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*Marching Along*

**A HISTORY  
OF THE  
HIGHLAND PARK  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
LOS ANGELES  
1898 -- 1948**

## F O R E W O R D

If it is to be of more than academic interest, history, whether it be of a nation, a locality, an institution or an individual, must be more than a mere chronicle of events.

It is our hope that our readers may feel the thrill of honest pride in the accomplishments of this half century of service by our church; that with information may come the inspiration to make this institution an ever increasingly potent witness to the things of the spirit in this community and the world.

We are, of course, indebted to a large number of sources for the facts and figures brought together in these pages. We have drawn heavily on the material presented in the church history published in 1923. Official minutes of the church Session and other organizations, personal reminiscences of many individuals, and many hours of compilation and tabulation of figures by the pastor, have made it possible to present this summary of fifty years of marching along under the banner of Christ.

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## THE EARLY YEARS

In the light of present-day standards, El Pueblo de Nuestra Senora La Riena de Los Angeles de Porciuncula (Los Angeles for short) was a pretty quiet, easy-going, dusty little city in September of 1898. William McKinley was in the White House, the War with Spain had just ended and Southern California was drowsing along between two booms, that of 1887, and the one still to come, of 1906.

Highland Park was a one-street village scattered along Pasadena Avenue (now North Figueroa street) from Avenue Fifty to Avenue Sixty. There was one grocery, a two-room school and no church. Garvanza, farther out, was considered a separate community, considerably larger at that time.

Two years before, in June 1896, H. C. McBurney, District Sunday School Missionary for Los Angeles Presbytery, organized the Highland Park Presbyterian Sunday School in the house still standing on Gracita Place, next to Westminster House. Mr. and Mrs. McBurney were the parents of Elder T. Chester McBurney.

He had learned that the trustees of Occidental College, then located in Boyle Heights, were considering a change to a Highland Park campus and he felt rightly that it was a most opportune time to commence formal religious work in the district.

Previous to the incorporation of Highland Park into Los Angeles city, Congregational services had been held in the school house which, however, had to be discontinued when the school came under the control of the Board of Education.

For more than a year, services were held in a barn on South Avenue 52, known to old-timers as the Stamm property, following several temporary locations in private residences.

At this time Highland Park was claimed as a field by the Congregationalists who, nevertheless, co-operated fully in the new venture with the understanding that in the event that Occidental did not make the contemplated move, the school would come under their control. The college definitely committed itself to the change in location in 1897 and a sign was posted on Pasadena Avenue at Avenue 52, directing passersby to the "Presbyterian Sunday School, Two Blocks South."



REV. ELWYN G. WILLIAMS, D.D.  
MINISTER



REV. WALTER A. BISCHOFF  
ASSISTANT MINISTER

Shortly thereafter a large home was built at the same intersection by Mrs. Katherine Curry, and the school accepted her invitation to meet there. Mrs. Curry was the mother-in-law of Dr. Samuel H. McClung and the grandmother of Mrs. William C. Paine, Mrs. Patrick Buell, James C. and Samuel N. McClung.

Weeknight prayer meetings conducted by Rev. L. F. Laverty, then pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, were also held in this home until the completion of the Occidental Academy Building.

The formal organization of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church took place in this building September 4, 1898, following preliminary work by a committee appointed by Presbytery consisting of Rev. James H. Stewart, Rev. James J. Marks, D.D., and Elder Henry Dunlop.

Following are the names of the Charter Members: Miss Maria E. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Allen, Mrs. Katherine S. Curry, Albert E. Dilworth, Clara M. Dilworth, Florence R. Dilworth, H. Percy Dilworth, J. Norman Dilworth, Mrs. Cora B. Engle, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Green, Mrs. Barbara R. Insley, Mrs. Agnes M. Leffler, Agnes M. Leffler, Charles B. Leffler, Mrs. L. A. Lockwood, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McBurney, James C. McClung, Eleanor E. McClung, Dr. S. H. McClung, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Mead, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Miller, Sarah L. Miller, Lucy E. Moody, Robert E. Moody, Mrs. Maria Schemenau, Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord H. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Stimson and Mrs. H. M. Wallace.

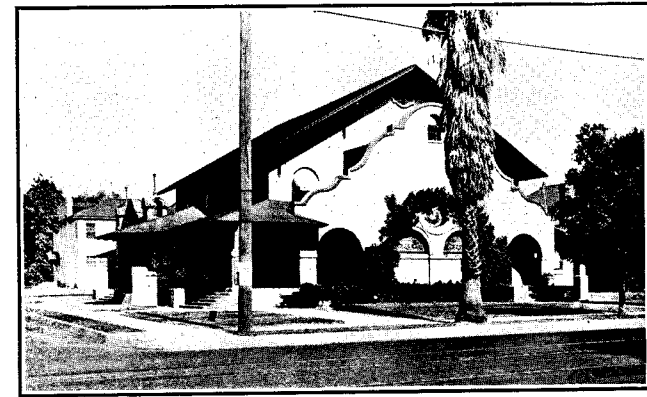
Dr. S. H. McClung and Samuel M. Allen were elected Ruling Elders, H. Percy Dilworth and A. S. Stimson were the first Deacons. The rotary system, still in effect, was adopted as a method of election to office.

Rev. H. P. Wilbur, professor of Latin at Occidental College was chosen as Stated Supply, which position he held until December of 1899 at which time Rev. John A. Gordon, D.D., Vice-President of the college, assumed the leadership of the new church, continuing until May of the following year. Dr. and Mrs. Gordon were the parents of Mrs. Andrew Brydon.

Under this able leadership the infant organization grew rapidly and soon felt the need of a permanent head, which need was filled in the acceptance by Rev. Franklin P. Berry, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, of a call extended to him by the congregation in March, 1900. It is interesting to note that his salary, partly paid by the Home Mission Board, was \$900.00 per annum.

Rev. Mr. Berry was installed May 9, 1900, Rev. William S. Young, D.D., presiding. Rev. Guy W. Wadsworth, D.D., preached the sermon and Rev. Robert W. Cleland, Rev. James H. Stewart and Rev. James R. Compton also participated in this historic service.

At the annual meeting of March 1901, the membership was reported as 65 with a Sunday School enrollment of 71. The session was increased to six members and the pastor's salary was increased. The latter was doubtless a most welcome gesture of confidence.



HIGHLAND PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 1905-1923

By this time the need for a permanent church edifice was very apparent and after exhaustive consideration by the committee consisting of the elders and trustees, the property now occupied by the church proper, was purchased for \$950. Mrs. Elizabeth Y. Gordon had offered to donate a site, but when the committee felt that the location was not central enough, she made a substantial contribution toward the purchase of the recommended lot.

The steady growth of the congregation continued and the March 1903 Annual Meeting reported a membership of 174. The church now was self-supporting. A building committee was appointed and on June 13, 1903, was given authority to proceed with plans for a church building.

Thornton Fitzhugh, the architect employed by the committee, appeared before a congregational meeting October 14 and presented his plans which were accepted. Action was also taken to implement a campaign for raising the necessary construction funds.

Following several months of discussion as to the advisability of constructing only a portion of the building at first, it was decided at a meeting held August 4, 1904, to proceed as originally planned. The cost was estimated at \$15,000. W. F. Poor and S. C. Wing had been added to the Board of Trustees to assist in the details of the project.

