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Historical Sketch of Ypsilanti Congregational Church
1881-1931

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And footnote commentaries by
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The value of historical research lies not only in promotion of interest in the past, but also in the lessons to be learned from past mistakes and in the encouragement received from past successes. It is of interest to note the changes in methods of church work from the old days when, because there were not so many distractions with golf, bridge clubs, movies, and radio, we gave more attention to church socials, oyster suppers, sleigh-rides, and missionary concerts

The early membership of the local Presbyterian church included a number of Congregationalists who came to be known as the "Congregational Society."**** They organized a Congregational Sunday School in 1881, which met in the Opera House, with M. G. Wood as Superintendent. Of the sixty charter members, there remain only six: Miss Gertrude Breed (d. July 15, 1946), Miss Katherine (Kitty) Campbell (d. Nov. 24, 1945), Mrs. F. G. Simons (d. Feb. 3, 1941),

* Mrs. D'Ooge was the wife of Professor Benjamin L. D'Ooge, for many years head of the Department of Classical Languages at Michigan State Normal College. She was a woman of strong personality and high intellectual and social qualities. Because of her great interest in this church and her many years of membership, no more competent person could have been chosen to write this paper. - H.C.C.

** Miss Allison was for many years a teacher in Professor D'Ooge's Classical Languages Department at M.S.N.C. She was an interesting and delightful personality, and entirely competent to supplement Mrs. D'Ooge's earlier paper. - H.C.C.

*** The Reverend Harvey C. Colburn was pastor of the Ypsilanti Congregational Church from 1918 to 1937; and author of "The Story of Ypsilanti," published in 1923 on the occasion of Ypsilanti's centennial celebration. - Ed.

**** See bottom of page 2 for this note.

Mrs. Seth Mereness (d. Aug. 10, 1940), Miss Julia Stevens (d. Jan., 1944, at age of 100), and Mrs. M. G. Wood (d. Apr. 29, 1933).

1. George H. Grannis 1881-1885? In the summer of 1881, during the absence of the Presbyterian pastor, their pulpit was occupied by Rev. G. H. Grannis of St. Clair.* During the summer it was decided to organize a Congregational Church, with the aid of Mr. Grannis and other interested friends. To this end Mr. Robert Lambie, father of Mrs. Wm. Hatch,** devoted his summer, driving about with Mr. Grannis, locating people interested in the plan. Mr. Lambie had expected to join the new church, but gave it up in deference to Mrs. Lambie's wishes.

There was strong opposition*** and many lively discussions in the Presbyterian church that summer. But after calling a council of Congregationalists in Detroit, the change was made, and one day 22 people walked out of the Presbyterian church meeting. The story is told that Deacon D. B. Green said they would refuse to give Andrew Campbell a letter of dismissal. "Very well," said our friend, "I will join on confession of faith just as I did when I was young."

In the beginning, morning services were held in the operahouse, while prayer meeting and some entertainments were held in the city Y.W.C.A. rooms over Loughbridge & Wilcox marble shop on Washington Street (where the Martha Washington Theatre now stands).

Mr. Grannis, the first of nine pastors, is described as a most cordial, friendly, and persevering young man who made many staunch friends in the city. The church purchased the two lots on the present site, corner of Adams and Emmet Streets, paying Mr. Dolson

*George Grannis, who was my friend when he was pastor of a church in Indianapolis, was a man of marked ability. I consider his organization of the Ypsilanti church one of his marked achievements in the younger days of his ministry. His widow was present at the semi-centennial banquet for which occasion the present paper was produced. - H.C.C.

** Mrs. William Hatch was also present at the banquet as a tribute to her father, and recognition was given to Robert Lambie's aid in the formation of the church. - H.C.C.

*** "strong opposition." From the time of my arrival in Ypsilanti in 1918 to the present time, I have no recollection of any lasting antagonism due to separation of the two bodies. Those memories have died away, the Presbyterians accepting the event in com- plaisant and friendly manner, as typified by Robert Lambie who remained a Presbyterian.

**** (note from p. 1) "who came to be known as the Congregation- al Society." This has no connection with the Congregational Society which was the first form of the Presbyterian Church in America (Colburn. Story of Ypsilanti: 97-98), except as both proceeded from the same historic sources. The Church Society was a New England institution formed in recognition of the fact that the church was a "town" institution, using the word in the New England sense, and that many contributed to its financial support who were not members. The society of which Mrs. D'Ooge speaks continued efficiently for many years and then disappeared only after the expiration of my own pastorate. - H.C.C.

