

Two Hundred and  
Twenty - five Years  
1712 - 1937

*First Presbyterian Church*  
*Trenton, New Jersey*

EDWARD ALLEN MORRIS, *Minister*



OCTOBER TENTH TO SEVENTEENTH  
NINETEEN HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN



## OUR PROGRAM AND PURPOSE

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CHRIST whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man  
in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.

*Colossians 1:28.*



TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY  
of the  
FORMATION OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OF TRENTON, NEW JERSEY  
OCTOBER 10-17, 1937  
THE ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

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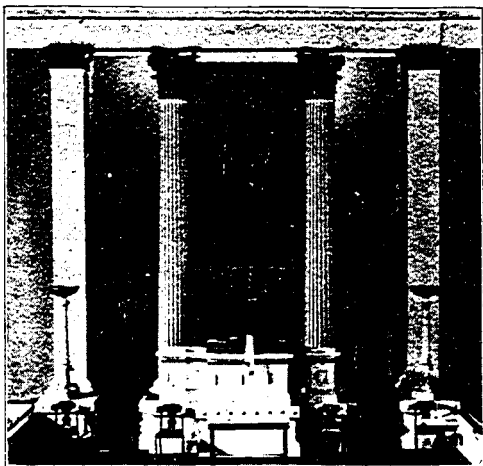
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Mrs. Walter R. Perkins

\* Deceased.





"Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and  
into his courts with praise." —*Psalm 100:4.*



"O come let us worship and bow down: let us kneel  
before the Lord our maker. For He is our God;  
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep  
of His hand." —*Psalm 95:6-7.*





## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1937

9:55 o'clock

The Sunday School will hold a special anniversary program, with emphasis on the history of the School. Former Superintendents and workers and members will be special guests.

## MORNING WORSHIP

11 o'clock

The Service of Worship will proceed entirely without announcement. Please follow it carefully and reverently and participate heartily in it.

Prelude—Toccata and Adagio from Fourth Symphony....*C. M. Widor*

\*Processional—"The Church's One Foundation," No. 333

\*The Call to Worship

\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

Anthem—"Praise" .....*Alec Rowley*

Psalter—Selection 19

\*The Gloria Patri

Old Testament Lesson—Daniel 7:9-14

Choral Interlude

New Testament Lesson—Ephesians 4:1-16

\*Hymn of Praise—No. 58

Pastoral Prayer with Choral Response

Offertory—Andante Cantabile from Fourth Symphony...*C. M. Widor*

\*Doxology

Anthem—"God is a Spirit".....*David Hugh Jones*

Announcements—General Chairman of the Anniversary Committee,

*Mrs. C. Edward Murray*

Sermon—"Presbyterianism in the Modern World," Luke 24:48,

*Rev. Lewis Seymour Mudge, D.D., LL.D.,*

*Stated Clerk of the General Assembly*

Prayer

\*Hymn of Consecration—No. 267

Benediction (congregation kneeling or seated)

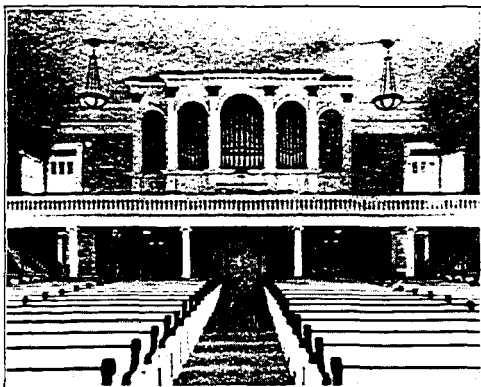
Silent Prayer

Choral Response

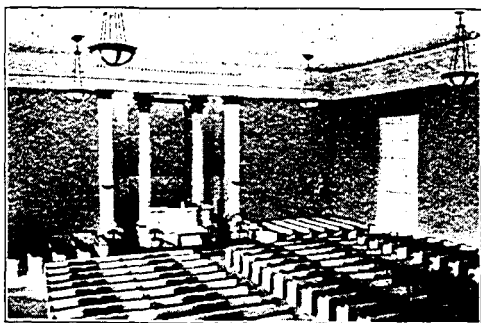
Postlude—Finale from Fourth Symphony.....*C. M. Widor*

\*Congregation standing





"Sing unto the Lord a new song."—*Isa. 42:10*



"Give unto the Lord the glory due unto  
his name: bring an offering and come before  
him: worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."  
—*I Chronicles 16:29.*



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1937

5:00 o'clock

CHORAL VESPER SERVICE

Prelude—Air .....*Bach-Nevin*

Processional.....*The Church's One Foundation, No. 333*

Call to Worship

Invocation

The Westminster Choir—Motet "Sing Ye to the Lord,"

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

Poco Allegro

Allegro Vivace

Scripture Lesson

Hymn No. 10 (second tune)

Offertory—Prayer from "Hansel and Gretel".....*Ernest Humperdinck*

The Westminster Choir—Exultate Deo.*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*  
Comfort Me Anew.....*Johannes Brahms*

Address—"Some Present-Day Dangers to Christianity,"

Dr. Harold Willis Dodds, President of Princeton University

The Westminster Choir—Beautiful Savior.....*F. Melius Christiansen*

The Song of Mary.....*Carl August Fischer*

Praise to the Lord.....*F. Melius Christiansen*

Benediction (Congregation kneeling or seated)

Postlude—Fugue in B flat major.....*J.S. Bach*

Music is by the Choir of the Westminster Choir School of Princeton,  
New Jersey, under the direction of Dr. John Findlay Williamson.

Immediately following the Vesper Service the Christian Endeavor will  
serve a light supper (10c) in the Sunday School Room of the Church,  
followed by an Alumni Program to which all former Christian Endeav-  
orers in the Church are cordially invited.



MONDAY  
OCTOBER 11th, 1937

6:15 P. M. Men's Association Supper  
Reservations *must* be made in advance at the Church Office  
(Call 2-0138)

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8 o'Clock

COMMUNITY NIGHT AND PUBLIC RECEPTION

Mrs. C. Edward Murray, General Chairman of the Anniversary Committee, Presiding.

Vocal and instrumental music

Greetings from the minister, Rev. Edward Allen Morris

Greetings from representatives of various civic, community, and religious groups.

Principal address by the Rev. Peter K. Emmons, D.D., Pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of Scranton, Pennsylvania, and former Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Trenton, New Jersey.

