

HISTORY OF NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 1892-1952

By Dr. Ernest B. Babcock

Dedication

It is eminently fitting that this little historic memoir of North Church should be dedicated to the two surviving members of the charter group who “gathered together to ask the Lord’s blessing” and started North Church on its happy way sixty years ago, namely Mrs. Frank M. May and Mrs. Austin W. Bailey.

Something else has survived these sixty years, and to this too we would dedicate this booklet. For the most notable thing about our church – the thing that all through the years has been acknowledged by almost every visitor, is the genuine warmth of Christian fellowship which made itself felt. It has been described as “the spirit of a country church, in the midst of a city.” Through the years, North Church has been loved for this indescribable quality of joy and fellowship, and on each Homecoming Sunday, former members have often driven hundreds of miles, just to be a part of it once more, and just to express their appreciation.

So long as this sense of real fellowship continues to survive, North Church will continue to contribute a strong Christian influence, and maintain an essential ministry, in days to

come. To that survival, and to its ever-increasing dominion in our hearts, we dedicate ourselves.

*Rev. Williston Wirt, D.D.
December 5, 1952*

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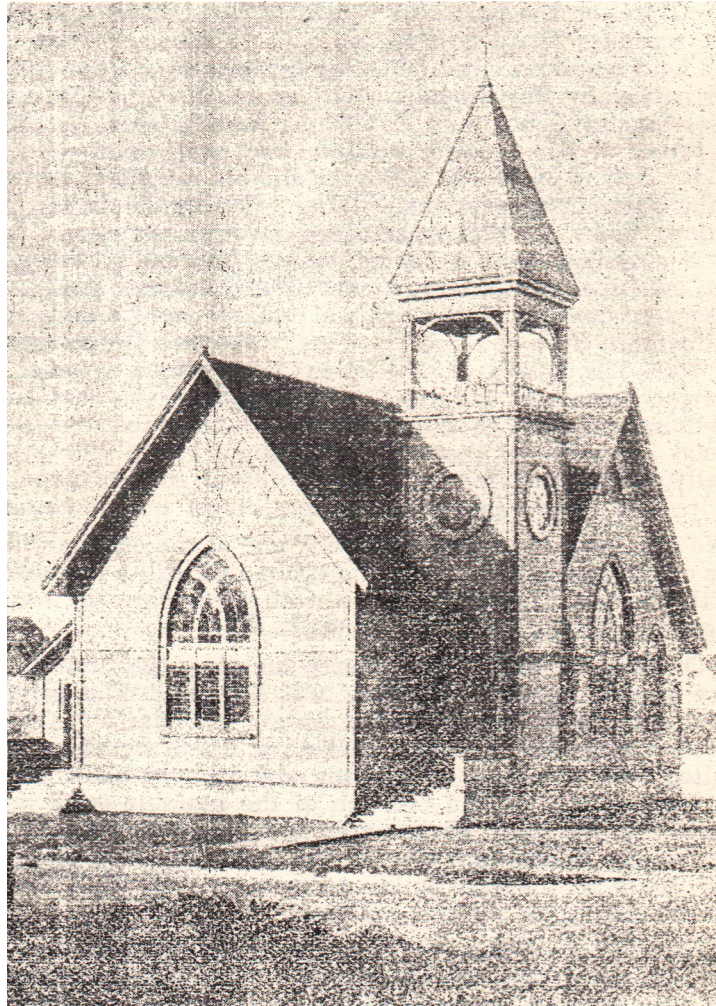
The Congregational Church of North Berkeley, later to be known as North Congregational Church, was organized at a meeting held on June 28, 1892, with Rev. J. K. McLean of the First Congregational Church of Oakland as Moderator and Rev. E. F. Dinsmore of Benicia as Scribe. This meeting was held in "Congregational Hall," a storeroom under the Grand View Hotel on the northeast corner of Vine Street and Shattuck Avenue. There educational and religious services had been held regularly since a Sunday School was started about a year earlier by Rev. Loyal L. Wirt as agent of the Congregational Sunday School and Publishing Society. Rev. Mr. Wirt, the father of our present minister, had been assisted in the Sunday School by Mr. J. L. Barker and his daughter Gertrude of the First Congregational Church, Harvey R. Jewett and Frederic Estey. At this organization meeting, articles of faith and a covenant were accepted by the Council of Delegates from neighboring Congregational Churches, and twenty-six persons (according to the original record) were admitted to membership. Two of these, however, were soon dropped from the roll. The names of the other twenty-four original, or "charter," members are listed on the inside of the back cover and those who were chosen as officers are indicated. We accord special honor to all those of the original group who strove loyally during the first year of the infant church when obstacles and discouragements seemed almost insurmountable.