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\$1000. The church building* was erected and dedicated July, 1883. The lot where the parsonage now stands was an apple orchard where the worshippers' horses were tied during services.

At the first communion, on September 3, 1882, Mrs. Scotney tells us she joined the church, being the first communicant.

2. Minor W. Fairfield 1885?-1888 In the early records we find: "At the Annual meeting in 1886, reports of work were given by Mrs. Fairfield for the children's Cheerful Helpers, with a membership of 30; by M. G. Wood for the Sunday School, Mrs. George Holmes for Ladies Aid, and Ed Shaw for the Young People's Society of 43 members. At the Society meeting, at which Prof. George presided, the treasurer, George Holmes, reported receipts \$1060.90, expenses \$1175.21, deficit \$114.00, pledges due \$85.00."

The earliest recorded list of Deacons: Isaac Gilbert, H. C. Dennis, J. L. Wallace, F. P. Hunt, O. B. Bradley, E. R. E. Cowell. Earliest Trustees: D. L. Horner, F. P. Hunt, O. A. Ainsworth, Austin George, Alfred Yost, Jay Worden, Andrew Campbell, Franklin Hinckley, F. P. Bogardus.

Every branch of the organization worked early and late for the church. Typical are the varied activities recorded for that year: The Cheerful Helpers gave a Baby Show which netted \$25. There was a reception for 200 college students at Prof. George's. Sunday School increased to 173 under Supt. M. G. Wood. Average Prayer Meeting attendance 35, and 40 Sunday School members joined the church. The Ladies Aid and Missionary Society's Thankoffering meeting heard 5 papers: "Conditions Among Heathen Women," by Mrs. Francis; "A Heathen Woman's Prayer," by Mrs. George; "Giving to Missions," by Mrs. Ainsworth; "Reasons for Thankfulness," by Mrs. Fairfield; and Susie Ainsworth gave 12 reasons why the Cheerful Helpers are thankful, while Grace George presented \$12 earned by the Cheerful Helpers. The Annual Missionary Supper was held at Mrs. Higley's, followed by seven major speeches by Prof. Austin George, Prof. B. L. D'Ooge, Mr. Cowell, Rev. Fairfield, Prof. E. A. Strong, Miss Cutcheon, and Mrs. Platt. If we at the present time should schedule 7 speeches after supper, the room would be empty before the close of the evening.

In 1887 the Young Folks Society disbanded and the Christian Endeavor was organized. On Sunday, June 3, 1888, Mr. Fairfield read his resignation. In September, 1888, Mr. Wood declined to serve longer as Sunday School Superintendent, and B. L. D'Ooge was elected over his protests, as he was already running the choir.

3. William I. Beale. 1888-1890 During the summer several candidates preached for the congregation. When Prof. George presented the name of Rev. Beale, of Whitehall, he was called at a salary of \$1000 and parsonage. Mr. Beal promptly

* "the church building." The corner stone of the original structure may still be seen on the inner wall of the south vestibule, the outer wall being built around it. - H.C.C.

accepted, and on August 26 preached his first sermon on the topic, "Building the Walls of Jerusalem." That year the membership reached 188, and Sunday School attendance averaged 112. \$1400 was subscribed toward the \$2000 debt. Mrs. James B. Angell, state president of Women's Missionary Societies, and wife of the president of the University of Michigan, was entertained by this mission-minded church. A Christian Endeavor social charged 5c for donuts and coffee; a Cobweb Social, at 10c, netted \$7.50; a Sunflower Concert brought \$8.00.

At the Annual Meeting in September, 1890, Mr. Beal handed in his resignation, on the advice of Prof. Strong, who expressed the feeling of the majority of the church. Mr. Beal behaved like a Christian gentleman under trying circumstances, and the church recorded an expression of appreciation for his two years of faithful service.

4. Holden A. Putnam 1891-1892

There followed another season of candidates. Rev. Williams of Chicago gave one of the best sermons the church had ever heard. Rev. Peebles of Roseville, Illinois, was heard in January, 1891. He was a little Scotchman, with good ideas and ideals, but he had a way of whispering when he reached his climax which spoiled his chances. In February, 1891, following a sermon by Rev. Bastian Smits of Constantine, the church gave him a unanimous call, which he declined. For several months a succession of ministers was heard: Rev. Kirkpatrick, Van Onnereu, Williams, Seaver of Pontiac, Prof. Daniel Putnam, Prof. M. L. D'Ooge of Ann Arbor, Prof. Strong, Rev. O'Brien of Oberlin; and finally Rev. H. A. Putnam, of Hillsdale, who accepted a call. He is described as a "nice, gentle little man, who says he is afraid of the professors." Also Mrs. Putnam was a very sweet, quiet little lady.

