elected a committee of ten to select and procure the larger committee of one hundred



THE LADIES' SEWING SOCIETY AND THE MISSION SOCIETY 1931.

workers, it being also agreed that the larger committee of one hundred should be responsible to the smaller committee of ten for its work. These persons were elected by the congregation to constitute the committee of ten: John Leander, William Sanden, Oscar E. Johnson, Otto Johnson, Rev. P. J. O. Cornell, Algot Johnson, August Casperson, Alfred C. Anderson, Andrew Swenson and S. E. Johnson. It was also left to this committee to appoint a financial secretary and a treasurer for the Building Fund.

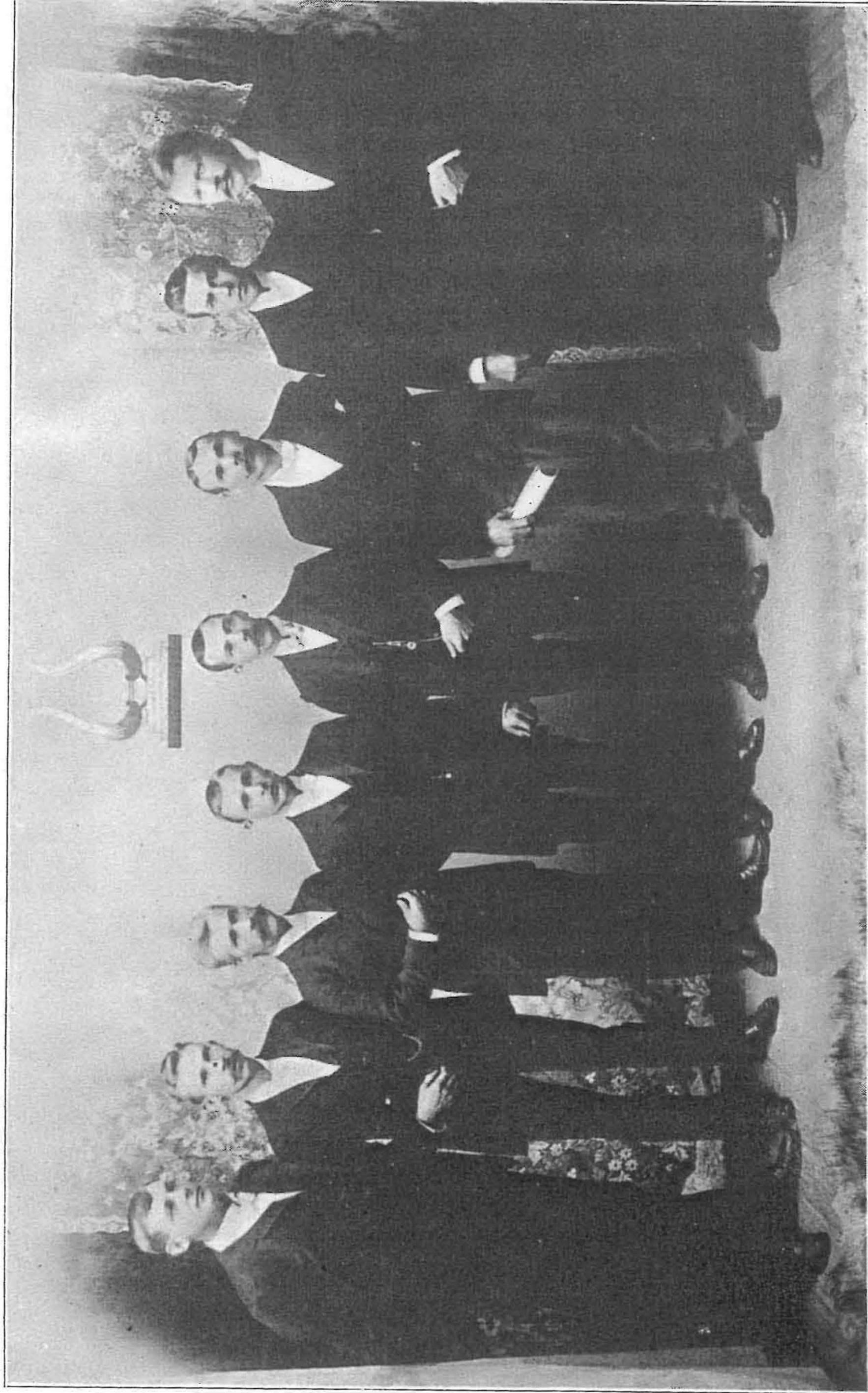
It soon became evident, however, that to find one hundred persons, who were willing to serve as solicitors for the Building Fund, was no easy task. As a matter of fact it was found impossible to find more than 80 persons, who were suitable and willing to serve.

Alfred C. Anderson was elected financial secretary of the Building Fund, and William Sanden became its treasurer. The latter served only one year, however, and was succeeded by Andrew Swenson, who continued to serve in this capacity until the completion of the church.

It became apparent also, after a while, that even a committee of 80 for this work was too unwieldy, and, so, after a year the committee was reduced to 26 members. Many were of the opinion also that the pastor should personally solicit as many of the prospective givers to the fund as possible.

But the raising of funds was not the only preliminary task required if a church were to be built. There must also be plans made of the prospective church itself. Consequently, at the meeting of the congregation January 20, 1913, a building committee was elected consisting of the following persons: Rev. P. J. O. Cornell, chairman, S. E. Johnson, secretary, William Sanden, treasurer, Oscar C. Anderson, Aaron Johnson, Oscar L. Anderson and Andrew Swanson. Since William Sanden, after serving on the committee one year, found it necessary, because of scarcity of time to resign the treasurership, Andrew Swanson was elected to this office on the committee in his place.

The committee appointed Rev. Cornell and S. E. Johnson to procure or to make tentative plans, which might be considered, and, since S. E. Johnson, due to business pressure, was unable to devote himself to the matter, Rev. Cornell himself made up several tentative sketches in Swedish and Gothic styles. The committee agreed on one of his Gothic designs with the result that Rev. Cornell worked out a more complete plan, according



THE FIRST SWEDISH MEN'S CHOIR.

to the sketch adopted by the committee, and this completed plan of his became the final plan of the church. Aside from being Gothic in style the plan called for a church edifice 90 feet long (the tower which was to be 16 feet by 16 feet, not considered) and 44 feet wide, except in the transept, where the width was to be 56 feet. The tower was to be 122 feet from the ground and to be surmounted by a copper cross 7 feet high. The basement was to be 11 feet from floor to ceiling, while upstairs in the church proper the height was to be 34 feet from floor to apex.

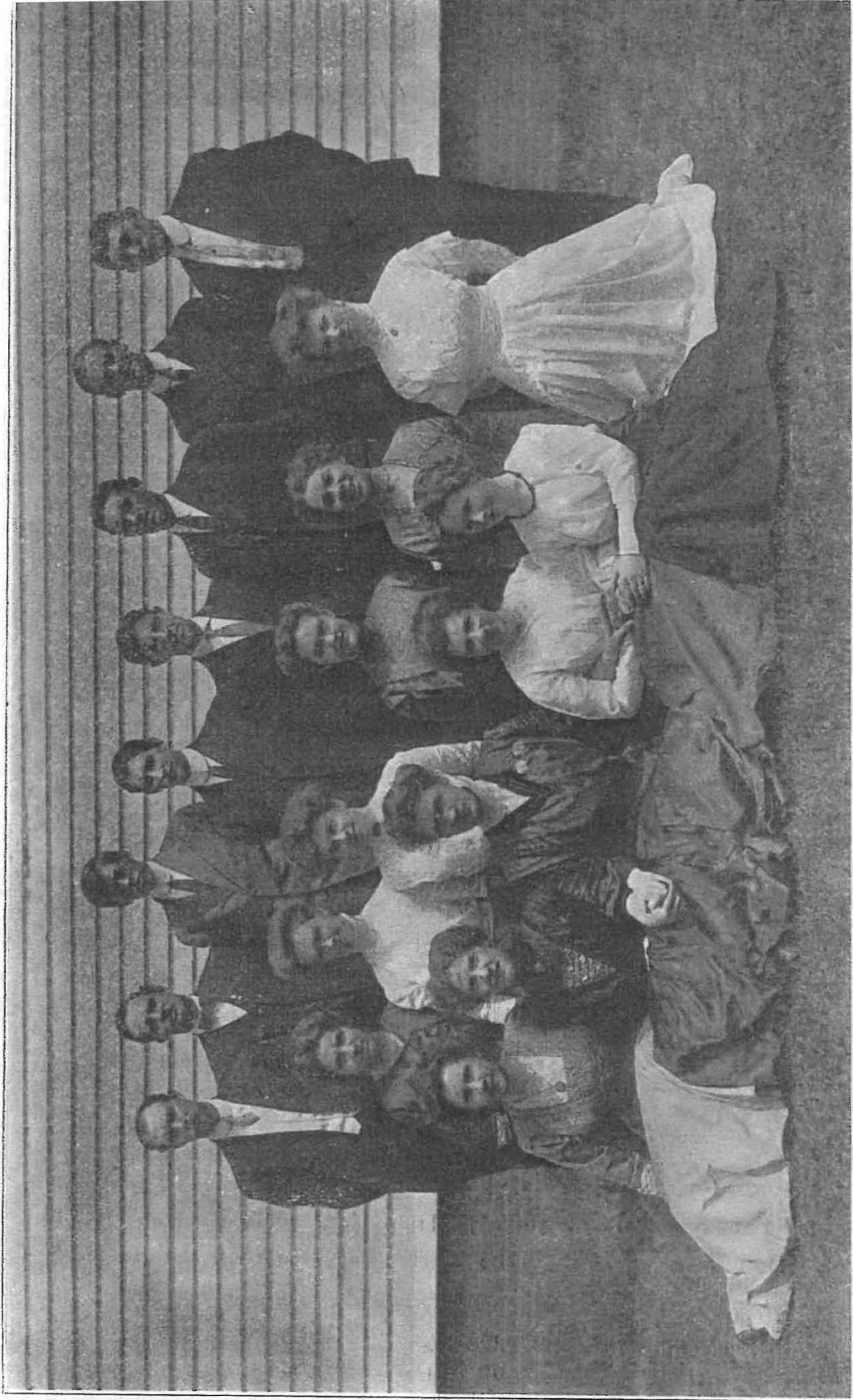
Besides voting to recommend the plans submitted by Rev. Cornell to the congregation for adoption, the committee also decided to recommend that the basement of the church be constructed out of concrete and the upper part of the church out of brick, and that the members of the congregation be asked to devote their Saturday afternoons toward the erection of the basement. Both of these recommendations, as well as the plans of Rev. Cornell, were adopted by the congregation, the committee of ten being urged further to put forth every possible effort toward the raising of adequate funds for the undertaking.

About \$7,000 had been subscribed at the time that work was started on the new building. Of this amount the Ladies' Aid had pledged \$4,000 and the Dorcas Society \$500.

A committee was elected to procure workers for Saturday afternoons and to supervise the removal of the trees on the lot, where the church was to be erected. These men were elected to comprise this committee: Wilhelm Noren, Carl A. Johnson, Walter Olson, John E. Johnson, Alfred C. Anderson. Work on the new building was now, then, actually to be begun, and the building committee was authorized to procure the necessary materials.

Ground breaking exercises were held Sunday afternoon, May 10, 1914, at 3 o'clock. At this occasion the church choir and the children's chorus sang and addresses were given by Dr. S. G. Ohman of New Britain, Dr. S. G. Youngert of Hartford, Professor Carl Franzen of Hartford High School, and Rev. Cornell. The offering, which was lifted at this time, amounted to \$342.

The following Saturday the work was started. The trees were felled, the excavating begun, and, upon its completion, the forms were made for the concrete foundation. S. E. Johnson was appointed to supervise all the carpenter work, and, to expedite matters, he and his men were engaged to make and set up



MRS. W. P. ANDERSON'S CHOIR 1910.

during each week as many forms as were needed for the work to be done by the volunteer workers of the church the following Saturday afternoon.

Oscar Anderson and W. Sanden were appointed to supervise the concrete work, and each Saturday afternoon between 25 and 30 men were on hand to perform this work. Gustave Schreiber, a German builder, loaned the congregation his concrete mixer, and for three dollars per Saturday his son operated the mixer as our men, without cost, constituted "the wheel-barrow squad."

Thus the work proceeded rapidly. The first summer saw the foundation laid, a base three feet thick under the walls and four feet under the tower with depth varying according to the ground, and it goes without saying that much gravel, stone, concrete and iron was consumed in this part of the building. Gravel was plentiful enough right on the church lot, and, as for stone, Emanuel Johnson supplied the congregation with a great many wagon-loads free of charge. About 100 wagon-loads of stone were used and approximately 1,800 bags of cement.

