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DEDICATION SERVICES.

Formal Opening of the New Home of the First Christian Church Made Yesterday.

The dedication services of the new home of the First Christian church, corner Willamette and Eleventh streets held at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, was attended by a large concourse of people, 1229 being furnished with seats, a large number standing, and many were turned away unable to gain admittance.

On the platform were seated pastors of various city churches, they having adjourned for the occasion, as well as others prominent in religious work.

The services were commenced with the musical prelude, reading of scripture by Pastor Rose, prayer by Dean Sanderson of the Divinity school, and the usual announcements. The chorus choir was under the direction of Chorister L. S. Lakin and the musical numbers were worthy of the occasion.

Rev. J. V. Urdike, of Columbus, Ohio, delivered the sermon, taking for his text, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father," John 14:12. Jesus spoke thus to his disciples on taking his leave of them, and out of the tenderness of heart goes farther and aids them by advice on their work after he was gone. The speaker referred to the wonderful amount of wealth now being used in the work of Jesus Christ. The great work of Jesus was not the performance of miracles, but his chief mission was to bring man back to God. For did not "God so love the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believed on him should be saved?" In this connection the speaker dwelt on the liberality of all of God's functions, and that it is rightly expected that man shall in return give liberally of his

very close attention to the construction of the building. We can say of him that he thoroughly understands his business, and he has the special thanks of your committee for his attention and kindness.

Mr. Roney, we think, took the contract at very low figures, but nevertheless he has done the work well and completed the contract to our satisfaction.

Mr. Midgley, who furnished the material for the lecture room and made the seats for the auditorium, although not a member of this church has made liberal donations and in many ways has been very kind to the committee.

In conclusion your committee beg to report that owing to the rush to complete the building for the time of these dedicatory services, that we are unable to make a complete report now, as there will be some small bills not reported and yet unpaid, and there are some small amounts yet unpaid on the subscription list, but we promise to complete this report when our work is finished, and the few small matters yet unfinished on Mr. Roney's contract will be completed as soon as weather and time will permit.

All of which is most respectfully submitted by your committee.

T. G. HENDRICKS, Chairman,
W. A. WOOD, Secretary,
J. D. MATLOCK,
Building Committee.

By the report it was seen that \$900 was needed to be raised, and in a short time over \$1000 was taken in pledges besides a large cash collection. Thus the church starts out under the most gratifying financial conditions. The church was then formally dedicated to the worship of God by Rev. Urdike in

College, taking a course from 1887 to 1893. During this time he supplied pulpits of churches in Iowa almost every Sunday. Led churches in the erection of new buildings at Baxter and Lacona. Removed to North Yakima, Washington, July 1, 1893, where his largest work was done; during the 33 months he remained there the capacity of the church building was doubled, and the membership increased from 132 to 425. While in Washington he served one year as corresponding secretary of the state missionary



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convention and was trustee of Ahtanum Academy.

Coming to Eugene April 12, 1896, the membership of the church at this place has increased from 229 to 340 a net increase of 110. His work in this city has been characterized by earnestness and unceasing labor, and he has been deservedly popular. The erection of the new building has been due largely to the enthusiasm which he has kindled in the hearts of the membership.

REV. J. V. URDIKE.

The following sketch of the distinguished evangelist is taken from the Christian Church Bulletin:

J. V. Urdike was born and reared in Ohio, where he now resides. He was converted at the age of 17, commenced preaching at 18 and has been at it ever since. Most of the last 28 years has been given to evangelistic work. Mr. Urdike has held meetings in 34 states of the Union. He has held the greatest meetings ever held in the church of Christ. Wherever he goes great crowds throng to hear him and he has seen many thousands come to Christ.

As a preacher he is plain, pointed and practical. He hates all shams and pretenses and rebukes them, no matter where they may be found. He fears God, hates sin, loves the Bible and the souls of men. His loyalty to the Christ and His word is the open secret of his power.

DESCRIPTION.