October 4, 1891, occurred the 10th anniversary celebration. The press notices read, "The church was decorated with fruits, grains and flowers, with a beautiful cross of vari-colored grapes. A framed picture of the first pastor, Rev. Grannis, was displayed. Rev. Putnam presided. Andrew Campbell read a history of the church from 1881-1891." Letters were read from Rev. Grannis and Rev. Beale. Mr. Campbell reported 237 members added to the original 60, and 137 removed by death or dismissal to other churches, leaving present membership 160. M. G. Wood and Marna Sanders reported on the Sunday School, of which Mr. Wood had been Superintendent for 7 years. Ladies Aid was reported by Mrs. Ainsworth, and Young People's Society by Lillie Strong. Prof. George appealed to the members to cancel a \$100 debt, which was accomplished in a few minutes.

The list of frequent social and money-raising events through this year is impressive. They include: A Library Social, with each person representing a book. A Songs of All Nations concert, with America represented by Mary Wood's song "The Red White and Blue," and Holland by Prof. D'Ooge with a National Air, to which he added a brief speech in Dutch. A Labor Social, totalling \$38 the ladies had themselves earned in surprising ways. A sleigh ride and oyster supper at Shidecor's in the country, repeated twice more so it must have been an old-fashioned winter. A Washington Banquet on February 22 at Light Guard Hall. This one brought in all of \$50 for the church debt.

*This picture is still around (1952),- the young man with the whiskers. It should be suitably marked before the identification is lost. - H.C.C.

In January, 1902, a fire broke out in the church after morning service, caused by overheated flues. Damage was by smoke and water chiefly. In April the church voted to build a parsonage as soon as subscriptions amounted to \$2000.

On June 2 it was recorded, "At a church meeting following Sunday service today it was voted to ask Mr. Putnam to resign. His preaching is so unsatisfactory that no one comes to hear him, so the finances are way behind. It is too bad, for they are both such dear faithful little souls." The resignation was presented and accepted. Mr. Putnam said, "I desire to assure you of my continued interest in your prosperity and will gladly cooperate in securing my successor," showing his fine Christian spirit.

5. Bastian Smits The year 1894 was memorable by the election of
1892-1896 George Holmes as church treasurer. Other churches
may have higher steeples, larger organs, more
stained glass windows; but did there ever live another treasurer like
unto George Holmes? For 48 years he guided, ordered, pushed the
financial bark through shoals, over waters smooth and rough.
In times of stringency he was able to go out into the highways and
byways of Michigan and compel the dollars to come in. It was a loss
to the church when he finally decided to give up this office.*

In 1895, Prof. Barbour resigned as Sunday School Superintendent and M. G. Wood was persuaded to take this office again, with Mrs. Barbour as assistant. In December of that year, the chief fund-raising event was "Jarley's Wax-works," given in Cleary College, on the night of the great snow-storm when drifts nearly covered the houses. After all the hard work expended, the crowd was so small that receipts were only \$50. Mrs. Jarley asked \$25, and Pres. P. R. Cleary would take only \$9 for the hall, and the press gave us free advertising. But worth more than the \$4 profit was the sight of "Diogenes," our good, kind, dignified old deacon Bradley, with his long white whiskers, standing in a tub, with lantern raised high before him.

In December, 1896, we read, "Our church people are all upset because Mr. Smits has received a call from Charlotte at \$1500, and so many women are going to the parsonage and weeping on Mrs. Smits' shoulder that she is nearly sick." The Daily Press of December 10 said, "Rev. Bastian Smits closed his four years pastorate at the Congregational church on Sunday. He preached his farewell sermon to a crowded house last evening. He spoke of the courteous treatment they had received from the citizens, from the press, and from the other churches. He paid a tribute to the Catholics who had invited him to address their St. Patrick's Day banquet. He was told that one of their members said, 'Mr. Smits may not belong to our church, but I think we shall meet him in Heaven.' We have never had a pastor so cordial and friendly with the people in all walks of life."