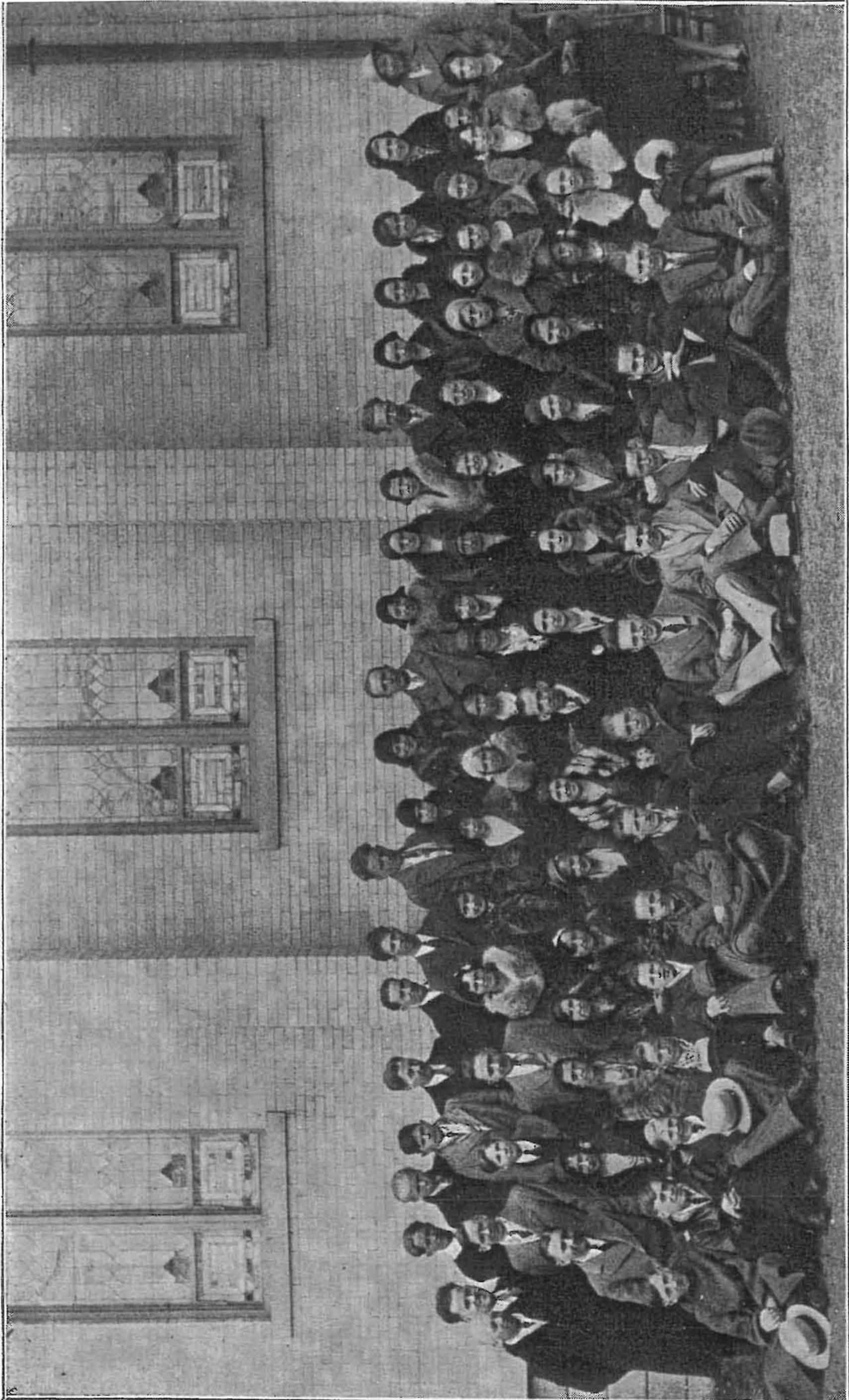
The second year the walls of the basement were erected. These walls are 12 feet high and 20 inches thick, except in the tower, where the thickness is 24 inches. After the laying of the necessary pillars and iron girders the basement was made usable by being covered with a board roof with tar paper protection.

It took two years to perform this work, but, when we consider that the work was done entirely on Saturday afternoons, between one o'clock and five, and that the workers themselves were for the most part silk weavers, who were unaccustomed to such heavy labor, we must admit that, to perform this feat even in two years was a matter of which we might be justly proud. And, may it also be said, that the men all worked in the best of harmony and good spirits, even on the hottest days.

In this way the congregation succeeded in acquiring a roomy and substantial church basement at a most reasonable cost. The entire basement, under cover, but not including windows, doors and lathing, amounted only to \$3,460.71.

No wonder that "the Americans" opened wide their eyes at this achievement of the Swedes. Even the newspapers were astounded and people came from all parts to see "the church built by love", as they so poetically termed it.

It was, indeed, a happy time for pastor and people alike! There was unity of spirit and a very definite willingness to work



THE LUTHER LEAGUE.

and to sacrifice among us. No disturbing element was present to block the way or to make the work any more difficult than it needed to be. I was, even at that time, no longer a young man, having reached the age of 55, and, then, too, in 1915 I underwent an operation for appendicitis. My strength was regained gradually, however, so that it was not found necessary for me to be absent from my pulpit more than four Sundays.

The corner-stone of the new church was laid July 23, 1916, the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, at 3 p. m. Dr. S. G. Ohman, President of the New England Conference, officiated, assisted by the pastors of the Hartford District. The offering at this occasion amounted to \$402.82.

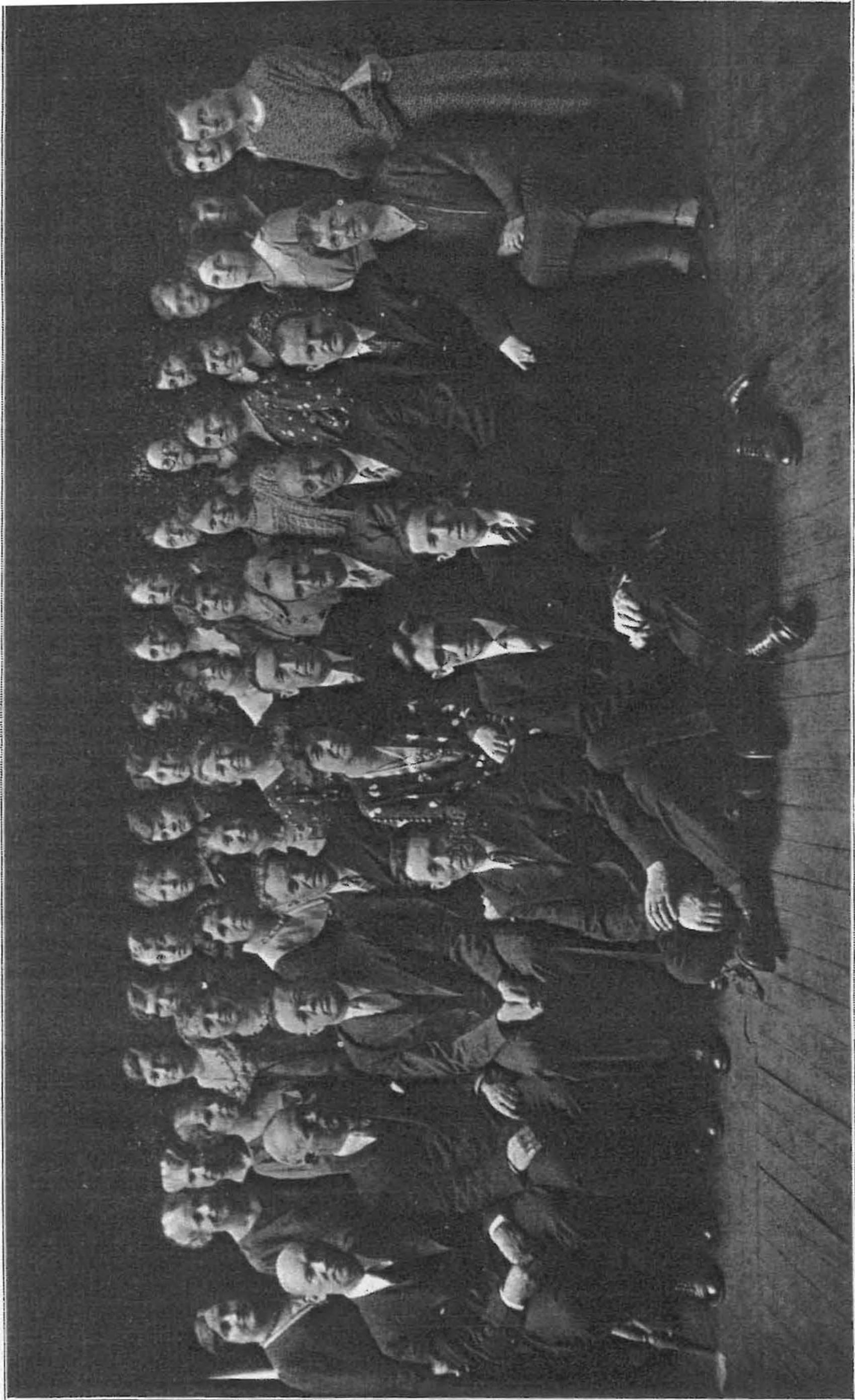
The World War caused a great increase in prices both of materials and labor, so that it became difficult for us to proceed with our building project. Finally, however, a Mr. Tom Gorman was engaged to supervise the masonry, and by leaving to him the matter of hiring brick-layers and laborers according as they were needed our labor-question was very largely settled.

As for the selection of brick we, of course, wanted the best that could be had at the most reasonable price possible. A great number of samples were sent us and finally we selected as face-brick the "W. C. Shade S. H. No. 45 Mingled Shade Wire Cut Gray Manganes Brick" made by the Kittanning Brick and Fire Clay Company, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The price was \$26 per thousand delivered at the Manchester Station, and by paying cash within ten days of delivery a discount was granted us of two per cent. Foley's Express was hired to convey the brick from the station to the church grounds. For inside brick Windsor Hill red brick was used, a brick for which we paid \$9 per thousand plus \$1.50 per thousand for cartage to the church.

The actual laying of brick began on July 5, 1916, and during that summer the walls of the church were completed. The roof, which is of slate, was laid in the fall by Edward Bengtson of West Hartford.

We render herewith a short summary of items pertaining to the church building:

The basement, under cover, but without windows, doors and plastering cost \$3,460.71, and was completed during the summers of 1914-1915. The cement for the basement cost \$613.52; lumber, \$976.40; iron girders, pillars and lintels, \$380.65; stone for underpinning, \$537.46; carpentry, \$714.68. Everything else, including the use of the concrete mixer, and miscellaneous mate-



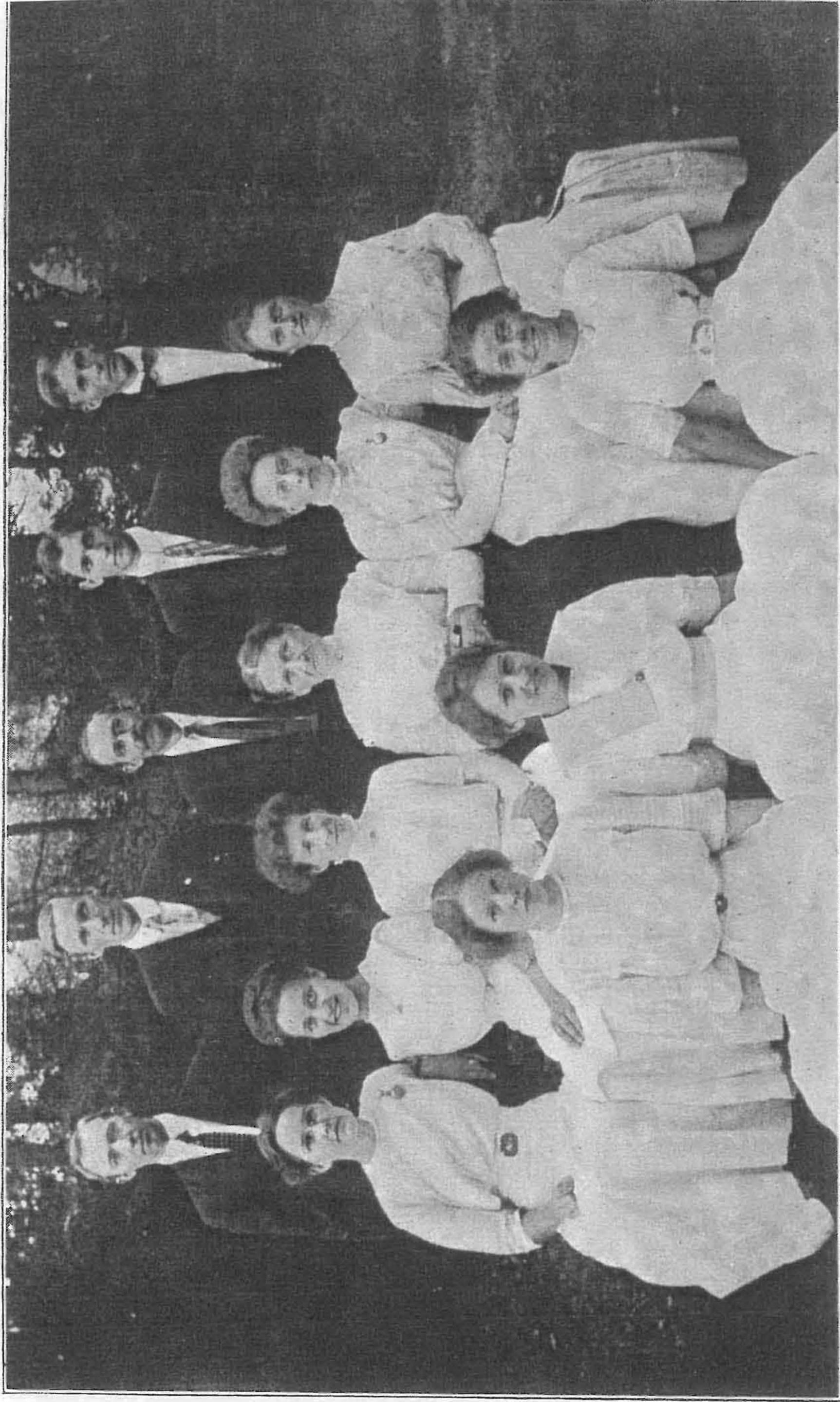
THE CHURCH CHOIR IN HILDUR CORNELL'S TIME.

rials for the building, was donated. As for the labor pertaining to the concrete work, we have already previously mentioned that it was all furnished by the men of the church *free of charge*. In all there were about one thousand working days donated by the men, and, then, too, four women cooked coffee each Saturday afternoon in the parsonage kitchen for the men, who worked on the church.

The plastering of the basement amounted to \$320.19 and was done by Tom Gorman. Window frames and glass came to \$103.28; plumbing, \$317.20; a small furnace to be used until the installation of the permanent heating system in the completed church, \$1,196. The pews from the old church were used during the time the congregation worshipped in the new basement.

The basement or vestry, as we call it, of the new church was dedicated by Rev. Julius Hulteen of Hartford, assisted by Rev. Ralph Hult and Rev. Cornell.