We also have the honor of having one of the original members of the first Sunday School class of 1891 still a member of North Church. Chester Marliave well remembers the lessons taught that first class by Dr. Loyal L. Wirt.

On May 21, 1893, a new church building, the first church to be erected in North Berkeley, was dedicated. This original building stood on the southwest corner of Cedar and Oxford Streets facing east. It was a one-story frame structure with vaulted roof. The cost of building and lot was about \$5,000. Purchase of the lot and erection of the building were made possible by Mr. J. L. Barker who had helped in starting the first Sunday School and who served, with Mr. Estey and Mrs. E. W. Hyde, on the first Building Committee. Mr. H. R. Jewett was the contractor for this building.

In a published note reporting the annual business meeting held January 2, 1894, the Clerk made the following statement: "We have the best pastor on the Pacific Coast – one who is a marvelous combination of preacher, pastor, Sunday School superintendent, personal friend and business manager. Other churches are cordially invited to keep their hands off from him as he is unanimously wanted in North Berkeley." This minister was Rev. J. Clarke Robbins. It is worthy of note, however, that Rev. Robbins sought the help of others in building up the membership. In June, 1893, he was assisted by Rev. Loyal L. Wirt in a brief series of evangelistic meetings. In December of that year a Christian

Endeavor society was started. On December 31, 1895, there were 71 members on the church roll.



Original Church Building Dedicated May 21, 1893

Incorporation of the Church under the laws of California was accomplished on September 25, 1895. The original church constitution is on file in the first church record book, along with the articles of faith, the covenant and programs of dedicatory services. Rev. Robbins resigned from the pastorate in August, 1897, in order to pursue further studies.

After the brief pastorates of Rev. John A. Cruzan and Rev. Thomas P. Boyd, Rev. Ben F. Sargent became minister of North Church on July 1, 1899, at a salary of \$1,000 a year. There were then about 100 active members. Under Rev. Sargent's guidance the Church made excellent progress, improved its financial condition, placed benevolent giving on a systematic basis, including organization of the "Kingdom Extension Society," added a music committee and gradually built up the active membership. That the plant was operated at a minimum cost, however, is indicated by the fact that an offer made by Messrs. Miler and Peake to clean the building during February, 1901, was accepted, and

in August of that year the Trustees voted to engage Austin Bailey as janitor at a wage of \$1.00 per week "until further notice."

On August 17, 1902, the tenth anniversary of the Church was celebrated, with Rev. J. K. McLean, by then President of the Pacific Theological Seminary, preaching the sermon. In 1903 the first church directory was published with 124 resident members listed. In January, 1904, the active membership numbered 147. In August of that year Rev. Sargent's resignation was accepted with expressions of deep regret and keen appreciation of his five years of faithful service.

The problem of adequate housing for all of the activities of the flourishing church had been giving growing concern. During the three-year pastorate of the next minister, Rev. L. D. Rathbone, which began in November, 1904, this problem became so acute that something had to be done. Accordingly, early in 1905 the original building was turned to face on Cedar Street, moved to the rear of the lot, and elevated so as to construct a lower story under the auditorium to house the Sunday School rooms, pastor's study and parlor. A new pipe organ was added, and the church was re-dedicated on August 27, 1905.

During this important period the Church continued to emphasize benevolent giving, and very special interest was taken in two members of the Church who were commissioned as Congregational missionaries. Dr. Susan B. Sargent began her long term of notable service in China in 1905, and Miss Anna McDonald went to work with the Mountain Whites of North Carolina. It was also during this period that much interest was taken in the Chinese Mission Sunday School, some of the teachers being provided by North Church. Out of this Sunday School grew the Chinese Branch of North Church which, in 1914, became the Berkeley Chinese Church, now located at 1917 Addison Street.

