

# METHODIST CHURCH DEDICATION

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the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, Order of Railroad Conductors, and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. The other south windows are memorials by the Ludwick and McCarl families. The large west windows are the gift of the Epworth and Junior Leagues, and the two smaller windows on the west are gifts of the Grand Army and Ladies' Aid Society. The inscriptions on the league windows are as follows: By Bishop Simpson: "We live to make our church a power in the land, while we love every other church that exalts our Christ." By John Wesley: "I desire a league offensive and defensive with every soldier of Christ." On the east are four memorial windows, John Archibald, Mrs. E. J. Patterson, Max Anton, John Coleman. The official board of the church gave one of the north windows, the Sunday-school another, and the remaining two are memorials to Worthy Coleman and Archie Tyler. Besides there are the tower and other smaller windows.

One of the most expensive and artistic features of the new church is the tower. Though being one story less in height than at first contemplated it is 70 feet high, of light-color pressed brick and Colorado redstone construction, a thing of beauty and of pride. Its effect is heightened by the porch effect below and the two large and costly steps leading thereto. The steps alone cost about \$150.00. The bell weighs 2,000 pounds and cost \$310.00. When adjusted and attuned its volume and tone will be very satisfactory.

The lighting of the church is very complete and at night through the colored windows gives a most charming effect, from basement to tower top. The main audience-room contains four electroliers of four incandescents each of twenty-four candle power, besides there are single lights in plenty. Altogether there are forty-three lights in the church, controlled by six switches.

The basement is not fully finished. A steel ceiling will be provided, and the walls plastered in due time. When the dining-room will be used for Sunday-school purposes. Chairs will be used in the basement, some 150 being already provided. The basement will provide quarters for the exploitation of the brotherhood idea, of which we will give more in detail later, as a rally is in store for the not distant future, when there will be present from aboard a speaker

of note and when plans will be evolved for the future of the brotherhood.

The formal program of the day was as follows.

| MORNING SERVICE   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 9:00              | Informal Greeting to our Visitors  |
| 9:30              | Organ Prelude—Adagio..... Hayden   |
|                   | Hymn—"Joy to the World"..... Watts   |
|                   | Prayer—Rev. C. C. Wilson, P. E.  |
|                   | Anthem—"Gloria" from Farmer's Mass in Bb                                       |
|                   | Scripture Lesson   |
|                   | Solo—"Fear Not Ye, O Israel"..... Buck   |
|                   | CLARA JANE FERRENBERG  |
| 10:00             | Sermon—Rev. D. W. C. Huntington, D. D.,<br>Chancellor Neb. Wesleyan University |
| 10:30             | Address—Mr. Joseph W. Powell   |
|                   | Hymn—"Holy, Holy, Holy"..... Heber   |
|                   | Benediction  |
| AFTERNOON SERVICE |  |
| 2:45              | Meeting of Officers, Teachers and Scholars                                     |
| 3:00              | Young People's Mass Meeting for Everybody                                      |
|                   | Singing by Congregation  |
|                   | Solo—"Spirit Divine"..... Del Riego  |
|                   | CLARA JANE FERRENBERG  |
|                   | Hymn   |
|                   | Address—Mr. Joseph W. Powell   |
| EVENING SERVICE   |  |
| 6:00              | Epworth League   |
| 7:00              | Organ Prelude—Largo..... Handel  |
|                   | Anthem—"I Will Sing of the Mercies"  |
|                   | Palmer   |
|                   | Hymn—"The Voice of Triumph"..... Ware  |
|                   | Prayer—Rev. L. H. Shumate  |
|                   | Duet—"Thy Heavenly Love"..... Buck   |
|                   | CLARA JANE FERRENBERG, W. H. DUNGAN  |
| 8:00              | Address—Mr. Joseph W. Powell   |
|                   | Solo—"The City of Refuge"..... Baer  |
|                   | R. F. SMITH  |
|                   | Benediction  |

organization of the first class church has been served by the following presiding elders and pastors:

| PRESIDING ELDERS.   |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| P. C. Johnson.....  | 1885 to 1890 |
| I. N. Clover.....   | 1890 to 1891 |
| C. A. Maston.....   | 1891 to 1893 |
| C. A. Hale.....     | 1893 to 1899 |
| W. E. Hardaway..... | 1899 to 1905 |
| C. C. Wilson.....   | 1905         |