On December 9, 1917, the congregation bade its old church a last farewell. The old church was by that time quite delapidated, but it had served well in its day, and it was, naturally, for many a very dear place, a sacred house, to which farewell was said with great reluctance. We could not help thinking, during that last festive but melancholy service in the old church, of the fathers, who had worshipped God there, of the many, who at its altar had rendered their vows to the Lord, and of the hundreds of times that souls at that same altar had been strengthened in holy communion with Him, who is "our Paschal Lamb, offered for us, the innocent Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." It was not to be wondered at that tears trickled down the faces of many as Pastor Cornell prayed the last formal prayer to be uttered in that house of God and the congregation finally lifted their voices in the hymn so often sung in that sanctuary: "Bless us, Father, and protect us, Be our souls' sure Hiding-Place!" The service concluded, Pastor Cornell, carrying the large pulpit Bible, which had served in the old church many years, led the congregation in a processional from the old building to the vestry of the new, at the entrance to which the builder, S. E. Johnson, formally presented the pastor a key to the new house of worship, and the whole congregation, still led by the pastor, entered into their new spiritual home. The dedication of the new sanctuary followed, then, immediately, and on Monday evening, the day after, a sacred



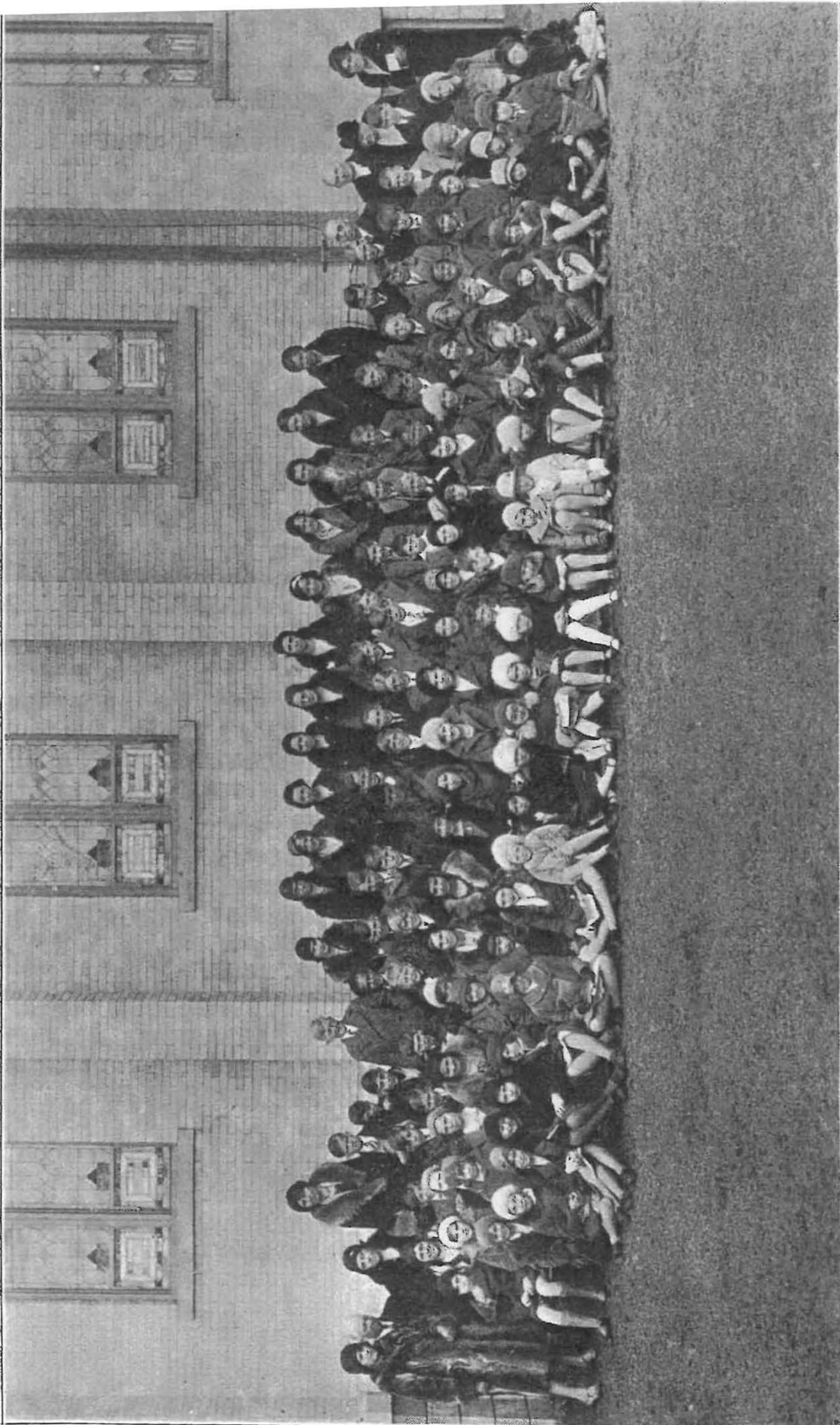
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS 1911.

concert was held in the new church by the Ministers' Chorus of the Hartford District. In connection with the concert, which was deeply inspiring, two short addresses were given on "Church Music" and "Church Song." It ought to be of interest to know that, aside from the messages given in conjunction with the dedication itself, the first public discourses rendered in the new church pertained to the praising of God in music and song.

We continue the summary, started above, of items pertaining to the church building:

In completing the upper portion of the church 82,000 face brick were used and 174,000 red inside brick. The walls of the church are 16 inches thick, except in the tower, where the thickness of the walls is 20 inches. The cost of all the face brick used in the building was \$2,173.50, while the red brick cost all together \$1,796. Other items were as follows: masonry, \$3,357.36; roofing and eave-troughs, \$1,230; iron girders, beams and pillars under the gallery, \$2,650; stone for window-sills and thresholds as well as for pilasters, \$661.74; plastering of the church interior upstairs, \$2,320; window-frames for upper part of the church, \$1,000.

The windows in the upper portion of the building cost \$2,750, but the majority of the windows are memorial windows and gifts to the congregation from the following persons: Rev. Cornell and family, a memorial window in honor of John and Adolph Cornell, whose lives were given in the service of their country during the great World War; the Ladies' Aid, a large window, containing the motif, "Jesus Blessing the Little Children", cost \$500; the Sunday School, one window; Carl Kjellson and family, a window in memory of their children, Carl and Iona; John Anderson and family, a window in memory of their son, Ernest G. Anderson; the Confirmation League, a window in the sacristy; John August Anderson and family, the window above the altar mural in memory of their daughter, Mildred; "The Palm Girls", a window behind the pulpit; the Men's Society, the large window bearing the picture of "Christ, the Good Shepherd", cost \$400; the Dorcas Society, one window; two memorial windows in honor of Lars Peter Nilson and his wife, supplied by their children; Walter (Walfrid) Olson, a window in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Efraim Olson; Carl Olson and family, one window; a society of children, "The Sunshine Club", one window and the baptismal font; Ferdinand Schwartz and family, a window in memory of their daughter, Helen; C. S. Nyquist and family one



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window; Aaron Johnson and family, the massive front doors and the one window surmounting the doors, in memory of Mrs. Johnson's mother, Mrs. Brita Magnell; the Children's Chorus under the leadership of Miss Hildur Cornell, the large round window in the tower, cost \$150; the Gymnastic Club, one window. Most of the windows represent a value of \$70. A few, however, cost more than this amount, as, for instance, the window in memory of John and Adolph Cornell, which cost \$80, the small window over the altar mural, which cost \$100, and the tower window, which cost \$150.

The stairway in the tower behind the gallery was built by Alfred Johnson.

The electric wiring in the basement cost \$127, while the wiring of the church proper amounted to \$656. All of the chandeliers, candelabras and lamps in the church are a gift from the Men's Society and represent an outlay of \$1,539.40.

The altar mural, a work of art by Professor Olof Grafstrom of the Art Department at Augustana College, cost the congregation \$250. The frame, however, was made by S. E. Johnson, who also hung the mural. It was donated by Dorcas.

The altar, with its panel of the Lord's Supper by Da Vinci, as well as the altar rail is a gift from the Dorcas Society. The former represents a value of \$825 and the latter an outlay of \$330. The gold fringe on the three altar cloths is also a gift from Dorcas and cost \$48. The cloths themselves, which are of velvet, are gifts to the congregation from Cheney Brothers.

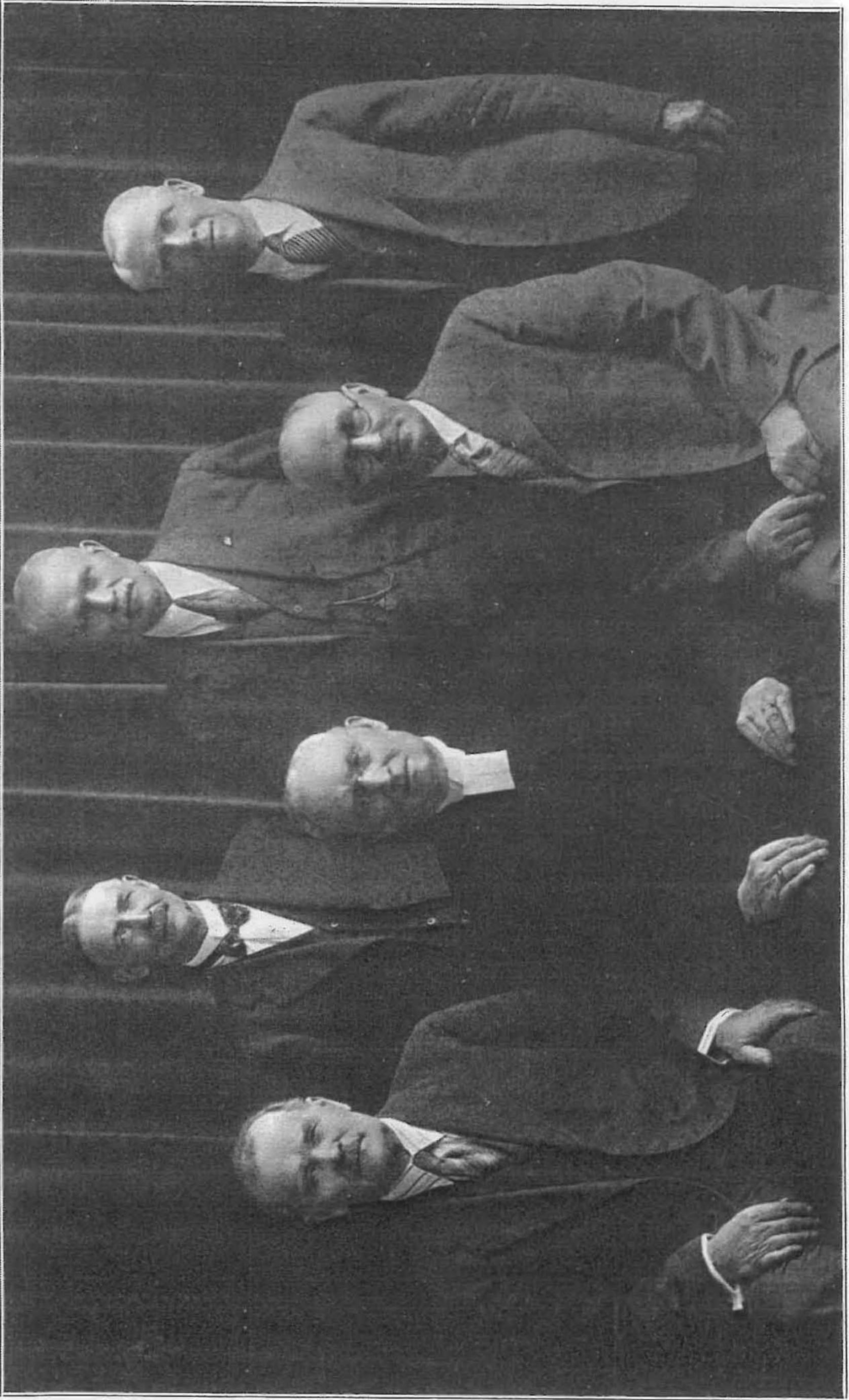
The pulpit, worth approximately \$700, was built by S. E. Johnson according to plans made by Rev. Cornell. Mr. Johnson's work was done gratis and represents a gift of about \$400. The pulpit was stained by Andrew Swanson, also without cost to the church.

The pews, valued at \$2,843, are a gift to the congregation from the Ladies' Aid. The altar, as well as the pews, are made at the St. Luke's Institute, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The windows are the work of C. Day Rudy Company, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and the carpet in the aisles was purchased at Watkins Brothers at a cost of \$659.69.

The hymn boards, valued at about \$100, are made by Oscar Johnson according to the designing of Hildur Cornell. Both donated their services.

The organ, which was built by the George W. Reed & Son Company of West Boylston, Mass., cost \$5,400. The Luther



THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

League has assumed the payment of the entire cost of the organ, and, at the time of dedication of the church, the league had already paid on the organ about \$2,000. Since that time approximately a thousand dollars more has been raised by the league for the same purpose.

The front doors of the church are valued at \$266, and the painting of the church interior cost the congregation \$1,573. John Olson undertook the painting of the interior on contract, and his men, Svante Gustafson and Mr. Scott, did most of the work. Miss Hildur Cornell made the designs for all the stencil work in the church, however, and also personally painted the two crosses over the doors in the front of the church auditorium and filled in the borders around the walls. The painting of the outside of the window frames and doors cost the congregation \$65.87. In this connection, too, it might be said that the painting of the church basement just previous to the meeting of the New England Conference in our church was done by John Olson, while Andrew Swanson, in 1930, painted the window frames and doors of the church.

The furnace and radiators in the church proper amounted to \$1,423.51.

In 1923 the congregation voted to install a Connecticut Oil Heating Company heating system and thus use oil as fuel instead of coal. The cost of the installation of the new system was \$936, and, certainly, it was a good investment.

Lightning rods on the church cost \$232.