Informal Reception.

Refreshments.

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An interesting exhibit of historical relics connected with the early history of the Church will be on display in the Sunday School room throughout this week.

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Visitors are requested to register in our "Guest Book."





TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1937  
HISTORICAL NIGHT  
8:00 o'clock

Mrs. C. Edward Murray, General Chairman of the  
Anniversary Committee, Presiding

Prelude—Piece Heroique .....*Cesar Franck*  
Church Call.....Bugler, Edward A. Morris, Jr.

Salute to the American Flag:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America,  
and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with  
liberty and justice for all.

Salute to the Christian Flag:

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Church for  
which it stands, for I am not ashamed to confess the faith of Christ  
Crucified, and manfully to fight under His banner against sin, the  
world and the devil, and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and  
servant unto my life's end.

Hymn No. 414 (congregation standing)

Invocation

Anthem—"America Triumphant" .....*Demarest*

Scripture Lesson—Deuteronomy 28:1-14

Hymn No. 411 (congregation standing)

Historical Address—"Things New and Old" ..Rev. Edward Allen Morris

Text—Matthew 13:52—"Every scribe, who hath been made a dis-  
ciple to the Kingdom of Heaven . . . bringeth forth out of his  
treasure things new and old."—American revised version. \*

Prayer

Benediction (congregation kneeling or seated)

Postlude—Carillon .....*Louis Vierne*

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Seats will be reserved for patriotic societies in sections east and  
west of the pulpit.

The colors of various patriotic societies will be arranged at the  
front of the Church under the direction of Mr. Donald B. Rice,  
Captain of the Color Guard of the Sons of the Revolution.



WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 13, 1937

8 o'clock

## HISTORICAL PAGEANT

written by

MRS. JOHN RUSSELL KELSO, V

MRS. HORACE BAILEY TOBIN

and

REV. EDWARD ALLEN MORRIS

Wherein are presented in realistic manner certain customs, happenings and episodes observed in perusing the chronicles of this Church. Conceived, staged, and directed by Mrs. Kelso, assisted by members of her Committee.

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A Tea honoring Mrs. Richard H. Baird, home on furlough from the mission field at Kangkei, Korea, will be given by the Women's Association on Thursday afternoon, October 14, 1937, from four to six o'clock in the Sunday School room of the Church. Every woman in the congregation is cordially invited.

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The music at all the services of anniversary week, with the exception of the Choral Vesper Service on Sunday afternoon, October 10th, is by the Choir of the First Presbyterian Church, under the direction of Mrs. Alice Hulbert Berman, Minister of Music of the Church, with Mr. W. Brownell Martin, Church organist, presiding at the organ.

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The Session will meet in the Church Office immediately following the Preparatory Service on Friday evening, October 15th, to receive any new members who wish to unite with the Church at the Communion Service to be held on Sunday morning, October 17th.



# THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 14, 1937

## DENOMINATIONAL NIGHT

### 8 o'clock

Prelude—Prelude Religioso.....*Carl Wilhelm Kern*  
Hymn No. 336  
Invocation—Rev. Richard H. Baird, Kangkei, Korea  
Missionary of the First Church  
Anthem—Lead Me, Lord.....*Samuel Sebastian Wesley*  
Scripture Lesson—Matthew 16:13-26.....Rev. Elmer Walker  
Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of New Brunswick  
Prayer.....Rev. W. Glenn Harris  
Moderator of the Presbytery of New Brunswick  
Hymn No. 334  
Sermon—"A Glorious Church,"  
Rev. William Hiram Foulkes, D.D., LL.D.  
Moderator of the General Assembly and  
Moderator of the Synod of New Jersey  
Prayer  
Hymn No. 337  
Benediction (congregation kneeling or seated),  
Rev. Edward Allen Morris  
Silent Prayer  
Postlude—Alleluia .....*Theodore Dubois*

# FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 15, 1937

## PREPARATORY SERVICE

### 8:00 o'clock

Prelude—"This Do In Remembrance of Me".....*W. Brounell Martin*  
Hymn No. 90  
Invocation  
Anthem—Were You There?.....*H. T. Burleigh*  
Scripture Lesson—Luke 22:7-20.....Rev. Richard H. Baird  
Hymn No. 152 (second tune)  
Sermon—"The Memorial Feast".....Rev. Charles R. Erdman, D.D., LL.D.  
Princeton Theological Seminary  
Prayer  
Hymn No. 354  
Benediction (congregation kneeling or seated),  
Rev. Edward Allen Morris  
Silent Prayer  
Postlude—Variation on a Dutch Hymn Tune.....*W. Brounell Martin*



SUNDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 17, 1937  
11 o'clock  
THE COMMUNION SERVICE

In the holy quiet of this hour, let us draw nigh unto Him who heareth  
prayer; and let us remember that He listeneth more to our hearts  
than to our words. Let each of us bring an offering of penitence  
if not of purity; of love if not of holiness; of teachableness  
if not of wisdom. And let us beseech Him to help us by  
His Holy Spirit, that the praise and supplications  
which we offer with one voice and one heart  
may be acceptable to Him, and bring  
down an answer of peace to our souls.

The Service of Worship will proceed entirely without announcement.  
Please follow it carefully and reverently and participate heartily in it.

- Prelude—Allegro from First Concerto.....*J. S. Bach*  
\*Processional—"The Church's One Foundation," No. 333  
\*The Call to Worship  
\*Invocation and the Lord's Prayer  
Psalter—Selection 61—The Beatitudes  
\*The Gloria Patri  
\*The Apostles' Creed  
Old Testament Lesson—The Ten Commandments (Shorter form)  
Choral Interlude  
New Testament Lesson—Jesus' Summary of the Law  
\*Hymn of Aspiration—No. 352  
Pastoral Prayer with Choral Response  
Reception of New Members  
Offertory—Grave from First Concerto.....*J. S. Bach*  
\*Doxology  
Anthem—Breathe on Me Breath of God.....*Van Denman Thompson*  
Sermon—"The Doxology".....*Rev. Robert B. Whyte, D.D.*  
Pastor of the Old Stone Church, Cleveland, Ohio  
Prayer  
\*The Communion Hymn—No. 230 (second tune) (stanzas 1, 2, 5, 6)  
The Holy Communion  
Prayer  
\*Hymn of Consecration—No. 359  
Benediction (congregation kneeling or seated)  
Silent Prayer  
Choral Response  
Postlude—Presto from First Concerto.....*J. S. Bach*  
\*Congregation standing





SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1937  
EVENING WORSHIP  
8 o'clock

Prelude—Carillon du Soir.....*John H. Duddy*

Song Service—Hymn No. 62 (second tune)

Hymn No. 77 (stanzas 1, 2, 4, 5)

Hymn No. 98

Scripture Lesson—Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Prayer

Hymn No. 88

Offertory—A Prayer.....*L. E. Yeamans*

Anthem—The Lord's Prayer.....*Malotte-Deis*

Sermon—"The Bright Light in the Clouds". Rev. Robert B. Whyte, D.D.  
Pastor the Old Stone Church, Cleveland, Ohio

Prayer

Hymn No. 364

Benediction (congregation kneeling or seated)

Silent Prayer

Chimes

Postlude—Hymn Improvisation



## MINISTERS

- 1736-1760—Rev. David Cowell, D.D., installed November 3rd, 1736; released March 11th, 1760; died December 1st, 1760. Acting President of Princeton 1757-58. Trustee College of New Jersey 1748-1760.
- 1761-1768—Rev. William Kirkpatrick, supply April 28th, 1761, to 1768; died December 27th, 1784. Member Board of Trustees Princeton 1767-69. Moderator of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia, 1769.
- 1769-1784—Rev. Elihu Spencer, D.D., called November 18th, 1769; died December 27th, 1784. Chaplain New York Provincial Troops, French and Indian War, 1758. Chaplain Hospitals Middle District New Jersey, 1777.
- 1786-1816—Rev. James Francis Armstrong, called April 25th, 1786; died January 19th, 1816. Master Nassau Hall Grammar School 1773. Chaplain Second Canadian Regiment 1776. Chaplain Second Maryland Brigade 1778-81. Trustee Princeton 1790-1816. MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1804.
- 1816-1821—Rev. Samuel Blanchard How, D.D., installed December 17th, 1816; resigned April, 1821; died March 1st, 1865. Moderator of the General Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church 1859.
- 1821-1824—Rev. William Jessup Armstrong, D.D., installed November 28th, 1821; resigned February 3rd, 1824; died November 27th, 1846. Trustee Union Seminary, Virginia, 1827-36.
- 1825-1828—Rev. John Smith, installed March 8th, 1825; resigned August, 1828; died at Stamford, Conn., February 20th, 1874. After leaving First Church he preached in Congregational Churches in Exeter, N. H.; Wilton, Conn.; Kingston, N. H., and York, Maine, and supplied at Long Bridge, Stamford, Conn.
- 1829-1833—Rev. James Waddel Alexander, D.D., installed February 11th, 1829; resigned October 21st, 1832; died July 1st, 1859. Editor "The Presbyterian" 1832-33. Prof. Rhetoric and Latin, College of New Jersey, 1833-34. Prof. Ecclesiastical History and Church Government Princeton Theological Seminary, 1849-51.
- 1834-1841—Rev. John William Yeomans, D.D., installed October 7th, 1834; resigned June 1st, 1841; died June 22nd, 1863. President Lafayette College 1841-44. Trustee Lafayette College, 1841-52. MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1860.
- 1841-1884—Rev. John Hall, D.D., installed August 11th, 1841, pastor emeritus until his death, May 10th, 1894. Secretary American Sunday School Union, 1832. Trustee Princeton Theological Seminary, 1859-83. Author. Editor "Youth's Friend," and the "Morning Journal" of Philadelphia.
- 1884-1898—Rev. John Dixon, D.D., installed October 15th, 1884; resigned September 18th, 1898; died December 11th, 1935. Secretary Board of Home Missions, 1898-1923. Secretary Emeritus 1923 until his death. Trustee Princeton Theological Seminary 1888 until his death. Trustee Princeton University 1890-1930. Trustee Lawrenceville School 1886-1930, and President of the Board 1922-1930. Trustee of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
- 1899-1901—Rev. Lewis Seymour Mudge, D.D., LL.D., installed September 27th, 1899; resigned November 4th, 1901. Instructor Evelyn College, Princeton, 1890-94. Instructor Princeton University, 1892-94. Member Board of Education Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. 1899-1901. Stated Clerk of the General Assembly since 1921. MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1931.
- 1902-1918—Rev. Henry Collin Minton, D.D., LL.D., installed November 19th, 1902; resigned January 22nd, 1918; died June 14th, 1924. Professor San Francisco Theological Seminary 1892-1902. Chairman Committee on Creed Revision 1901-02. Stone Lecturer Princeton Theological Seminary 1901. Lecturer Auburn Theological Seminary 1901-02. MODERATOR OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1901.
- 1919-1927—Rev. Peter K. Emmons, installed March 5th, 1919; resigned November 6th, 1927. Member of the Permanent Judicial Commission of the General Assembly, 1925-1928. Trustee Princeton Theological Seminary. Member of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
- 1930—Rev. Edward Allen Morris, A.B. (Bates), B.D. (Yale), called January 2nd, 1930; joined New Brunswick Presbytery January 28th, 1930; took charge of pastorate March 2nd, 1930; installed March 7th, 1930.



## SOME OF THE EARLIEST PASTORS



WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK, D. D.  
1761 - 1768



JAMES FRANCIS ARMSTRONG, D. D.  
1786 - 1816



SAMUEL BLANCHARD HOW, D. D.  
1816 - 1821



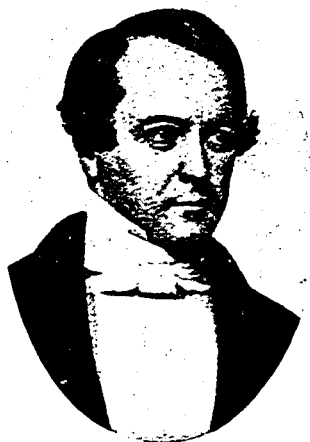
WILLIAM JESSUP ARMSTRONG, D. D.  
1821 - 1824