With a new plant costing about \$7,000, a membership of 215 and a very much larger Sunday School, North Church, in 1906, had become a religious center of recognized importance. It was reported as sixth among the Congregational churches of Northern California in rate of increase in members, tenth in benevolent giving and sixteenth in size. In September of that year, under the lay leadership of John McCarthy, the pastor's salary was raised to \$1,500 per annum.

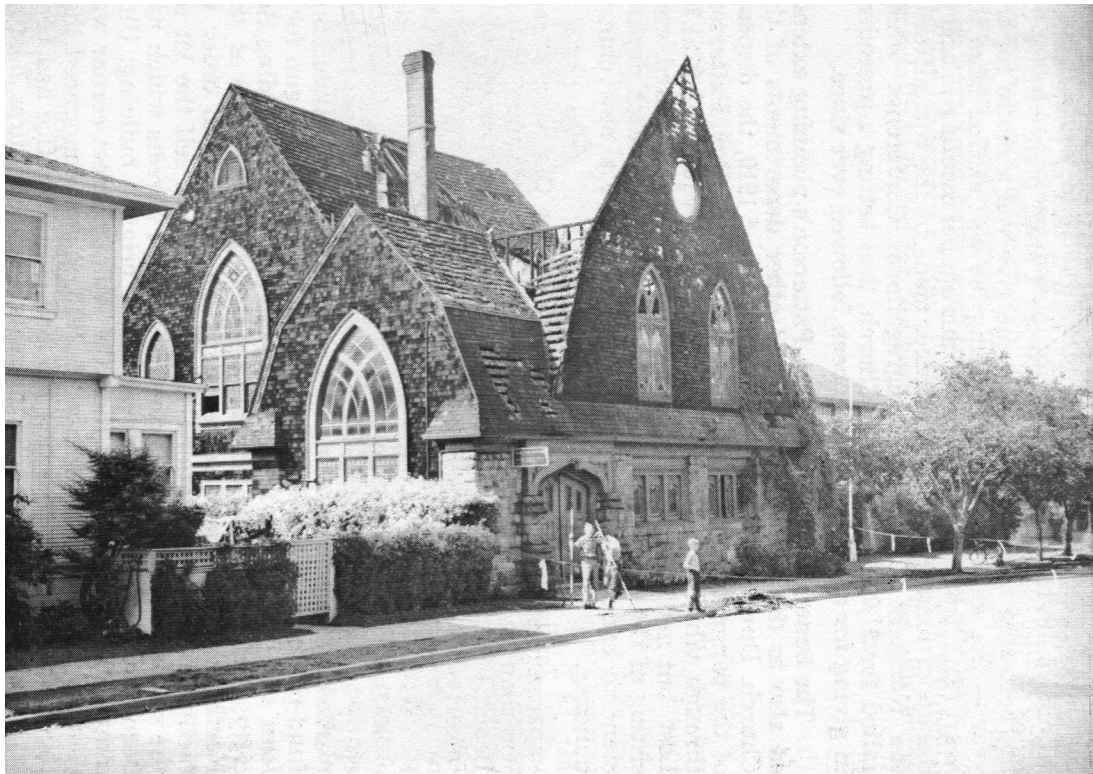
Shortly after the resignation of Rev. Rathbone in September, 1907, Rev. Henry K. Booth became the minister. He found the church greatly in need of more space, and plans began to develop for another building. The membership continued to grow, the Sunday School prospered under the able leadership of Professor Charles Gilman Hyde, followed by Mr. H. A. Davenport, and high hopes were entertained for an expansion of the Church's facilities. But, after a ministry of less than two years, Rev. Booth accepted a call from the Long Beach Congregational Church, and there ensued a period of uncertainty concerning the future.