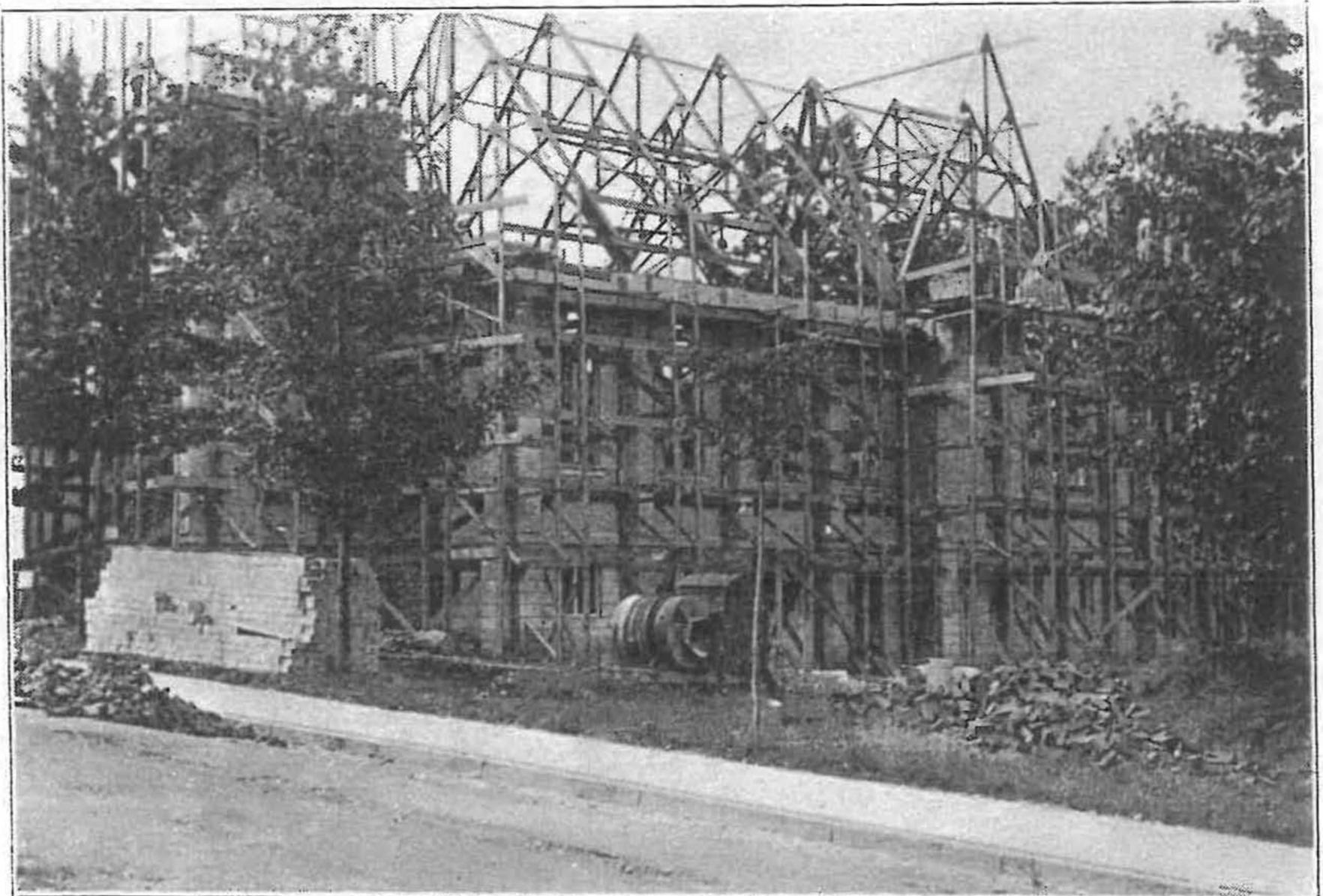
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hulander have paid for the bell in the church tower. The bell, which weighs 2,300 pounds, cost \$1,000 and is inscribed with the date, the names of the donors and this little verse, which was inscribed many years ago on a church bell in Sweden in the parish of Alster:

*“När kyrkoklockan kallar dig  
så gå den gamla kända stig,  
som fädren gått,  
till Herrens hus,  
välsignelse och ljus.”*

The cost of all the stone in the church amounts to \$928.34, while the total cost of all the iron, such as the girders, beams, trusses, pillars, etc., is \$3,187.46. The 1800 bags of cement used, together with all of the planks, boards and other rough lumber, stood the congregation \$5,899.86.



GROUP OF WORKMEN AT NEW CHURCH.



CHURCH IN PROCESS OF CONSTRUCTION.

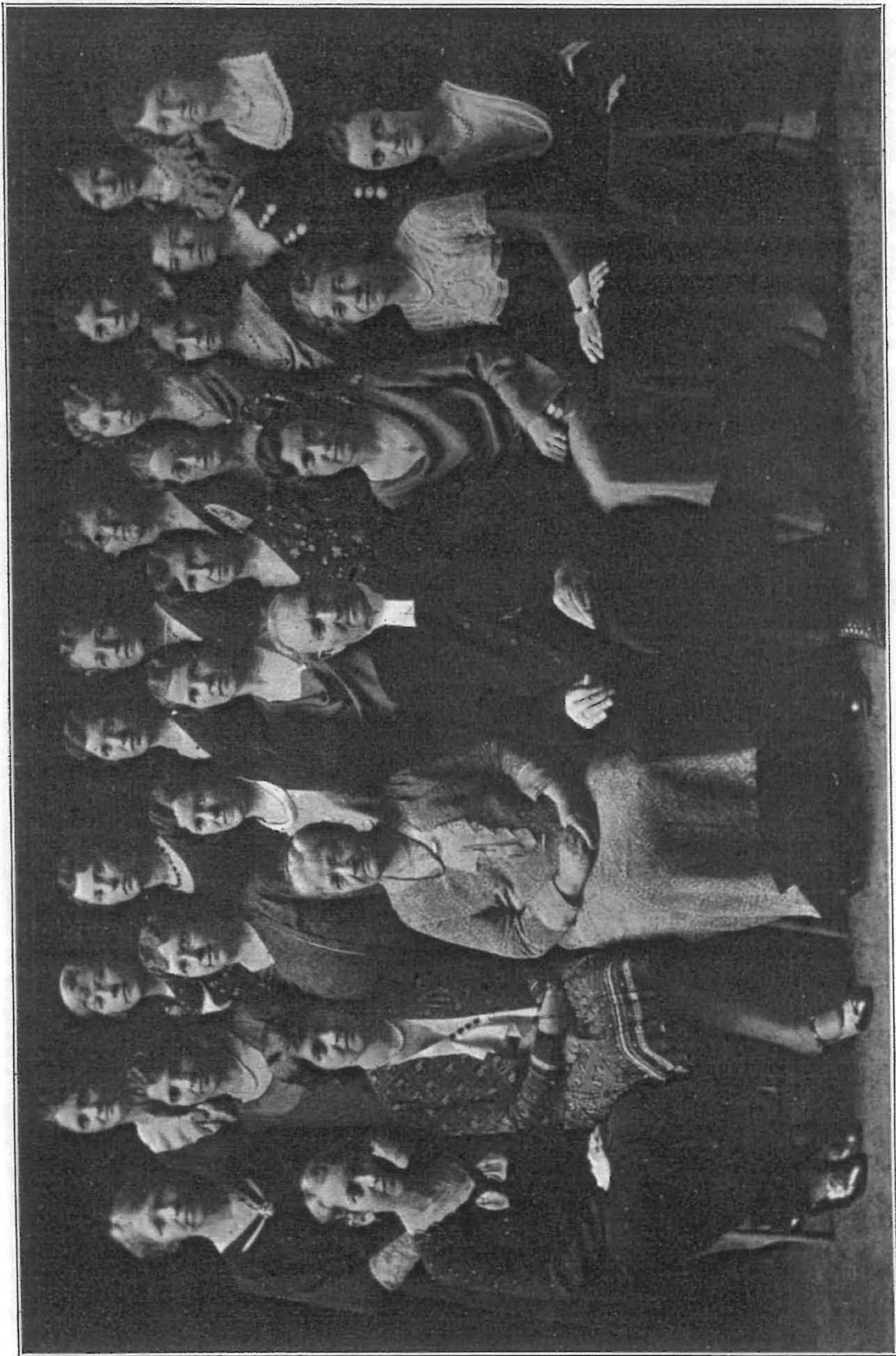
We must not forget, however, the abnormal increase in prices during the World War. When we began building operations the price of cement, for instance, was only \$1.30 per barrel (four bags), but when, after two years we were ready to plaster the church the price of cement had risen to between five and six dollars per barrel. The cost of lumber and other building materials increased proportionately, and, as for wages, they just about doubled during that period. But regardless of these exorbitant increases in cost of material and labor, and, including also such repairs as have been made since the church was finished, as, for instance, the repairs made as a result of leakage in the tower, the building as it now stands has cost the congregation only little over \$66,000. The church could not today be duplicated for twice that amount.

The fact that it took almost nine years to complete our church edifice is explainable, first of all, by the fact that the raising of funds took considerable time, and, then, in the second place, by the fact that the work was necessarily at an entire standstill for two whole years during the World War.

The services of worship among us were held in the church vestry from December 9, 1917, until the fifth Sunday in Lent, that is, Sunday, March 18, 1923, when the completed church was festively dedicated by the President of the New England Conference, Dr. S. G. Hagglund.

It goes without saying that the erection of a church such as ours at a cost of only \$66,000, particularly under the conditions that prevailed during its erection, must necessarily have entailed a lot of work and worry. At the beginning of 1914 with a membership in the congregation of 525 communicants the work was started in the month of May. When the church was complete, and ready for dedication, at the beginning of 1923, with all the work and soliciting of funds, etc., that had intervened, the membership comprised 639 communicants.

The raising of funds for the church building did not proceed so rapidly, but it progressed steadily, however, during the entire period. The contribution of the Ladies' Aid, \$8,000, was the largest sum contributed by any branch of the congregation. The Dorcas Society's initial contribution to the fund amounted to \$500. Later the society contributed \$1,300, and, including all that was contributed by these ladies from time to time, the entire amount raised by them for the Building Fund has been around \$2,400. The Men's Society has given \$1,539 toward the



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payment of all the chandeliers, candelabras and lamps in the church. Other sizeable contributions are: \$3,000 toward the Organ Fund by the Luther League; labor in the making of the pulpit, \$400; front doors, \$266; church bell, \$1,000; baptismal font, \$110; hymn boards with numbers, \$100; windows, \$2,110; Cheney Brothers, \$6,000; offering at Ground-breaking Exercises, \$342; from some of the Cheney Brothers, \$100; offering at the laying of the cornerstone, \$432.82; offering at the dedication of the church, \$768.81, besides also, at the same time, a gift of \$1,000 from Cheney Brothers. Robert Cheney later donated \$100 to the Organ Fund, and Miss Mary Cheney also \$100.

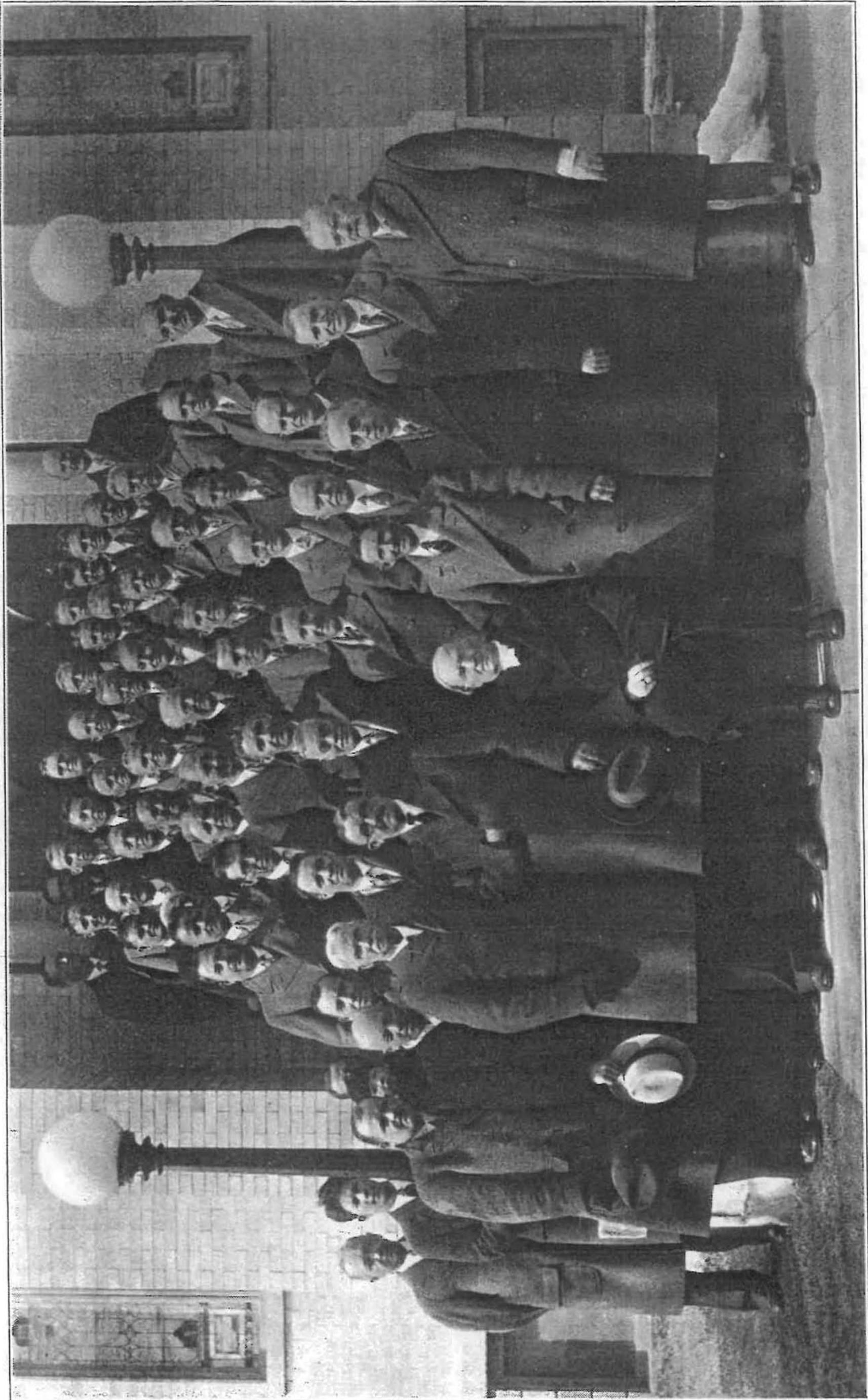
The contributions listed above total \$26,329.63, but in addition to them, the various Swedish Sick Benefit Societies donated several hundred dollars. The rest has been received through personal subscription on the part of both the Swedish and the non-Swedish people of the community. Naturally, however, the Swedish people contributed most. A number of the Cheney families have contributed to the Building Fund several times, and when the trustees, at one occasion, circulated their lists no less than \$7,000 was realized.

