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THE HISTORY

of

100 YEARS

THE HISTORY OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS

1842 - 1942



TRINITY EVANGELICAL AND REFORMED CHURCH
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK



Our Pastor
THE REVEREND CARL G. HAASS

History

THE decades from 1830 to 1850 were an era of great change in the life of our nation. The white man, who had been crowded in on the Atlantic coastal plain for two hundred years, was now crossing the Appalachian Mountains to conquer and settle the vast areas beyond.

The most popular route to the great Midwest was through the Mohawk Valley and thence west to Buffalo, from where it was possible to continue the journey by boat on the Great Lakes. For this reason the Erie Canal had been built along this route and was now in the heyday of its existence, carrying both passengers and freight east and west. The railroad was also being extended westward through this same region, thus further aiding the growth of Western New York. The village of Rochester, which had been founded in 1812, was developing into a thriving manufacturing and milling center.

Because of the magnitude of the task of developing this vast new America, large numbers of people were brought to this country to work as laborers. They came chiefly from Northern Europe, that is, Sweden, Germany, and Poland. Being God-fearing folk, they soon banded themselves together in little groups to establish churches where their native tongue could be spoken.

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THE OLD ALLEN STREET CHURCH

Soon after the founding of Rochester, Baptist, Episcopalian, Methodist, and Presbyterian congregations were established for the English-speaking people; but it was not until 1834, when the Zion Lutheran Church at Grove and Stillson Streets was founded, that a church was provided for the German element. It was in Zion Lutheran Church that Trinity Evangelical Church had its beginning. Because of differences of opinion regarding forms of worship and church organization, a number of families withdrew from the Zion Lutheran Church in 1842 and founded The German United Protestant Trinity Church.

This small congregation, which was organized in October 1842, elected a church council consisting of the following men: Louis Bauer, John Philip Beck, Mathias Hertel, Bernhard Heyd, Henry Klein, Dr. Peter Klein, Henry Lux, Karl Roehrig, and Philip Schreiber. They selected for their first pastor the Reverend C. F. Soldan who came from Poughkeepsie, New York, and served the congregation from 1842 to 1845.

Because the small congregation did not own a church building, it was necessary to hold the first services in the homes of the members. Later the congregation was able to rent a small frame building on the site now occupied by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad on Oak Street (then called Ford Street) between Broad and West Main. Still later a building was rented on Allen Street (then known as Ann Street) not far from State.

The Reverend J. Biehl succeeded Mr. Soldan as pastor of Trinity, but Mr. Biehl's pastorate was a short one. He served from April to June 1845; and when he left, some of his supporters left with him.

After Mr. Biehl's resignation, the pastorate of the church remained vacant for several months until the Reverend J. F. Illiger accepted a call on April 1, 1846. It is surprising that there was any congregation left after having been so many months without a pastor. But under Mr. Illiger's leadership most of the members who had previously withdrawn returned, and the congregation grew and prospered to such an extent that they were able to erect on Allen Street, opposite Fitzhugh, a church building of brick, 40 x 70 feet. The corner stone for this building, which is occupied today by a manufacturing concern, was laid on June 8, 1847. This original corner stone is now embedded in the wall of our church narthex.

Records do not state the cost of this first building, and the cost was probably not very great in this day of billion-dollar debts; but it took the fathers of our church over thirty years to pay for this first edifice. We can readily understand that financing the erection of even so humble a house of worship must have involved great sacrifices for many of these German immigrants who had to be satisfied with performing almost any work which was given to them, mostly of an unskilled nature and bringing small wages; furthermore, these people were unaccustomed to building their own churches, for in Germany the State provided all educational and religious institutions, and they were financed through taxation.

Shortly after the erection of the new church, Mr. Illiger resigned because of an old-fashioned quarrel with the Church Council, consisting of charges and counter-charges.