SOME PASTORS *in the* NINETEENTH CENTURY



JOHN SMITH, D. D.  
1825 - 1828



JAMES WADDEL ALEXANDER, D. D.  
1829 - 1833



JOHN WILLIAM YEOMANS, D. D.  
1834 - 1841



JOHN HALL, D. D.  
1841 - 1884





## SOME OF THE MORE RECENT PASTORS



JOHN DIXON, D. D.  
1884 - 1898



LEWIS SEYMOUR MUDGE, D. D., LL. D.  
1899 - 1901



HENRY COLLIN MINTON, D. D., LL. D.  
1902 - 1918



PETER K. EMMONS, D. D.  
1919 - 1927





**Rev. Edward Allen Morris**

CALLED JANUARY 2, 1930

INSTALLED MARCH 7, 1930



# A BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

By REV. EDWARD ALLEN MORRIS

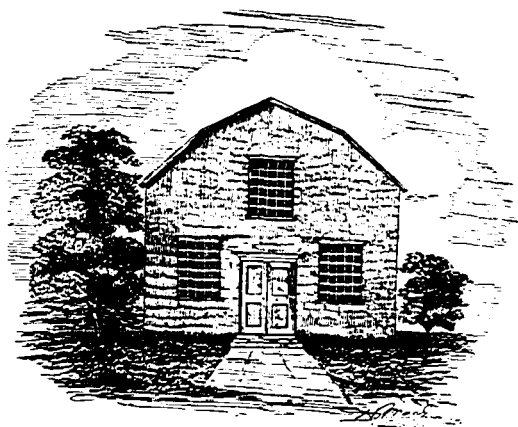
The establishment of the Presbyterian Church in Trenton is closely allied with the beginnings of Presbyterianism in America and particularly in New Jersey. There were undoubtedly many Presbyterians in this section of New Jersey almost from the very beginning of the province. Successive waves of Scotch and Scotch-Irish immigrants greatly augmented their numbers. The genesis of the First Presbyterian Church of Trenton dates back to the formation of the united churches of "Hopewell" and "Maidenhead" townships, as the region about Trenton was designated. For some time the Presbyterian inhabitants scattered over these two townships were dependent on itinerant or missionary preachers for the opportunities of public worship. The people would come for miles around and gather in schoolrooms, private homes, or out in the open. Gradually churches were established at what are now Ewing, Pennington, and Trenton in "Hopewell" township, and Lawrenceville, then "Maidenhead." These churches were ministered to by the same itinerant minister, and in some instances had from the beginning the same officers, being considered but different preaching points of the one organization.

Over one of the doors of the present house of worship of the First Church of Trenton is a marble tablet, thus inscribed:

PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH  
Formed 1712  
Built 1726  
Rebuilt 1805

This tablet was transferred to its present place from the brick church taken down in 1805; and the first two dates were copied from a similar inscription found in the stone building which preceded the brick. "Formed 1712" is presumed to apply to the parent organization, which included both the country (now Ewing) Church, and the town (now Trenton) Church, before the foundation of the township of Trenton.

In 1726 a division between town and country seems to have been made, and two churches were built. The one in the country was called the Ewing Church; the town one, built of stone on the southwest corner of the present Church lot in 1726, was called the Presbyterian Church of Trenton. To the Presbyterians belongs the honor of erecting the first house of worship in the settlement of Trenton.



### FIRST CHURCH BUILDING

"The Old Stone Church," Erected 1726

The first settled Pastor of the united town and country Church was the Rev. David Cowell, D.D., who served the Church from 1736-1760, and is now buried in the Churchyard of the First Church of Trenton. The pastorate of Dr. Cowell was notable for his work in behalf of the College of New Jersey, now Princeton University.

The Trenton Church was incorporated on September 8, 1756, under a charter granted by King George the Second. The incorporators were the Rev. David Cowell, the first Pastor, with Charles Clark, Alexander Chambers, Andrew Reed, Joseph Yard, Arthur Howell, and William Green.

The second Pastor of the Church was the Rev. William Kirkpatrick, who was never installed but served as supply from 1761-1768.

The third Pastor, the Rev. Elihu Spencer, D.D., 1769-1784, served the Church during the stormy days of the American Revolution and played a conspicuous part in that great struggle, together with many of the officers and members of the Church. Considerable damage was done to the Church property during the British and Hessian occupation of Trenton, some valuable Church records were lost or destroyed, the Pastor's library was destroyed, and the manse was occupied as a Hessian Hospital.

The Rev. James Francis Armstrong, the fourth Pastor, served the Church for thirty years, from 1786-1816, the second longest pastorate in the history of the Church. On May 4, 1788, the original charter of the Church was superseded by action of the congregation, which accepted the provisions of the general act providing for the incorporation of religious bodies. The seal of the Church still in use was adopted in 1790.

It was during the pastorate of Dr. Armstrong that the second house of worship of the First Church was erected. The "Old Stone Church," erected in 1726, which had stood for nearly eighty years, was taken down in the year 1805 to make room for its successor.

The cornerstone of the second house of worship, a brick Church, was laid April 15, 1805, and the Church was dedicated August 17, 1806. President James Monroe attended services in this building June 8, 1817, and General Lafayette was a distinguished worshipper here on September 26, 1824.



## SECOND BUILDING OF THE FIRST CHURCH

A Brick Church Dedicated August 17, 1806

Dr. Armstrong was the first Pastor to give his services exclusively to the First Church of Trenton. Up to 1806 the Trenton Church had shared the services and support of its ministers with the "country church" (now Ewing) and with "Maidenhead" (now Lawrenceville). The Church at last, however, found itself able to assume full support of its own minister and from October, 1806, adopted an independent position.

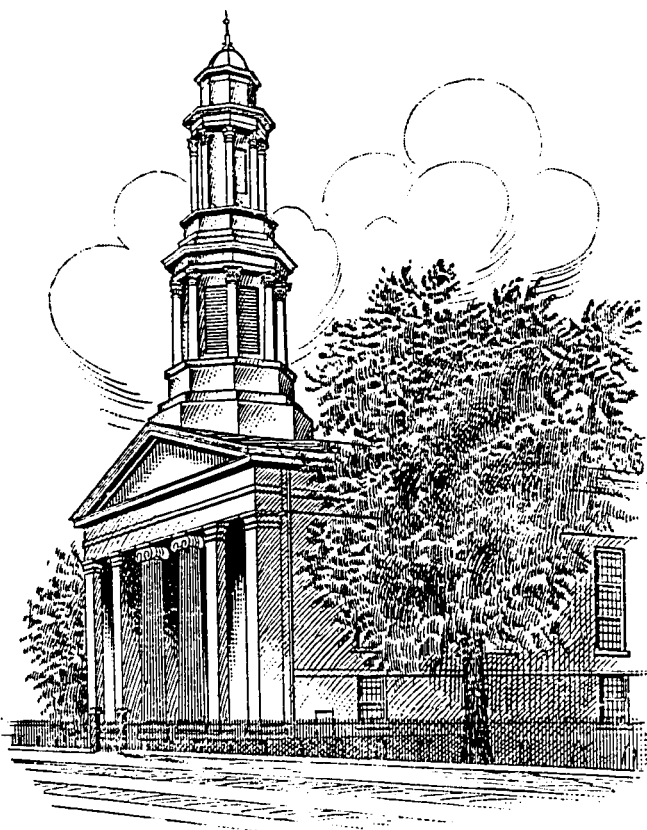
The pastorate of Dr. Armstrong was a notable one. He was the first of four Pastors of the Church to serve the denomination as Moderator of the General Assembly, being elected to that high office in 1804, and the only one to occupy that office during his pastorate of the First Church.