| PASTORS.             |                                    |
|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| Allen Bartley.....   | June, 1884 to October, 1884        |
| E. J. Hall.....      | January, 1885 to April, 1885       |
| W. S. Wheeler.....   | April, 1885 to September, 1886     |
| D. F. Rodabaugh..... | September, 1886 to September, 1887 |
| M. A. Castle.....    | September, 1887 to May, 1888       |
| I. W. Dwire.....     | May, 1888 to September, 1890       |
| P. S. Mather.....    | September, 1890 to October, 1891   |
| A. W. Coffman.....   | October, 1891 to October, 1894     |
| A. G. Foreman.....   | October, 1894 to October, 1895     |
| J. A. Badcon.....    | October, 1895 to October, 1900     |
| L. M. Grigsby.....   | October, 1900 to October, 1902     |
| L. H. Shumate.....   | October, 1902 to October, 1903     |
| M. B. Carman.....    | October, 1903                      |

[The following verses were written by Mrs. A. P. Welles and read by her before the members of the Junior League, Sunday afternoon, February 26th, on the occasion of the farewell service by the little ones in the old church:]

### FAREWELL TO OLD—BLESSINGS ON NEW.

Out of the old church, children, moving into the new,—  
All the planning and doubting are just as good as through;—  
Only one more duty remains for you and I,  
And that's to stand at the altar here and bid the old church good bye.

We feel quite proud of our church that's new, with its steeple and its bell;  
Church time, church time, to all the town its melody will tell;  
But the old church, when it was new, was the best there was in town,  
And then was held by all in the very same renown.

How much in thought and labor in words can never be told,  
Why Brother Bartley walked forty miles to give manna to the fold,  
But broader now the portal must be, for larger is the flock we're told,  
In God's house we should ever the love of his people behold.

Yet many things have happened here to make this old church dear,  
Christmas greetings, Easter joys and donations the minister to cheer,  
And many a good-time social we have had within these walls,  
When old and young could gather here and sing their merry songs.

And by this pulpit our minister, with Bible in his hand,  
Has pointed out the narrow way to the promised land;  
And down in front the Sunday-school to superintend,  
From year to year Brother Yarger his prayers to heaven did send.

And here in this old corner the little ones would come  
To hear the blessed story, so old, but new to them;  
That corner over yonder to the choir did belong  
And as I hearken backward I can almost hear their song.

Here was a class of little girls and there a class of boys  
With eyes so bright and hearts well filled with childhood joys,  
Over there Mr. Wilcox to his girls did counsel give,  
On the long seat there Miss Berry taught her boys how to live.

And by this altar has knelt the penitent from many miles around,  
Because he had heard that here a Savior could be found,  
Here the mothers brought their babies and it cannot be denied  
That when the preacher christened them many of them cried.

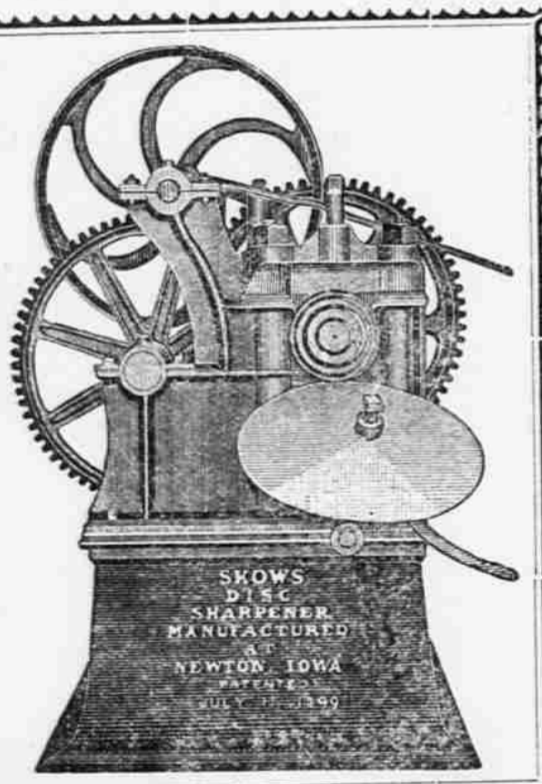
And one thing I remember when the mortgage here was burning,  
A portion of the blazing paper ascended to the ceiling,  
And I thought,—the material part is ended, the debt has all been paid,  
But the spirit and devotion to heaven their way have made.

Here to many a kind, good friend we have had to say good bye,  
When the Father called them to His home on high,  
Yes, many things have happened to make the old church dear,  
And God has blessed his people who have worshipped here.