With the calling of Rev. Samuel C. Patterson, however, in August, 1909, North Church secured a minister who gradually led the congregation to the achievement of the longed-for goal, a new house of worship. The first important step taken was the sale of the parsonage which Rev. O. G. May had so hope-fully and lovingly helped to provide. This parsonage was located at 1611 Oxford Street, on a lot acquired from Mrs. Martin Kellogg at a price about a thousand dollars under the market value. It had been necessary for the church to go into debt for both lot and house to the extent of more than \$5,000. So it was

decided to sell the parsonage property and to make the proceeds therefrom the nucleus of a building fund. In this connection the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

“Resolved, that we express our loving appreciation of Rev. O. G. May’s efforts regarding building of the parsonage; assure him that we share his disappointment in the seeming necessity for selling the same; and place upon record our thanks to him for his labors.”

In his report to the annual meeting in January, 1910, Rev. Patterson emphasized the importance of financial wisdom in religious enterprises and recommended the formation of a finance committee. In closing his excellent address to this annual meeting Rev. Patterson said: “I am here to be your servant in the things of the Lord. You have honored me with the office of pastor which carries with it that of leadership. I ask nothing for myself, for whatever I shall plan will be for the bettering of our service. Let me give you a motto for the year – ‘As servants of Christ doing the will of God from the heart (Eph. 6:6)’.” It was voted at this annual meeting to accept the apportionment for benevolences made by the committee of the Northern California Congregational Conference which called for \$1,000 from North Church, thus setting a precedent in giving for others which has been followed ever since.



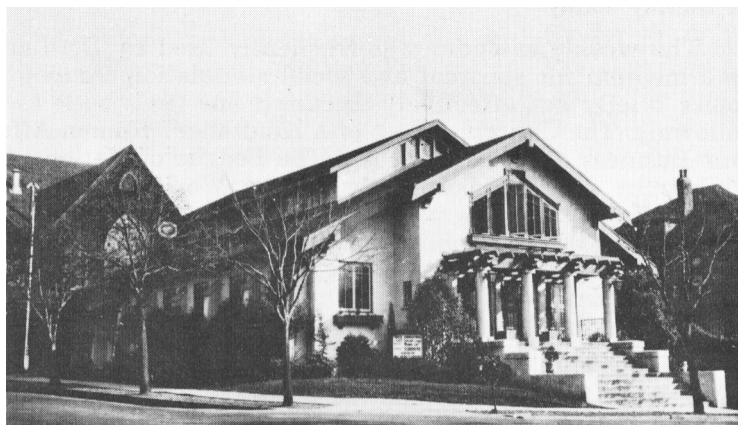
*Original Church Enlarged and Re-dedicated August 27, 1905,
Destroyed by fire September 7, 1944*

The beneficial effects of Rev. Patterson’s planning extended also to the Sunday School and other departments of the Church. During this same eventful year of 1910, the disposal of the parsonage was completed by its sale to Rev. Patterson, through which the Church received a net equity of \$351.70. Last, but not least, a building committee was

appointed, consisting of the pastor and one representative from each department to consider ways and means to secure a new church building.

In January, 1911, the "Ways and Means Committee" recommended the erection of a new edifice. This recommendation was accepted and a building committee was appointed with Professor Charles Gilman Hyde as Chairman. Present church members who served on this committee included Mrs. Harry Fowden and Dr. E. B. Babcock as secretary. It was next decided to acquire the site of the present sanctuary on the southeast corner of Cedar and Walnut Streets. This was accomplished the following spring at a cost of \$5,200. Special building fund pledges were solicited and negotiations were begun for a loan and grant from the Congregational Church Building Society, with the approval and help of the Secretary of the Northern California Congregational Conference. In order to facilitate these negotiations, it was decided to sell the lot on the southwest corner of Oxford and Cedar Streets which had been vacant since the removal of the original building. Ultimately this was done and then the Walnut Street corner was cleared of debt. On November 5, 1913, it was announced that the contract for constructing the new church edifice had been let on a bid of \$10,794, excluding seats, electric fixtures, heating plant and furnishings. The plans were prepared by James W. Plachek who later on became a well-known California architect, this building being his first major construction job. The cornerstone was laid on December 14, 1913.