Dr. Armstrong was followed by four pastors, who served the Church for short periods of time: Rev. Samuel Blanchard How, D.D., 1816-1821; Rev. William Jessup Armstrong, D.D., 1821-1824; Rev. John Smith, 1825-1828, and Rev. James Waddel Alexander, D.D., 1829-1833.

It was during the interval between Dr. Armstrong's pastorate and the coming of his successor that the Sunday School of the Church was started, first as an interdenominational project but so quickly outgrowing its original conception as to call for the organization of a separate Sunday School identified directly with the Church on October 27, 1816.

The ninth Pastor of the Church was the Rev. John William Yeomans, D.D., who was Pastor from 1834-1841, leaving the Church to become the President of Lafayette College. Dr. Yeomans was the second Pastor of the Church to become Moderator of the General Assembly, being elected to that high office in 1860.

It was during Dr. Yeoman's pastorate that the third and present house of worship of the First Church of Trenton was erected. The first two buildings had been erected on the southwestern corner of the lot. When the cornerstone of the present building was laid May 2, 1839, the Church was moved to the center of the lot. It was dedicated on January 19, 1840. The Church was entirely renovated and improvements added in 1870, and subsequent improvements and alterations have brought it to its present state. Daniel Webster, accompanied by Hon. William L. Dayton, attended services in this building March 21, 1852.





The year 1841 saw the beginning of the longest pastorate in the history of the Church. On August 11, 1841, the Rev. John Hall, D.D., was installed, continuing as active Pastor until 1884, a period of forty-three years, and as pastor-emeritus until his death in 1894, covering a span as pastor and pastor-emeritus of fifty-three years. One of the notable achievements of Dr. Hall's pastorate was the writing of that monumental work, "History of the Presbyterian Church, Trenton, N. J.," to which the author of this brief historical sketch is greatly indebted.

For one hundred and thirty years the First Church had been the only Presbyterian Church in Trenton. The city had now grown to such an extent and the number of Presbyterians had grown proportionately that the need for more churches was felt, and Dr. Hall's pastorate saw the establishment of five new Presbyterian churches in Trenton: the Second Church in 1842, the Third Church in 1849, the Fourth Church in 1858, the Fifth Church in 1874, and the Prospect Street Church in 1875.

Dr. Hall was succeeded by the Rev. John Dixon, D.D., who served the Church from 1884-1898, resigning to become Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, now the Board of National Missions. The Bethany Presbyterian Church was established in 1886 near the beginning of Dr. Dixon's pastorate. In 1887 the East Trenton Presbyterian Church was established first as a Sunday School, later being organized as a Church. This Church was organized, financed, and ministered to by members of the First Church. In 1887 also the First Church assumed full support of a foreign missionary, the Rev. C. A. R. Janvier, missionary to India, and has kept up this policy to the present day, our present missionaries being the Rev. and Mrs. Richard H. Baird, of Kangkei, Korea, now at home on their second furlough. In 1888 members of this Church gave substantial assistance to the Rev. Henry D. Wood, of Carthage, North Carolina, in his work for his own people (colored) of Carthage, and subsequently assisted in the erection of a Church which was called the "John Hall Chapel," and an Academy which was called the "Dayton Academy" because of the special interest taken by Mrs. William L. Dayton in this work. Dr. Dixon's pastorate was notable in many lines of activity. After his resignation Dr. Dixon continued to make his home in Trenton and his presence, his wise counsel, his assistance at Communion services, were a benediction and an inspiration to his successors and to the congregation up to the time of his death in 1935.

The twelfth Pastor of the Church was the Rev. Lewis Seymour Mudge, D.D., who served the Church from 1899-1901. This pastorate, while brief, was a delightful one and marked progress was made in several directions. The Sunday School grew in numbers and interest, the envelope system for benevolences was installed, a weekly church bulletin was begun, and a new hymnal was adopted. Dr. Mudge has served his denomination as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly since 1921, and was Moderator of the General Assembly in 1931. He has always been a loyal friend and wise counselor to our Church and has a conspicuous part in our 225th Anniversary Celebration.

Dr. Mudge was succeeded by the Rev. Henry Collin Minton, D.D., who served the Church from 1902-1918. Steady progress was made in all departments under Dr. Minton's able and effective leadership. One of the most outstanding events of Dr. Minton's pastorate was the "Billy Sunday" campaign in Trenton in 1916, as a result of which many new members were added to the Church roll. Dr. Minton served as Moderator of the General Assembly in 1901, just prior to the beginning of his pastorate at the First Church.

The fourteenth Pastor of the Church was the Rev. Peter K. Emmons, D.D., who served from 1919-1927. Dr. Emmons' pastorate was noted for its intense interest and activity on behalf of the missionary cause, and under his leadership the Church reached its peak in giving to benevolences. All of the Pastors of the First Church have been able and distinguished men, not only in the administration of their own Church,

but also outstanding in their interest in civic and community affairs. But this characteristic was also greatly accentuated during Dr. Emmons' pastorate, and he lifted the Church to new heights of commanding leadership and influence. Dr. Emmons likewise remains a loyal friend of the First Church and has a conspicuous part in our 225th Anniversary Celebration.