And we pray this special blessing upon the church that's new:  
That He will guide and prosper us in all things we may do,  
So fare thee well, Old Church, we bid thee a fond farewell,  
But on memories' walls you'll hang wherever we may dwell.

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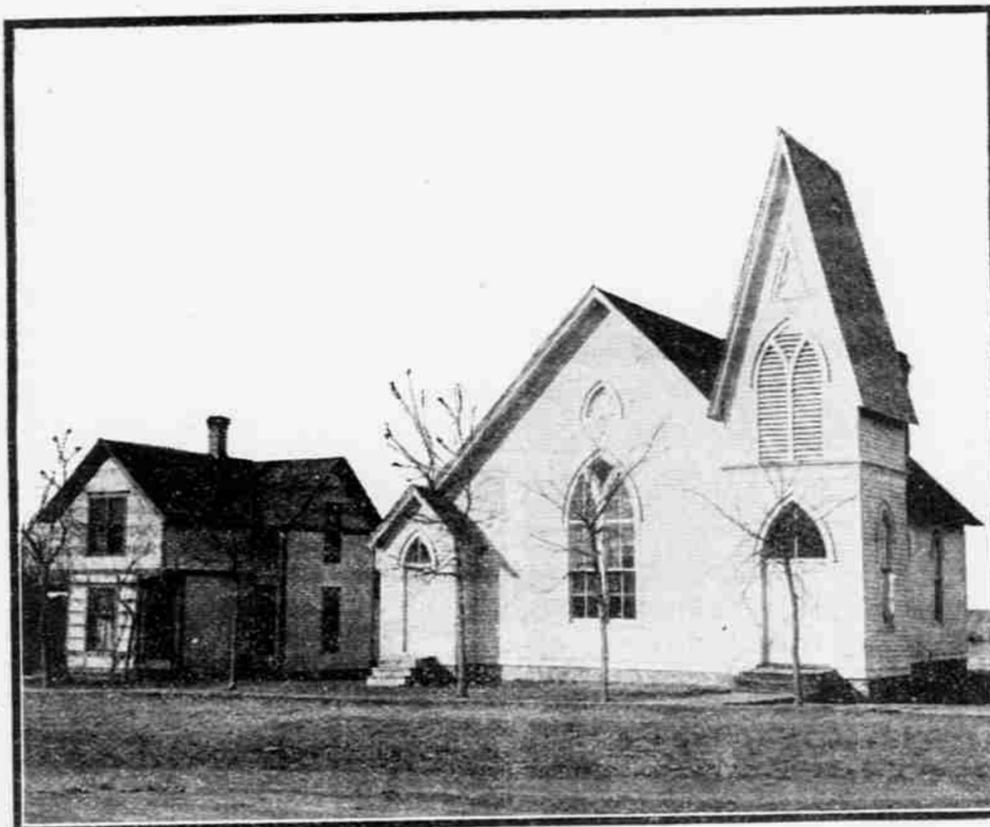
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The Old Methodist Church and Parsonage.

[Following historical sketch of the organization of the church, building of the old church etc., is from the pen of H. H. Berry of the "Old Guard:"]

In the early spring of 1884, Rev. Allen Bartley, who at that time lived on a homestead where the town of Bartley now stands, established a Methodist appointment in McCook, renting the room now occupied by C. K. Putman as a Candy Kitchen. Preaching once in four weeks. On the 19th of May, 1884, the Methodist Sunday School was organized in the Menard opera house, which had just been completed, with an enrollment of seventeen members and officered with the following officers: H. H. Berry, superintendent; J. H. Yarger, assistant superintendent; Ida VanFleet, secretary and treasurer; J. H. Yarger, Mrs. J. H. Yarger and Mrs. H. H. Berry, teachers. On May 4, 1884, Rev. Allen Bartley, assisted by Rev. J. M. Mann, organized the church with a membership of fourteen members, the following members uniting at the organization: Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Yarger, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Berry, I. T. Birdsall, D. S. Brakeman, J. A. Wilcox, John Enyeart, Amanda Enyeart, Emma J. Enyeart, Nettie C. East, and Martha J. M. McManigal. The class and Sunday school continued to meet in the opera house until the following January. Rev. Bartley continued to preach every two weeks until October of this year.

The latter part of September, the conference of the West Nebraska Mission met and the Mission was organized into the West Nebraska conference and McCook was made a station, with Rev. P. C. Johnson, presiding elder of the Indianola district, and McCook left to be supplied by the elder. The elder not being able to secure a supply the church was without preaching services until January 1, 1885, when the elder secured Rev. E. J. Hall of Washington, D. C., to take charge of the work.