The new sanctuary was dedicated on May 17, 1914. There was a special service in which eight visiting ministers participated, and Rev. Patterson, as Chairman of the Building Committee, transferred the edifice to the Board of Trustees, Mr. W. T. Martin, Chairman, responding. After completion of the new building, the alteration and renovation of the old structure, at a cost of \$1,600, adapted it for social and educational purposes and it was named the Social House. These important improvements in the church plant were accomplished by much hard work on the part of many members of the Church. But they would not have been accomplished without the wise and patient leadership of Rev. Patterson. To him North Church is especially indebted for the beautiful sanctuary we now enjoy.



Present Church Auditorium Dedicated May 17, 1914

Furthermore, the Church continued to grow and prosper during this period in spite of the great inadequacy of the old plant. Even the onset of the First World War did not prevent the meeting of every financial obligation in the course of time. Rev. Patterson closed his ministry in December, 1916.

Dr. Ralph Baxter Larkin served as minister of North Church from August, 1917, to April, 1924, during which period the membership made a steady but not spectacular growth. Relations between Dr. Larkin and his flock were exceedingly cordial. He once wrote: "The degree of cordiality between a minister and his church is not a measure of the effectiveness of their work. The church stands in the community as a moral challenge, a spiritual guide, a testimony, a conscience, an authentic witness, incurring dangers and accepting risks in spiritual adventure. Judged by this standard, I do not feel any great degree of complacency in my ministry in North Church." But, judged by the quality and the subsequent achievements of the young people who grew up while under Dr. Larkin's influence, his ministry was tremendously fruitful. Of the 236 persons admitted to membership during his seven-year ministry, 78 were on confession of faith, and these were mostly young people who had come under his inspiring influence. Especially notable was his wonderful work as Scoutmaster of Troop 18 Boy Scouts, boys in those days, high grade leaders in society today.

The weekly calendar was frequently used by Dr. Larkin as a medium for spiritual and social stimulation. Among the topics briefly but effectively discussed one finds such as the following: The Church: a Help or a Hindrance? Human Affairs Our Business; Our Service Flag; The League of Nations; The Philosophy and Psychology for a New World Order; North Church Expansion Program; The Mayflower Compact; Do You Know Your Bible?; Holding Faith with Humanity; Believing in Life; Jesus' Way. Also, during the several months he was confined because of ill health, "Our Pastor's Letter" appeared regularly in the church calendar.

Memorable to all who experienced it was the great fire of September 17, 1923, in which the homes of perhaps one-third, or even one-half, of the people of North Church were destroyed. Happily the church buildings, though seriously threatened, escaped injury. The courage and fundamental strength of the people who lost their homes were an inspiration to others.

More happily remembered is the acquisition of the new Kimball organ costing \$7,000 (the one now in use). A long-time dream, its dedication was a notable event. It came near the close of Dr. Larkin's ministry. Concerning his own joy over the new organ, Dr. Larkin wrote: "I had satisfying experiences in going into the church and having the organ to myself. I suppose that I included a portion of 'Poet and Peasant' which the organist often played as a voluntary." And so, with that lovely refrain as a reminder of our love for Dr. Larkin, we pass on to the next episode.

After an interim of eight months, during which period the church was served very satisfactorily by Rev. William Rader, the next minister of North Church arrived October 1, 1925. Rev. Walter Byron Williams was a strong combination of scholar, pastor and business executive. During his ministry of nearly six years, he was constantly in touch with every department of the church, and he could always give a comprehensive report in the absence of a committee chairman. He was present at the regular meetings of the

enlarged Board of Directors and opened each meeting with a prayer. The membership roll grew steadily during his ministry, and about half of the new members were received on confession of faith. Not so many were young people, for Rev. Mr. Williams had more success in working personally with the older people of the community. He gained the respect and love of many warm friends in North Church, who regretted his departure in June, 1931. From the resolution adopted by the Ecclesiastical Council convened to pass on the resignation, the following statement is quoted:

“We view with great regret the withdrawal of Walter Byron Williams from our Bay Fellowship. The churches and ministers of our Association have learned to value the service of Mr. Williams very highly. . . . He and Mrs. Williams have won not only our respect and admiration but also our warm affection.”