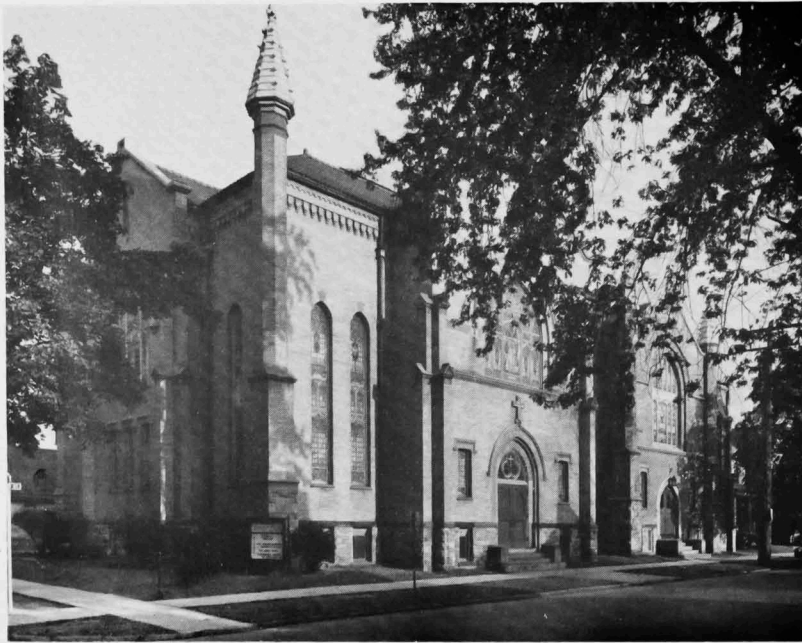
From Dansville, New York, late in 1847, came the Reverend A. Berkey as the fourth pastor of the growing congregation. During his pastorate, the first constitution was adopted by the congregation. This constitution was composed of forty paragraphs which defined the duties and privileges of the pastor and members and gave the doctrinal standpoint of our Christian faith. Mr. Berkey served until 1849 when another conflict arose, and he resigned and a number of members of the congregation with him.

The Reverend Carl F. W. Haass of Buffalo, New York, grandfather of our present pastor, accepted the call to become pastor of Trinity in 1849. He was the first pastor who was a member of the Evangelical Synod. The new pastor was well liked by the congregation, and most of the former members who had left because of differences of opinion were brought back into the membership. Several other accomplishments were noted during Mr. Haass' pastorate: the old kerosene lamps were replaced with gas fixtures; the basement of the church was equipped so that it could be used for parochial school purposes, and the parochial school was established in 1850 with fifty children registered; the first distinct fund for foreign and home missions was set up. Quite unexpectedly in the summer of 1852 Pastor Haass resigned, later becoming one of the most distinguished pastors in the Evangelical Synod.

The Reverend C. G. Clausen was selected to succeed Pastor Haass in 1852, and Pastor Clausen served until 1861. Pastor Clausen was a sincere preacher of the gospel; and while no events of outstanding importance occurred during his nine-year pastorate, the steady growth of the congregation continued, and an increase of fifty per cent in the number of communicants was noted.

The Reverend Philip Conradi became the seventh pastor of Trinity in 1861; he served Trinity for only a year. In 1862 he resigned, and his supporters withdrew with him to organize another church. Thus there came into being in Rochester a second Evangelical Church, St. Paul's, located first on North Fitzhugh Street, and later at its present site on Norton and Jewel Streets.

Trinity was fortunate in its selection of the Reverend Carl Siebenpfeiffer as its next pastor. He came from Black Rock, New York, a suburb of Buffalo, and started his duties here on February 25, 1862. Pastor Siebenpfeiffer was a gifted speaker and possessed a pleasing personality which caused him to be well liked by young and old. During his pastorate the church was always crowded, and it became necessary to build a balcony to accommodate the crowds. At this time the pew rental system was in effect in Trinity, and it was often necessary to wait a year before it was possible to rent a pew. On July 12, 1870, Trinity Congregation was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. As far as statistics are concerned, the year 1873 was the best in Trinity's history, for there are recorded 247 baptisms, 87 confirmands, 96 marriages, 119 burials, and 1,070 communicants. In 1874 the Frauen Verein was organized by the women of the church, with twenty-nine charter members.



