

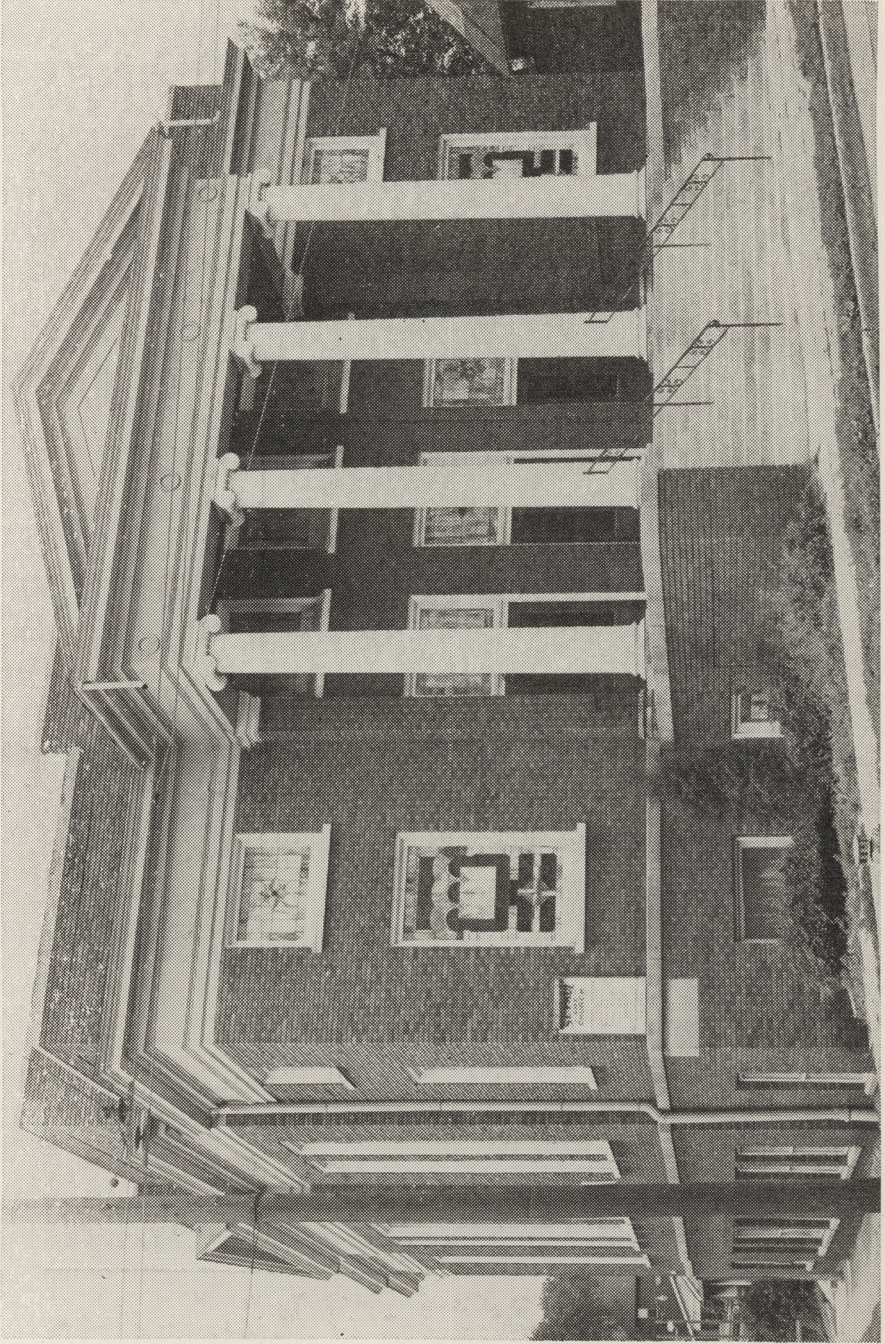
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BY THE MERCIES of our Heavenly Father we are permitted to meet again in the great Northwestern Annual Conference, which registers another milestone in the onward advance of the church, and the Kingdom of God. Varied have been our experiences, but the Lord has brought us through. Some of us have crossed the ocean and travelled in foreign countries to represent our Bethel, and returned home safely. Our ranks have been broken by death, but we are here to carry on.

