

CHURCH MISSIONARY NEWS

ELEVEN DAYS' CONFERENCE.

Seventeen Well Attended Meetings Held at Robison, Ind.

Under date of Oct. 2, Elder George E. Manwaring writes from Indianapolis, Indiana, as follows:

A very successful conference was held at the "Old Church," Robison, Greene Co., Indiana, Sept. 11 to 21 inclusive. It was the intention to hold conference only two days, the 14th and 15th, but the interest was so great that it was decided to continue the meetings indefinitely. During the eleven days, seventeen meetings were held, with one exception, were well attended.

Sunday, the 11th, broke threatening and stormy, and by a 6 o'clock rain was falling in torrents, and the roads were soon in very bad condition, as a result, the attendance at the morning meeting was not very encouraging. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, the afternoon and evening meetings were remarkably well attended, the hall being too small to accommodate the throngs. The balance of the meetings were held in the grove, where seats had been previously arranged, and the average attendance was in the neighborhood of two hundred persons.

At the close of each session the people gathered around the Elders and invited them to their homes, but it was with difficulty that the fourteen Elders present filled the engagements without giving offense to some who were desirous of having us partake of their hospitality, and teach them the principles of the Gospel.

This was the first conference held in the Northern States mission since Elder German E. Ellsworth was chosen president, and was said by him to be the most successful conference of its kind that he had ever attended.

Wednesday, the 14th, was appointed a day for baptisms, and at 2 p. m. the Elders met on the banks of a stream, under the spreading branches of the sycamore trees, where about 200 persons had gathered to witness the same. Appropriate remarks were made by the Elders on the beauty and solemnity of the ordinance about to be performed, and the necessity for yielding obedience to the same. Seven went down into the waters of baptism, four among them being the most prominent men in this section.

At the evening meeting five children were baptized, and the new members were confirmed, the Sacrament was administered to them, and to the Saints present, thirty in number. The people present were visibly impressed with the simplicity and sacredness of these ordinances, and after the service five others expressed a desire to be baptized. These were added to our number the following Saturday and Monday. The baptism of three others who could not make it convenient to attend these baptismal meetings, will be performed by the Elders who were left to labor in that country.

The phenomenal success attending this conference was not due entirely to the work of the conference meetings, but was the result of earnest and intelligent missionary work performed by the Elders who had previously labored in this country. In the spring of 1903, Elders H. A. McQuarrie and W. P. Craney were assigned to work in Greene county, which was then considered one of the most unpromising fields in the mission. They held meetings in all of the little villages and visited the people in their homes. By persistent and earnest work they gained the confidence of the people, removed much prejudice, and made many warm friends.

Before leaving for our field of labor, a mass meeting was held for the purpose of discussing the advisability of building a house of worship in which ministers of all denominations would be given the privilege of speaking, but the house to be controlled by a representative of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Three non-Mormons offered an acre of land each on building lots; seven acres being offered in all. One-third of the cost of the building was subscribed by Church members alone. Subscriptions lists will be circulated extensively in Jackson and Center townships, and if enough money can be raised, a meetinghouse will be erected in the near future.

The Elders were assigned to labor as follows: President H. A. McQuarrie and Hyrum LeRoy Mulliner, traveling Elders; Ezra B. Walker, Indianapolis, as president of the branch at that place; G. E. Manwaring, as secretary of the conference, with George H. Richman as his companion, to labor in Indianapolis; J. O. Duke and John A. Morgan,

Tacwell, Crawford Co.; Seth V. Henderson and Wilford Walker, Evansville, Vanderburg Co.; P. E. Pearson, Thos. Wilde and C. L. Love, Greene Co.

Elder John F. Davenport, of Roxbury, Idaho, received his release, and has returned home, after twenty-seven months' labor in this mission.

CONFERENCE AT SHEFFIELD.

Three Interesting Meetings Held—Statistical Report.