OUR PRESENT CHURCH BUILDINGS

"... the church of the living God, the pillar
and ground of the truth." I Timothy 3:15



THE INTERIOR OF OUR HOUSE OF WORSHIP

"O sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath
done marvellous things." Psalm 98:1

With the ever-increasing growth in membership during Mr. Siebenpfeifer's pastorate, feeling arose on the part of the members that Trinity should have a church building more adequate for its needs. The old building was located only twenty feet from the main line of the New York Central Railroad tracks, and it was felt that another site should be selected for a new building. It was over this matter, the selection of the site, that contention arose; and as a result of the disagreement, another Evangelical Church was founded in Rochester. Building sites on both the east and west sides of the river were proposed, and no agreement could be reached regarding the selection of the site. Finally the leaders of the group agitating for the east side purchased a piece of property on Franklin Street and founded Salem Evangelical Church in 1874. When the new church had been completed, Mr. Siebenpfeiffer accepted the call of the Salem congregation to become its first pastor.

It is plainly evident to us today that such a split was inevitable. There was a large settlement of German-speaking people on either side of the river and room for another Evangelical Church. We can look back now and realize that the division was propitious. To our fathers in 1874, however, the picture was not so bright. Only a remnant of the congregation was left, and the controversy over the selection of the site had left feelings of bitterness.

The task which confronted Dr. Bernard Pick when he became the ninth pastor of Trinity in 1874 was not an easy one, and he was well aware of that fact. Dr. Pick worked hard to rebuild the old church, and his efforts were rewarded, for in 1877, when the congregation celebrated its 35th anniversary, the membership numbered one hundred; the English Sunday School had 179 members; and the old building had been renovated for the anniversary at an expenditure of \$800.

Dr. Pick served as pastor of Trinity until 1881. He was succeeded by the Reverend Otto vonBueren who came from North Tonawanda Creek, New York. Pastor vonBueren succeeded in bringing about more pleasant relations between Trinity and the Evangelical Synod. It was in 1881, during Mr. von Bueren's pastorate, that the congregation found it necessary to discontinue the parochial school which had been in existence since 1850. Although the school had an attendance of between 100 and 150, it could no longer compete with the public schools, and an annual deficit was incurred.

Pastor vonBueren resigned in October 1883, and the Reverend Emil Henckell came to Trinity from Syracuse, New York, in November of that year. He served Trinity for almost fourteen years. Many difficulties were confronting Trinity during this period: some of the younger people were leaving our church for the English-speaking churches; the church property was in a run-down condition; and the congregation was reluctant to spend much money on repairs since they hoped to find a new location. In spite of these trying circumstances, Pastor Henckell struggled bravely; and during his pastorate three noteworthy events are listed: the organization of the Martha Society by the younger women of the church on December 2, 1891; the celebration of the 50th anniversary on July 24, 1892; and the appearance of the

first issue of the **Trinity Messenger** on May 13, 1894. Poor health forced Pastor Henckell to resign in June 1897, and he died less than a year later.

The Reverend Adolph C. G. Baltzer, who came from Sandusky, Ohio, and preached his first sermon in Trinity on July 4, 1897, completed the longest pastorate at Trinity, ministering to her people for twenty-two years.

The problem of relocating Trinity was becoming increasingly acute when Pastor Baltzer took up his work here; and on July 17, 1898, a fund was established for the building of a new church. It is interesting to note that the initial contribution to the fund was the sum of two dollars given by Mr. and Mrs. F. Blumenstock. With the gradual growth of the fund and the aroused interest on the part of the congregation, the question of the site again became uppermost. Some members wanted to erect a new building on the old site, but this was impractical because of the proximity to the railroad; others favored buying property in the downtown area away from the railroad, but this was too expensive; a third group advocated locating further out on the west side in a growing German settlement (Dutchtown). At a congregation meeting in August 1902, the congregation voted to move and authorized the purchase of three lots at Child and Wilder Streets at a cost of \$1,800. The sale was consummated on August 27, 1902, by a committee composed of Simeon Barthelmann, Jacob Gerling, George Gundell, George Hoffman, Jacob Matheis and Pastor Baltzer.

The congregation decided in June 1904 that it would be possible to erect only a Sunday School building at first, and the building committee, consisting of the above-named gentlemen and Ernst Wollenhaupt, was asked to go ahead with the plans submitted by W. J. Brockett. Ground was broken on July 4, 1904, and the corner stone was laid on August 28, 1904. The last service in the old church was held on March 26, 1905, and the keys were turned over to the Gospel Workers who had purchased the old building and parsonage. The new Sunday School building was dedicated on April 20, 1905. For ten years this building served as the church, Sunday School, meeting place for the organizations, and entertainment hall. Its total cost was \$15,905.98, and it was completely paid for by September 10, 1910.