Rev. Hugh K. Walker, D.D., then pastor of Immanuel Church, did a great deal to inspire the Highland Park Presbyterians with confidence in their ability to successfully complete the building and members of the older church contributed a total of \$3,300.00 to the building fund. The members of the Board of Trustees, acting with Messrs. Poor and Wing, were George R. Whitcomb, D. M. Hammack, H. L. Lunt, Peter Hendricks and D. C. Rice.

The service for laying the cornerstone took place February 28, 1905, and the first service was held in the new structure June 11, 1905 on the occasion of the Occidental College Baccalaureate, the sermon for which was delivered by its president, Rev. Guy W. Wadsworth.

These were years of rapid growth for Highland Park and by 1906 it was thought feasible to establish a Sunday School in the district now known as York Valley. H. H. Grotthouse took the superintendency of this new venture and from this beginning has grown Grace Presbyterian Church which, at this writing, has under construction a new sanctuary at North Avenue 53 and Meridian street.

Rev. Franklyn Berry resigned his pastorate February 28, 1907. Presbytery then appointed Rev. Samuel E. Wishard, D.D. as moderator of the session and Stated Supply, in which capacity he served until Rev. William B. Gantz, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Hamilton, Ohio, came to occupy the pulpit during the summer of the same year. Dr. Wishard was the grandfather of Mrs. Charles E. McDowell.

Mr. Gantz accepted the call which was extended to him and began his formal ministry October 6, 1907. His session was composed of Robert W. Brydon, Julian F. Cumberland, H. H. Grotthouse, Daniel M. Hammack, George H. Howard, Samuel H. McClung, W. F. Poor and S. C. Wing.

The combination of dynamic leadership on the part of the pastor and the tremendous influx of home seekers to Southern California, brought about a corresponding growth in the church. At the Annual Meeting of March 1908 the membership was reported as 539 and the Sunday School enrollment as 484. It was voted to increase the session from nine to

twelve members and later in the spring an addition was constructed at the north side of the church building.

By the next annual meeting, the membership had risen to 656, and by 1910 to 702. Mr. Gantz was elected as a commissioner to General Assembly. He received the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Occidental College in 1911. His influence along evangelical lines was strongly felt and that year fifteen students for the ministry were under the care of the Session.

Following a campaign for the necessary funds, an Austin pipe organ was installed in February 1912 at a cost of \$3500.00.

By April 1915 the church membership had grown to 827 and financial contributions for all purposes, were reported as \$18,042. Dr. Gantz was again elected a commissioner to General Assembly which met in Rochester, New York.

This trip resulted in his receiving and accepting a call to Westminster Presbyterian Church of Detroit, Michigan, one of the oldest Presbyterian Churches in that city. Dr. Gantz later became executive secretary of Detroit Presbytery. Returning to California because of ill-health, he retired to Monte Vista Grove where he and Mrs. Gantz resided until his death.

Dr. Gantz' resignation took effect August 15, 1915 and Rev. Howard W. Kellogg, a professor at Occidental College, was appointed by Presbytery to moderate the session until a new pastor could assume his duties.

The name of Rev. Campbell Coyle, D.D. of Pittsburg, Pa. was presented to the congregation November 17, 1915, by the pulpit supply committee, and a call was issued to him which he accepted December 1. He commenced his ministry at the morning service February 6, 1915. At his installation service the sermon was preached by his brother, Rev. Robert F. Coyle, D.D.

The church, through resolutions adopted by the session, expressed great appreciation of the services of Rev. Mr. Kellogg in the interim, always a trying period in the life of a church.

The years 1916 and 1917 saw a loss in membership but by April 1918 the membership had increased to 891 and the Sunday School enrollment was 548.

World War I found many of the young men of the church serving in the armed forces. Seventy-nine names are on the honor roll and in spite of the fact that a number served with distinction in intensive combat areas, Max Hasper, who died in service, was the only one who lost his life.

Under the direction of Mrs. S. C. Wing, a very active Red Cross Auxiliary with a membership of 179, carried on this vitally important work. The records show that 3507 articles were made and 614 garments were knit.

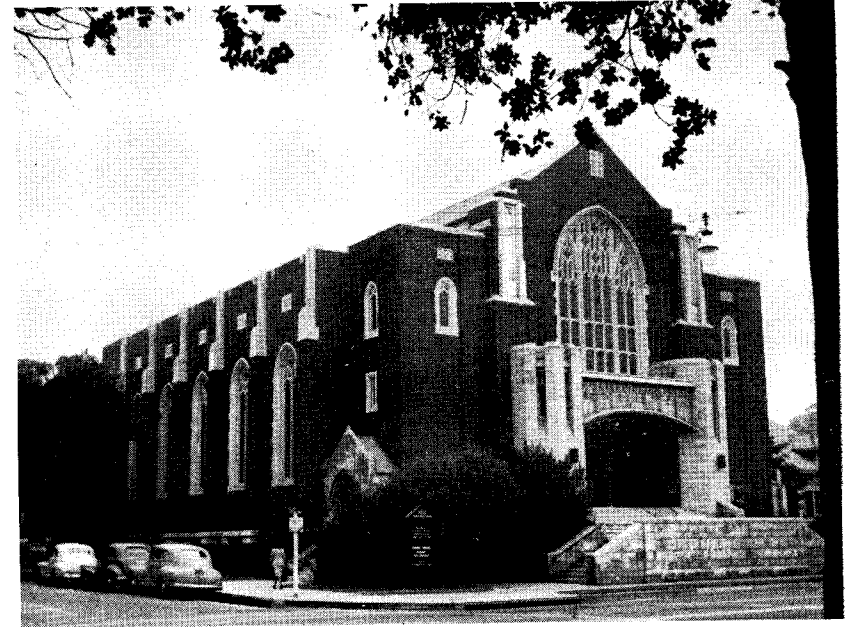
In November of 1918, Rev. R. W. Cleland, D.D., father of Dr. Robert Glass Cleland, educator and historian, assumed the duties of assistant pastor. He served in this capacity until his death in September of the following year. In this brief ministry Dr. Cleland made a large place for himself in the affections of the congregation, and his loss was keenly felt. Mrs. Cleland was closely identified with the work of the church, especially the missionary effort, and she served as president of the Los Angeles Presbyterial Society from 1906 until 1925.

During the autumn of 1920, D. Clarence Burd assumed the duties of a pastor's assistant. After a few months he returned to his home in the east. In January 1922 he resumed his work in this capacity, continuing to serve the church until August 1923 when he answered the call to a church in New Jersey, having been ordained to the Ministry. With his wife, formerly Cora Lindsay, sister of the church architect, Rev. Mr. Burd is engaged in missionary work among the Indians in New Mexico.

## II

### WESTMINSTER HOUSE AND THE NEW CHURCH

The first definite move toward expanding the physical facilities of the church was taken at the Annual Meeting of April 1919. At this time the



THE PRESENT SANCTUARY, ERECTED IN 1923-24

trustees were authorized to proceed with plans for a new church building to cost not to exceed \$60,000.00. However, it was stipulated that if subscriptions toward the project failed to reach \$50,000, nothing further was to be done. As the sum subscribed fell short of that amount, the congregation dropped further consideration of the matter at the 1920 meeting.

The membership of the church was now above the 1000 mark with the Sunday School at 600 and it was imperative that the plant be expanded to afford at least temporary relief. A committee headed by Alexander Kirkpatrick, with Judge Nehemiah Blackstock, R. W. Brydon, D. S. Hammack

and C. A. Hayward as members, was appointed and on the following August 18, reported that an option had been secured on the lot in the rear of the church across Gracita Place.