For the main points of the technical description of the building the GUARD is indebted to the architect, Col. Delos D. Neer, his aid having been of material benefit in enabling us to give the same in so clear a form:

During the first part of the month of June this year the building committee of the board of trustees, First Christian church of Eugene, considered plans and specifications for a proposed new church building. From a large number of plans that were presented to them for their consideration, the one presented by Colonel Delos D. Neer, an architect of Portland, Or., impressed them as being the most complete and best adapted for their use, the appointments being practically without fault.

On the 19th day of June, 1897, the order was given to architect Neer to proceed at once to complete his drawings, details and specifications so that estimates might be taken without delay, to the end that the building might be pushed to completion before the holidays.

L. N. Roney being the lowest bidder was awarded the contract to erect the building.

On account of some unforeseen delays the contract was not signed until August, from which time, with some little delays (which occur in the erection of all buildings of importance) the new church building sprang into existence, and now stands a monument to his skill as a master builder and a credit to the architect under whose supervision the work was done.

The style of the building is a combination of Romanesque and Gothic and so closely are the two styles applied in the design that the general outline is one of almost perfect harmony and can very truly be termed American architecture pure and simple.

The ground plan covers a total space of about 50x10 feet. There is a basement under the main part, or auditorium 7 feet 6 inches in the clear, which is used for storing wood and the heating apparatus.

Under the Sunday school room or chapel is not excavated.

The basement walls are built of stone and only rise to top of ground, except under tower, which is built up to first floor, laid up in the manner known as broken Ashier, pitch-faced work. In this stone work is set the corner-stone upon which is carved proper memorial inscriptions.

On the street corner is located the tower, which rises from the ground to finale 80 feet in height. An absence of the stereotyped high sharp spire is here noted, and it is restful indeed, as it gives out the impression of strength and peacefulness, in other words, pleasing to the eye without ostentation.

The lower roof finishes with a large pinnace representing a cross and crown. The four corners are broken out to a finish with pinnacles surmounted with finials.

The upper story is used for a belfry; the base of first floor forms the principle vestibule entrance to the auditorium. Access to this entrance is gained by way of an arcade, built in the front of the building, the floor of which is reached by means of wide, cozy steps from the sidewalk.

In the vestibule is located the staircase, by which a spacious gallery is reached, which has a seating capacity of 100 or more persons. This staircase continues from the gallery floor to belfry.

The auditorium is a very large room, having a seating capacity of 400 easily. The ceiling of this room is 20 feet 6 inches high, with deep curved angles.

The floor is raised and seated in circular form, facing the corner of the room, which has a large bow window in which is located the choir loft and pulpit raised 2 feet 6 inches and 3 feet above the floor. The position of the pulpit is such that when the large folding doors between auditorium and Sunday school room are thrown open the pastor has full view of all his listeners.

The Sunday school room has a seating capacity of from 250 to 300. This room has ceilings 16 feet high, with angles finished same as auditorium. From this room and from rear of auditorium runs another spacious vestibule entrance opening outside street, thus making ingress and egress of sufficient capacity to easily empty the several rooms without crowding or danger.

In the rear of the Sunday school room is located a large room that can be used as a kitchen or study. Opening into this room and up a flight of steps is a private passage leading to the choir loft and pulpit.

Located on this passage are two rooms to be used for gentlemen and ladies, initiatives for baptism. There is also from this passage a private door leading into the baptismal pool by way steps. The pool being located at the right of the pulpit and choir, and in the corner of auditorium, is so situated that by raising two large doors hung with weights the entire occupancy of the building can witness the beautiful service of baptism.

The wood work of interior, except pulpit, choir loft and balcony is selected yellow fir that, except cedar, all finished in its natural color.

The plastering is finished in what is known as fresco finish, being left in the rough sand under the float.

One of the principal beauties of this complete temple of worship is the art memorial glass, which to be appreciated must be seen.

It is a fact worthy of note that the good people engaged in this work, after having subscribed all and more than they felt able to stand, when they saw what could be accomplished by the expenditure of more money, came cheerfully forward and contributed to the end that this building now has 13 beautiful memorial windows, and has also contributed to the enrichment of the other glass, which was a part of the contract, until very few churches are possessed of a more pleasing glass effect.