The Dorcas Society has paid for the furnishing of the church kitchen, an amount of \$203.89, and also for chairs to the extent of \$33. Additional equipment for the kitchen has also been supplied by the Ladies' Aid at a cost of \$156 and by the Men's Society for \$98.89. Then, too, the societies have paid \$1,000 for the piano in the church auditorium, while the Bible Class has paid \$350 for the piano in the church vestry. Thus, extra contributions have been received from the societies to the amount of \$1,841.48.

The total cost of the church, equipment included, is approximately \$66,000, and at this writing the church debt amounts to \$14,925.00.

The entire property value of the congregation, including the parsonage and the land adjacent to the church, is about \$125,000.

It should also be said that the Men's Society has this year, 1930, assumed the entire cost of the painting of the exterior of the church, while in 1928 the Ladies' Aid paid \$200 for the painting and papering of the interior of the parsonage. This year, too, the Ladies' Aid has paid \$477 for the installation of a new furnace in the parsonage, while for the renovation of the bathroom in the parsonage the Dorcas Society has paid \$87.79. This, of course, is not all that the societies have done, but it



THE MEN'S SOCIETY.

does represent their activity. Each year the societies have also contributed considerable amounts toward the current expense treasury of the congregation.

Of the societies in the church the Ladies' Aid is without question the oldest and the largest. The first time it is mentioned in the church records, however, is in 1890, when, according to the church minutes for that year, the ladies donated \$52 to the congregation. It is quite certain, though, that the Ladies' Aid existed long before that date. In fact, it is quite probable that the Ladies' Aid existed even before the congregation was organized, but lack of records from those early days enshrouds the beginnings of this important branch of the congregation.

The Sunday School was started during John Wikberg's direction of the congregation. Mrs. Wikberg served as Sunday School superintendent as long as she resided in Manchester, during which time she also conducted for two months each year a Week-Day School in connection with the church, for which she also received a little remuneration from the congregation. In 1891 Miss Anna Lind was elected by the congregation to conduct the Week-Day School, and, according to the decision of the church, she was to receive one dollar for each pupil enrolled in the school throughout the two-month period. At the annual meeting of the congregation in 1892 Mrs. Wikberg resigned from the position of Sunday School superintendent. There is no doubt but that, during the course of the years, the Sunday School has been of inestimable value to the congregation.

A Young People's Society, which called itself "Idun", was organized in 1899, but Rev. Augustus Olsson seems to deplore the fact that this society was not as active as it might have been. But the society finally awakened and became a source of much help to the congregation. We dare say that it has been the experience of every society in the church that, whenever they have lacked a definite task to perform, their activity has been at a low ebb. The more work, the greater interest. Our present-day Luther League is the successor of the Young People's Society of those earlier days. It is, in fact, even the same organization under a new name, and, of course, with a new membership.

Next, in point of years, comes the Dorcas Society among the organizations of the church. This society was organized by Miss Hildur Cornell, October 2, 1912, and in this organization Hildur remained one of the leaders until she left home in early

October, 1924. The first treasurer of Dorcas was Miss Hulda Casperson, and throughout these years the society has contributed to the congregation a total of \$2,712.78. In addition to this, however, the society has also from time to time contributed to the Manchester Memorial Hospital, to local charities and to the cause of missions. The Luther League, the church choir and Dorcas have joined their efforts toward the raising of the Organ Fund. May they continue until the entire amount of \$5,400 has been paid. Music and song is a theme particularly



MRS. FLORENCE KUGLER FRANZEN.

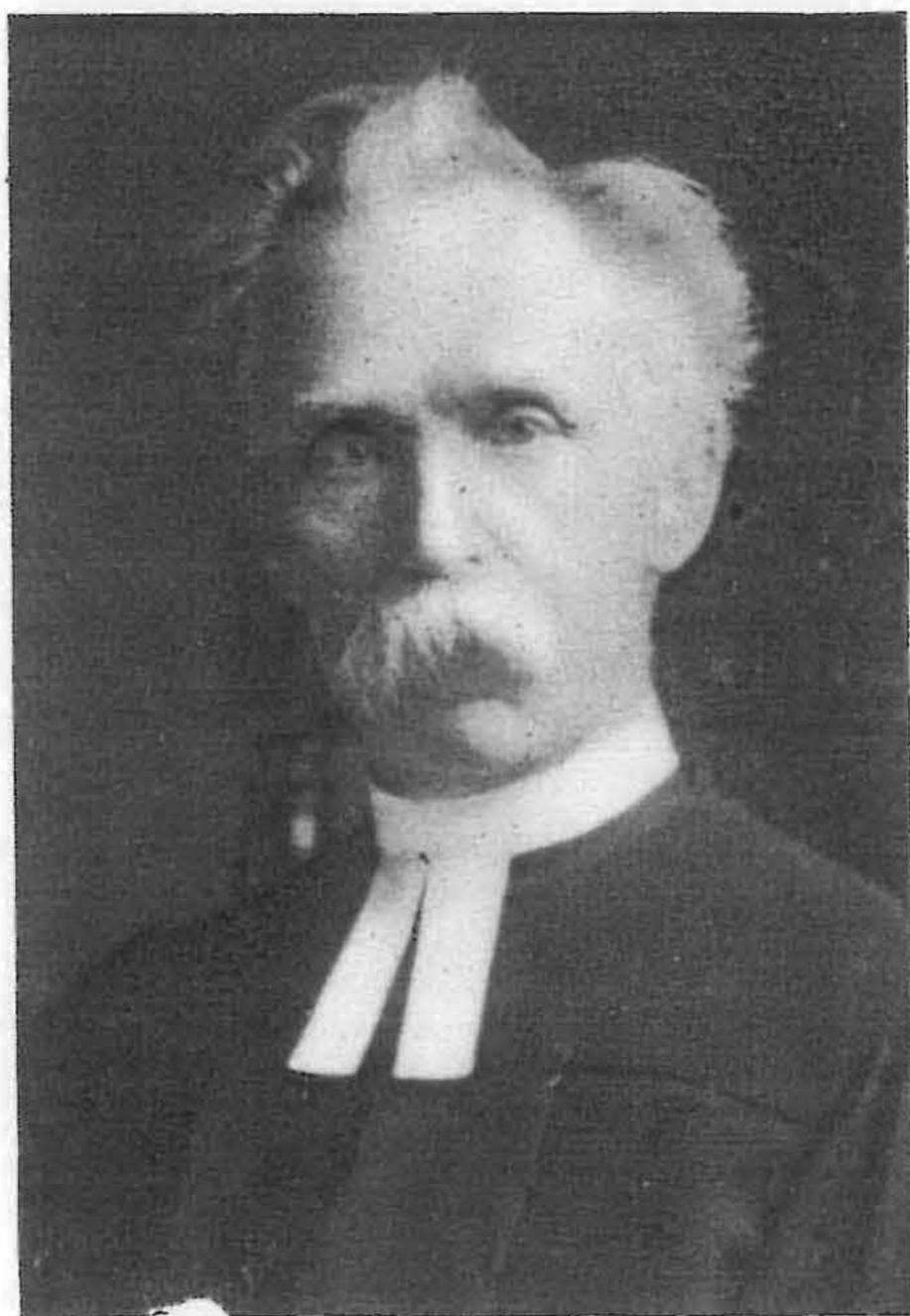
sued for the interests of the young, and, then, too, it is the Lutheran Church that has been called "the Singing Church."

The Men's Society was organized July 12, 1915. Throughout these fifteen years this society has proven itself active, capable and devoted to the cause of the church. It were well, if more of our men, however, would affiliate themselves with this splendid organization. The Men's Society has contributed a total of \$4,995.97 to the congregation. The Women's Mission Society and the Junior Mission Band are working for the mission.

## Organists in Emanuel.

In our day it is an unheard-of thing for a congregation to carry on its work without an organ and, of course, an organist. We do not say, however, that it would be an impossibility, for congregational singing might be led by a cantor, without the aid of an organ.

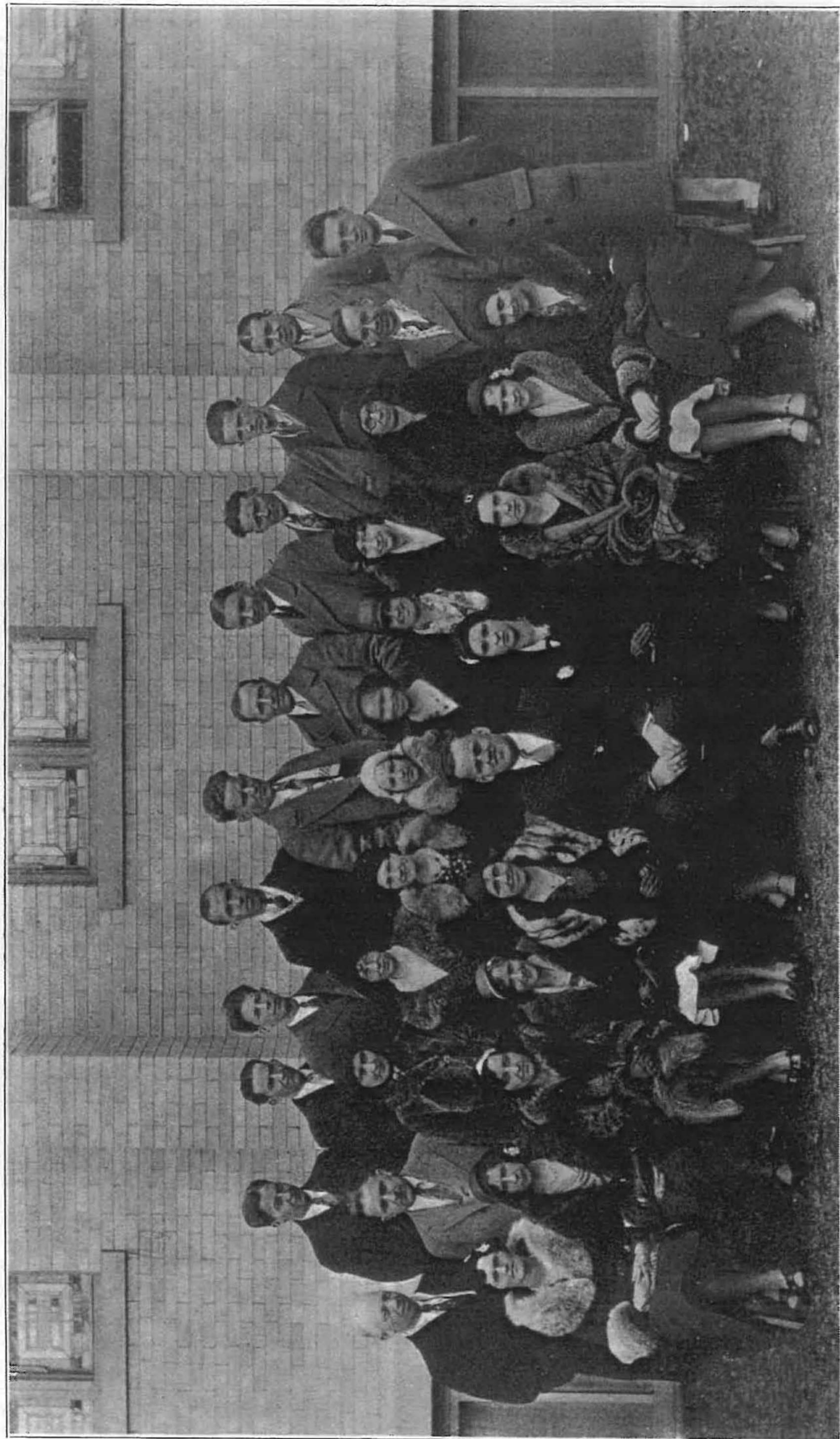
*Christina Magnell* (Mrs. Aaron Johnson) served as organist at the services of worship among our people even before the



PASTOR S. C. FRANZEN.

congregation was organized. With August Wieman as choir director she played the organ in Emanuel for several years previous to her marriage to Aaron Johnson, continuing, also, until the annual meeting of the congregation January 17, 1898, a period of more than 21 years.

During the first years she played entirely without remuneration, and, when the congregation did begin to pay her a salary, it was by no means large, only \$12 per year. As time went on, however, the salary was increased to \$15 per year; then to \$25;



THE PRESENT CHURCH CHOIR.

still later to \$50, and, during her last two years as organist she received the munificent salary of \$75 per year.

*Mrs. W. P. Anderson* succeeded Mrs. Aaron Johnson as organist and received the first year the same salary as her predecessor, namely, \$75 per year. The salary was then raised to \$100, and, during the last few years of her service, she received \$150 per year, but, then, she was also charged with the directorship of the choir. Mrs. Anderson continued to serve as organist and choir director until the spring of 1911, when the pastor and his family moved to Stronghurst, Illinois. During the summer of 1911 a Mr. Lundin of Hartford played at the Sunday morning services, while, at the evening services, Miss Thora Schwartz was in charge of the organ.

*Miss Hildur Cornell.* At a special meeting of the congregation, held on June 26, 1911, Miss Hildur Cornell, the pastor's daughter, was elected organist and choir director of the congregation at a salary of \$200 per year. She accepted the appointment and assumed her duties in September of the same year.

Beginning in 1911 at a salary of \$200 per year her salary was gradually raised, first to \$250, then to \$300, then, again, to \$350, and, during her last year she received \$400 in addition also to an offering on Easter Day, which amounted to about \$200. It was that same year, however, that she resigned her office, which, again, on October 20, 1924, more than 13 years after Hildur's entrance upon the position, became vacant.

Miss Cornell was not only a skillful organist but also a very competent choir director. In addition to the church choir she was also the leader of a Children's Chorus and a double-quartet and, for a time, that is, as long as the members still resided in Manchester, also of a church orchestra.

The old organ, which, after its day in the old church, served for a while also in the vestry of the new church, was sold, after the completion of our new edifice, to the Swedish Lutheran Church at East Hampton, Conn. Our present organ was installed previous to the dedication of the church, and Hildur Cornell had the pleasure of presiding at it when the church was dedicated March 18, 1923. Her pleasure, however, was not unmingled with much worry and sorrow. In fact, those hours of hers at the organ on Dedication Sunday were without question, the most trying of her career as organist, for, during those same

hours, her father lay dangerously ill in the parsonage, his end being expected momentarily. Her father sought, to be sure, to encourage her as she left his room for the service in the church: "Go ahead into the church, Hildur," he said, "I have a feeling that I shall live at least until the church has been dedicated and you have come home from the service!" By the grace of God, her father is still alive, but nobody, who knows the love of the daughter for her father, will deny that those hours at the service that afternoon were, without question, hours of indescribable uneasiness and heaviness of heart for Hildur.