Messrs. Blackstock, Brydon and Hayward offered to advance the \$5000 necessary for its purchase. The offer was accepted and the site for Westminster House was so obtained. The three houses on the lot were sold and moved, and shortly thereafter the building became a reality, greatly relieving the congestion in the Sunday School, and proving invaluable as a meeting place for the congregation during the construction of the present sanctuary.

A special congregational meeting called December 3, 1922, considered a resolution offered by D. S. Hammack for the trustees, citing the pressing need for a larger church building and providing for a building committee. Passage of the resolution opened the way for the appointment of a committee of twelve members as follows: From the session, R. W. Brydon and C. B. Moore; Trustees, C. A. Hayward and D. S. Hammack; Sunday School, Charles E. McDowell; Deacons, D. C. Welty; Deaconesses, Mrs. Mary Goodwin; Missionary Society, Mrs. S. C. Wing; Aid Society, Mrs. T. R. Welch; Brotherhood, S. C. Wing; Congregation-at-large, W. Van E. Thompson and L. W. Towne.

This committee reported on January 31, 1923, the appointment of George M. Lindsay as architect, who had prepared preliminary plans acceptable to the committee, for a structure which eventually cost \$231,000.

On the adoption of the plan by the congregation, an intensive campaign for the necessary funds resulted in approximately \$145,000 being subscribed. A mortgage to the Security-First National Bank for \$175,000 provided for the completion of the building.

It was found necessary to wreck the old sanctuary, much to the regret of many to whom it had been a church home for so many years and who had hoped that it might be moved.

The last service was a communion held Easter Sunday 1923.

An impressive service was held October 21, 1923 for the laying of the cornerstone of the new church, and the following articles were sealed in a copper box and deposited therein, a Bible, church history, the booklet "The Five Friendly Valleys," the Honor Roll, a picture of Dr. Coyle, and copies of Highland Park News-Herald and Los Angeles papers.

Construction progressed satisfactorily and the first service in the new house of worship was held March 30, 1924. That the structure did not

cost considerably more than it did was due largely to the fact that C. A. Hayward acted as general contractor at purely token remuneration. Further substantial savings were made through the facilities of the Hayward Lumber Company in delivering material direct from the mills to Union Pacific sidings only a few blocks from the site. L. W. Towne also spent a large portion of his time throughout the construction period, assisting Mr. Hayward in the multiplicity of detail incident to such an undertaking.

None but a few unheeded prophets foresaw the disaster toward which the nation and world were plunging, and even after the crash of October 1929, no one realized that it was to be the beginning of the Great Depression, the worst in the world's economic history.

As the term pledges for the building fund had been made subject to cancellation in case of removal from the community and inability to pay for various reasons, quite a large proportion of the subscriptions remained unpaid by 1930 and it became necessary to refinance the mortgage. Even with this expedient accomplished, the burden of keeping up the interest alone became not only a heavy one but a discouraging one as well.

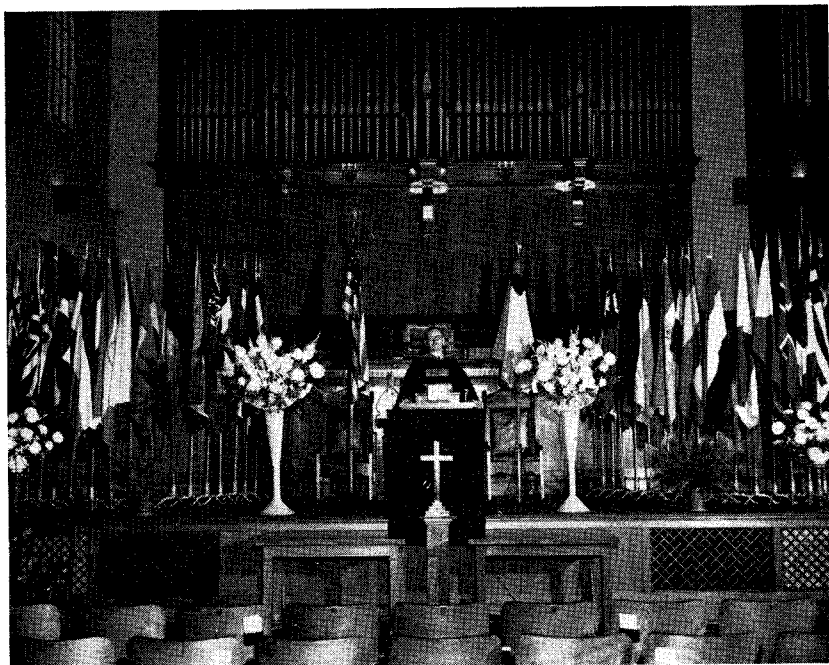
The situation throughout this area, where many expensive church plants had been erected during the great boom, became almost fantastic from a financial standpoint. Only the fact that the lending institutions holding church obligations could see no possibility of liquidating the loans under foreclosure proceedings, prevented a widespread closing of church doors.

The Security-First National Bank was very cooperative throughout this trying period and finally the Board of Trustees under the leadership of Stanley K. Burgess, succeeded in negotiating an amortized loan at reduced interest. Under its terms the church paid a fixed sum of \$500.00 per month, to include interest, the loan to run until paid out on this basis.

The prospect of a definite plan, with complete liquidation of the mortgage in the foreseeable future, acted as a great stimulus to the morale of the congregation. For several years these payments were met without a single default until the principal was reduced to such a figure that through the concerted efforts of the congregation under Dr. E. G. Williams' inspiring leadership, and with the help of some special gifts, the loan was paid in full.

A most impressive service was held to celebrate the burning of the mortgage February 24, 1946, and Highland Park Presbyterian Church found

itself free to divert a substantial portion of its income to vitally important projects. At the present time a Five-Year-Plan Committee is engaged in planning several improvements in the church plant that will greatly facilitate the carrying on of its program.



VIEW OF CHANCEL WITH DR. WILLIAMS AND

FLAGS OF ALL NATIONS

WORLDWIDE COMMUNION 1944

### III

## THE LAST QUARTER CENTURY

The report to Presbytery for the fiscal year 1923-24, showed a net membership of 1207 and a Sunday School enrollment of 1300. Shortly thereafter, in June 1924, Rev. Thomas Holden, just graduated from the San Francisco Theological Seminary, joined the church staff as assistant pastor.

Dr. Coyle, who had served the church as its pastor for more than nine years, resigned September 23, 1925 and accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Boulder, Colorado. Mr. Holden continued as Stated Supply until the end of the year when he was called to the pastorate of the Tropic Presbyterian Church of Glendale.

On retirement from the ministry, Dr. and Mrs. Coyle returned to Southern California and made their home in South Pasadena. Both are now deceased.

Rev. Thomas Holden, D.D., is pastor of the Wilshire Crest Presbyterian Church and Stated Clerk of Los Angeles Presbytery and the California-Nevada Synod.

The committee appointed to secure a new pastor reported November 9, 1925, recommending that the congregation issue a call to Rev. Arthur Lee Odell, D.D., who had succeeded Dr. Gantz as minister of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Odell accepted the call and Mr. Holden preached his last sermon as Stated Supply, Sunday, December 29, 1925. The report to Presbytery for that fiscal year showed a total membership of 1343 and the Sunday School enrollment at 1113.

Rev. John M. Acheson became director of Religious Education by authority of the Session March 22, 1926. He continued in this capacity until he resigned September 1, 1927.

Dr. Odell resigned his pastorate July 31, 1928, to accept a call from the Community Church of Beverly Hills, where he served effectively for a number of years. Then, following a nine year pastorate in St. Paul, Minnesota, he returned to Southern California and is now on the pastoral staff at Pasadena Presbyterian Church. Dr. and Mrs. Odell make their home in Pasadena.