The heating and ventilating of the building has received special attention at the hands of the architect, who says without proper heating and ventilating, any public building is a failure. The heating is done with a large wood-burning apparatus, located so as to get the best results as to length and size of heating and cold-air pipes. The

breathes instead of air that has been breathed over and over again until poisoned and unfit to breathe. All this he expects to overcome with this system and to us it seems practical.

The exterior of the building is painted white, the roof metallic, which gives a very pleasing effect.

There is little, if anything, more to be said, except to offer our congratulations and admiration to those whose energy and push has given to our fair city such a beautiful and enduring monument dedicated to divine worship emblematic of love and devotion to the Great Father of us all.

THE BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The duties imposed upon a building committee appointed by an organization are arduous in the extreme, and require good business ability, tact and judgment, coupled with capacity for a large amount of work. The church has, since the appointment was made had occasion many times to congratulate itself on the wisdom of their selection.

The personnel of the committee includes T. G. Hendricks, J. D. Matlock and W. A. Wood, representing in the business life of the church membership, a banker, a merchant and an attorney respectively.

T. G. HENDRICKS.

To the chairman, Hon. T. G. Hendricks is due the credit more than any one else of the financial assistance necessary to erect the building, his first pledge being \$1000 with the proviso that the church should be dedicated free from debt. Thomas G. Hendricks was born in Henderson county, Illinois, June 17, 1838, crossed the plains to Oregon in 1848, joined the Christian church in 1866 and was one of the charter members of the First Christian church of Eugene, and the only charter member now residing in Eugene. He is one of the sturdy pioneers, for years a successful merchant; since 1884 has been the president and principal stockholder of the First National bank of this city, one of the solid financial institutions in the state. He has held many positions of trust in the gift of the people, and at home and abroad is admired for those upright principles which characterize true manhood.

J. D. MATLOCK

was born in Benton county, Tennessee in 1839, moved to Missouri in 1840, and to Oregon in 1853. He united with the Christian church in 1884, transferring membership from the Southern Methodist church. Mr. Matlock, like the chairman of the committee, has been prominent in moulding the affairs of the city, county and state through the tenure of many public offices and enjoys the confidence and esteem of his brethren in the church and business associates. He has been a prominent merchant and property holder in Eugene for many years.

W. A. WOOD,

secretary of the committee, is a rising young attorney, and well qualified by his business ability to successfully act in this capacity on the committee. He was born in Wabash county, Illinois, 1860, and at the age of 20 years united with the Christian church. Moved to this city about two years ago and has since been prominently identified with the city's interests. Besides his law matters he is treasurer of the Eugene Real Estate & Investment Company.

A CORRECTION.—In the river improvement article Saturday evening, the name of Hon. J. D. Matlock was unintentionally omitted among those attending the meeting on board the snag boat and that of Wm. Renshaw, who made the trip to Harrisburg on the Mathlons. Both these gentlemen are earnest workers for the betterment of the river.

TURKEYS SHIPPED.—J. K. McKenzie yesterday brought down from Pleasant Hill 250 live turkeys and shipped the same to Victoria. He receives 9 cents a pound for them. They averaged 12 pounds.

STILL SATISFIED.

L. G. Adair Having a Grand Time at Santa Monica.

LOS ANGELES, Dec 10, 1897.

We are located at 521 South Olive street, opposite the city park. Los Angeles has never been too highly spoken of by the press and by those personally interested in the growth and improvement of the city. All commercial pursuits are well represented and admirably conducted. The census of the city is now in round numbers 103,000. Immense blocks of brick and stone stand as lasting monuments of the wealth and prosperity of an ever active and progressive people.