There followed a period of four and a half years during which the church made little real progress. The minister, Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, worked unstintedly, even serving as Superintendent of the Sunday School and singing in the choir, and he was faithfully assisted by many loyal workers. Our present Couples Club was formed at this time. But North Church, like many others, more or less marked time during this period of the great depression.

After the coming of Dr. Pierson Parker in August, 1936, North Church gradually resumed its place as a dynamic center of religious activity. A recognized scholar and a forceful preacher, Dr. Parker appealed to older members of the congregation, and most of the new members received during his ministry were adults.

In spite of the lingering effects of the great financial depression and the initial discouragement of the second world war, under Dr. Parker's leadership the annual church budget, excluding benevolences, increased from a total of \$4,160 in 1937 to \$4,870 in 1944. At the same time, benevolences were not overlooked. At a church meeting in 1939, Dr. Parker stated that North Church had done more per member in benevolent giving during the depression than was done during the best years of the boom. About this time a department of public relations was established with Miss Helen-Mar Wheeler as the first chairman. A new constitution and by-laws were also adopted, and the membership roll was again revised. The resident members at the close of his ministry numbered 245.

Intermittently, during Dr. Parker's regime, there had come up for discussion in the business meetings various plans for remodeling the old Social House or building a new structure to provide better facilities for educational and social activities. But the lack of sufficient financial reserve always deterred any such procedure. In 1944, however, a special committee was appointed to make preliminary studies for a new building.

On April 16, 1944, Dr. Parker submitted his resignation, to accept a teaching position in the Church Divinity School of the Pacific. Many times before, when Dr. Parker had told North Church people that he was proud of them, they had reciprocated in kind. This last time they were very outspoken. Quoting from minutes of Edith M. Winsor (Ching) who was then Clerk: “Amid many expressions of deep regret and congratulations on the new honor bestowed upon him, a motion was made . . . and carried.” On June 25 Dr. Parker delivered his final sermon.

On August 21, 1944, Rev. Eugene V. Haynes accepted the call to become the next minister of North Church. Just seventeen days later the old Social House was spectacularly destroyed by fire. It thus became necessary to write Rev. Mr. Haynes and inform him of this unexpected handicap at the very beginning of his ministry. Six days later he arrived and met with a group of church people to discuss possible procedures. It was finally decided to recommend to the Directors that the damaged building be razed as cheaply as possible. Meanwhile "Gene" himself pitched in with the other men of the church in salvaging equipment and supplies, thus showing an attitude of brotherly cooperation typical of his entire ministry.

Special mention should be made of the many friendly offers from our neighbor churches to provide space for some of our activities, especially for church dinners and social gatherings. On many occasions advantage was taken of such offers, from All Souls Church, the Mormon Church, University Christian Church and Pacific School of Religion.

With such friendly assistance from nearby churches and with many makeshift arrangements for religious education in our own main plant, North Church managed to limp along for about four years. Meanwhile a new building fund was started and, when adequate pledges could be obtained, plans for the new building were prepared. Ground was broken for the present Fellowship Center after the church service on Sunday, June 20, 1948, and the completed building was dedicated January 16, 1949. Credit for this achievement is due Rev. Eugene Haynes, above all others, for his unceasing efforts.

Two important committees were responsible for the actual construction of the building: the Building Committee, headed at first by Dr. Lewis W. Taylor and later by John Pastorino; and the Finance Committee, with Dr. Frank E. Carlson in charge of the primary campaign and Carvel S. Caine carrying on. The building and furnishings cost approximately \$40,000. Timely help came from the Congregational Church Building Society in the form of a loan of \$5,000 and a grant of \$2,500. The total present indebtedness on the loan covering the Fellowship Center is \$3,250.



New Fellowship Center Dedicated January 16, 1949

In addition to his church duties, Eugene Haynes contributed a great amount of time and effort in connection with the purchase and development of Camp Cazadero, the Summer Conference grounds of the Northern California Congregational Conference. After the purchase was made, Gene led many expeditions to "Caz" with North Church men to help in road making and construction of buildings. Those who are fortunate enough to enjoy summer outings at Camp Cazadero may look back with pride to the part played by this church in making "Caz" possible.