For the five Sundays following Dr. Odell's resignation, the pulpit was occupied by Dr. Angus H. Cameron. Then Rev. J. Hudson Ballard, D.D., acted as Stated Supply until January 31, 1929. For several weeks during this period the Session was moderated by Rev. J. W. Millar. On many other occasions Mr. Millar, who was retired from the active ministry, served the church in this capacity, as well as rendering valuable assistance in the boys' work program.

The pastoral committee appointed to find a successor to Dr. Odell, reported to the Session November 21, 1928, recommending that the congregation be asked to issue a call to Rev. Earle Pierce Cochran, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Orange, California.

At a congregational meeting held December 5, it was voted unanimously to comply with this recommendation and Mr. Cochran assumed his duties as pastor February 10, 1929.

It became his task to guide the church through the depression years. Many radical adjustments had to be made in the operating expenses and it became necessary to make several drastic reductions in the pastor's salary. These were accepted with a cheerful, optimistic spirit which did much to sustain the morale of the membership. Mention has already been made of the amortization of the building debt.

Miss Clara Silliman, a trained religious education worker, took the position of Director of Religious Education January 1, 1933. She continued in this capacity until her resignation in February 1935.

Mr. Cochran resigned his pastorate effective March 1, 1938 to assume the duties of Field Secretary for the Presbyterian Board of Pensions for the western states with headquarters in Los Angeles. In that connection it is interesting that this work was under the direction of Dr. E. G. Williams, now pastor of this church but at that time, Western Secretary of the Board of Pensions.

Mr. Cochran, now Dr. Cochran, and Mrs. Cochran and their son James, make their home in Pendleton, Oregon, where Dr. Cochran is very successfully guiding the destinies of the First Presbyterian Church.

Rev. William K. Howe, D.D., who had been the very competent assistant to the pastor since early in 1936, became Stated Supply March 1, 1938 and served the church until November 30, when Dr. Henry Sears Thomson, D.D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ottumwa, Iowa, who had been unanimously called, commenced his pastorate.

Dr. and Mrs. Howe make their home in Monte Vista Grove and are frequent and welcome visitors at Highland Park Church.

Following the resignation of Howard Swan, referred to in the chapter on the Ministry of Music, Leonard B. Martin of Hanover, Pennsylvania, was invited to join the staff as Director of Religious Education and Minister of Music. He assumed these duties November 1, 1940. Mrs. Martin, also an accomplished musician and director, later became Minister of Music for Westminster Presbyterian Church, Pasadena. Mr. Martin resigned November 15, 1946 to become the Minister of Music for Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco.

When the Pearl Harbor attack plunged our nation into World War II, Dr. Thomson, who was a reserve captain and had been an overseas chaplain in the first World War, was called into service. He was assigned to Fitzsimmons General Hospital at Denver as Post Chaplain. Dr. Henry Marcotte, D.D., of Portland Oregon, was called to act as Stated Supply.

At a congregational meeting held January 23, 1944, Dr. Thomson resigned his pastorate, feeling that the uncertainty of his length of service as army chaplain made it imperative that the church obtain a regular pastor. Dr. Marcotte continued as Stated Supply until April 1, and then answered a call to serve in the same capacity for the church in Salem, Oregon. He and Mrs. Marcotte now reside in Portland, Oregon.

Dr. Thomson served as Post Chaplain for Fort Riley, Kansas, and then again at Fitzsimmons where he continued until leaving the service in 1946 with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He and Mrs. Thomson now make their home in El Cajon, California, where Dr. Thomson is Pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

The Pastor Seeking Committee appointed to secure a successor to Dr. Thomson, at a meeting held March 26, 1944, recommended that a call be extended to Rev. E. G. Williams, D.D., Secretary for the Board of Pensions for the Western District. A unanimous call was issued and Dr. Williams assumed his new position May 14.

World War II called one hundred thirty men and women from the congregation and membership of the church, seven of whom lost their lives in their country's service. A very fitting Gold Star Memorial Service

was held in their memory October 10, 1945. The "Roll of Remembrance" carries the following names:

James Arthur Baraw	May 16, 1942 (France)
Duane LeRoy Beaman	July 17, 1943 (Pacific Area)
Marlyn Vergil Bell	May 8, 1945 (off the Coast of Okinawa)
Hubert L. DeGonia	May 22, 1945 (United States)
Carl B. Harrington	January 3, 1945 (Hombourg, Germany)
James H. Kreuter	Oct. 16, 1943 (Barneget Bay Inlet, N.J.)
Paul Raymond Krug	February 17, 1945 (Germany)
Carl Lange	August 26, 1944 (France)

For a Gold Star Memorial, the sum of \$2,800.00 has been contributed to the San Francisco Seminary Building Fund for a room where a suitable tablet will carry these names.

Throughout nearly the entire progress of the conflict, the men and women in service were kept in touch with their home church and with their friends in the different theaters of the war, by means of a monthly publication, "Contact," edited by Mrs. C. Henry Harrington and Mrs. Alfred Jones. In addition they also received copies of "Today" and useful gifts each holiday season.

Following the end of the war and the return of many young people to civilian life, it became increasingly evident that the pastor would require an assistant. Following a unanimous call, Rev. Ronald Holcomb commenced his work in that capacity December 16, 1945, and served the congregation most acceptably until called to the pastorate of Bethany Presbyterian Church of this city in October, 1947.

A canvass of the possibilities for a successor to Mr. Holcomb resulted in Rev. Walter A. Bischoff assuming the position of assistant pastor February 1, 1948.

Following is a roster of ministers who have served as pastor or Stated Supply:

#### LIST OF MINISTERS

Henry P. Wilbur, S.S.	9/18/98 to 11/28/99
John A. Gordon, S.S.	12/20/99 to 5/10/00
Franklin P. Berry, Pastor	5/10/00 to 4/1/07
Samuel E. Wishard, S.S.	4/1/07 to 11/10/07
William B. Gantz Pastor	11/10/07 to 8/15/15
Howard W. Kellogg, S.S.	8/15/15 to 2/6/16
Campbell Coyle, Pastor	2/6/16 to 9/23/25
Thomas Holden, S.S.	9/23/25 to 12/31/25
Arthur Lee Odell, Pastor	1/17/26 to 7/31/28
Angus H. Cameron, S.S.	8/1/28 to 9/2/28
J. Hudson Ballard, S.S.	9/9/28 to 1/31/29
Earle Pierce Cochran, Pastor	2/17/29 to 3/1/38
Wm. K. Howe, S.S.	3/1/38 to 11/15/38
Henry Sears Thomson, Pastor	11/30/38 to 2/29/44
Henry Marcotte, S.S.	3/27/42 to 4/1/44
Elwyn G. Williams, Pastor	5/14/44

## IV

### ORGANIZATIONS

In any active religious body, a large number of organizations will come into being over a half century, some to serve their purpose and become memories, others to remain as permanent factors in the life of the church.

Such has been the case with Highland Park Presbyterian Church.

It is impracticable to recite the detailed history of these groups, but in this chapter an attempt will be made to outline briefly some of their stories.

#### THE CHURCH SCHOOL

As was brought out at the beginning this church is the outgrowth of a Sabbath School and the present Church School, as it is now designated, is probably the most important of all the subsidiary organizations, providing the training ground for future leaders and oftentime acting as the first contact between the church and those in the community who are without a church home.