On Stalker Lane Road, Sheffield, Sept. 25.—The Sheffield semi-annual conference convened in Temperance hall, Townsend street, Sheffield, England, Sunday, Sept. 25, 1904.

Services began at 10:30 a. m., 2 and 8 p. m. President William Moss presided. Of the missionaries from Zion, there were present President Elder J. Grant of the European mission, President William Moss and Elders Walter Parry, Samuel W. Leigh, Joseph W. Lee, John W. Galley, David S. Evans, Mathias W. Lowe, John Evans, George J. Mace, Daniel T. Stuart, Milton A. W. Jones, Louise E. Lamb, Wilford W. Paxman, Geo. J. Haslam, William H. Tynes, G. Albert Bullock and Joel K. Parrish of the Sheffield, and President John W. Saunders of the Manchester conferences.

After the usual opening exercises in the morning the Sacrament was administered by Elders Haslam and David S. Evans.

President Moss reported the conference in good condition. Zeal characterized the labors of the Elders, and considerable interest is manifested by the Saints in general. He took pleasure in his labors, and extended a hearty welcome to all Saints and friends to conference.

The clerk presented the general and local Church authorities, all of whom were unanimously sustained, also read the statistical report of Sheffield conference as follows: Organized branches, 3; traveling Elders from Zion, 17; local (testimony) Elders, 13; Priests, 14; Teachers, 2; Deacons, 6; members, 211; children under 8 years of age, 64; making a total of 311 souls.

Since the last conference there have been 18 baptisms, 24 emigrated, 1 received, 2 died over eight years ago. The Elders have visited 16,371 houses with first tracts, 1,752 by invitation, held 5,747 Gospel conversations, distributed 92,477 tracts and 1,594 books; held 255 indoor meetings and 63 outdoor meetings.

Elders Leigh, Lamb and Grant were the speakers at the morning session. Elder Stuart was the first speaker in the afternoon. He spoke on the mission of Christ and its benefits to man.

Elder Joseph W. Lee showed the difference between general and individual salvation, and the benefit of living up to the latter plan.

Elder Walter Parry pointed out that the life, works and doctrines of Joseph Smith proved him a true Prophet of God to the honest investigator. President Grant rejoiced to know that the reputation of the Latter-day Saints was not their true character and that they, when they were living their religion, were worthy the respect of all men. The Saints, he said, carried their belief into daily life, and the testimony they received fortified them against the prejudice of the world. He expressed his appreciation of the English people for their liberality and justice extended to the Latter-day Saints.

In the evening President Saunders spoke on the atonement of Christ and the plan of redemption. Elder John W. Galley spoke on the free agency of man.

An anthem, "Jerusalem, My Glorious Home," was rendered by the chorists under the direction of Brother G. H. Melior.

President Grant testified to the divinity of the mission of Joseph Smith, which was attested by signs truly following the believers, and that through humility and honest research all may obtain a testimony and knowledge of the Gospel of Christ.

President Moss bore testimony to the Gospel and made a few closing remarks, thanking the people for their kindness to the Elders.

Saturday afternoon President Grant

met with the Elders, received their reports and gave some timely instructions.

DEATH OF NOTED CHIEF.

Karanema Hapuku Answers Sudden Summons at Hawkes Bay.

From Huntly, Waikato, New Zealand, under date of Sept. 29, Elder Charles B. Bartlett, president of the Maori mission, writes the "News" as follows:

Many of the New Zealand Elders will be pained to learn of the sudden death of Brother Karanema Hapuku, of Te Hauke, Hawkes Bay, who died at his home Sunday, Sept. 14, 1904. He was a staunch member of the Church, a hale and hearty man, and in the prime of life. He has been a Latter-day Saint for years and a loyal supporter of the work. Through his ancestry he was one of the great chiefs of the Hawkes Bay district, and during life wielded a great influence among his people. He leaves a wife and family of young children. No particulars of his death are at hand at the present writing, but as he is so well known I decided to take this opportunity of advising his friends in Zion of his demise.

THE NEW ZEALAND MISSION.