By this time the west ward school house having been finished the church secured the use of one room of the school house, where services were held until April, when they moved back to the opera house. Rev. Hall served the charge until April 1, when he was relieved and Rev. W. S. Wheeler was appointed to take his place. Rev. Wheeler served the charge until November, 1886. Rev. Wheeler on taking charge began to plan for a new church building. Meeting with such hearty support from the citizens of the town, on the 19th day of May, 1885, less than two months from the time he took charge of the work, the corner stone of the old church was laid. As soon as the building was up and under roof and before either doors or windows were in they moved in and have since occupied the same until last Sunday, March 5, 1905, when they held their first service in their new church.

The parsonage was built by the Ladies' Aid society at an expense of \$1,600. The foundation was completed May 16th, 1898, and the building was occupied early in July of the same year.

The old church was dedicated by Chancellor C. F. Creighton of the Nebraska Wesleyan University in January, 1886, having been completed at a cost of \$3,000.00, with a membership of less than thirty members. The next eight years were years of struggle and but little advancement for the church until 1893, when the annual conference was held in McCook, which gave to the church an impetus that has lived up to the present results. On May 18, 1903, Bishop Charles Fowler visited McCook and organized the first movements toward the erection of the present new edifice. Since the



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One of the important actions in connection with the dedication was the organization of a local body of The Brotherhood of St. Paul. Mr. Powell, the national organizer, made this a special order for the Sunday night service, when the following officers were selected: President, L. C. Wolff; Secretary, J. R. Bucknell; Treasurer, J. W. Chase; Executive Committee, W. T. Coleman, chairman, Oscar Green, J. R. McCarl, Albert Calhoun, J. H. Moore, J. Earl Ludwick, J. D. Hare and C. W. Britt. The brotherhood commences business with the following membership:

|                   |                       |                  |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| A. Anderson,      | Joseph Allen,         | H. Anderson,     |
| R. J. Allen,      | C. H. Boyle,          | G. L. Burney,    |
| F. D. Burgess,    | Geo. Burgess,         | Carl Burgess,    |
| H. H. Berry,      | F. Berry,             | A. W. Berry,     |
| Chas. C. Byfield, | L. W. Brinton,        | H. A. Beale,     |
| C. Ball,          | Clifford C. Brown,    | J. R. Bucknell,  |
| R. J. Branscom,   | A. C. Burgess,        | M. B. Carman,    |
| A. Calhoun,       | Earl Casten,          | W. E. Calhoun,   |
| Norman Campbell,  | J. S. Chambers,       | Wm. Coleman,     |
| W. R. Clark,      | Bartlett Clark,       | J. W. Chase,     |
| W. T. Coleman,    | R. S. Cutler,         | Home Campbell,   |
| S. E. Callen,     | D. N. Cobb,           | H. Culbertson,   |
| Herb Conover,     | S. M. Cook,           | Ira Clawson,     |
| R. M. Douglass,   | R. D. Drulmer,        | A. C. Ebert,     |
| F. P. Eng,        | E. B. Furrow,         | J. H. Grovert,   |
| M. A. Grigsby,    | A. G. Goth,           | R. O. Green,     |
| S. S. Garvey,     | Dr. W. C. Huntington, | Ed. Hunter,      |
| E. P. Huber,      | B. Howe,              | Scott Housher,   |
| E. S. Howell,     | W. H. Harman,         | Dr. J. D. Hare,  |
| Wm. Heffelbower,  | C. E. Hoffman,        | R. M. Irwin,     |
| W. A. James,      | E. M. Jackson,        | C. M. Kent,      |
| O. Kunkel,        | William Knappe,       | J. A. Kerr,      |
| H. L. Kennedy,    | Fred Knappe,          | J. E. Ludwick,   |
| Barney Lewis,     | Adolph Linsburg,      | W. A. Middleton, |
| S. B. McLean,     | Ray McCarl,           | D. S. McCrone,   |
| S. D. McClain,    | Chas. Moore,          | J. H. Moore,     |
| D. C. Marsh,      | Martin Matson,        | B. L. McCarl,    |
| J. E. Nelsm,      | Charles Noble,        | N. O. Noland,    |
| Oscar Pearson,    | R. Parsons,           | J. R. Pence,     |
| W. E. Pence,      | W. H. Rankin,         | W. Rideout,      |
| C. E. Ryan,       | T. F. Rowell,         | Edwin Stimmell,  |

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