From its inception, the Church School has enjoyed consecrated, competent leadership and one time, 1923-24, the enrollment was more than the total membership of the church. A number of reasons may be advanced to explain the fact that the enrollment is smaller today. The major factor is undoubtedly the decline of school enrollment in the younger years in the Highland Park area. The marked number of older established families here now, plus the movement of younger married people to newer housing areas, has reduced the local population of children.

Also might be mentioned the much widespread use of the automobile, taking families on Sunday outings, the increase in the number of churches and a general slackening of Sunday observance. However the Church School today is a strong, vital force in the life of the church and is showing a very healthy growth.

As now organized the Church School comprises the following departments and organized classes:

Departments: Nursery, Beginners, Primary, Junior, Junior High, Senior High, Young People, Adult, Home. With these should be included the Week Day Bible School and the Daily Vacation Bible School, the latter held in conjunction with other churches in the community.

Organized Classes: Melody Bible Class, Alpha Class, Fidelis, Mr. and Mrs. and Westminster.

The following have served as superintendent of the Church School and several of this number have given many years of devotion to this very important task. R. W. Brydon, C. B. Moore, Van E. Thompson, C. E. McDowell, A. D. McKinniss, A. E. Barnes, J. C. McClung, Gerald Mosteller. Mr. Barnes, who was superintendent a number of years a decade ago, is again serving in this capacity at the present time.

It is of special interest to note that this year of 1948 marks the thirtieth anniversary of Mrs. J. C. Johnson's assuming the superintendency of the Beginners' Department. She was appointed to this post February 4, 1918 and has served continuously since that time.

#### THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

From its earliest years, the musical activities as headed up in the choir have played an important part in the program of Highland Park Church.

Following a number of directors, some of whom conducted the choir only at rehearsals, James H. Anderson was employed as choir director in May, 1917, and served until June of the following year. He was succeeded by the organist, Dr. C. E. Anderson who acted as organist and choir director combined. On leaving to take up his medical studies at St. Louis, Missouri, Dr. Anderson's place at the organ console was taken by Mrs. C. E. McDowell, who had previously held the position, and Howard E. Smith was appointed choir director.

Following his resignation in November 1924, Mrs. Laura Spang carried on the work until Dr. H. E. J. Vernon assumed the duties of director. Dr. Vernon resigned in September of 1929 and Benjamin Edwards was appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Edwards was succeeded by Howard S. Swan in September 1931.

Under Mr. Swan's guidance the choir reached a high degree of musicianship, being adjudged by competent critics as one of the outstanding church musical organizations in the Southwest. Mr. Swan who was associated with Occidental College as choral director and director of Thorne Hall, resigned his post with Highland Park Church in 1940 to assume similar duties with Pasadena Presbyterian Church.

As noted in the foregoing chapter, Mr. Leonard Martin came to Highland Park Church in November of the same year.

Following Mr. Martin's resignation in November 1946, John Tompkins was employed and has since served most acceptably.

Mrs. Charles E. McDowell resigned her position as organist effective September 1, 1943 after more than thirty years of service to the church in that capacity. Mrs. H. H. Grotthouse presented the church with a set of chimes for the organ which were dedicated to Mrs. McDowell on Sunday, June 20, 1946, in appreciation of her long and faithful service.

J. Albert Hindle succeeded Mrs. McDowell as organist and, resigning in the spring of 1946 on account of ill-health, he in turn, was followed by Raymond Lopez. Mr. Lopez found it necessary to relinquish his position in September 1948 because of the pressure of other work. The organ is being played by a number of guest organists as this book goes to press.

#### WOMEN'S AID SOCIETY

The Women's Aid Society was organized in 1905 and down through the years its activities have been of incalculable benefit to the church as an organization and to the physical plant which houses it. When the church indebtedness was finally liquidated, it was found that the Aid Society had contributed \$60,000 to that cause alone.

Organized on the circle plan, the members are continually busy on various projects for the improvement of the facilities of the church buildings and for assistance to a large number of outside causes. Very recently the society has purchased the equipment necessary to conduct the most elaborate social function without the necessity of employing outside catering assistance.

The following have served as president:

1905 Mrs. Williel Thompson	1929-31 Mrs. F. L. Peairs
1906 Mrs. C. E. Bickford*	1931-33 Mrs. C. A. Berggren*
1907 Mrs. C. W. Foote	1933-35 Mrs. George Pennebaker
1908 Mrs. R. D. List*	1935-37 Mrs. A. G. Baraw
1909-10 Mrs. Abbie Blackstock*	1937-39 Mrs. Owen H. Hill
1910-16 Mrs. T. R. Welch*	1939-41 Mrs. Geo. V. Ingles
1916-18 Mrs. Gladys Howett*	1941-43 Mrs. Geo. A. Zentmyer
1918-20 Mrs. T. R. Welch*	1943-44 Mrs. C. A. Berggren*
1920-27 Mrs. Marie Stillman	1944-45 Mrs. Alfred Jones
1927-29 Mrs. D. G. Miller	1945-47 Mrs. Carl Plath
*Deceased	1947- Mrs. H. H. Haskins

#### WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

This organization is also celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of its founding this year. In the Section on the Missionary Effort and the Statistical Record Chapter may be found the impressive figures covering the contributions of the church to missionary causes as well as the long list of those who have found the inspiration in this church for a lifetime of work in the mission fields.

It is largely through the efforts of the Missionary Society that this record, of which the Highland Park Church is justly proud, became a reality.

Following is the list of those who have served the organization as president:

1898-00 Mrs. Katherine Curry*	1921-23 Mrs. S. C. Wing
1901 Mrs. D. M. Hammack*	1924-26 Mrs. J. D. McGlashan
1902-05 Mrs. R. W. Cleland*	1927-28 Mrs. H. H. Grotthouse
1906-08 Mrs. John Merrill*	1929-30 Mrs. F. W. Starr
1909 Mrs. E. B. Thomson*	1931-32 Mrs. Grace E. Barnes*
1910 Mrs. Helen Avery*	1933-34 Mrs. H. H. Grotthouse
1911-13 Dr. Kate C. Moody*	1935-36 Mrs. J. C. McClung
1914 Mrs. E. B. Thomson*	1937-38 Mrs. May M. Samson*
1915-16 Mrs. C. A. Plath	1939-40 Mrs. S. K. Burgess
1917-18 Mrs. Alex Kirkpatrick*	1941-42 Mrs. Richard Smith
1919 Mrs. F. S. Haupt*	1943-44 Mrs. A. G. Baraw
1920 Mrs. L. F. Laverty	1945-46 Mrs. William McCoy
*Deceased	1947-48 Mrs. A. G. Baraw

#### CLELAND GUILD

Named in honor of Mrs. R. W. Cleland, this organization of business and professional women has been an important factor in the life of Highland Park Church since its founding in 1927.

With Dinner meetings followed by programs of a religious or cultural nature of outstanding merit, the Guild fills the needs for a weekday church group for women who are for the most part, unable to attend daytime meetings.

## HIGHLAND CLAN

The Clan was organized twenty years ago for the purpose of providing a missionary group for young women who had passed the maximum age limit for Westminster Guild, and who were unable to attend the daytime meetings of the Missionary Society. Evening meetings with timely speakers and a social hour are held each month of the year and the Clan makes a substantial contribution to various missionary causes. Mrs. C. Henry Harrington has been its patroness since its organization.

## PRAYER CIRCLE

This group of consecrated women meet every Tuesday morning for a season of prayer for the church as a whole, for specific causes and for individuals who may be in special need.