Early this morning, in company with Mr. and Mrs. Chambers, we boarded an electric car and landed on the delightful beach at Santa Monica. On our way we passed extensive fields being made ready for wheat and corn, the latter product growing as luxuriously as it does on Illinois or Iowa soil. Over 20,000 tourists are spending the winter here, having come from the frozen north. While sitting in a pavilion on the beach at Santa Monica partaking of a delicious meal, the hosts began relating what had transpired during the winter. At the expression "winter," I laughed, but soon recovered myself and found myself considerably off, as the almanac and calendar pointed very distinctly to the twelfth month of the year, although visitors were in the surf bathing and enjoying a tropical day in Southern California.

Persons visiting the Pacific coast in the winter season and returning eastward make a grand mistake in not seeing Southern California on their return trip. To visit or pass through this portion of California is sure to create desire for a return, especially in the winter season.

To look at the grounds surrounding the residence of Senator Jones, situated on the broad avenue at Santa Monica is certainly a treat seldom enjoyed anywhere on the Pacific coast. Stately palm trees line the walks on either side of the residence, while over the spacious grounds are planted nearly all tropical plants and shrubs, together with flowers too numerous to mention, all of which are in bloom and sending forth a rich fragrance to gladden the passer-by.

Our next trip will be to the summit of Mount Lowe and Ye-Alpine tavern, where is situated the great observatory and the 3,000,000 candle power search light, made famous at the world's fair. This light will light up the entire distance between Mount Lowe and the Pacific ocean. When we have dined at Ye-Alpine tavern, 5500 feet above sea level, and have fully rested from our dizzy climb by cable and electricity we will again speak of what we have seen—if the string does not break and land us on the other side of Camp Creek.

QUICK WORK.—Monday's Roseburg Review: "John Griffin, indicted for robbing Napoleon Rice's house, was attended to in short order. The robbery occurred on Sunday, Griffin was arrested at Cottage Grove on Tuesday, indicted by the grand jury, plead guilty, and was sentenced to two years in prison on Thursday, and taken to the penitentiary on Sunday. This is quick work, but the fellow got off light."



times, talent, means, love, kindness, power, etc. God loves a cheerful giver. The speaker said that an organization not working for the betterment of mankind mentally, morally or any other way should not exist, but those that do exert these influences have a place in the world. He struck the keynote to human achievement as follows: "You cannot vote the condition of the world better. Make men's hearts better and politics will be cleaner, and the government purer." Of the influence of the Christian religion he asserted its protective power is acknowledged by every class, and said that if one wanted a community to raise their children in they had no fear of one with a large number of churches.

The report of the building committee was then read by the secretary W. A. Wood, as follows:

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The report of the building committee reviewed the fact that inadequate room led to the erection of the new building, the acceptance of plans presented by Architect Delos D. Neer, the letting of contract to Contractor L. N. Roney, and other incidental matters followed by a summary of finances as follows:

Contract to L. N. Roney.....	\$4,000
Seats, Memorial windows, and other expenditures.....	1,000
Approximate cost.....	5,000
Paid.....	3,609

Indebtedness.....\$1,400

Arrangements have been made whereby \$500 of this sum can be secured of Church Extension board at 4 per cent.

This would leave \$900 indebtedness which should be pledged before the church is dedicated and must be raised before this can be secured.

We cannot close this report without making favorable mention of Mr. Neer, the architect, Mr. Roney, the contractor, and Mr. Midgley, who furnished the seats.

Mr. Neer has been very attentive to us, and as the work progressed gave

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MORTON L. ROSE

The present pastor, was born in Jasper county, Iowa, March 7, 1861; married M. Etta Lee, Dec. 27, 1882; removed to Nebraska, was partner in large farming and stock business; converted March 17, 1886, began preaching 1887, is a graduate from Drake University Bible

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furnace has a heavy iron stack running up through a large brick flue which is thoroughly heated from the stack. At the floor line is placed a large ventilating register, of a size sufficient to take the cold air from the floor as fast as the warm air comes in, thereby heating the rooms in one half the time it would take without the ventilating, besides assuring fresh warm air to

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at 5 days. The funeral
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ment taking place in the
cemetery. Rev. Robt Leslie
of the services.