Rev. Eugene Haynes worked successfully with all age groups. During his five-year ministry there were seventy-nine accessions to membership in the church, 36 on confession of faith. About half of the latter were young people. Shortly after the completion of Fellowship Center "Gene" saddened the congregation by resigning to accept a call to the Wright Community Church in Boise, Idaho. He had succeeded in achieving his main objective, the church's completion of the new Fellowship Center, even though it was not quite so large a building as all had hoped for. He left North Church in a strong position, thereby offering a golden opportunity to his successor. Thus his ministry was constructive in many ways, and he left us with the warm wishes of all for his further success.

The present minister of North Church, Dr. Williston Wirt, came to us May 1, 1949. During the last three years we have witnessed a remarkable increase in the membership of the church; also numerous improvements in our physical plant which add greatly to the joy of worship in our sanctuary. Outstanding among these improvements are the remodeling of the interior of the sanctuary, providing for a center aisle, new carpeting and a new chancel with pulpit and lectern, handmade and donated by one of our new members, Mr. Joseph Bell. Dr. Wirt's efforts to present the gospel intelligently and appealingly have resulted in increasing congregations as well as membership. As of December, 1952, memberships total approximately 360. Financially we have made good progress. A General Fund Budget for 1953 of \$11,146 and a Benevolent Budget of \$2,230 has just been approved by the church members.

In September, 1952, Mrs. Gertrude Yost resigned as church organist after serving faithfully for over twenty-five years. Her ministry of music will long be remembered by all who listened to her playing through the years. Her successor as Organist-Director is Edgar Albert Thorpe.

Significant events in prospect for our congregation include the announced intention of one of our high school lads, Alexander Craig, to study for the Congregational Christian ministry; and the ordination, in North Church next May, of two of our own members, Bruce MacKenzie and William Wollin. Bruce MacKenzie has given notable leadership to our Leyden Club of Pilgrim Fellowship Youth and, following his marriage in North Church to Jeanette Desin, both of these devoted young people have given us service "beyond the call of duty." We will watch their career with great pride and confidence, as they leave us following graduation from Pacific School of Religion, to take their own church or Christian project. Although Bill Wollin served as a student assistant only briefly, we became aware of his tremendous talents and predict for him a notable career in the ministry.

The occurrence of North Church's sixtieth anniversary in this year of 1952 is being celebrated in various ways under the direction of an Anniversary Committee with Kenneth C. Kinney as chairman. The goal of sixty new members has been passed. This brief history is another contribution. During the first week in December there was held a series of special events concluding with Homecoming Sunday. A reception after the morning service paid honor to our more than sixty new members of the present year, also to the older members, especially to the two "charter members" who are still with us, Mrs. Eva (Frank M.) May and Mrs. Austin W. Bailey, nee Mary Lucy May.

No history of North Church could be considered adequate without a tribute to the women. From the very first the women of North Church have been organized for work and they have been faithful through thick and thin, year in and year out. In earlier times it was the Ladies Aid Society, more recently the Women's Auxiliary. Under both names they have given the same loyal, efficient support to the pastor and to the church as a whole, unceasingly diligent, serving the Lord. God bless our women! And God bless us, everyone, as we face the future with a strong church, an able ministry, a devoted congregation, a strong youth program, and determination to make our splendid past lead on to greater paths of service for God and His Kingdom.

THE CHARTER MEMBERS

Received June 28, 1892, by letter from other Congregational Churches except as indicated. Officers indicated in parentheses.