Interesting Conference Held in Hawkes Bay.

Elder Parley G. James writes the "News" from Napier, New Zealand, under date of Sept. 10, as follows:

The Maori Saints of the Korangata branch have had for some time under consideration the proposition of erecting a church house. The material for building was procured—but owing to the lack of unity among the Saints as regards to how and where to erect the building, nothing further was done, and the material laid in a somewhat dilapidated condition awaiting construction. President C. B. Bartlett took the project in hand, and appointed Elders M. E. Woods, A. W. Asper, James King and J. S. Thompson to build the structure. Under the supervision of the mission authorities the new church was soon completed. The work from the foundation to the finishing point was accomplished by the "Mormon" boys from Utah, the plumbing work being done by Elder P. G. James.

The completed structure is a well designed building. Its large tower and belfry in front adds much to the beauty of appearance. The interior is plain but very neat and comfortable—being furnished with well made benches and a suitable stand.

A conference of the Hawkes Bay district was held at Korangata, Aug. 13 and 14, and the opening of the new meetinghouse. The little village was the scene of a large gathering of dark-skinned Lamanites, who had assembled to attend conference. When we say that winter here is nearing its close, one can hardly sense the blessedness of this joyous Hawkes Bay climate. The fields and rolling hills are covered with fresh green grass, and the flowers are blooming on all sides. Such fine surroundings and such good level roads for travel helped to make the conference a success.

The dedicatory exercises were held in the new meetinghouse, the prayer being offered by President C. B. Bartlett. About 120 people were seated in the building to witness the service. As the church building was too small to seat the crowd which had assembled, more commodious quarters were sought. A large tent was procured, and the other meetings were held there.

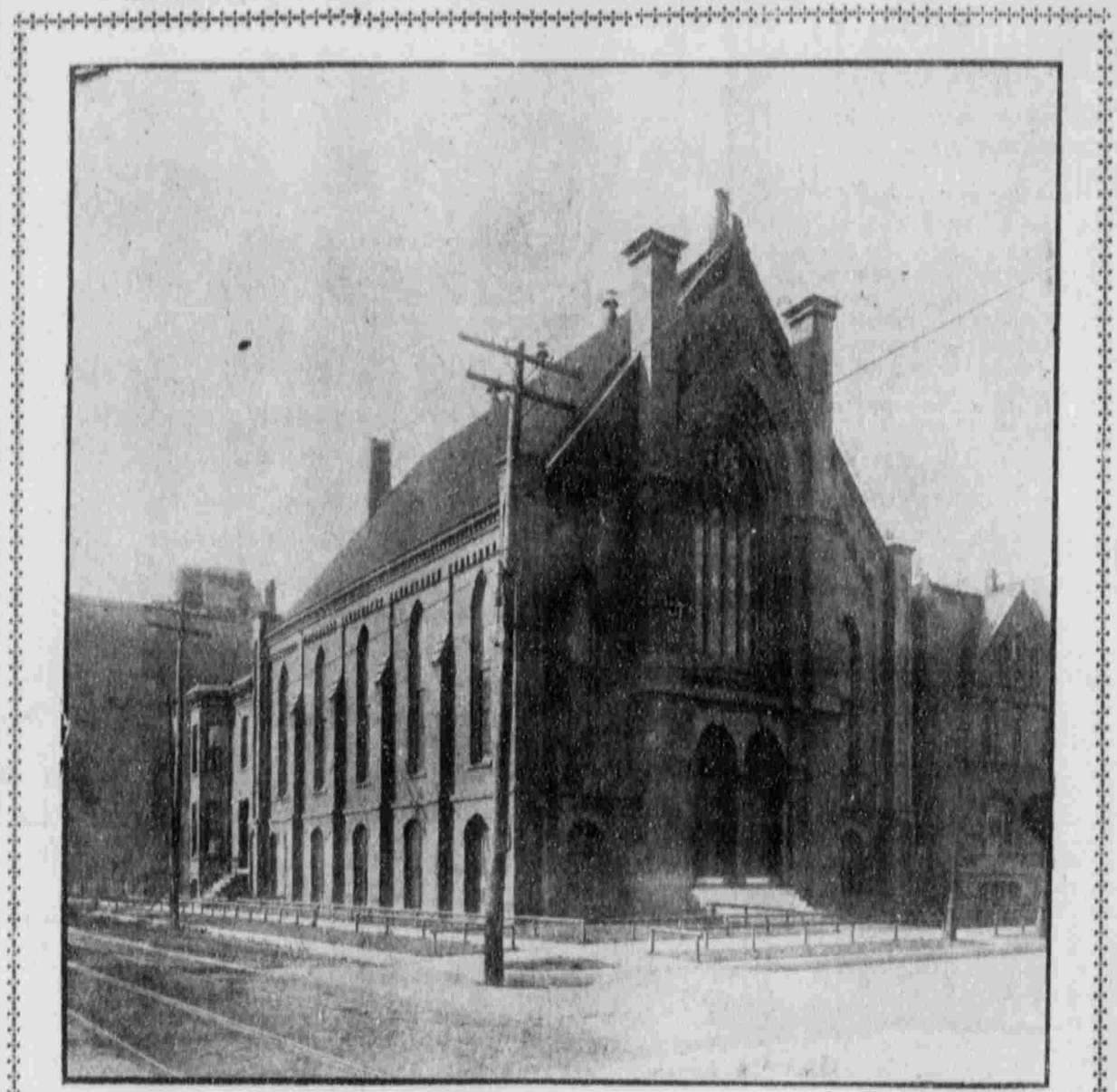
Following were the Elders in attendance: President C. B. Bartlett, Constant Thuesen, F. E. Bodily, W. G. Young, A. W. Wright, P. G. James, J. S. Thompson, M. C. Woods, K. O. Cannon and James King. Sisters Emma Wright and Geneva Adams, who are laboring as missionaries in behalf of the Relief society, were also present. Sister Wright came overland by stage 100 miles to reach the conference.