This is, perhaps, too, the most suitable place in our history to include the program, which was followed at the Dedication Exercises March 18, 1923.

### Dedication Service at 3 P. M.

Organ Prelude

Hymn 573: 1-4 (Swedish "Psalmbok")

Dedicatory Address in Swedish and English

by Rev. S. G. Hägglund, Ph.D.,

President of the New England Conference

Chorus—"Heaven and Earth Are Telling".....(Mendelssohn)

Dedication

Hymn 133 (English Hymnal)

History of the Church

Read by the Rev. Julius Hulteen

Organ Selection

Vocal Solo—Selected

Mr. Jarl Johnson

Remarks by the Rev. Dr. C. G. Erickson

Chorus—"Ye Heavens".....(Beethoven)

Collection

Offertory .....(Batiste)

Trio—"Love Divine".....(Stainer)

Miss Gertrude Berggren

Miss Helen Berggren

Miss Alice Nyquist

Benediction

Hymn 3: 7 (Swedish "Psalmbok")

Postlude

### Vesper Service at 7.30 P. M.

Organ Prelude

Hymn 132 (English Hymnal)

Altar Service

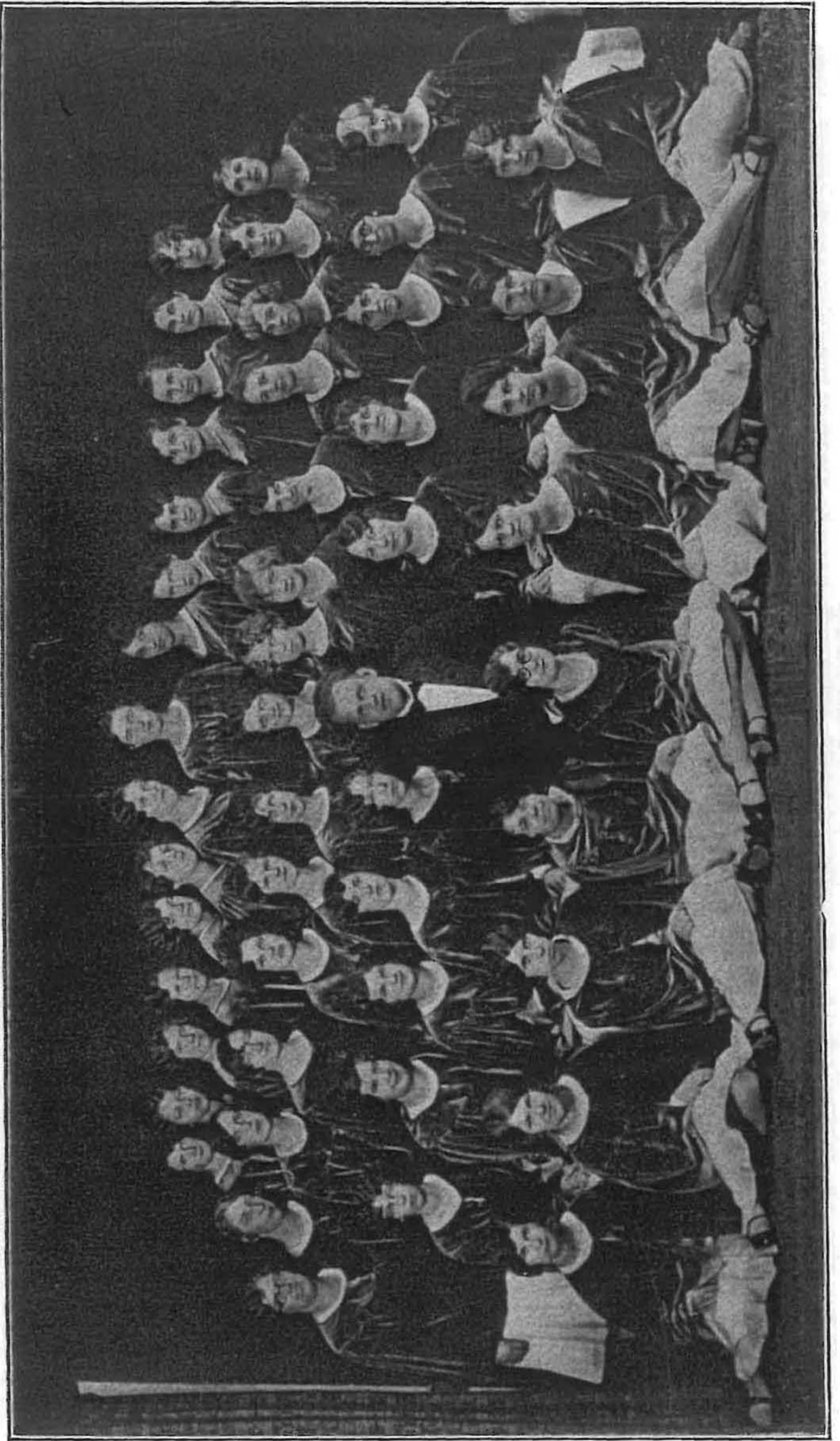
Chorus—"Shadows Lengthen, Twilight Falls".....(Spence)

Hymn 14: 4-6 (English Hymnal)

Sermon in English, by the Rev. Abel Ahlquist, Ph.D.

Chorus—"In Thee do I Trust".....(Stainer)





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Miss Cornell was a splendid young people's leader. When the pastor's health prevented him from taking as active a part as he would have wished in the young people's work of the church, Hildur was able to step in and guide them in a sound churchly and Christian spirit. She was along in making the arrangements for the big Confirmation Reunion, which was held in conjunction with the Fortieth Anniversary of the congregation, when the young people donated no less than \$800 to the Organ Fund. The congregation showed, too, at the time of her resignation how much they appreciated her services by adopting the following resolution at a special meeting September 19, 1924:

"The organist of the congregation, Miss Hildur Cornell, who tendered her resignation, was given a rising vote of thanks for her faithfulness and zeal during the many years she has served the church as organist. It was voted also that the secretary of the congregation be instructed to send to Miss Cornell a letter embodying the gratitude of our people."

The letter sent to Miss Cornell by the secretary of the congregation was as follows:

South Manchester, Conn.,  
September 20, 1924.

Miss Hildur Cornell,  
South Manchester, Conn.

My dear Miss Cornell:

Your request to be relieved of your duties as organist of the Emanuel Swedish Lutheran Church October 20, 1924, was reluctantly granted at the meeting of the congregation the 19th of this month.

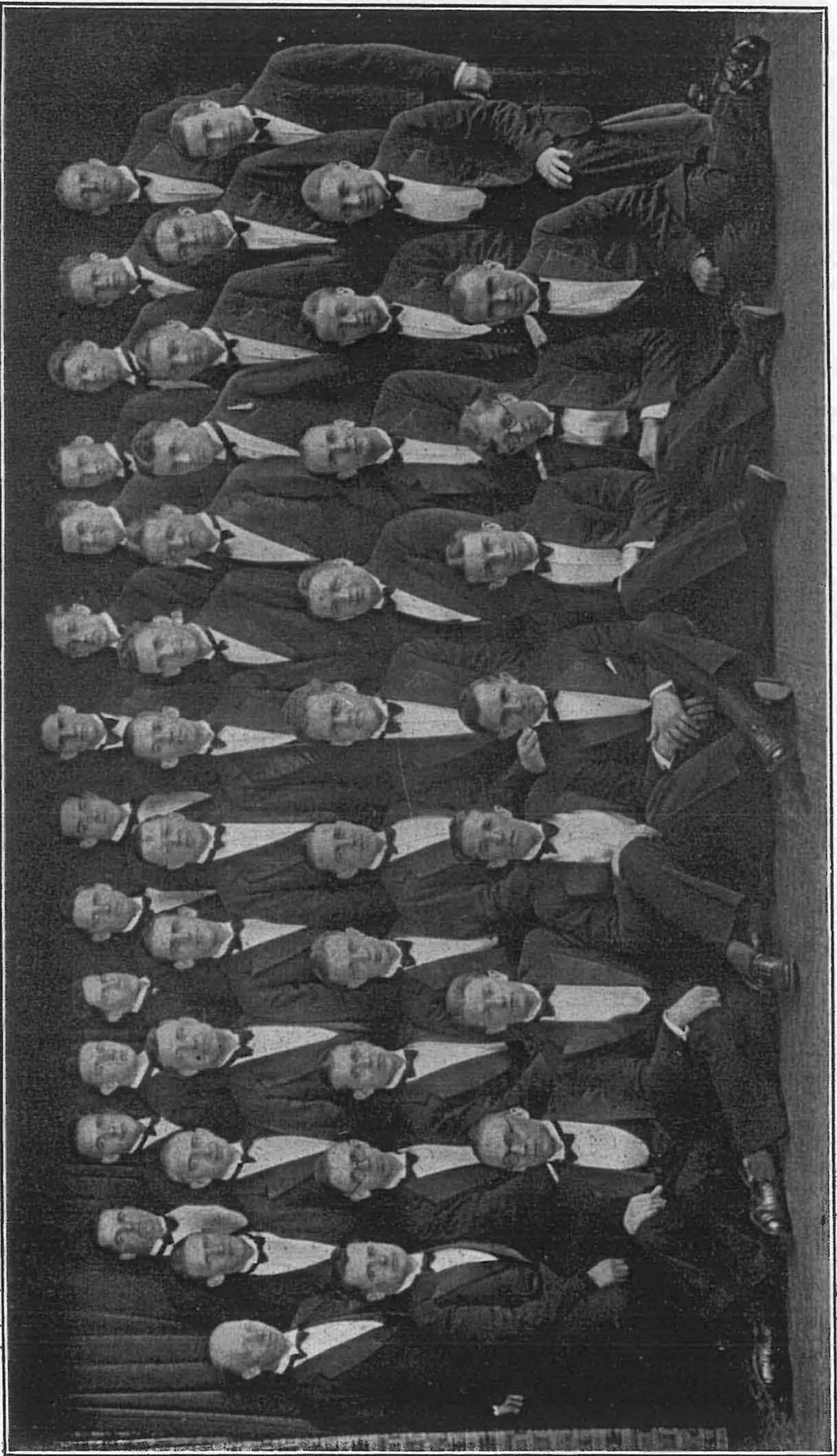
The congregation also expressed by a standing vote its sincere and hearty thanks to you for the faithful and zealous manner in which you have performed your work during your many years as organist of the church.

On behalf of the Emanuel Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church,

H. A. JOHNSON, Secretary.

The best of all, too, with reference to Miss Cornell's work, was the fact that it bore throughout the stamp of peace and love. No friction was engendered either among the older or the younger members. All labored faithfully and harmoniously for the best interests of the church. It was, indeed, a period when young and old in our church were of one spirit and one mind.

*Helge Pearson.* As Miss Cornell's successor, Mr. Helge Pearson, of Worcester, was elected by the congregation at a



BEETHOVEN GLEE CLUB

salary of \$600 a year, which, as time went on, was increased to \$1000. During his time among us a few organizations have sprung into being, such as, the Boy Scouts, which meets one night each week, the Beethoven Glee Club, and the G Clef Glee Club. More recently, too, a Junior Glee Club has been organized by Albert Pearson, a brother of Helge.

Pertaining to all this more will no doubt be written at some future anniversary of the congregation, when the perspective of history has been reached.

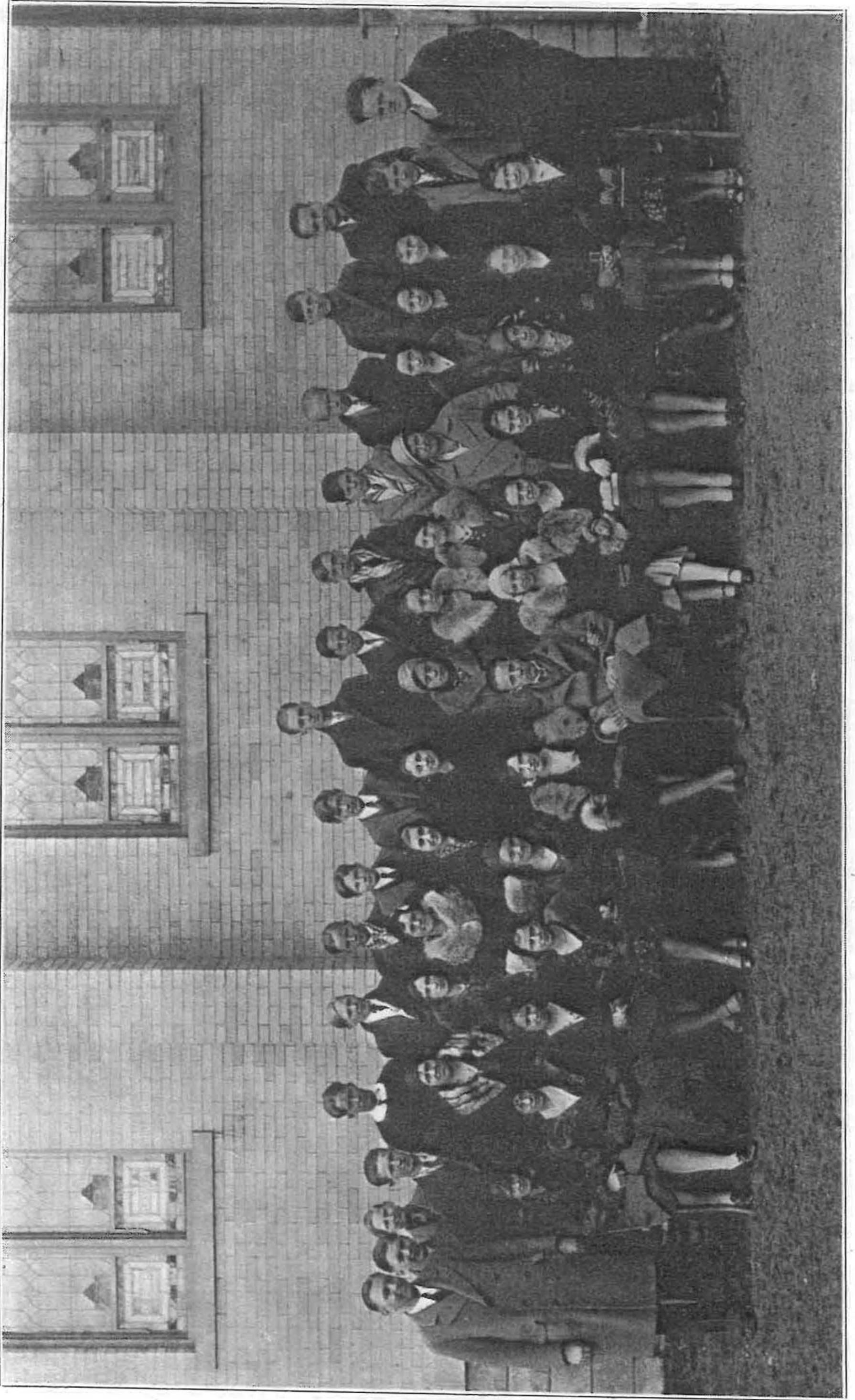
Before closing, however, we do wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our various soloists and choirs for their inspiring contribution to the services of worship.