* Mr. Holmes was purchasing agent for the Michigan Central Railway, and travelled back and forth to Detroit daily. During his later years he was too deaf to hear the sermon, but always sat in a forward pew and could be seen reading his hymnal.

6. Benjamin F. Aldrich
1897-1907

In January, 1897, we listened to several candidates and finally engaged Rev. B. F. Aldrich of Pontiac, who came May 16, at \$12,000. In January, 1898, plans were made for remodeling the church with help from the Congregational Building Society of a grant of \$2500 and a loan of \$1500. The application was signed by A. R. Crittenden, clerk, Austin George, president of the Board of Trustees, E. A. Strong, F. A. Barbour, George Holmes, and Maurice G. Wood. On June 25, 1899, the new church was dedicated (the present handsome and commodious stone structure) with sermons by Rev. Aldrich and Rev. Smits. Offertory solos were by Louise George, pianist was Frances Strong. In the evening sermons were contributed by Rev. Bradshaw of Ann Arbor, Rev. Allen of the M. E. Church, Rev. Brown of the Baptist church, and Rev. Wharton of the Presbyterian, with a solo by Miss Mayme Wood. Mr. H. B. Smellie became Sunday School Superintendent this year.

As \$500 had been pledged by the ladies for the new church, the usual variety of fund-raising social events was scheduled, including Christmas Fair, Easter Supper, "Mistletoe Bough" pantomime at the Opera House, and Missionary Socials. People complained that the 25 cents charged for suppers was too high!

7. Arthur Granville Beach*
1901-1911

In December, 1900, Mr. Aldrich resigned to go to Aurora, Illinois. In May, 1901, Rev. Arthur G. Beach, of Ashland, Wisconsin, accepted a call to our church at \$1000 and parsonage.

Our social events went merrily on, with sleigh-rides, Bonnet Socials (with antique costumes), Japanese Teas (with kimono-clad maidens serving tea and selling Japanese prints). It was noticeable that rain and stormy weather greeted most church affairs: "because of cold and stormy weather for our Easter supper, we took in only \$8.00 at 15c a ticket;" at the Japanese Tea "only five faithful friends braved the pouring rain, receipts \$2.10, but we should never despise the day of small things."

* The kindly references by Mrs. D'Ooge to the former pastor, Mr. Beach, suggests a comment on church histories. Mr. Beach came to the church in a period when much was being said about the "higher criticism," meaning the scholarly and searching study of the Bible, with the purpose of discovering its literary and historical values together with the great spiritual impulses of the times in which the various writings were produced. Mr. Beach took upon himself the task of interpreting to his congregation new understandings of The Book. He had the scholarship and personality to do this effectively. The Congregational Church offered a most appreciative and understanding audience. A group of Normal College faculty members became Mr. Beach's firm and loyal friends, and in turn gave to the church many years of intellectual and truly spiritual leadership. This illustrates how a local church history cannot in its deepest significance be written at all. Because it is not essentially a story of erecting and improving buildings, of taking up collections and paying debts, or even installing a new organ, or engaging in delightful and helpful social experiences. It is essentially the story of individuals in their inner experiences, their loyalties, idealisms, moving convictions and hopes. - H.C.C.

Sunday, February 9, 1903, was a great day when, after the morning service, Mr. Ainsworth presented the problem of raising the church debt. In a few minutes \$2300 had been subscribed.

The 1904 annual supper was a success both socially and gastronomically. One hundred thirty-five people were fed without charge. The following parody was read by Mrs. Norris: "To pledge or not to pledge, that is the question. Whether 'tis nobler for men to take the gospel free, and let another foot the bill, or sign a pledge to pay towards church expenses. To pledge - to pay,-- aye, there's the rub. When on the free-seat plan a man may have a sitting free, and take the gospel too as though he paid, and none be aught the wiser save the good church treasurer, who, most honorable man, can keep a secret. I'm wise. I'll wait, not work. I'll pray, not pay, and let consistent Christians foot the bills. Therefore with me, you see, the gospel's free."

In April, 1904, appeared a press notice about our little minister, "A series of Sunday night lectures on the Bible given at the Congregational church by Rev. Arthur Beach, is attracting wide attention. Last Sunday night was the fifth of the series entitled, "Is the Bible an infallible authority?" These lectures are demonstrating that when a minister has a message, the people want to hear."

At the annual meeting in 1905, our treasurer, Mr. Holmes, reported the entire church debt and \$500 for the parsonage were all provided for. In 1908, the church received new hymn books from Lena McFarlane in memory of her mother, Mrs. Jay Worden. The communion table was a gift of Mrs. Pomeroy, mother of Mrs. C. J. Becker. The pulpit and font were given by Mrs. S. J. Wilcox.