The Brotherhood of Trinity was organized on May 25, 1906, with thirty-three charter members.

In December 1910, the congregation named a new building committee, composed of George Beisheim, William Felsenheimer, Jacob Gerling, George Gundell, George Hoffman, John H. Koehler, Gustave Luther, Jacob Matheis, Albert W. Schneider, John Seiler, Julius Stein, Henry Wedel, and Pastor Baltzer. This committee was asked to make all preparatory arrangements for building a new church, and Mr. W. J. Brockett was again asked to submit plans. For nearly three years plans and specifications were studied and churches visited. Then on Sunday, May 25, 1913, the congregation accepted the committee's plans and authorized the building of the new church.

The ground for the new building was broken on June 16, 1913; the corner stone was laid on August 17, 1913; and the finished building was dedicated on

May 24, 1914. The cost of the completed building was \$41,554.14. Several special gifts were made to the church at the time of its dedication: the organ by the Martha Society; the pews by the Frauen Verein; a gift of \$700 to the building fund by the Brotherhood; and the illumination was paid for by the Young People's Society. In addition to these gifts from organizations, the memorial windows, the pulpit, and the altar furniture were gifts of individual members. The congregation celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1917, and it was indeed an occasion for rejoicing.

Of Pastor Baltzer it must be said that he gave the best years of his life in service to Trinity. Under his faithful and devoted leadership, the long-cherished dream of the congregation—a new church building—was realized. Mr. Baltzer's pastorate at Trinity was completed in November 1918, and he passed to his reward on February 11, 1941; but our fine church building stands as a lasting memorial to his service and devotion to Trinity.

The Reverend J. Otto Reller came to Trinity from Buffalo, preaching his first sermon here on December 7, 1919. He was pastor of the church for eleven years and nine months.

Under Pastor Reller's capable leadership the congregation continued to progress. The church parsonage was purchased in 1919 at a cost of \$7,000 and was completely paid for by 1921. In 1922, at the time of the celebration of the 80th anniversary, the debt on the church property was reduced from \$18,000 to \$12,000.

In the historical sketch of Trinity, written by Pastor Reller at the time of the 80th anniversary celebration, he says, "Next to the service of preaching the Word, the Sunday School as the teaching department of the church is the most important function of the church." Reverend Reller often said that it was the opportunity of undertaking a real piece of religious education that largely induced him to accept the call to Trinity. That his major interest was in the field of religious education is evidenced by the fact that beginning in 1921 a Daily Vacation Bible School was held at Trinity during the summer months; teacher training classes which were begun under Mr. Baltzer's pastorate were continued, and continuous effort was made to improve the Sunday School. Pastor Reller visioned a departmentalized building for a departmentalized school, and at the 85th anniversary banquet on October 18, 1927, plans for remodeling the basement and Sunday School were presented. At the congregation meeting in December 1927, Mr. Jacob Matheis, chairman of the remodeling committee, outlined the plans, and the committee was authorized to let the contract and proceed with the work. The rededication service was held on December 9, 1928; and since that time the various departments of our Sunday School have been able to meet in separate assembly rooms for their worship services and adjourn to individual classrooms for the lesson period. This remodeling entailed an expenditure of \$22,071.08.

In the summer of 1931, Mr. Reller received a call to his present pastorate at Bethel Evangelical and Reformed Church in Evansville, Indiana. He preached his last sermon at Trinity on Sunday, September 13, 1931.

Our present pastor, the Reverend Carl G. Haass, who came to Trinity from Dunkirk, New York, preached his first sermon here on November 1, 1931. He is the fourteenth pastor to serve Trinity in her one hundred years, and it is fitting that the grandson of one of the early pastors of the church should hold the pastorate at the time of the celebration of the 100th anniversary.

In 1932, at the time of the 90th anniversary, the congregation voted to undertake the project of redecorating the church auditorium. Funds for the work were gathered through free-will offering, and over \$1,800, enough to cover the entire cost, was subscribed for the work. The work was completed in July 1932.