The present Pastor, who is the fifteenth, began his ministry in March, 1930. We shall leave to posterity the appraisal of the years that have elapsed since his installation. They have been exceedingly difficult and trying years, covering the whole period of the "Depression," and it would be a real achievement to be able to say during this period that the Church has "held its own." We do believe that we can say more than that, and that the Church has made steady and perceptible progress. Many new faces are to be seen in our congregation and the active resident membership of the Church is the strongest in its long history. The work of the Church and all of its many organizations has been steadily maintained. Some notable changes have been made, namely, the introduction of "term service" or the "rotary system" for the elders, deacons, and trustees; the strengthening and deepening of the spirit of worship at the various services of the Church; the introduction of the Westminster Choir System and the resultant enrollment of approximately one hundred voices in four choirs, with all that that means in increased interest, both on the part of the participants and of the Church as a whole; the installation of a new Hymnal and the Book of Common Worship, the gift of Mrs. F. A. C. Perrine in memory of her daughter, Margaret Perrine Moore. The Church property has been further adapted to modern needs and the requirements of a more diversified ministry. These are only a few of the more visible and tangible evidences of progress.

It is obviously impossible within the scope of this brief historical sketch to go into exhaustive detail and many very important things have had to be omitted. It is also obviously impossible to measure or evaluate the influence of this venerable Church over a period of 225 years.

With its beginning reaching back to the founding of the nation itself, it has been seeking to mould life and character through the years. Its pastors, officers, and members played a conspicuous part in the struggle for American independence. Its ministers and its people have always stood high in the councils of the denomination, and it has always numbered among its constituency men and women who have stood in the very forefront of the religious, civic, social, business, and professional life of the city, state, and nation. Its contribution, therefore, to the life of the city, state, and nation, and to the Kingdom of God is incalculable.

Here in the heart of the city, "where cross the crowded ways of life," this Church has through the years borne eloquent witness to the fact that "man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God." Here countless numbers of couples have pledged their troth, thousands of children have been dedicated to God in Christian baptism by their parents, and hundreds of thousands have worshipped God to the permanent enrichment of their lives.

We lift up hearts of gratitude to God, who has guided and used this Church for two hundred and twenty-five years. And now our eyes are not fixed on the past but faced toward the future. We would use the past as a spur, an impetus, an inspiration, and a challenge for "greater works than these." The foundation has been laid, deep and strong. We must build thereon.

May He who has led us in the past continue to lead and use us with ever-increasing effectiveness and fruitfulness in His service in the days and years to come.

## SOME INTERESTING FACTS AND ODD BITS

A few of the prominent persons buried in the Churchyard are:

Moore Furman, first Mayor of Trenton.

Aaron Woodruff, second Mayor of Trenton.

James Ewing, third Mayor of Trenton.

Rev. David Cowell, the first Pastor.

Dr. Nicholas Bellville, eminent physician.

Col. Isaac Smith, first president of the Trenton Banking Company.

Gen. John Beatty, member of the Continental Congress.

Gen. William S. Stryker, author "Battles of Trenton and Princeton."

Abraham Hunt, wealthy merchant who entertained Col. Rahl, the Hessian Commander, on Christmas night, December 25, 1776. Tradition says that somewhere in the Churchyard were buried a number of the Hessians who were killed in the battle, including Col. Rahl himself.

Rev. John Rosbrugh, clergy martyr of the Battle of the Assunpink, January 2, 1777.

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In 1786 the sexton's fee for digging a grave, inviting to a funeral, and tolling the bell, was fixed at two dollars.

The Governor of the State was allowed the first choice of a pew in the Church of 1806.

In 1788 it was ordered, "that no horses or other creatures be put in the graveyard."

The Rev. Elihu Spencer's salary was one hundred and fifty pounds a year.

The salary of the Rev. William Kirkpatrick was one hundred pounds, "fire wood, hay to winter a horse, per annum."

The Rev. David Cowell sold tickets for a lottery for the benefit of the College of New Jersey.

One of the first items in the will of the Rev. David Cowell was, "my negro man, Adam, and the whole affair to the Presbyterian Congregation."



## EXHIBIT OF FIRST CHURCH ANTIQUITIES

Opening Sunday morning, October tenth, and continuing daily throughout the entire celebration, an extensive exhibit of Trentonian and items of intimate connection with the old First Church have been assembled in the Sunday School rooms, Georgian silver, miniatures, portraits, rare books, manuscripts, and unique documents, relating not alone to the Church but to the entire community, make vivid the leadership of First Church members in the past two centuries of our City's history.

From among the First Church archives is seen the original deed given to the trustees by Enoch Andros in 1727, the Charter of Incorporation from George II in 1756, and the precious original manuscript of the sermon preached by the Rev. James Francis Armstrong to Washington and his guard at Middle Brook. Here, too, is the actual diary kept by the Rev. James Francis Armstrong's family in the stirring days of the Revolution and the years of reconstruction following, and the intimate journal of Dr. John Hall, kept from his boyhood throughout more than fifty years of First Church leadership. Among a group of unique books is the rare first edition of the famed Isaac Collins Bible, of which Dr. Hall was one of the Revisers.

The leadership of Moore Furman, first Mayor of Trenton under the incorporation of 1792, is recalled by a collection of distinguished silver, including a tankard, bowl, candlesticks and coffee urn. Other items in the silver display include ancient tankards used in the early communion service, rare pieces from the household of Barnt DeKlyn at "Bow Hill," and from the parsonage of Rev. and Mrs. James Francis Armstrong.

A collection of thirteen pictures of the fifteen pastors includes a miniature of James Francis Armstrong by the famed James Peale. Other church and civic leaders are represented in oils and pastels.

The entire exhibit reflects the importance of worship in the life of the community in days gone by and challenges the present day to be worthy of its spiritual inheritance.

The doors of the exhibit will be open daily to visitors from early morning till after the evening services. The Exhibit Committee gratefully acknowledges the co-operation of the New Jersey State Museum in loaning cases and the City of Trenton for providing guards.