The presence of Elder K. O. Cannon was also enjoyed by all, he having just arrived from the Chatham Islands, whither he and Elder T. V. Finlayson went June 2, to be the pioneers in opening up the Gospel work on those islands. Although the stay of Elder Cannon was short, his reports that he was treated very kindly, both by Maoris and Europeans, and says: "The outlook for spreading the Gospel message to that small part of the Lord's vineyard is very promising."

The energetic labors of the Elders and Saints to make the conference a success, resulted in the attendance of over 450 Maoris, both Saints and outsiders—among them being such influential outside chiefs as Mohi, Te Atahia, and Pene Te Ua. They spoke in encouraging terms about the good work that is being accomplished by the Lat-

LATTER-DAY SAINTS' MISSION HOUSE, CHICAGO

Fine Church Building and Grounds Recently Purchased in Windy City.



The picture is that of the Latter-day Saints' mission house situated at the corner of Monroe and Paulina streets, Chicago. The building was formerly the property of the First United Presbyterian Church, which disposed of it by selling the building and the land on which it stood to the Latter-day Saints. The property is centrally located and the church is a brick structure with an auditorium capable of seating 600 people. The chapel room down stairs will seat about 450, while in the basement there are three rooms suitable for Sunday school purposes, also a kitchen, dining room and minister's study.

Attached to the church is a parsonage with 12 rooms, closets, bathroom and basement, making it quite suitable for mission headquarters. The church proper has walnut pews, an excellent pipe organ, and nicely carpeted floors, while the building throughout is lighted by gas and heated with hot air. Negotiations for the property were started six months ago by President Asahel H. Woodruff, but only recently was the deal closed and the deeds recorded. The latter are now in the hands of President Joseph F. Smith, as trustee-in-trust.