THIS HAS BEEN a great year for the ingathering of souls, Conversions and strengthening the things that remain. You have played well your part in the program of Missions, Education, and Church Expansion. And to God be the glory. It was our pleasure to visit every point within the Conference, and the Fourth Episcopal District. You are to be commended for the fine work which has been done.

WE HAVE COME TO THE CLOSE of the Quadrennium. Next year the General Conference will be convened in Chicago. We hope to give the best entertainment in the history of the church, and are confident that you will do your whole duty to the glory of God. The Lord be with you, my brethren; the Lord bless the Pastor, officers, members, and friends of St. Paul, our entertaining society. Amen.

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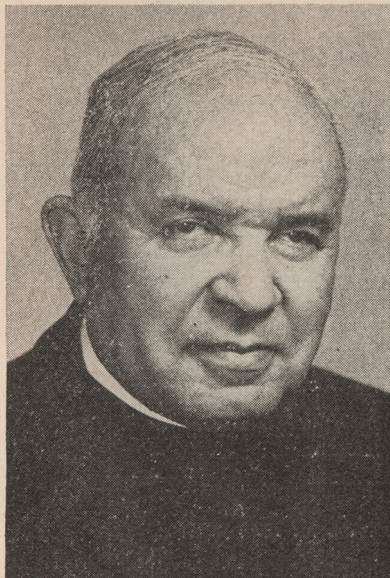


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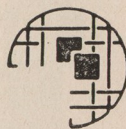


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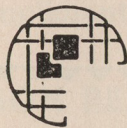
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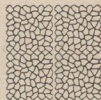
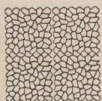
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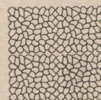
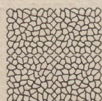
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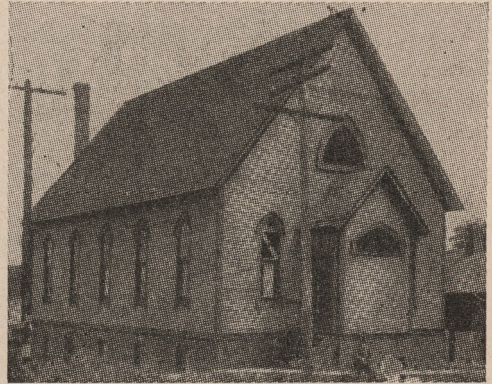
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THE PASTOR'S WORD

DEAR MEMBERS and FRIENDS:

AT THIS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION of the North-western Annual Conference we submit our second consecutive report. Last year we reported 85 Conversions, and 126 Accessions. This week we report 10 Conversions, and 54 Accessions. Within two years 95 Conversions, and an increase in membership of 180.

THE MORTGAGE ON our "Gospel Hill" parsonage has been paid, modernly furnished, and equipped with oil heat, and automatic hot water heater. The church has been painted both inside and outside. A new roof has been put on, rock wool insulation, floors sanded, filled, and finished. The dark wood back of the choir stall and pulpit has been changed to a blond color to correspond with the pulpit furniture and Communion table.

A GOSPEL CHOIR Stall has been built, asphalt tile laid down the aisles, front of the chancel, and in

the narthex; an electric water fountain, electric refrigerator for the kitchen; church office and equipped with modern furniture; new Communion Service set, running water in Stewardess Room, Bible Book mark, pulpit antependia; church heating system re-conditioned, and conversion from coal to oil-gas fuel.

THESE ARE A FEW OF the things which have been accomplished by your help, including new robes for the Senior, Gospel, and Singleton Children's Choirs. But above all we thank God for His mercies, and appreciate your confidence. With faith in Him we face the future, knowing not what it holds for us.

WE ARE HUMBLY GRATEFUL for the esteem of our Bishop, and fellow feeling of our Presiding Elder. God bless them. God bless our brethren in the common cause. God save us all.

Yours faithfully,

PASTOR SINGLETON

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P. S.: "LET US ADVANCE ON OUR KNEES."