# CHURCH DIRECTORY

Rev. EDWARD ALLEN MORRIS, Minister

Miss Mildred R. Woodruff  
Church Secretary

Mrs. Alice H. Berman  
Minister of Music

Mr. W. Brownell Martin, Organist

Mr. Harold B. Sutphin, Head Usher

## MISSIONARIES

Rev. and Mrs. Richard H. Baird, Kangkei, Korea

Rev. William R. McKim, Asheville Normal School, North Carolina

Miss Geraldine Cate, Dumaguete, Philippine Islands

Missionary Emeritus—Miss Manuella D. Morton, Shanghai, China

CHURCH OFFICE—Sunday School Room. Hours: 9 A. M. to 5 P. M.  
Telephone 2-0138

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## SESSION—Meets last Monday evening of the month

Rev. Edward Allen Morris, Moderator

George W. Arnett (1938)	Joseph F. Lenox (1939)
William N. Cooper (1938)	Charles P. Wilber (1939)
George C. Crossley (1938)	J. Warren Covert, Treas. (1940)
Henry M. Hartmann (1938)	Alton S. Fell (1940)
Russell Fleron, Clerk (1939)	Edwin W. Scott (1940)
Joseph B. Hottel (1939)	Harold B. Sutphin (1940)

## STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SESSION FOR 1937

<i>Pulpit Supply</i>	<i>Communion</i>	<i>Music</i>
Russell Fleron	J. Warren Covert	George C. Crossley
William N. Cooper	Henry M. Hartmann	Joseph B. Hottel
<i>Sunday School and Young People's Work</i>	<i>Church Societies</i>	<i>Conference With Trustees</i>
Edwin W. Scott	Alton S. Fell	George W. Arnett
Joseph F. Lenox	Charles P. Wilber	Harold B. Sutphin

## DEACONS—Meet after each Communion Service

Howard L. Heath (1938)	Frederick W. Benck, Treas. (1939)
Joseph Keating, Jr. (1938)	Thomas E. Crook (1939)
C. Ralph Rounds (1938)	Russell Fleron (1940)
Welling G. Titus (1938)	Joseph R. Shultz (1940)
Milton F. Graver, Pres. (1939)	Walter E. Short (1940)
Donald B. Rice, Sec. (1939)	James B. Wishart (1940)

## TRUSTEES—Meet the first Monday evening of the month

Henry W. Johnson (1938)	Caleb S. Green (1939)
J. Guild Carter, Sec. (1938)	Louis S. Rice, Treas. (1939)
Robert G. Stone, Pres. (1938)	George W. Arnett (1940)
W. Scott Taylor, Jr. (1938)	John W. Manning, Sr. (1940)
Stanley W. Blinn (1939)	W. Bradford Stryker (1940)
Frank M. Brown, Vice-Pres. (1939)	Welling G. Titus (1940)

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Harold B. Sutphin, Chairman (1939)	Thomas E. Crook (1939)
John E. Woolverton (1940)	J. Warren Covert, Ex-officio
	Louis S. Rice, Ex-officio

(Year indicates expiration of elective term.)

**MEN'S ASSOCIATION—Meets second Monday evening of the month**

William N. Cooper, President	John G. Hottel, Secretary
Welling G. Titus, Vice-President	Milton F. Graver, Treasurer

**WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

Meets the last Monday afternoon of the month

Mrs. Harold B. Sutphin, President	
Mrs. Edward A. Morris, 1st Vice-President	
Mrs. Joseph R. Shultz, 2nd Vice-President	
Mrs. John Russell Kelso, Jr., Secretary	
Mrs. J. Warren Covert, Treasurer	
Mrs. Francis D. Potter, Assistant Treas.	

**BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

Meets the last Monday evening of the month

Miss Hanna L. Foster, President	Mrs. Florence B. Lee, Treasurer
Miss Clara Ellsworth, Vice-Pres.	Miss Sarah Bechtel, Secretary

**THE GUILD—Meets the first Monday evening of the month**

Mrs. Leona A. Slack, President	
Mrs. F. William Kruger, Vice-President	
Miss Lillian Martino, Recording Secretary	
Miss Loula Leslie, Corresponding Secretary	
Miss Alice Hutchinson, Treasurer	

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL—Meets Sunday morning at 9:55 o'clock**

Walter E. Short, Superintendent	
C. Ralph Rounds, Assistant Superintendent	
J. Warren Covert, Recording Secretary	
Edwin W. Scott, Attendance Secretary	
Quereau Leedom, Assistant Attendance Secretary	
Stanley W. Blinn, Treasurer	
Mrs. William N. Cooper, Primary Dept. Superintendent	

**INTERMEDIATE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR**

Meets Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock

Byron Unsworth, President	Betty Crossley, Vice-President
Harriet Rice, Secretary	Edward A. Morris, Jr., Treasurer

**SENIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR**

Meets Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock

Robert Scrimgeour, President	Marjorie Perkins, Vice-President
Andrew Johnson, Co-President	Jean Moore, Secretary
Francis Leigh, Treasurer	

Church Sexton—James H. Smith



## GENERAL CALENDAR

Public Worship .....	Each Sunday, 11 A. M. and 7:45 P. M. (Except that evening services will be omitted in June, July, August and September.)
Sunday School ( <i>all ages</i> ) .....	Each Sunday, 9:55 A. M. (Except July and August.)
Mid-week Service .....	Each Wednesday, 7:45 P. M. (Except in June, July, August and September, and in those weeks when Preparatory Service is held.)
Communion Service .....	The third Sunday in January, April, June and October.
Preparatory Service .....	The Friday evening preceding each Communion.
Infant Baptism .....	The Sunday morning following each Communion Service and on Children's Day. Parents are requested to give the Pastor previous notice of intention to present children for public baptism.
Session Meeting .....	The last Monday in each month, except July and August, 8:00 P. M. and fol- lowing each Preparatory Service.
Trustees' Meeting .....	The first Monday evening in each month, except July and August.
Deacons' Meeting .....	Immediately following Communion Serv- ices, Sunday morning.
Men's Association .....	The second Monday of each month, 6:15 P. M.
Women's Association .....	All-day sewing meeting the first Monday of each month.
Women's Association .....	The last Monday of each month, 2:30 P. M.
Business Women's Association .....	Last Monday of each month, 7:30 P. M.
The Guild .....	First Monday of each month, 6:15 P. M.
Intermediate Christian Endeavor .....	Each Sunday, 6:45 P. M., except July and August.
Senior Christian Endeavor .....	Each Sunday, 6:45 P. M., except July and August.
Officers and Teachers of the Sunday School...	The third Monday of each month, 8:00 P. M.



Year preceding name indicates when first elected, while year following name indicates date term expires according to the rotary system.