This is perhaps the finest Church building owned by the Latter-day Saints outside of Zion. In it meetings are held every Sunday and already its use has materially increased the attendance at these gatherings. Sunday school is held at 10 a. m. and regular services at 11:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The address is 141 S. Paulina street, and visitors from Zion are cordially invited to call while in Chicago. The place is in charge of Elder German E. Ellsworth, of Lehi, formerly secretary of the Northern States mission, but now president, succeeding Elder Asahel H. Woodruff in this position.

new members. The conference at present is in an excellent condition, with an energetic set of Elders working in harmony and love. Elder Darwin R. Harris is the worthy president, with the following traveling Elders: Samuel Bennett, Samuel S. Downs, Nils C. Christianson, Albert L. Holman, Ira J. Boyce, Peter Allen, Geo. F. Webb, Horace W. Vincent, Thomas W. West, James P. Cameron, John T. Anderson, Martin L. Bushman, Thomas W. Bailey.

Elder John H. Fairchild of Basin, Cassia Co., Idaho, was set apart Oct. 7, 1902, and returned Oct. 6, 1904, from the Northern States mission. The first six months he spent in connection with Elder T. F. Birch as Sunday school superintendent in Council Bluffs, Iowa; the next six months were spent in and around Muscatine, Iowa, making a trip from that point to Keokuk, thence to Carthage, Ill., thence to Nauvoo, traveling much of the way in mud and rain, without purse or scrip, in connection with Elder T. F. Birch. The next six months were spent in and around Oskaloosa, and later in and around Council Bluffs. The Elders made one trip to La Crosse, Wisconsin, traveling about 350 miles without purse or scrip, holding meetings on the way in school-houses, were treated well and made a host of friends and investigators. Elder Fairchild visited during his mission 3,469 families, sold 443 books, distributed 2,330 Gospel tracts, assisted in holding 210 public meetings; blessed 10 children and baptized two honest souls.

Elder Parley Moyle of Alpine, Utah Co., was set apart June 3, 1902, and returned Oct. 8, 1904, from the Northern States mission, where he has been proselyting in the Michigan and Wisconsin conferences. Two years were spent in Michigan, where he labored with much success in making friends and finding some of the honest in heart. The people as a whole were rather indifferent to "Mormonism," as is their attitude towards the Gospel in general, but the Elders are working hard to spread the truth and the honest are being found. The remaining four months of Elder Moyle's labors were spent in the Wisconsin conference, as president of the La Crosse branch.

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Returned Missionaries

Sister Rhoda Celestia Nash, of Alpine, Utah Co., Utah, who was set apart Nov. 11, 1902, to labor in the California mission, returned Sept. 15, 1904. The San Francisco and Oakland conferences were the scenes of her labors. She reports that she was welcomed to many of her sister acquaintances in the west, who had never before seen a "Mormon" woman, and whose conception of same was in many instances ridiculous. She made many friends, and assisted many investigators to understand more particularly the conditions surrounding the women of Utah, which are so little understood. She also assisted in the religious services as singer and as organist, also in public entertainments given by our people, which gives our an excellent opportunity to meet strangers investigating the faith.

Elder Caleb Moroni Marriott, of Marriott, Weber Co., was set apart Nov. 8, 1901, and returned Sept. 9, 1904, from the Australian mission. He has been laboring in New South Wales six months, and the remainder of the time in Queensland. The Gospel work is progressing, and in some parts exceptional results are being obtained.

Elder Otto J. Poulson, of Provo, Utah Co., was set apart June 23, 1903, and returned Sept. 25, 1904, from the Scandinavian mission, where he has been laboring in the conferences of Gothenburg and Malmo. The work of the Gospel is progressing nicely there, he says, and the honest and lovers of the truth are being added to the fold.

Elder Gustave Thomason, of Logan, Cache Co., was set apart June 23, 1903, and returned Sept. 25, 1904, from the Scandinavian mission, where he has been laboring in the conferences of Gothenburg and Malmo. The work of the Gospel is progressing nicely there, he says, and the honest and lovers of the truth are being added to the fold.