Our Emanuel Church has now become bi-lingual, and may it continue thus for many years to come. The older members among us must ever be honored for what they have meant to the congregation in days gone by. Their language, too, is entitled to the same consideration as is the language of the newer generation.

As for myself and the part I have taken in the work of the church, propriety demands, of course, that the less be said the better. That my labors in South Manchester have been mingled with joy and sorrow is, I am sure, a matter of common knowledge, and, relative to them, others may write, when the time shall come. For every evidence of honest and loyal friendship among my people I do express my heartiest thanks! All else we shall silently pass by. The Lord knoweth all things!

One thing, however, I do wish to affirm—I have in all my dealings among you always sought the true welfare of my congregation. I have never requested for myself anything which I did not think that the congregation desired me to have. God has sustained us even in times of the most straitened circumstances.

During my almost twenty years of service as your pastor I have baptized 300 children, confirmed 378, married 151 couples and buried 177 persons. Accessions to the congregation have numbered 346 communicants, while dismissals have amounted to 311. The number of communicants in the congregation at the time of my arrival September 2, 1911, was 469. There are now 741, an increase of 272. There are 250 children enrolled in the church. Many of the children, whom I have baptized, I



THE BIBLE CLASS.

have also been privileged to confirm. Some I have even joined in holy wedlock, while, in a few instances, I have also laid them to their final resting-place.

As I stand now near the end of my ministry and look back, I see many imperfections in it, but also much grace from above. I am trying, however, to "forget those things which are behind, and to reach forth unto those things which are before." Our whole life is a journey forward. Surely, it behooves us, therefore, to have our eye fixed in the direction of our journey. To be sure, we must not neglect to look in upon our lives in self-examination, so that we might learn rightly to know ourselves, nor should we forget to lift our eyes "unto the hills, whence cometh our help"—but forward, forward, forward!

### The Present Board of Administration.

*Deacons*—Alfred C. Anderson, Gustaf E. Florin, Emil B. Brandt, August Carlson, Amandus Johnson, Raymond Erickson.

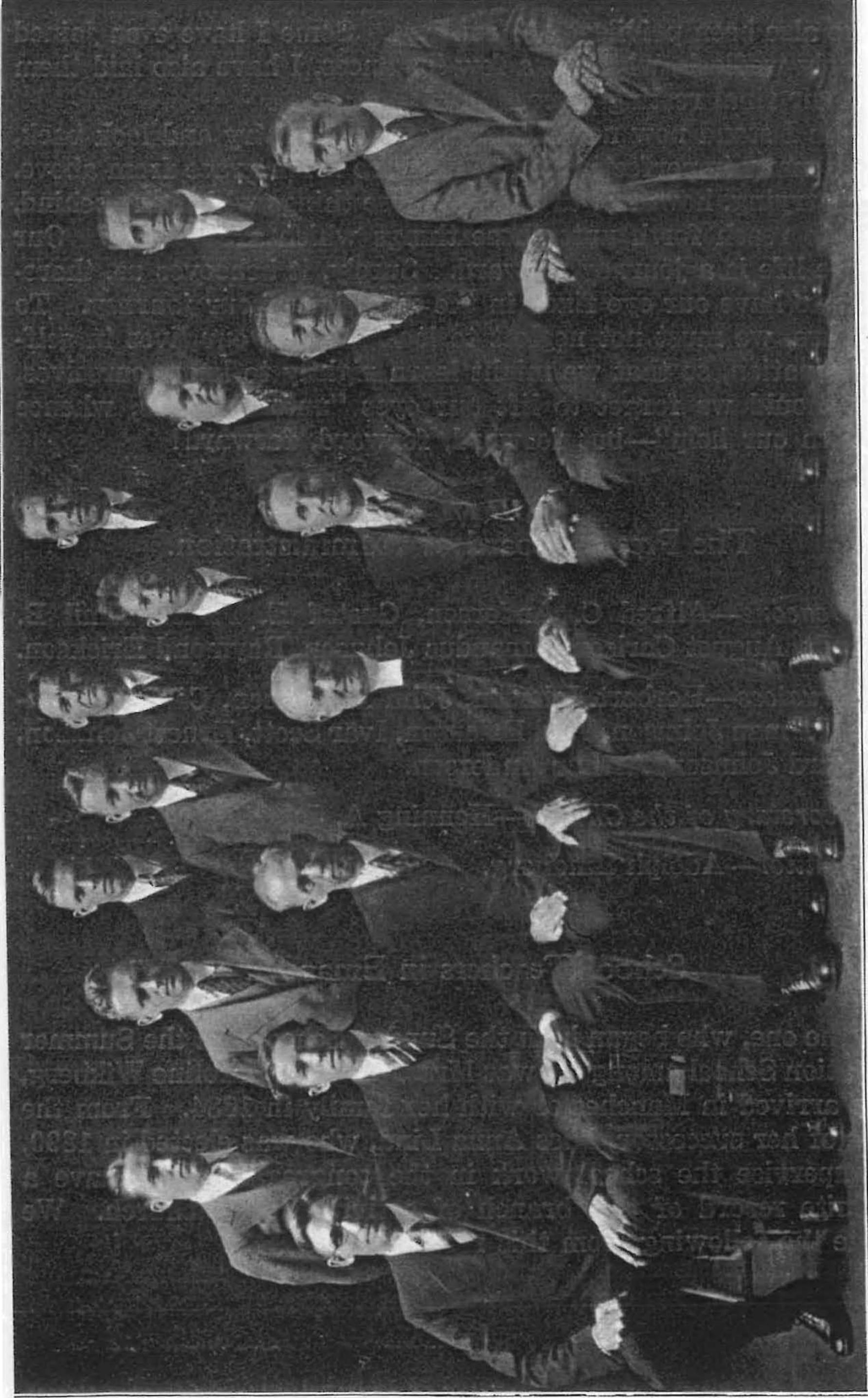
*Trustees*—Herbert Johnson, John B. Benson, Carl G. Johnson, Herman Johnson, Paul Erickson, Ivar Scott, Ernest Johnson, Leonard Johnson, Arthur Anderson.

*Secretary of the Church*—Henning A. Johnson.

*Janitor*—Adolph Lindberg.

### School Teachers in Emanuel.

The one, who began both the Sunday School and the Summer Vacation School among us, was Mrs. Margaret Caroline Wikberg, who arrived in Manchester with her family in 1884. From the time of her successor, Miss Anna Lind, who was elected in 1890, to supervise the school work in the congregation, we have a definite record of this branch of activity in the church. We quote the following from this record:



THE PRESENT CHURCH BOARD—BACK ROW, TRUSTEES; FRONT ROW, DEACONS.

SATURDAY WEEK-DAY SCHOOL, 10 to 12 A. M.

1893-1894.

Enrollment—53.

Teachers—Rev. Augustus G. Olsson, John Almquist, Anna Lamberg, Henny Hultman, Signe Svenson, Minnie Björklund, Carl Johnson, Axel Nilson, David Nelson.

SUMMER VACATION SCHOOL.

Year	Enrollment	Teacher
1895.....	41.....	
1896.....	34.....	Rev. W. P. Anderson
1897.....	30.....	Rev. W. P. Anderson
1899.....	51.....	Student Carl W. Thompson
1900.....	41.....	Student Carl W. Thompson
1901.....	59.....	Student Carl W. Thompson
1902.....	71.....	Student August S. Pearson
1903.....	69.....	Student August S. Pearson
1904.....	84.....	Rev. W. P. Anderson
1905.....	69.....	Rev. W. P. Anderson
1906.....	57.....	Student Leonard A. Lawson
1907.....	72.....	Prof. A. R. Wallin
1908.....	38.....	Student Leonard A. Lawson
1909.....	56.....	Student Martin L. Swanson
1910.....	67.....	Student Frans J. Cedergren
1911.....	31.....	Student Henning L. Johnson
1912.....	88.....	Student John Cornell
1913.....	63.....	Student John Cornell
1914.....	95.....	Student Harry Erickson
1915.....	72.....	Student Arthur O. Hjelm
1916.....	102.....	Student Arthur O. Hjelm
1917.....	50.....	Student Nils A. Nilson
1918.....	78.....	Student John Cornell and Miss Hildur Cornell
1919.....	82.....	Student Nils A. Nilson
1920.....	72.....	Miss Martha Sundström
1921.....	45.....	Student Edgar H. Malmström
1922.....	49.....	Student Harry A. Peterson
1923.....	37.....	Student Bror Olson
1924.....	45.....	Student Bror Olson
1925.....	38.....	Student Bror Olson
1926.....	16.....	Student Frank Anderson
1927.....	19.....	Student Bror Olson
1928.....	24.....	Student Theodore Forsberg
1929.....	16.....	Student Olav Jonason
1930.....	14.....	Student Edwin Olson

Among those, who have labored in the Sunday School, Alfred C. Anderson, who for many years has served as Sunday School superintendent, has, without question, served in this department of our church work longer than



OUR BOY SCOUT TROOP.

anybody else. Many others have also devoted a long period of service to the important work of the Sunday School, among whom we mention particularly Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Bengtson, Miss Ruth Bengtson, Miss Esther Johnson, Miss Hildur Cornell, Mrs. P. J. O. Cornell, Mrs. Clara Axelson, Mrs. Selma Erickson, Algot Johnson, John Hulten and many others.

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I wish to express my appreciation to my assistant pastors Rev. Dr. Ralph Mortensen now in China, and Rev. Dr. M. A. Helland, a missionary in Madagascar, and Rev. S. C. Franzen and Rev. R. L. Winters, for services rendered to our congregation.

The congregation has also had the pleasure and the privilege of entertaining during these years a number of prominent visiting pastors from Sweden, among whom we mention the Rev. Dr. P. Pehrsson of Gothenburg, Rector Philip Lundahl also from Gothenburg, the Rector and Rev. Dr. J. F. Thulin from Örtofta, the Rector and Rev. Dr. P. H. Nehleen from Lärbo in the Province of Gottland, the Rev. Johannes Sandegren, a missionary in the service of the Swedish Church in India, Rector K. G. Klingner of Gothenburg and the Dean and Rev. L. M. Engström from Bolstad in the Province of Dalsland, Rev. W. Vestling from Vesterås. All of these have left deep and, we hope, also lasting impressions on our people and our church.

During the latter years a large number of church conventions, some great and some small, have been held in our midst. Thus we have entertained the Hartford District Luther League, the Upsala Students' Reunion, the New England Conference Convention of 1928, and the great Christian Conference of the New England Conference Luther League in 1929, when Luther Leagues from all parts of New England were represented among us in large numbers. Through all of these gatherings the congregation has derived much edification.

*"I love Thy Zion, Lord,  
The house of Thine abode;  
The Church our Blest Redeemer saved  
With His own precious blood!"*

P. J. O. CORNELL, *Pastor.*

South Manchester, Conn., March 2, 1931.



# MEMBERSHIP

1931



# NAMES OF MEMBERS 1931

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- Abrahamson, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph,  
130 West Center St.  
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Abrahamson, Anna 130 West Center St.  
Abrahamson, Emil, 130 West Center St.  
Abrahamson, Harry, 130 West Center St.  
Abrahamson, Clara L., 130 West Center St.  
Anderson, Albert, 361 Center St.  
Anderson, Evelyn, 361 Center St.  
Anderson, Sherwood, 361 Center St.  
Anderson, Adolfina, New Britain, Conn.  
Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Albin,  
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Anderson, Esther L., 78 Eldridge St.  
Anderson, A Emil, 53 Norman St.  
Anderson, Carl, 53 Norman St.  
Anderson, Einar, 53 Norman St.  
Anderson, Herbert, 53 Norman St.  
Anderson, Walter, 53 Norman St.  
Anderson, Mrs. Alfred, 229 Oak St.  
Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred C.,  
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Anderson, Alva, 391 Hartford Road  
Anderson, Arthur, 20 Russell St.  
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Anderson, Philip, 39 Edgerton St.  
Anderson, Carin, 37 Edgerton St.  
Anderson, Helmar, 37 Edgerton St.  
Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl,  
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Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl I.,  
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90 Pitkin St.  
Anderson, C. Elmer, 90 Pitkin St.  
Anderson, Earl E., 90 Pitkin St.  
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Anderson, Carl W., 185 Henry St.  
Anderson, Clarence H., 647 Main St.  
Anderson, Clarence O., 60 Haynes St.  
Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Claus L.,  
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Anderson, Lawrence, 162 Maple St.  
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Anderson, Gudrun, 27 Hackmatack St.  
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Anderson, Fred R., 117 Pine St.  
Anderson, Gunda, Maple St.  
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Anderson, Sylvia, 85 E. M. Turnpike.  
Anderson, Einar, 85 E. M. Trunpike.  
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Anderson, Hulda O., 48 Myrtle St.  
Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. John, 11 West St.  
Anderson, Anna T., 11 West St.  
Anderson, Ida M., 11 West St.  
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Anderson, Paul J. A., 16 Ridge St.  
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Armstrong, Helen, care of 50 Clinton St.  
Aker, Dagmar, Hartford, Conn.  
Amander, Emelia, 64 Kensington Heights,  
Meriden, Conn.  
Angston, G. Henry, 381 Hartford Road.  
Anson, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph,  
370 East Center St.  
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Anson, J. Hugo, 119 Cooper Hill.  
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Aberggren, R. Mildred, 88 Linden St.  
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Aloom, Mrs. Mildred, 11 Bank St.  
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Arandt, Herbert, 55 Norman St.  
Arolin, Mr. and Mrs. Carl R.,  
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587 Center St.  
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Aurkland, Augusta, care of 64 Church St.  
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Carlson, Evert, 16 Monroe St.  
Carlson, Inez Anna, 258 Oak St.  
Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. Ivar, 50 Haynes St.  
Carlson, John, Edgewood Inn.  
Carlson, John Theo., 62 Pleasant St.  
Carlson, Olga, 127 High St.  
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Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. William,  
103 Autumn St.  
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3 Village St.  
Casperson, Carl, 3 Village St.  
Casperson, Sylvia, 3 Village St.  
Casperson, Eleanore, 3 Village St.  
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Casperson, Arlyne, 3 Village St.  
Casperson, Harriett, 3 Village St.  
Casperson, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad,  
50 Spring St.  
Chelberg, Mr. and Mrs. Anton,  
140 School St.  
Clamson, Mary, care of Mary Cheney,  
Hartford Road.  
Coe, Bessie, 74 Henry St.  
Cornell, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. P. J. O.,  
64 Church St.  
Davis, Dorothy M., 80 Cottage St.  
Dahlman, Mr. and Mrs. Herman,  
143 Wetherell St.  
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Dahlman, Hilma, 28 Bank St.  
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Dahlquist, Ernest, 91 High St.  
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Dahlquist, Ivar A., 91 High St.  
Dickson, Norma, 136 Bissell St.  
Earn, Mr. and Mrs. Carl J., 26 Keeney St.  
Erickson, Mildred, 100 Washington St.  
Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L.,  
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Erickson, Evald, 77 Laurel St.  
Erickson, Paul, 77 Laurel St.  
Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond,  
48 Haynes St.  
Flodin, Mr. and Mrs. Lars E., 30 Stone St.  
Florin, Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf, 158 Maple St.