## ELDERS

1760	John Chambers John Hendrickson Stephen Rose	1875	John D. Cochran William Elmer Robert P. Stoll
1764	Joseph Green	1884	Barker Gummere Charles E. Green Edward S. McIlvaine Hugh H. Hamill
1765	Benjamin Yard Hezekiah Howell William Tucker	1893	Edward T. Green Henry D. Oliphant Lewis C. Wooley John H. Scudder
1771	Samuel Hill Ebenezer Cowell Jacob Carle John Howell Timothy Hendrickson	1897	Moore Dupuy Oscar Woodworth
1787	Alexander Chambers Jacob Carle Isaac Smith Benjamin Smith Nathan Furman Ogden Woodruff	1909	Barton B. Hutchinson Edward S. Wood Frederick T. Bechtel *J. Warren Covert (1940) Ellery Robbins
1797	Peter Gordon	1916	Beekman R. Terhune *Alton S. Fell (1940) William S. Rogers Francis W. Dinsmore
1806	Benjamin Hayden Nicholas Dubois	1920	Peter D. Emmons *Joseph B. Hottel (1939) *Charles P. Wilber (1939) *George C. Crossley (1938) *Henry M. Hartmann (1938)
1815	Nathaniel Burrowes	1923	Sydney J. McCabe *Russell Fleron (1939)
1817	John Beatty James Ewing Robert McNeely Joshua S. Anderson	1925	*Joseph F. Lenox (1939) George E. Hoffman
1829	John Voorhees Samuel Brearley	1931	*William N. Cooper (1938) George E. Reed
1836	Thomas J. Stryker Stacy G. Potts	1932	*George W. Arnett (1938)
1840	James Pollock Francis A. Ewing Aaron A. Hutchinson	1937	*Edwin W. Scott (1940) *Harold B. Sutphin (1940)
1846	Samuel Roberts Joseph G. Brearley Jonathan Fisk		
1858	George S. Green Augustus G. Richey		
1866	Henry W. Green John S. Chambers William J. Owens		

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## TRUSTEES

1756	David Cowell Charles Clark Andrew Reed Arthur Howell Joseph Yard William Green Alexander Chambers	1865	Barker Gummere John S. Chambers
1760	Moore Furman	1875	Caleb S. Green Frederick Kingman Edward G. Cook William L. Dayton
1762	Obadiah Howell	1882	Charles E. Green William S. Stryker Abner R. Chambers
1764	William Kirkpatrick James Cumine Abraham Hunt	1893	Frank O. Briggs
1766	Joseph Reed, Jr. Samuel Tucker Daniel Clark	1896	Elmer Ewing Green
1770	Elihu Spencer	1897	John S. Chambers Charles Whitehead
1771	Joseph Tindall	1900	Henry D. Oliphant Barker Gummere, Jr.
1777	Benjamin Clark	1901	Thomas S. Chambers Henry W. Green
1780	Nathaniel Furman	1907	Henry C. Moore A. Reeder Chambers, Jr.
1783	Moore Furman	1912	William Edgar Green
1786	Daniel Scudder	1915	Nelson L. Petty
1788	Isaac Smith Bernard Hanlon Hugh Runyon Moore Furman	1920	Bruce Bedford A. Dayton Oliphant
1789	Aaron W. Woodrug Benjamin Smith	1922	Huston Dixon
1799	John Beatty Alex. Chambers, Jr.	1930	George C. Crossley *John W. Manning (1940) Maxwell G. Rockhill Herbert Sinclair Horace B. Tobin Edward S. Wood
1804	Peter Gordon	1931	*Caleb S. Green (1939) *Henry W. Johnson (1938) Robert T. Bowman
1808	James Ewing Peter Hunt	1932	*Louis S. Rice (1939) Gardner H. Cain Robert C. Belville Roscoe K. Cook
1811	Benjamin Hayden Charles Ewing	1933	Harvey F. Whitehead William N. Stewart Francis D. Potter *J. Guild Carter (1938)
1818	S. L. Southard	1934	Albert C. Nevius T. Arthur Karno Henry M. Hartmann
1822	John Beatty	1935	*Robert G. Stone (1938) *W. Scott Taylor, Jr. (1938)
1823	John S. Chambers	1936	*Stanley W. Blinn (1939) *Frank M. Brown (1939)
1825	Amos Hartley Ebenezer P. Rose Benjamin Fish	1937	*George W. Arnett (1940) *W. Bradford Stryker (1940) *Welling G. Titus (1940)
1826	Charles Burroughs		
1833	Henry W. Green Armitage Green Thomas J. Stryker		
1838	Samuel R. Hamilton X. J. Maynard		
1856	George S. Green William C. Cook		

\*Present Board.



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| <p>1771 Benjamin Smith</p> <p>1777 William Green<br/>Joseph Green</p> <p>1782 John Howell</p> <p>1840 John A. Hutchinson<br/>Benjamin S. Disbrow<br/>Joseph G. Brearley</p> <p>1846 Stanhope S. Cooley<br/>B. Wesley Titus</p> <p>1856 Andrew R. Titus<br/>William J. Owens</p> <p>1866 Julius Johnston<br/>William R. Titus<br/>James H. Clark</p> <p>1875 Enoch G. Hendrickson</p> <p>1884 Joseph T. Ridgeway<br/>James Hughes<br/>William S. Covert</p> <p>1893 Barton B. Hutchinson</p> <p>1897 Benjamin M. Phillips<br/>Henry W. Green<br/>G. Abeel Hall</p> <p>1909 Charles Howell Cook<br/>Charles H. Dilts<br/>Samuel D. Oliphant<br/>Huston Dixon<br/>Alex. McAlpin Phillips</p> | <p>1916 Joseph F. Lenox<br/>J. Clarence Richardson<br/>George E. Hoffman<br/>*Russell Fleron (1940)</p> <p>1926 John H. Ashton<br/>George C. Crossley<br/>Winfield E. Hinsdale<br/>Henry W. Johnson<br/>James C. C. Patterson</p> <p>1927 William N. Cooper<br/>*Donald B. Rice (1939)</p> <p>1931 *Thomas E. Crook (1939)<br/>*Milton F. Graver (1939)</p> <p>1932 *Frederick W. Benck (1939)<br/>*Howard L. Heath (1938)<br/>*Joseph Keating, Jr. (1938)<br/>Niels Nielson<br/>*Welling G. Titus (1938)</p> <p>1934 *Joseph R. Shultz (1940)</p> <p>1935 Edwin W. Scott<br/>*C. Ralph Rounds (1938)</p> <p>1937 *Walter E. Short (1940)<br/>*James B. Wishart (1940)</p> |
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## OUR IDEAL AND OUR GOAL

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Reaching forth unto those things which are before *we* press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 3:13-14.*