Elder Milton Oliver Bell of Logan, Cache Co., was set apart June 23, 1901, and returned Sept. 23, 1904, from the Society Islands mission. The confer-

ences of Tahiti, Upper and Lower Tuamotu were the scenes of his labors. He reports that the work is progressing slowly there, some baptisms are being performed, and the condition of the people is improving. He assisted in opening up the mission in the Gambler group of islands in company with Elder John T. Corbridge. Five persons have been baptized there up to date.

Elder James C. Wood, of Syracuse, Davis Co., was set apart Sept. 16, 1902, and returned Sept. 26, 1904, from missionary labors in West Virginia and Kentucky conferences. Elder Wood found the people kind and hospitable, and many are investigating the Gospel, but as in days of old the Elders meet some opposition. The city of Parkersburg has been well canvassed.

Elder Albert Milton Whiting, Jr., of Mapleton, Utah Co., returned Sept. 26, 1904, from the Eastern States mission, whither he was sent Aug. 13, 1902. The East Pennsylvania conference, where he spent his entire time, is in a prosperous condition.

Elder A. F. Elgarren, of Salt Lake City, who was set apart Sept. 2, 1902, to labor in the Eastern States mission, returned Oct. 1, 1904. The New England and Brooklyn conferences were his fields of work. The first six months of his absence was spent in the city of Boston, after which he was called to New York City, to act as secretary of the mission, which position he filled until his release. The missionary work is perhaps as successfully carried on in this mission as elsewhere, though the returns may not be quite so large as last year.

Elder James Wardrop Wright of Salt Lake City, was set apart July 12, 1901, and returned Oct. 5, 1904, from the Southern States mission, where he has been proselyting in the Virginia conference. The Gospel is progressing nicely; many are anxious to hear the Elders and converse on the Gospel. Elder Wright was released from account of sickness, having contracted stomach trouble and sciatica.

Elder Aaron A. Farr of West Weber, Weber Co., was set apart Sept. 26, 1902, and returned Oct. 5, 1904, from the Northern States mission, where he labored in the conferences of Tacoma, Seattle, Spokane, Washington, and Anaconda, Montana. The work of the Lord is growing all through this mission. Ministers have made many attempts to disprove "Mormonism," but like others have fallen by the wayside. Elder Farr says he has been treated well by all.

Elder Oluf Petersen of Brigham City, Boxelder Co., was set apart July 23, 1902, and returned Oct. 5, 1904, from the Scandinavian mission. The Augsburg conference was his field of labor. Conditions of the gospel work in Denmark are favorable. The work of the Lord is progressing slowly but surely. It is a day of gloom and yet there is many converts. Meetings are well attended by Saints and strangers.

Elder Karl E. Murri, of Wilford, Fremont Co., Idaho, was set apart Feb. 28, 1902, and returned Oct. 5, 1904, from the Northern States mission in Switzerland and Germany. The Gospel is progressing nicely in the fatherland, many good friends being found.

Elder Thomas A. Condie of Salt Lake City, who was set apart May 5, 1902, to labor in the British mission, returned Oct. 5, 1904. He labored in the New-castle conference for twenty-two months, and six months in the Leeds conference. The Gospel is in a prosperous condition in both fields, especially in the last named.

Elder Charles S. Martin of Salt Lake City, was set apart Sept. 8, 1903, and returned Oct. 7, 1904, from labors in the Eastern States mission. The South West Virginia and New England conferences were his fields of labor. Elder Martin was released on account of the death of his son Frank. The work of the Lord in New England, he reports, is progressing nicely, and with few exceptions the Elders are treated well.