In November, 1911, Mr. Beach resigned, after ten successful years as pastor of our church. Although urged to reconsider, his decision was final. Deep regret was expressed on every side at the loss of such a splendid family from our city. Mr. Beach's last sermon was preached on January 28, 1912, to a full church, a fitting climax to many fine sermons.

From February to July we heard several candidates. Sunday, February 4, 1912, Rev. White came for one month. His voice is too weak but he gives us such good sermons we almost forget his voice. He has new ideas about prayer-meeting, too. He is so anxious to come to our church it is pathetic. Too bad he is so old and frail. Rev. Waters, of Canton, preached once in April,- a big, slow, nice boy who will not know how to preach for many years to come.

S. O. Lloyd Morris April 17, a church meeting on a rainy day. Only 20 people present, who decided to ask O. Lloyd Morris, of Lima, Ohio, come to preach for us. He was unanimously called at a later meeting, and preached his first sermon July 21, 1912. The people are very enthusiastic over this bright, engaging Welshman.

At the annual meeting for 1914, reports included: 233 members of the church...\$558 given to benevolences...2 barrels to Home Missionary pastors...\$60 to the Foreign Mission Board. It

was voted to increase the pastor's salary to \$1500; Mr. Morris expressed surprise but admitted that his family could use it. Thanks were tendered Mrs. Louise Humphrey for her efficient management of the church choir. Music was by Phoebe Jefferson.

In 1916 Frances Strong reported that the little tenor is striking for higher wages, he wants more than \$1.50, and we only pay trained singers like Miss Vanderwater and Miss Bivens \$2.00. One Sunday morning Mr. Morris quite scintillated in his sermon on "Enthusiasm," saying "People sometimes object to zeal without judgement, but I prefer that to judgement without zeal. I have no use for people who are faultlessly flawless, icily perfect, splendidly null." At one Vesper service Dr. E. A. Strong talked on "Changes in Church Beliefs in the Past Sixty Years." When the people looked in his serene gentle face it was hard to realize he had just passed his 83rd birthday.

In 1917 two former pastors entered into their rest: Rev. G. H. Grannis and then Rev. B. F. Aldrich, in the midst of his work in the new First Congregational Church of Chicago.

Early in 1917 Rev. Morris refused a call to Ottawa, Illinois, but in December, 1917, he received one from Webster Groves, Missouri, which he accepted, after five and a half years with us, years so enjoyable as to stand out in his memory all his life.

9. Harvey Cade Colburn 1918-1937

Before the coming of the new pastor, Rev. Harvey Colburn, from Bellevue, Ohio, all debts were paid, including \$1000 repairs on the parsonage. These were strenuous war times, and union services of all protestant churches as a conservation measure proved a pleasant phase. In 1920 it was voted to omit the evening service except for special occasions when the pastor might call one at his pleasure. Some of the early members passed away during these years, outstanding among them being M. G. Wood, in 1921, who had been a faithful and important worker from the very first year of the church's organization. Also lost by death were President (of the M.S.N.C.) L. H. Jones in 1918; Dr. R. A. Clifford, John Weston, Mrs. Sarah J. Wilcox, and Mrs. Riley Shaw in 1919; Prof. E. A. Strong, Andrew Campbell, Addie Stevenson, and Mrs. Emma Quackenbos in 1920; Mrs. O. A. Ainsworth and Mrs. J. F. Goodrich in 1923; Mrs. Beardsley and Mrs. Hinckley (a charter member) in 1924; Mrs. Manseau, Mrs. E. E. Trim, and Mrs. Proctor in 1927.

In 1924 the plan of Associate membership was instituted, and in the next three years the membership rose from 200 to 299. Student activities became encouraging in growth, under the attention of Miss Mary Goddard, and later of Miss Matteson and Miss Sterling. By 1928 the average attendance of students at morning services had reached 75, while 30 to 40 attend suppers and Sunday night discussions.

In 1927 Miss Hall reported that our quota for benevolences, \$2000, was filled for the first time, and she asked to be relieved from this office which she had served for seven years.

Through all the years the missionary work of this church has been active, stimulated by study books and letters from the field. We have listened to stories of personal adventure in distant lands and in outlying fields of our own country, and have packed and sent off dozens of boxes to missionary families.

