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LINCOLN'S PIONEER CHURCH

Thirtieth Anniversary of the First Congregational Society.

A LONG PASTORATE CELEBRATED

Rev. Lewis Gregory Finishes Twenty one Years of Service for One Congregation—His Anniversary Sermon.

The First Congregational church of Lincoln celebrated its twenty first anniversary on last Sunday and Monday. Sunday morning Mr. Gregory reviewed the history of the church from the beginning, including a mention of the early days of Lincoln and Nebraska.

Monday evening the celebration concluded with a banquet and toasts, at the conclusion of which Mr. Gregory was presented with a silver tray for an ink stand and an ink bottle with the monogram "L. G." engraved upon the cover and a pen tray. On the large tray is an engraving of the church and rectory. During the feast the Hagenau string quartet played in the little balcony overhanging the reception rooms of the church. On Sunday morning and evening Mrs. Raymond's chorus furnished the music, assisted by Mrs. Holyoke, Miss Becker, Mr. Langworthy and Mr. Albers. The chorus was well balanced and the extra voices produced a volume that is sometimes missing in the Sunday

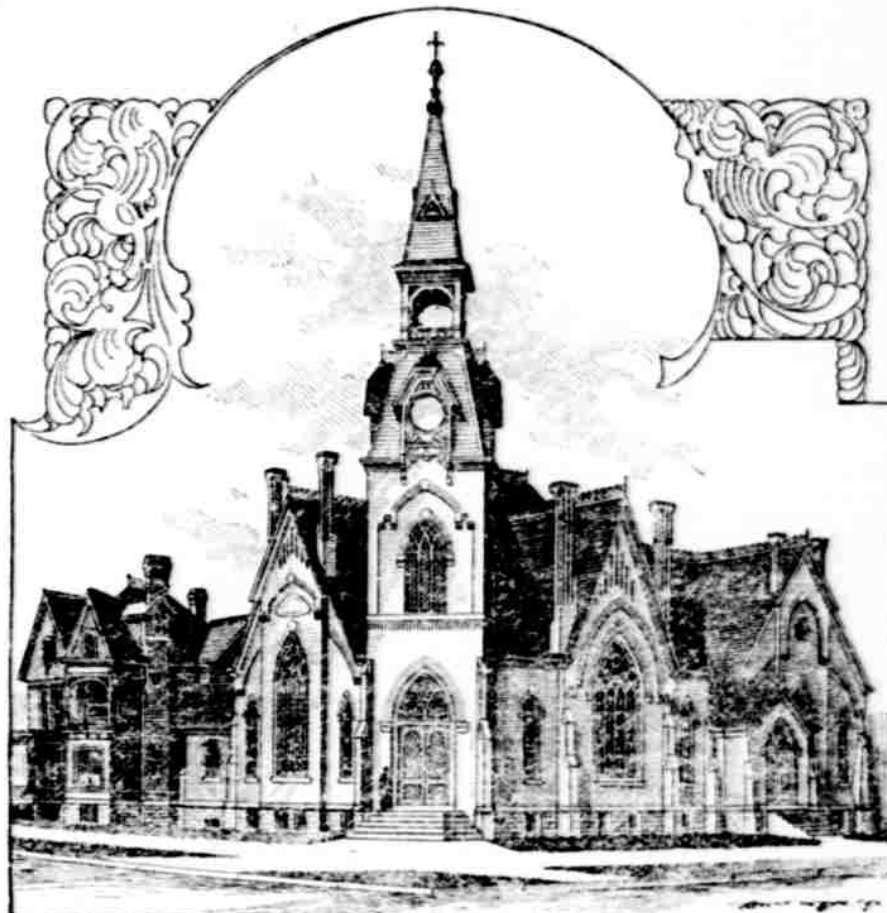
ences which needed no pathos or learning to make them seem real. His hearers had only to unlock the storehouse of memory and let the facts stand forth. So to many here I can only say "Ye know." All that concerns the history of this church, and the pastor's relation to it, in our common joys and sorrows, and what Christ has done for us all, ye know. Many of these things can never be written out or told in full, nor is there any need, for—ye know.

But for the sake of others not so familiar with God's dealings towards us in the past it seems best to try and tell something of the story.

A PIONEER CHURCH.

The early days of this church have a special interest because its organization antedates both the city and state. Its history carries us back to pioneer times. The first white resident of the county is said to have settled on the banks of Salt creek, on what is now Center-ville, in June, 1856. At this time the country had not been surveyed. During the next five years a few families moved in here and there on inviting spots near Waverly and Yankee Hill. They led a precarious existence, disputing with the Indians the right of possession.

In 1862 the homestead law was passed. Among the first settlers under it was John S. Gregory, sr., the first deacon of this church. His first stop was at a roofless and floorless log cabin on the margin of the salt basin. The cabin had been erected by Hon. J. Sterling Morton as a preemption claim, but was desolate and deserted. Mr. Gregory built a dug-out in which he lived. He furnished salt to the Rocky mountain freighters at 2 or 3 cents a pound. The next year Lancaster county was organized. Mr. Gregory was made chairman of the board of county commissioners. He also succeeded in having a postoffice established, named "Gregory Basin," of which he was appointed postmaster at a yearly salary of \$3, with an extra \$12 for bringing the mail from Salkillo, then in Clay county.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

chorus Mr. Langworthy and Mr. Albers are new additions to the chorus and the freshness and sweetness of their voices in the solo parts is delightful. The following is Mr. Gregory's historical sermon from the text: "Ye know from the first day that I came into Asia after what manner I have been with you at all seasons."

These are the opening words of Paul's address to the officers of the church of Ephesus, an address in which he briefly reviews their mutual labors; encourages them to face the unknown future; exhorts them to a loving care over all the interests of the church; and commends them "to God and the word of His grace." This address is a precious revelation of the intimate, tender, sacred relation in which the apostle stood to the people, to whom he so long ministered. His sermon is a rich legacy to the church in all ages and in all lands. It is a portion of scripture which from its peculiar depth and fervor seems to be marred and spoiled by any attempted exposition.

Luke, as if feeling this, has taken pains to preserve the very words in which Paul poured out his heart for the church he loved.

In choosing this text for our anniversary discourse, I wish only to call attention to the opening words: "Ye know," as if this included most that was necessary to be understood. Paul spoke of things familiar and personal; of events in which they all had been laborers together with God; of experi-

In 1864 J. M. Young, with ten or a dozen others, staked out a town of eighty acres, where Lincoln now stands. They called it Lancaster. The settlement was planned as a church colony of the Protestant Methodist church. From the proceeds of a sale of lots a building was erected, known as "Lancaster seminary," used also as a place for Sunday meetings, until a stone church was afterwards erected on the corner of K and Twelfth streets. To this building Mr. Gregory himself contributed \$8,000. In spite of the heroism and sacrifice of the members the church did not flourish, and it passed away with its first families, twenty years ago.

CONGREGATIONALISTS ASSEMBLE.

From the beginning Mr. Gregory and a few neighbors who were Congregationalists inclined held Sunday services among themselves, ministered to occasionally by the pastor at Greenwood. Finally, on August 19, 1866, a little church of six members was organized, when as the first page of the church record states, there were but seven buildings in the town, viz., the seminary, the store, the blacksmith shop and four dwellings. The church agreed to raise \$100 a year for its minister, a pledge which the records at the close of the year proudly states was more than fulfilled. During this year, in March, 1867, Nebraska was proclaimed a state. In July the capital was located on paper and the pure prairie. In November of this same year Rev. Charles Little, having been chosen pastor of the Congregational church, set about secur-