Elder Samuel Bennett, of Holden, Mills Co., was set apart Sept. 5, 1902, and returned Oct. 5, 1904, from labors in the British mission. In the conference of Norwich, Elder Bennett baptized 12 and was very successful in his labors, especially in the North Waltham district, where he has recently been organized a new branch of 22 good souls, 20 of whom have been baptized within the last 18 months. The Norwich conference in the last 18 months has had an increase of 70 souls, 10 of these being children of the Saints, 60

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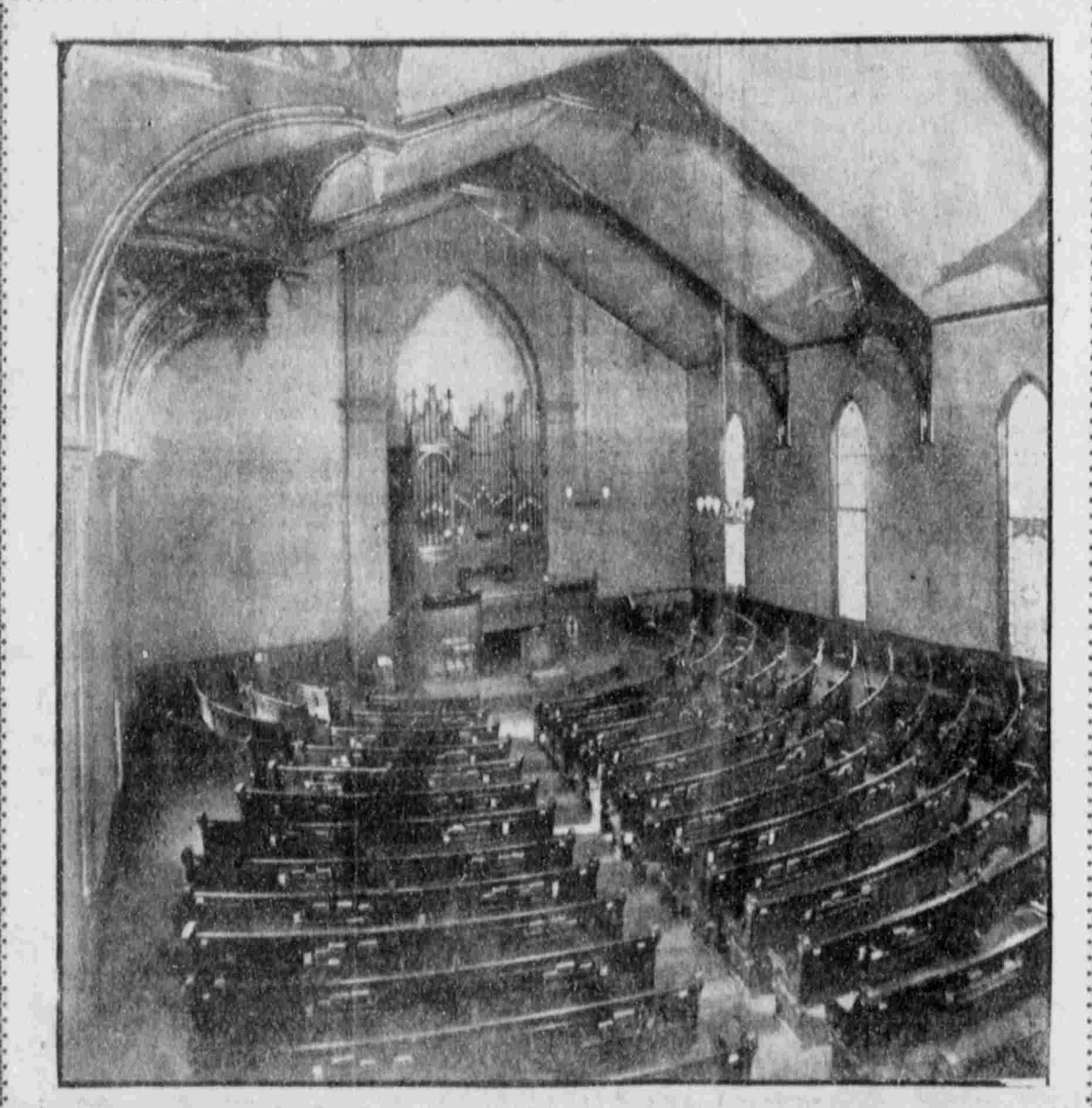
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