Johnson, Herbert, 29 Clinton St.  
 Johnson, Victor, 29 Clinton St.  
 Johnson, Elmer, 29 Clinton St.  
 Johnson, G. Albert, 49 Wetherell St.  
 Johnson, George S., 47 Bigelow St.  
 Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Gustaf W.,  
     27 Autumn St.  
 Johnson, Axel W., 27 Autumn St.  
 Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Henning A.,  
     75 Laurel St.  
 Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo, 25 Maple St.  
 Johnson, Hulda, 125 School St.  
 Johnson, Carl, 125 School St.  
 Johnson, Victor, 125 School St.  
 Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Alfred,  
     18 Henderson Road.  
 Johnson, Evert, 18 Henderson Road.  
 Johnson, Herbert, 18 Henderson Road.  
 Johnson, Mrs. John, 50 Clinton St.  
 Johnson, Clarence, 50 Clinton St.  
 Johnson, John B., 61 New St.  
 Johnson, Richard, 61 New St.  
 Johnson, Louise, 61 New St.  
 Johnson, John E., Coburn Road.  
 Johnson, John Oscar, 236 School St.  
 Johnson, Julius, care of 227 West Center St.  
 Johnson, Maimie, 82 Cottage St.  
 Johnson, Marie, 45 Bigelow St.  
 Johnson, Clara, 45 Bigelow St.  
 Johnson, Mathilda, 185 Eldridge St.  
 Johnson, Nanny, no address.  
 Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar, 28 Gerard St.  
 Johnson, Julia, 28 Gerard St.  
 Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar, 90 Summit St.  
 Johnson, Sylvia, 90 Summit St.  
 Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar, 233 Center St.  
 Johnson, Doris, 233 Center St.  
 Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar E.,  
     163 Birch St.  
 Johnson, Carl, 163 Birch St.  
 Johnson, Paul, 163 Birch St.  
 Johnson, Gladys, 163 Birch St.  
 Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Otto, 51 Russell St.  
 Johnson, Lennart, 51 Russell St.  
 Johnson, Erland, 51 Russell St.  
 Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Philip, 49 Laurel St.  
 Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. S. Emil,  
     19 Johnson Terrace.  
 Johnson, Eva M., 19 Johnson Terrace.  
 Johnson, Norma V., 19 Johnson Terrace.  
 Johnson, Beatrice C., 19 Johnson Terrace.  
 Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Simon, 71 Church St.  
 Johnson, Alice, 71 Church St.  
 Johnson, Ethel, 71 Church St.  
 Johnson, Louise, 71 Church St.  
 Johnson, Austin, 71 Church St.  
 Johnson, Wilbert, 333 Main St.  
 Kasperson, John L., no address.  
 Kerr, Charlotte, 9 North Fairfield St.  
 Kerr, Margaret, 9 North Fairfield St.  
 Kilström, Mr. and Mrs. John, 146 Oak St.  
 Kjellson, Ernest, 44 Village St.  
 Kjellson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl, 96 Ridge St.  
 Kjellquist, Mr. and Mrs. Herman,  
     30 Ridge St.  
 Krona, Sigfrid, care of 75 Laurel St.  
 Lamberg, Mrs. John S., 78 Oak St.  
 Lamberg, Emily, 78 Oak St.  
 Lamberg, Florence, 78 Oak St.  
 Lambert, Clara, 16 Chestnut St.  
 Lambert, Anna, 16 Chestnut St.  
 Lange, Edith, 183 Eldridge St.  
 Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert, 25 Clinton St.  
 Larson, Elvira, 25 Clinton St.  
 Larson, Henry, 27 Clinton St.  
 Larson, Amanda, 15 Laurel Place.  
 Larson, Mildred, 15 Laurel Place.  
 Larson, Harry, 15 Laurel Place.  
 Larson, Mr. and Mrs. August,  
     66 Strickland St.  
 Larson, Frank A., 66 Strickland St.  
 Larson, Hannah, 89 E. M. Turnpike.  
 Larson, Philip, 89 E. M. Turnpike.  
 Larson, Vivian, 89 E. M. Turnpike.  
 Larson, Mr. and Mrs. Theo.,  
     14 Laurel Place.  
 Larson, Torsten, 14 Laurel Place.  
 Larson, Clarence, 14 Laurel Place.  
 Larson, Viola, 14 Laurel Place.  
 Larson, Lillian, 14 Laurel Place.  
 Larson, Carl E., 14 Laurel Place.  
 Lavey, Helma, 40 Coburn Road.  
 Lavey, Frederick, 40 Coburn Road.  
 Leander, Mr. and Mrs. John, 98 Ridge St.  
 Leander, Ralph, 98 Ridge St.  
 Leander, Margaret, 98 Ridge St.  
 Leiburg, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph,  
     15 Griswold St.  
 Levitt, Mary, 16 Monroe St.  
 Lindberg, Mr. and Mrs. Carl A.,  
     117 Pine St.  
 Lindberg, Mr. and Mrs. S. A., 47 Myrtle St.  
 Lindberg, Clara, 47 Myrtle St.  
 Lindberg, Anna, 47 Myrtle St.  
 Lindberg, Svea, 47 Myrtle St.  
 Linde, Amanda, 8 Chestnut St.  
 Lindell, August, Hartford, Conn.  
 Lindell, Nathalia, 35 Washington St.  
 Lindholm, August, Andover, Conn.  
 Lindholm, Anna, Andover, Conn.  
 Lindholm, Mary V., Andover, Conn.  
 Lindholm, Olga E., Andover, Conn.  
 Lindholm, Edwin A., Andover, Conn.  
 Lindström, Tansia, Autumn St.  
 Ljungberg, Hilma, 50 Forest St.  
 Lundberg, Dr. and Mrs. George A. F.,  
     223 East Center St.  
 Lundin, Ernest, 36 Ridge St.  
 Lynch, Mildred, 20 Packard St.  
 Magnuson, Mr. and Mrs. Albert,  
     17 Walker St.  
 Magnuson, Gösta B., High St.  
 Magnuson, Thora, 30 Ridge St.  
 Manning, Esther, 15 Walker St.  
 Martinsen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl E.,  
     151 School St.  
 Mathiason, Esther, 38 Stone St.

Matson, Mr. and Mrs. Victor,  
   63 Glenwood St.  
 Matson, Carl R., 63 Glenwood St.  
 Matson, Henry, 63 Glenwood St.  
 Miller, Lillie, care of Gust Benson.  
 Modean, Anna R., 19 Gorman Place.  
 Modean, Ellen, 25 Trotter St.  
 Modean, Eric, 25 Trotter St.  
 Modean, Eva, 25 Trotter St.  
 Modean, Harold, 5 Ridgewood St.  
 Modean, Mr. and Mrs. Hjalmar,  
   24 Lyness St.  
 Modean, Kerstine, 24 Lyness St.  
 Modean, Ina, 24 Lyness St.  
 Modean, Edna, 24 Lyness St.  
 Modean, Mr. and Mrs. Otto, 168 Cooper St.  
 Modean, Alice, 168 Cooper St.  
 Modean, Marion, 168 Cooper St.  
 Modean, Dorothy E., 168 Cooper St.  
 Modean, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, 174 Maple St.  
 Modean, Helen, 174 Maple St.  
 Munsie, Hazel, 53 Benton St.  
 Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Eric W., 167 Maple St.  
 Nelson, Magna, 167 Maple St.  
 Nelson, David, 167 Maple St.  
 Nelson, Frida, 29 Lilac St.  
 Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Ned, Armory St.  
 Nelson, Raymond, Armory St.  
 Nelson, Milton, Armory St.  
 Nelson, Laura, Armory St.  
 Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Nils P.,  
   30 Norman St.  
 Nelson, Stuart, 30 Norman St.  
 Nelson, Clifford, 30 Norman St.  
 Nelson, Verner, 30 Norman St.  
 Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace,  
   Hartford, Conn.  
 Nielson, Mr. and Mrs. Christian, Parker St.  
 Nielson, Carl, Parker St.  
 Nielson, Elin, Parker St.  
 Nielson, Inga, Parker St.  
 Noren, Mr. and Mrs. Edward,  
   26 Roosevelt St.  
 Noren, Mr. and Mrs. Carl W.,  
   100 Washington St.  
 Noren, Mr. and Mrs. William,  
   9 Middlefield St.  
 Noren, Dorothy, 9 Middlefield St.  
 Noren, Mildred, 9 Middlefield St.  
 Nyström, Olof, 48 Myrtle St.  
 Nyquist, Carl S., 80 Linden St.  
 Nyquist, Evan, 80 Linden St.  
 O'Brien, Gertrude, care of 88 Linden St.  
 Oman, Svea, 95 Forest St.  
 Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur,  
   60 Cambridge St.  
 Olson, Helen, 60 Cambridge St.  
 Olson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl W., 88 Pitkin St.  
 Olson, George, 88 Pitkin St.  
 Olson, Carl A., 88 Pitkin St.  
 Olson, Mr. and Mrs. John A., 81 Pearl St.  
 Olson, Inez, 81 Pearl St.  
 Olson, Mabel, 81 Pearl St.  
 Olson, Minnie, 81 Pearl St.  
 Olson, Mr. and Mrs. John I., 12 Jackson St.  
 Olson, Olga, 83 Pearl St.  
 Olson, Selma, 38 Stone St.  
 Olson, C. Henry, 36 Fairview St.  
 Orr, Gerda, Lydall St.  
 Palmer, Emily, 140 Cooper St.  
 Patten, Mrs. Hilma, 42 Hamlin St.  
 Parson, Christina, 16 Monroe St.  
 Parson, Mr. and Mrs. John, 13 Greenhill St.  
 Parson, Margaret, 13 Greenhill St.  
 Parson, Linnea, 13 Greenhill St.  
 Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Helge E.,  
   1009 Main St.  
 Pearson, G. Albert, 843 Main St.  
 Person, Nils, 143 Wetherell St.  
 Peterson, Anna, Flower St.  
 Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Carl A.,  
   120 South Main St.  
 Peterson, Evelyn, 120 South Main St.  
 Peterson, Carl J., 20 Pine Hill St.  
 Peterson, Carl H., 20 Pine Hill St.  
 Peterson, Elsie, 119 Wetherell St.  
 Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel,  
   61 Spruce St.  
 Peterson, Ella, 61 Spruce St.  
 Peterson, Dexter, 61 Spruce St.  
 Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest,  
   189 School St.  
 Peterson, Esther, 189 School St.  
 Peterson, Ruth E., 189 School St.  
 Peterson, Carl W., Griswold St.  
 Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. G. E., 577 Center St.  
 Peterson, Roy, 577 Center St.  
 Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar,  
   26 Division St.  
 Peterson, S. Emil, 25 Alton St.  
 Peterson, Hattie, 25 Alton St.  
 Peterson, Glennard, 25 Alton St.  
 Peterson, Willmore, 25 Alton St.  
 Peterson, Mark, 45 Hamlin St.  
 Peterson, Tekla, Mt. Nebo Road.  
 Peterson, Clarence, 76 Westminster Road.  
 Polson, John S., 97 Pleasant St.  
 Rauchle, Hildur, 180 Maple St.  
 Robinson, Isabelle, 354 Center St.  
 Rudeen, Harry, 330 Center St.  
 Rudeen, Ruth, 330 Center St.  
 Runer, Mr. and Mrs. Carl, 35 Division St.  
 Rylander, Anna, 95 Forest St.  
 Salmonson, Mr. and Mrs. David,  
   97 Pleasant St.  
 Salmonson, Ida, 62 Pleasant St.  
 Sandin, Mr. and Mrs. William, 36 Strant St.  
 Sasse, Ellen, 13 Laurel Place.  
 Schaller, Helen, care of 40 Stone St.  
 Scott, Gunnar, 62 Pleasant St.  
 Scott, Ivar, 75 Laurel St.  
 Sheekey, Signe, 140 Eldridge St.  
 Skoog, Agnes, 129 Cooper Hill St.  
 Skoog, Henry, 129 Cooper Hill St.  
 Skeog, Hildur S., 129 Cooper Hill St.  
 Small, Mr. and Mrs. George J.,  
   104 School St.  
 Straugh, Gertrude, 60 Ridge St.