## YOUTH CABINET

The Youth Cabinet is a representative body consisting of members of the youth organizations of the church. Besides coordinating the activities of these numerous groups, the cabinet, through its financial secretary, heads up the program of systematic giving among the young people.

Patterned on the fiscal system of the parent church, these young people make their own pledges and through the weekly envelope plan, contribute to the objects sponsored by them. A substantial amount is given the general church fund and for the purpose of partially financing the expense of attendance of many of their number to the various summer conferences.

## YOUNG PEOPLES' GROUPS

Three Westminster Fellowship groups, Junior High, High School and College Age, meet each Sunday night at six-thirty for prayer and informal discussion. Frequently the three groups unite to hear outstanding speakers on topics of interest to young Christians.

## THE MARINERS' AND CLIPPER CLUBS

These nation wide organizations are both represented by very active units in Highland Park Church. Here again are groups which, in addition to the carrying on of their own objectives, serve as extremely valuable means for attracting married couples to pleasant fellowship under the auspices of

the church. In an ever increasing number of instances this has served as a first step toward active membership.

## K N C CLASS AND BROTHERHOODS

Two organizations which are no longer active in the life of the church but whose influence is still largely felt are the K N C Class and the Brotherhood.

Many of the most active younger men in key positions in the various activities of the church today, received their first training and inspiration for the Christian Way of Life in the K N C Class. Organized by A. D. McKinniss, who for many years was its teacher, the group attracted many of the boys of the community who later became interested in the church. Of a semi-secret-fraternal nature the class played a very important role in the Sunday School for a number of years. Dr. Arthur G. Coons, now president of Occidental College, also taught the class for an extended period.

Several Brotherhood organizations of the older men, have played their part in the life of the church. However the strong emphasis placed in late years on groups comprising married couples such as the clubs already mentioned, have made it difficult to maintain an exclusively male church organization. The ever increasing prominence of community service clubs also complicates the problem, involving as it does, the weekly attendance of a very large percentage of the community's business and professional leaders.

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FOR THE STATISTICALLY MINDED

The combination of facts and figures which make up statistics, can do much to demonstrate in an exact manner, what has been accomplished by an organization during its lifetime. The following tabulations have been painstakingly compiled and give a graphic picture of what the church has done, especially in membership and stewardship. We are indebted for some of the data to the Presbyterian Historical Society at Philadelphia and the Historical Department of the San Francisco Theological Seminary.

Analyzed Data on the Membership and Stewardship Record of the Highland Park Presbyterian Church over the past 50 years. (Includes all statistics on membership to October 1, 1948. But includes statistics on finance and on giving only to December 31, 1947 — this last for a period of 49 years and 4 months).

ADDITIONS

Charter members .....	39
Welcomed on confession of faith .....	1835
Received by letter of transfer .....	3238
Restored from suspended status .....	192
Total number of members in entire period .....	<u>5304</u>
Average yearly addition on confession of faith .....	36.70
Average yearly addition by letter .....	64.67
Average yearly addition by restoration .....	3.84
Average yearly over-all additions .....	<u>106.08</u>

LOSSES

Losses by death of communicants .....	569
Losses by transfer to other churches .....	2108
Losses by suspension from the active roll .....	1269
	<u>3947</u>
Average yearly death rate in membership .....	11.38
Average yearly rate of dismissal to other churches .....	42.18
Average yearly rate of suspension — inactivity .....	25.38
Average yearly loss — all causes .....	<u>78.84</u>
Total Membership as of October 1, 1948 .....	1357

FINANCES

(From organization to January 1, 1948)

Funds raised and disbursed for all local expenses .....	\$737,736.00
Funds raised and given to missionary causes .....	<u>\$426,058.00</u>
Total funds raised and disbursed — all causes	\$1,163,794.00

Breakdown of Missionary Giving: —

(Allowance has been made for change in reporting forms; and adjustments made so this is a true and accurate picture)

National Missions .....	\$161,163.00
Foreign Missions .....	\$142,694.00
Christian Education .....	\$ 51,025.00
Relief and Pensions .....	\$ 11,358.00
Special benevolent campaigns .....	\$ 59,818.00
(Laymen's Fund — War Service Funds, etc.)	
	<u>\$426,058.00</u>

\$14,754.72 average annual local expense support
8,521.00 average annual gifts to missions — benevolences
<u>\$23,275.72</u> average annual budget raised — all purposes.

(Local expenses for these years includes cost of church plant erection, service of debt, as well as operating expenses).

RECORD OF PER CAPITA AVERAGE GIVING

(From organization to December 31, 1947)

Average per capita to local expenses .....	\$21.09
Average per capita to missions .....	9.22
Average per capita to all causes and purposes .....	<u>\$30.31</u>

DATA OF CERTAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS during the present  
pastorate from April 1, 1944 to July 1, 1948.

(4 years and 3 months)

Membership as of April 1, 1944 ..... 991

Membership as of October 1, 1948 .....1357

- 368 welcomed on confession of faith
- 266 welcomed by letter of transfer
- 16 restored from suspended roll
- 650 total of all additions to membership  
a gross gain of 63%
- 366 members constitute the net gain after all losses  
a net membership gain of 35%

During this period 57% of all additions were on confession of faith.

- 108 adult baptisms
- 171 infant baptisms

The final \$30,000.00 of building indebtedness all cleared. Quite an aggregate of repairs and additions to equipment listed also.

- \$ 2358.00 contributed to original War Service Fund
- \$ 2800.00 contributed to San Francisco Seminary Building Fund for a room to be our Gold Star Memorial.
- \$ 2800.00 contributed to Los Angeles Presbytery's fund for Big Bear, Pacific Palisades, and the Westminster House at U. C. L. A.
- \$ 20,856.00 cash remitted to the Post-War Restoration Fund against a quota of \$19,000.00 with \$3,339.35 in pledges yet due and payable. Making our total Restoration Fund subscription \$24,195.47.
- \$ 58,994.00 raised and given to debt and special causes in four years, aside from budget for local expenses having been met each year and also all benevolent quotas for the missionary and service Boards of the Church fully paid as quotas assigned by our Presbytery, totaling for local support and regular board benevolences \$130,127.00.

\$130,127.00

\$219,121.00 raised and disbursed for all regular, missionary, debt, and special campaigns in 4 years.

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OF PERSONS

Aside from those who have acted as Pastors and stated supply there are a number of persons who have been employed on the church staff in various capacities. While we have endeavored to make the list as comprehensive as possible, there will undoubtedly be names that have been missed and for which omissions we offer our apologies.

In addition to the persons mentioned in the chronological outline, several have acted in the field of religious education, some part time and others full time. This list includes Miss Jennie Balfour, Miss Beatrice Duncan, Rev. Hugh Noble, L. M. Hungerford, Mrs. May M. Samson, Miss Eleanor Moles, Mrs. Helen Walton, Mrs. E. Carl Hall, Geo. V. Ingles, Jr., and Richard Cornuelle. Miss Cora Leard and Mrs. E. M. Costa have acted as Church Visitors.

For a number of years it has been necessary to employ full-time secretaries in the church office. The following have held this position: Mrs. Helen MacGlashan Walton, Mrs. H. L. Peairs, Mrs. Frances Messamer, and Mrs. W. H. Lynch who has been Church Secretary for the past eleven years. A recent addition to the secretarial staff was Rose Santioanni, personal secretary to the pastor.