And so the fifty years have passed, with their lights and shadows, their joys and sorrows. So little of discord or misunderstanding has there been during the half-century that we have earned our name of the "Church of Friendliness."

The First Congregational Church of Ypsilanti
By Clara Janet Allison

Miss Allison prepared a sketch of the same church about five years after Mrs. D'Ooge's history, and without repeating the detailed records so carefully preserved in the earlier paper, she surveyed the several developing activities of the church. These few quoted portions of Miss Allison's paper will, we believe, add balance to the over-all picture.

For thirty-seven years this church has been regarded by its members, especially those of its early years, with the affection and pride engendered by generous giving of time and effort and money. Within the first ten years of the existence of the church there came into it, chiefly from other localities, men and women who have had a large part in building not merely the handsome stone structure, which is an asset to the city of Ypsilanti, but a spiritual entity which in the midst of today's confused thinking stands for righteousness and Christian ethics and fellowship.

The Sunday School has been a consistently strong feature of the church work. Regarded as an integral part of the church, it is supported from the church finances and turns all of its own collections into the church funds. Its members are thus trained in altruism and in church loyalty. Its first Superintendent was M. G. Wood. He resigned this office in 1888, but continued his association with the Sunday School until his death in 1921. Mr. Wood was succeeded by Dr. B. L. D'Ooge, who was also choirmaster. From 1894 to 1921 the office of Superintendent was held by H. B. Smellie, F. A. Barbour, E. A. Mellencamp, Mrs. N. P. Collins, W. P. Bowen, H. Z. Wilber, Carl Pray, President Charles McKenny, and James Stanley; in 1922 A. G. Erickson became Superintendent and held the office until the summer of 1934. The present 1936 Superintendent is Grady McKay.

This is truly a "Congregational" church in the sense that every member of the congregation has had a part in its upbuilding.

The church has been fortunate in having men and women of marked musical ability in its membership, consequently it has been able to set its standards high. Among those who have served it musically are M. G. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Cowell, Dr. and Mrs. D'Ooge, Mary Wood and Louise George; also in later years from the Normal Conservatory of Music, Professor Carl Lindegren, Mrs. Atwood McAndrew, Miss Lillian

Ashby, and Mrs. Lorinda Clifford. These and others have helped make the regular services beautiful and worthy.

The earliest organization of women was the Ladies' Aid. The Young Woman's Guild, organized in 1905, has done effective work for the physical well-being of the church, as well as aiding its benevolences. In 1934, both these organizations were merged in the Women's Guild; to this every woman affiliated with the church automatically belongs. A branch consisting of the younger women functions under the name of the Guild Auxiliary.

In 1924, associate membership in the church was instituted for students of the two colleges in Ypsilanti. The plan looked to a closer bond with the church for students while resident here, without the sacrifice of home ties. This arrangement has proved most satisfactory, and student interests have been cared for until the past two years by a student secretary. Miss Ruth Sterling served thus for five years, then Miss Catherine Crabill until 1933, when a paid secretary had to be dispensed with. This has proved in some ways not a handicap, for while the students miss the leadership of an official secretary, the need for holding themselves to the standards of previous years has developed a strong sense of responsibility. Besides this, the Committee on Student Affairs has stood ready to help, the pastor is never far off, and Mrs. Colburn, whom they speak of as "Mother," has merited that title by her untiring labors in their behalf. The church also sponsors an organization for high-school age, as a recent project, affiliated with the state society under the name of Pilgrim Fellowship.

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- Mr. Pliny Skinner, 35 S. Huron, Ypsilanti (in addition to Mrs. Skinner who has been a member for many years).

1953-54 Program of the
WASHTENAW HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- September 20. Picnic meeting at Mrs. James A. Sallade's country house near Dexter. Speaker will be announced later.
- October 28. Police Chief Caspar M. Enkeman: "Halloween a Half Century Ago and Now"
- November 16. Open house and program in the WHS Museum, Bach School
- December. Membership Tea. Date and place will be announced later.
- January 15. Louis W. Doll: "Highlights of Washtenaw History"
- February 15. F. Clever Bald: "The Michigan Historical Collections" Refreshments and a tour of the Collections.
- March 15. Charles A. Sink: "Celebrities I have known"
- April. Mrs. Mildred S. McMichael: "Junior Historians"
- May. Meeting in Chelsea. Date, speaker, and subject will be announced later.
- June 19. Conducted tour of Willow Run Airport. Details will be announced later.

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