Miss Emma Addicott, Pescadero, California
Frederic Estey, Berkeley First (Director)
Mrs. Annie E. M. Estey, Berkeley First
E. W. Hyde, Oakland Pilgrim (Director)
Mrs. E. W. Hyde, Oakland Pilgrim
Harvey R. Jewett, Berkeley First (Deacon, Treasurer)
Mrs. Marian Jewett, Berkeley First (Director)
Robert K. Jewett, Keswick Ridge, New Brunswick
Mrs. Hettie Jewett, Keswick Ridge, New Brunswick
Miss Annie A. Jewett, Keswick Ridge, New Brunswick
John McCarthy, Berkeley First (Director)
Mrs. S. H. McCarthy, Berkeley First (Deaconess)
Robert May, Byron, California
Oscar G. May, Byron, California (Clerk)
Mrs. Eliza B. May, Byron California (Director)
Frank M. May, Byron, California
Mrs. Eva S. (Frank M.) May, Byron, California
Mrs. Gertrude B. Watt (May), Byron, California
William G. May, Byron, California
Mrs. Mary Lucy Bailey (May) , Byron, California
Rev. David F. Taylor, Pescadero, California (Minister)
Mrs. S. J. Taylor, Pescadero, California (Sunday School Superintendent)
John J. Wallin, on confession of faith

Mrs. Emma Wallin, on confession of faith

NORTH CHURCH BUILDINGS

Original Building Dedicated May 21, 1893

First Building Moved and Remodeled, August 27, 1905

New Sanctuary Dedicated May 17, 1914

Old Building Destroyed by Fire September 7, 1944

New Fellowship Center Dedicated January 16, 1949

MINISTERS OF NORTH CHURCH

Rev. David F. Taylor, April, 1892, to September, 1892

Rev. Oscar G. May, October, 1892, to March, 1893

Rev. J. Clarke Robbins, March, 1893, to August, 1897

Rev. John A. Cruzan, August, 1897, to August, 1898

Rev. Thomas P. Boyd, September, 1898, to March, 1899

Rev. Ben F. Sargent, July, 1899, to October, 1904

Rev. Leland D. Rathbone, November, 1904, to September, 1907

Rev. Henry K. Booth, December, 1907, to June, 1909

Rev. Samuel C. Patterson, September, 1909, to December, 1916

Rev. Ralph Baxter Larkin, August, 1917, to April, 1924

Rev. William Rader, September, 1924, to June, 1925

Rev. Walter Byron Williams, October, 1925, to June, 1931

Rev. Elmer W. Benedict, November, 1931, to February, 1936

Rev. Pierson Parker, August, 1936, to July, 1944

Rev. Eugene V. Haynes, October, 1944, to March, 1949

Rev. Williston Wirt, May, 1949

PRESIDENTS OF WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

1893 Mrs. A. D. Wirt

1894 Mrs. Eva May

1895-96 Mrs. Helen S. McCarthy

1897-98 Mrs. Boynton

1899 Mrs. Martha Ray

1900 Mrs. Susie Carnall

1901 Mrs. Helen S. McCarthy

1902 Mrs. Norma Connor

1903 Mrs. Grace L. Mortimer

1904 Mrs. Rose Harrison

1905 Mrs. Julia Rathbone

1906 Mrs. Helen S. McCarthy

1907-08 Mrs. Harriet Miler

1909 Mrs. Addie Broderick

1910 Mrs. Kate Williamson

1911-14 Mrs. May Macaulay

1915 Mrs. Julia Rathbone

1916 Mrs. Irene Fisher

1917	Mrs. Addie Broderick
1918-19	Mrs. Marguerita Hyde
1920	Mrs. H. L. Ely
1921	Mrs. Olive Farrar
1922	Mrs. Eva May
1923-24	Mrs. Georgia Babcock
1924-25	Mrs. Kate Smitten
1926-27	Mrs. Edna Davenport
1928-29	Mrs. Pearl May
1930	Mrs. Marguerita Hyde
1931-32	Mrs. Maude Marliave
1933-34	Mrs. Estelle Thunen
1935	Mrs. Hester Mullinix
1936	Mrs. Maude Marliave
1937-38	Mrs. Ethel Luce
1939-40	Mrs. Nellie Vogler
1941	Mrs. Celeste Martin
1942-43	Mrs. Josephine Reynolds
1944	Mrs. Nellie Vogler
1945	Mrs. Carol Entenman
1946	Mrs. Roberta Luce
1947-48	Mrs. Ethel Taylor
1949-50	Mrs. Cora Smith
1951-52	Mrs. Iva Pastorino
1953	Mrs. Emily Gavey