As the church grew in numbers the task of handling the financial affairs became too great a burden for volunteer workers. For many years prior to the employment of financial secretaries, C. M. Morlan acted as church treasurer without remuneration. The post of financial secretary has been held by the following: C. H. Williams, W. D. McConnell, W. A. Clark, H. G. Strawn, Dr. Wm. K. Howe, C. Henry Harrington, A. D. McKinniss and the present incumbent, S. C. Wing.

A most important factor in the smooth functioning of any church is a competent custodian of buildings. Highland Park Presbyterian Church has been very fortunate in this regard, not only in receiving courteous, efficient service, but in the fact that each of the custodians covering the period of the past thirty years has held that position for an extended period. They are Charles E. Moore, J. W. Beckett, C. E. Summerl and our present custodian, Albert E. French.

## THE OFFICIAL BOARDS

The Official Boards of the Church consist of the Session, Board of Trustees, Deacons and Deaconesses. There are fifteen Ruling Elders and two Missionary Elders on the Session, the Moderator of which is the Pastor. Five Ruling Elders are elected each year for a term of three years and are then ineligible for reelection for one year.

Th seven members of the Board of Trustees are elected each year for a one year term in conformity with state corporation law. They elect their own officers and may succeed themselves as long as reelected by the congregation. D. S. Hammack has served the board continuously as secretary for forty-one years. There are six members each on the Board of Deacons and Deaconesses, two being elected each year for a three year term.

Following is a roster of the persons who have served the church in these capacities, complete as far as can be determined by official records:

### E L D E R S

(From 1898 to 1948)

Allen, Samuel M.	Clark, William A.
Anderson, Dr. C. E.	Cleland, Robert G.
Annin, R. P.	Cliff, Charles L.
Archibald, Herbert T.	Coons, Arthur G.
Barnes, Albert, Jr.	Crichton, R. Jocelyn, Jr.**
Beal, L. M.	Cumberland, J. F.
Belknap, Raymond H.	Curtis, Lee P.
Bercovitz, Dr. Nathaniel**	Davis, G. C.
Bergstrom, Frank	Davis, W. J.
Berggren, C. A.	Enfield, O. D.
Blount, George	Evison, Willard
Broekhuizen, John	Fleer, George W.
Brydon, R. W.	Fleer, Richard*
Burbidge, Asa C.	Fulton, Dr. Philip R.
Burgess, Stanley K.	Grotthouse, H. H.
Burt, T. G.	Hall, E. Carl
Burt, T. R.	Hammack, D. M.
Caskey, R. J.	Harrington, C. Henry

Henry, William, Jr.	Reeves, Ernest M.
Herriott, D. B.	Rice, Harrison C.
Hill, Owen H.*	Rice, L. J.
Horton, Mark M.*	Ritchey, C. I.
Howard, George H.	Scott, W. W.
Hunt, J. R.	Segar, H. L.
Ingles, George V., Sr.	Sells, William A.*
Ingles, George V., Jr.*	Shaw, A. F.
Jones, Alfred*	Smith, R. F.
Jones, B. R.	Starr, Dr. F. W.
Kilmurray, Howard J.	Stimson, Albert S.
Kirkpatrick, Alex	Stoner, J. H.
Kirkpatrick, Harry*	Strawn, Harry G.
Lawson, W. F.	Tallman, O. F.
LeCount, L. C.	Thompson, W. Van E.
Lee, William Z.	Thomson, Kenneth W.*
Lunt, H. L.	Towne, L. W.
Messamer, Don	Townsend, H. I.
Moody, Dr. Joseph D.	Van Aken, Harrison*
Moore, C. B.	Van Nest, Albert
Moore, L. B.	Walker, Donald
Moore, Ralph L.*	Walters, I. M.
Mosteller, Gerald G.	Wells, H. S.
Munn, William B.	Wells, Harry L.
MacGlashan, J. D.	Welty, D. C.
McBurney, T. C.*	Wilson, W. A.
McClung, J. C.	Wing, S. C.
McClung, S. H.	Winston, Milton
McDowell, Charles E.*	Winter, Hugo H.
McElderry, Dr. Chester A.	Wright, Lawrence*
McKinniss, Allen D.	Wylie, Robert J.
McMichael, Samuel O.	Yetter, J. H.
Poor, W. F.	<i>*Serving this year, 1948</i>
Rahier, H. A.*	<i>**Missionary Elder</i>
Reams, David*	



## TRUSTEES

(From 1903 to 1948)

Barnes, Albert E.	Morlan, C. M.
Belknap, Kenneth	MacRae, John D.
Blackstock, N.	McClung, J. C.
Brier, W. W.	McClung, S. H.
Brydon, R. W.	McDowell, Charles E.
Burgess, S. K.	McKinniss, A. D.
Clark, William A.	Osborne, E.
Cliff, Charles L.	Packard, C. G.
Coffman, B. N.	Paige, Arthur F.
Cushman, H. W.	Pargellis, W. M.
Donaldson, William C.*	Rahier, H. A.
Fitzhugh, Thornton	Rankin, Dan*
Griffith, G. W. E.	Reeves, Ernest*
Grotthouse, H. H.	Rice, D. C.
Hall, E. Carl	Ritchey, C. I.
Hammack, D. M.	Shepherd, L. V.
Hammack, Dan S.*	Smith, Richard E.
Harrington, C. Henry	Talley, H. H.*
Hayward, C. A.	Tallman, O. F.
Hendricks, Peter	Thompson, W. Van E.
Horton, Mark M.	Thomson, Kenneth
Jeffrey, J. W.	Towne, L. W.
Johnson, John Cherry	Van Meter, S. Y.
Jones, Alfred	Van Nest, Albert*
Kirkpatrick, A.	Whitcomb, George
List, R. D.	Wing, S. C.
Lunt, H. L.	Yetter, J. H.
Merrill, J. A.	Zentmyer, George*
Moore, C. B.	<i>*Serving this year, 1948</i>

## DEACONS

(From 1903 to 1948)

Andrews, George D.	Irwin, James H.
Annin, R. P.	Jones, Aaron B.
Baraw, A. G.	Kahlstrom, Dr. Samuel*
Barnes, Albert E., Jr.	Kyle, Merle D.
Beal, L. M.	Lee, William Archer
Berggren, C. A.	Lowe, John
Bishop, Bartlett E.	Merz, Jacob L.
Brydon, Andrew	Moody, Dr. J. D.
Burbidge, Asa C.	McBurney, H. C.
Burnside, True U.	McClung, James C.
Carter, N. E.	Peairs, Marsden
Chase, E. B.	Plimley, J. T.
Clark, T. L.	Pomerenk, Fred A.*
Cunningham, William*	Price, Charles W.*
Dodge, Arthur E.	Rahier, H. A.
Dornberg, R. J.	Rice, D. C.
Evison, Leland	Ritchey, Cyrus I.
Fleer, Richard	Scott, W. W.
Fletcher, Robert	Stoner, J. Howard*
Fox, Stanley*	Summerl, Charles E.
Fraser, Norman	Tallman, O. F.
Grimshaw, Frank D.	Thornburgh, Charles F.
Haisch, Dr. H. J.	Towne, L. W.
Harrington, C. Henry	Welch, T. R.
Hathaway, E. C.	Welty, D. C.
Hayward, Samuel	Wilson, William A.
Herriott, D. B.	Wylie, Robert
Higby, George S.	Young, D. J.
Hill, Owen H.	Youngken, Don
Hyde, William S.	Youngken, John C.
Ingles, George V., Sr.	
Ingles, George V., Jr.	<i>*Serving this year, 1948</i>

## DEACONESSES

(From 1916 to 1948)