The past decade in Trinity's history has been comparatively quiet when measured by some of the previous years, but there are many evidences that under Pastor Haass' guidance we are enjoying a well-ordered, smooth-running period of existence. The church was able to weather successfully the storms of the depression years, and during the past ten years a continuous effort has been made to reduce the church's indebtedness. By means of a mortgage-retirement plan, instituted in July 1937 and continuing through December 1939, the indebtedness was reduced from \$24,000 to \$18,600.

In recent years several lasting memorials have been given to the church in memory of departed loved ones, and a perpetual membership fund has been established. Because of the large number of memorials and gifts to the church, no attempt is being made to list them here, but the congregation is deeply grateful for all these gifts.

In the spring of 1941, the congregation, in making preliminary plans for the celebration of the 100th anniversary, established a goal of one hundred new members and one hundred gifts of one hundred dollars to be applied on the indebtedness of the church. As this anniversary booklet goes to press, sixty-six new members have been received into the congregation, and \$5,671 has been pledged.

During the past few years, the merger of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church in the United States has been coming about, and the union was consummated at a General Synod convention in Cleveland, Ohio, in June 1934. Locally, the merger of the governing bodies of the two denominations was brought about in April 1939 when Trinity entertained the first meeting of the West New York Synod. Trinity was further honored by having her pastor elected the first president of the West New York Synod.

Since the organization of the Federation of Churches of Rochester and Vicinity almost twenty-five years ago, Trinity has cooperated with that organization in furthering the cause of United Protestantism here in Rochester. In addition to the financial support given to the Federation of Churches, Trinity opens its doors to the week-day religious education classes.

During the century three of Trinity's sons and daughters have selected the work of the church as their profession. The Reverend William C. Krause

was graduated from Elmhurst College in 1915, and was ordained into the Christian ministry on July 28, 1918, in Trinity. At the time of his death in February 1939, Mr. Krause was superintendent of the Old Folks Home and Orphanage in Bensenville, Illinois.

The Reverend Henry Walch attended Elmhurst College and was graduated from the University of Rochester and McCormick Theological Seminary. At present he is pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Detroit, Michigan.

Sister Ruth Senger prepared at the Evangelical Deaconess Home in St. Louis and was consecrated to the Christian service on May 26, 1935. Since the fall of 1941 she has been instructor in religion and nurse at the Old Folks Home and Orphanage in Bensenville, Illinois.

The number of official acts of the fourteen pastors of the church from the time of the organization of the church in 1842 to September 27, 1942, is given below:

Baptisms	7,103
Confirmands	2,603
Marriages	3,249
Funerals	3,266

In December 1918, Trinity had sixty-two men in the service of our country. In September 1942, there are thirty-three of Trinity's men in the service.



FOR this 100th anniversary of our church we have every reason to say with the prophet of old, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and to praise with the psalmist, "The Lord hath done great things for us, wherefore we are glad." "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."

We would indeed be ungrateful if we did not acknowledge the untold blessings which the infinite and unmerited grace of God has bestowed upon our people during these hundred years. We are grateful also to our forefathers for the heritage of faith, hope and love which they have handed down to us. Theirs was a faith enabling them to build their houses of God under the greatest of sacrifices so that they might hand down this heritage to us.

What loyalty and steadfastness our forefathers have shown, and what thousands of people have come under the influence of Trinity down through the century. Her children have gone into many parts of our land and have continued their steadfastness of faith in their new homes. From her portals they have gone forward into every field of endeavor and have given their best. What a goodly number of saints have found the way to the Eternal Kingdom opened unto them. What a goodly number of saints are daily sharing in the work of spreading the Evangel to their everlasting joy.

May the sacrifices of those who have gone before inspire the membership of our church, and especially the youth, to consecrate their lives to the service of Trinity and the Kingdom of God. May they love her more dearly, may they pray for her more fervently, and may they give of their best to Trinity and the Master more full-heartedly.

We would this day pledge ourselves anew to the service which reflects this sacrificial spirit, and with an ever-increasing devotion to Christ, our Lord, build His Kingdom among us and unto the uttermost parts of the world.