Amerman, Miss C. M.	Moody, Mrs. Kate
Archibald, Mrs. Katherine C.	Moore, Miss Ellen
Avery, Miss Jennie	Moore, Miss Laura P.
Baird, Miss Mary	Mordy, Mrs. Jennie G.
Baraw, Mrs. A. G.	Munn, Mrs. W. B.
Bell, Mrs. Blythe	McClung, Mrs. J. C.
Boyd, Mrs. Lucy	McDowell, Mrs. Alice
Brydon, Mrs. Andrew	Newerf, Mrs. C. E.
Carter, Mrs. N. E.*	Phillips, Mrs. May*
Caskey, Mrs. Helen	Rath, Mrs. Frank*
Clark, Mrs. William A.	Scott, Mrs. W. W.*
Clayton, Mrs. Percy	Starr, Mrs. F. W.
Cramer, Miss Elizabeth F.*	Summerl, Mrs. Charles E.
Dosser, Katherine	Swenkerud, Miss Olga
Duncan, Miss Beatrice	Thompson, Mrs. E. B.
Ferris, Mrs. W. O.	Tindall, Miss Edith
Fleer, Mrs. G. W.	Towne, Mrs. L. W.
Goodwin, Mrs. Mary	Townsend, Mrs. I. I.
Jones, Miss Mabel M.	Van Meter, Mrs. Elizabeth Y.
Laird, Miss Ada	Walters, Miss Belle
Laverty, Mrs. L. F.	Weddell, Miss Mary B.
Leard, Miss Ada	Wells, Mrs. Lillian J.
LeCount, Mrs. L. C.	Youngken, Mrs. Julia B.
*Lee, Mrs. William A.	Zentmyer, Mrs. G. A.
Lientz, Mrs. Lois	
Lowe, Mrs. Mattie	<i>*Serving this year, 1948</i>

## MINISTERS AND THE MISSIONARY EFFORT

Fundamentally, the measure of the success achieved by any Christian church in carrying out its primary objective, the spread of the Kingdom of God, will be reflected in the men and women who have been fired with the desire to carry the Gospel message beyond the confines of the local institution's influence.

Highland Park Church is proud of the long list of persons who have gone out in full time Christian service, many of them to make an indelible impression for the things of the spirit in their chosen fields.

In addition to the lists which follow, can be added several young persons now under the care of Presbytery but not yet launched on their careers.

## MINISTERS

Berry, Clement	Johnson, J. Hackett*
Boyd, Leslie L.	MacRae, Allen A.*
Burd, D. Clarence*	Moore, Glenn W.*
Brahams, Ray*	<i>Sec'y Church Extension Board</i>
Cleland, Horace	Morrison, Clarence
Delmarter, J. Ellsworth*	<i>S.S. Missionary in Michigan</i>
Garth, John	Mytton, Leonard V. C.
Gaskell, Christopher	Nalbach, Thomas I.*
Gillis, Ansel W.*	Nelson, James
Graves, Elwood*	Noble, Hubert C.
Haight, Drury V.	Pelegrin, Harold
Hall, Donald*	Roberts, Dr. William E.
Hall, George Hunter*	Samson, Louis M.*
Haney, Earl	Smith, Theodore P.
Hart, F. S.*	Stevenson, William*
Hill, Harold E.*	Thomson, Fred
Hillis, Earl D.	Wade, Lynn

*\*Members of this church when ordained*

Others on this list were active in this church during student days.

## MISSIONARIES

Ainslie, Dr. Charles <i>Guatemala</i>	Haight, Edna Lowe <i>China</i>
Allison, Theodore <i>Philippines</i>	Hammond, Eleanor Gantz <i>formerly Mexico</i>
Bachtel, Ray W. <i>Siam</i>	Hunter, Mary E. <i>Africa (Elat)</i>
Bercovitz, Nathaniel <i>China</i>	Gammon, Helen Smith <i>China</i>
Bercovitz, Zacharias <i>Chosen</i>	McFarland, Bertha Blount <i>Siam</i>
Bickford, John <i>China</i>	McFarland, Mary Stewart <i>Chosen</i>
Bickford, Margaret Millar <i>China</i>	McKee, Augusta List <i>China</i>
Burd, D. Clarence <i>Indian Work</i>	McKee, Sam
Burd, Cora Lindsay <i>Indian Work</i>	McKee, Sydney <i>China</i>
Byram, Dr. Bertha Stanley <i>Manchukuo</i>	Rice, Byrd <i>Missionary Sec'y, China</i>
Crichton, R. Jocelyn <i>The Philippines</i>	Tappan, Luella Rice <i>China</i>
Crichton, Letha <i>The Philippines</i>	Tappan, Margaret <i>formerly Mormon work</i>
Cumberland, Roger <i>Iraq</i>	Waddell, Margaret Grotthouse <i>South America (Brazil)</i>
Delmarter, Jean <i>Chosen</i>	Winn, George <i>Chosen</i>
Douglas, Clifford <i>South America</i>	Winn, Merle <i>Chosen</i>
Erdman, Julia Winn <i>Chosen</i>	Youngken, Thomas <i>Africa</i>

## RELIGIOUS WORKERS

Kunz, Pauline <i>Jewish work, N. Y.</i>	Higgins, Ethel <i>Chinese work, Oakland</i>
Gordon, Amy P. <i>Y.W.C.A. Secretary</i>	Turner, Don <i>Y.M.C.A.</i>
Hagerman, J. P. <i>Y.M.C.A.</i>	Wieman, Drury <i>Y.M.C.A.</i>

## MINISTERS' WIVES

Benner, Helen Bruce	Krug, Florence LeCount
Gaskell, Ruth Foote	Nalbach, Emily Gault
Hall, Mary Choate	Nelson, Carolyn Pettit
Hillis, Harriet Annin	Roberts, Edna Cumberland
Johnson, Doris McCoy	

## VII

### THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Inaugurating the Golden Anniversary celebration, the Presbytery of Los Angeles held its first fall meeting at Highland Park Church Tuesday and Wednesday, September 14 and 15.

Convening at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Tuesday, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated at five-fifteen. At six-fifteen there was a Presbytery banquet in the dining hall with special observance of the anniversary, Dr. William E. Roberts giving the address.

In the evening the service of worship, with music by the Chancel Choir, featured a sermon by Dr. T. Christie Innes, Pastor of the Calvary Presbyterian Church of San Francisco. Dr. Innes enjoys a distinguished record of service in England, Canada, and this country and brought to his large audience a most inspiring message.

Presbytery continued its sessions throughout Wednesday.

Fifty years of our Sunday School life and service were celebrated at the morning worship service September 19, honoring Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McBurney who, as mentioned in an earlier chapter, organized our Sunday School in 1896. T. Chester McBurney participated in the program. The day was designated Church School Anniversary Day and the children and young people took part in the service in a number of capacities.

Dr. Paul Covey Johnston, pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church and past president of the Board of Foreign Missions, was the principal speaker at the Missionary Service held in the sanctuary Wednesday, September 22. There was special music by the Chancel Choir and greetings were read from our many representatives on the mission field.

The Anniversary Reception of New Members held Sunday, September 26, welcomed a large number into the membership of the church, bringing the total church roll to 1357.

Our own Golden Anniversary Dinner was held Friday October 1 at which the principal addresses were given by Dan S. Hammack, and Dr. Arthur G. Coons, president of Occidental College.

The period of important events was fittingly climaxed by World Communion Sunday, October 3.

The Annual Choir Reunion, also a portion of the Golden Anniversary observance, was held Sunday, October 10.