Compiled and edited by members of the Historical Committee:

JEAN M. ERBELDING

HAROLD K. TROST

A Hymn for the New Age

O Master of the modern day,
Our hearts are kindled as we know
Thou walkest still along life's way
As in the ages long ago!
And by the magic of Thy will
New worlds Thou art creating still.

We thank Thee that the truth moves on
With wireless wave and healing ray;
That yester's noon was but the dawn
Of brighter glories in our day.
And now by faith, in holy dream
We glimpse tomorrow's grander gleam.

We thank Thee that Thou rulest still
This goodly orb on which we dwell;
That Thou dost still reveal Thy will
To those who would the dark dispel;
That upward o'er the peaks of time
Thy plan unfolds in form sublime.

Help us to keep Thee as our guest
While speeding o'er the highways grand,
Or cleave the air at Thy behest
To give some soul a helping hand!
Thy tireless Spirit leads the way
To heal the woes that throng our day!

Enlarge our minds to grasp Thy thought,
Enlarge our hearts to work Thy plan,
Assured Thy purpose faileth not
To put Thy spirit into man!
God of the present age and hour,
Thrill us anew with holy power!

Our Church Staff

Choir Director William P. Young, since 1914
Organist Miss Emma L. Wentz, since 1923
Parish Worker Mrs. Robert W. Durning, since 1923
Sexton Alfred Knight, since 1938

Our Organizations

(Listed in the order of founding)

CHURCH COUNCIL

Ex-officio: The Reverend Carl G. Haass
Trustees: Jacob J. Matheis, chairman; Oscar H. Dicke, Harry M. Reese
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Walch, Edward Young
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Herman; financial secretary, Mrs. T. Paul Ford; treasurer, Mrs. Emil Preiss; librarian,
Mrs. Earl Sanford

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Director of Religious Education—The Reverend Carl G. Haass.

Sunday School Committee: Mrs. Hugo May, chairman; Mrs. Harold Eckert, Otto Hennik,
Henry Koch, Mrs. Alton Voke.

Superintendent, Elmer Hartman; recording secretary, Mrs. Robert W. Durning; treasurer,
Miss Kathryn F. Erbeling; secretary of records and supplies, Mrs. Wilbert Burns; as-
sistant, Miss Althea M. Haass; secretary of envelopes, Miss Rose Dezen; assistant, Miss
Helen Dezen.

Cradle Roll: Mrs. Gilbert Beck, principal; Mrs. Willard Bruckner, Mrs. Erickson Erbeling,
Mrs. Albert Flint, Miss Gladys Frey, Mrs. Carl G. Haass, Mrs. Roy Meyer, Mrs.
Charles Shoemaker, Mrs. Arnold Spencer.

Nursery: Mrs. Elmer Hartman, principal.

Beginners: Miss Olive Mayer, principal; Mrs. Ralph Adams, Mrs. William Wilkinson.

Primary: Mrs. Harold Liebenow, principal; Miss Jane Walch, secretary; Miss Martha
Boulter, Mrs. Erickson Erbeling, Mrs. Erle French, Miss Matilda Klumpp, Mrs. William
Louden.

Junior: Miss Kathryn F. Erbeling, principal; Mrs. Alfred Knight, secretary; Mrs. Gilbert
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Mrs. Emil Preiss.

Intermediate-Senior: Mrs. Robert W. Durning, principal; Miss Arline Tuschong, sec-
retary; Clarence Boulter, Miss Jean M. Erbeling, Mrs. T. Paul Ford, Jacob J. Matheis, Mrs.
Earl Trost, Earl Trost.

Young People: William Burton, teacher; Miss June Townsend and Lawrence Geith, co-
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A Hymn To Our Church

Blest be our founders all,
That noble band of sires,
Who gathered from a foreign shore,
And lit these sacred fires.

Blest be the fathers old,
Who many years ago,
Assembled here to worship God,
And kept the sparks aglow.

Blest be the mothers dear,
Who taught us God to fear,
And often bowed in earnest prayer,
And sought the Master here.

Blest be the children too,
Who worship with us still,
Who here first heard the Saviour's call
And seek to do God's will.

Bless them in years to come,
Who here on bended knee,
Praise Father, Holy Ghost, and Son,
In Blessed Trinity.

—J. A. B.

(Written for the 75th anniversary)