

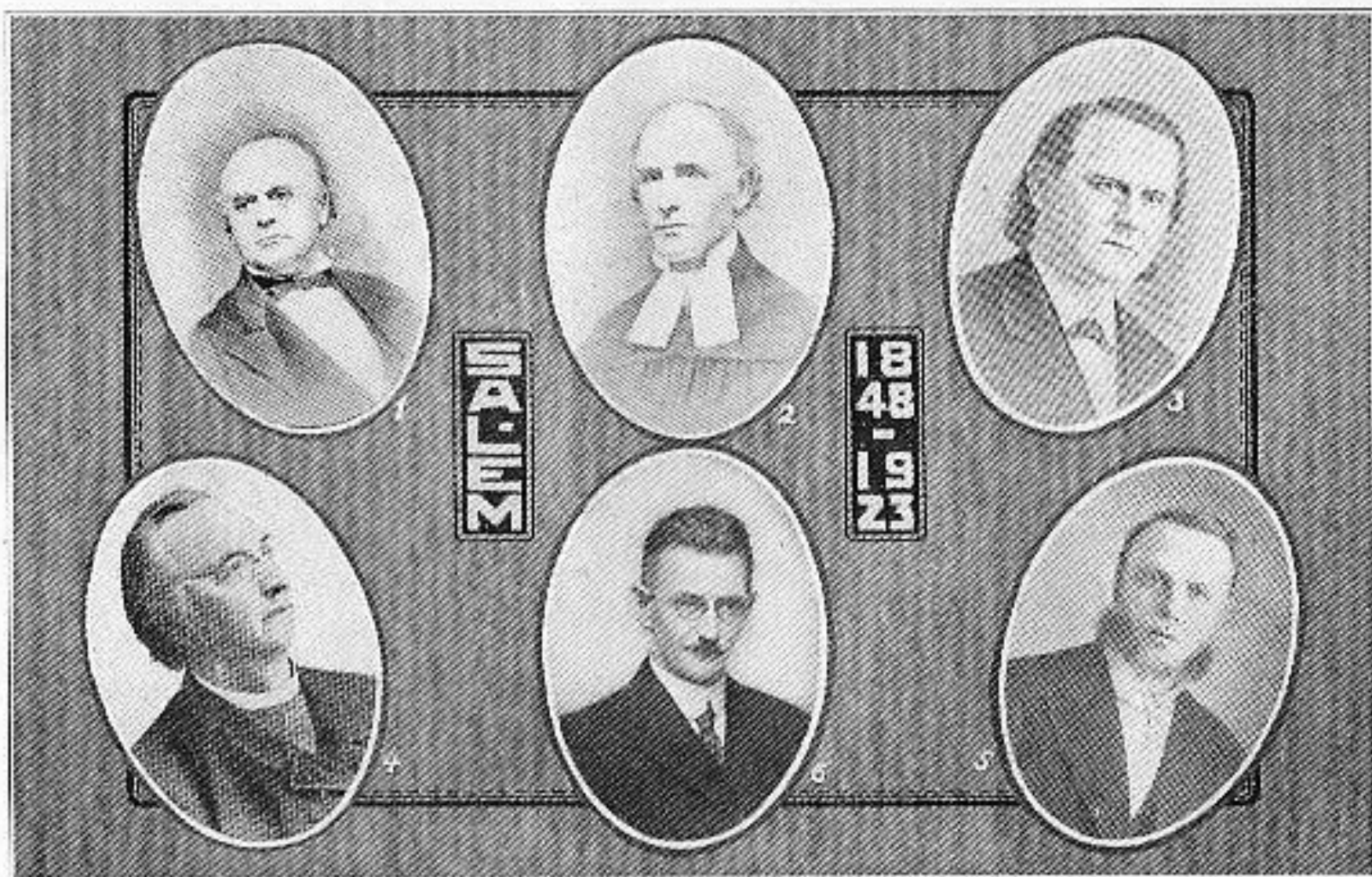


SALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

OLD SALEM

QUINCY, the Gem City, is 100 years old. In 1821 John Wood looked upon the ground and had a vision of its future possibilities. In 1822 he built the first log-cabin, and in 1833 the town opened its doors to the first German immigrants. Their number increased from year to

year, and in 1837 they organized the "German Evangelical-Protestant Congregation of the United Lutheran and Reformed Confession." Karl Ludwig Daubert, one of the first pastors of this congregation, was elected President of the Evangelical Synod when this body was organized in Gravois Settlement, Mo., October 15, 1840.



PASTORS IN SALEM

Chr. Jung, 1848-1862
L. von Rague, 1882-1893

S. Liss, 1862-1866
H. J. Leenhuis

S. Kuitenboelter, 1860-1882
J. C. Kramer, 1893-1911

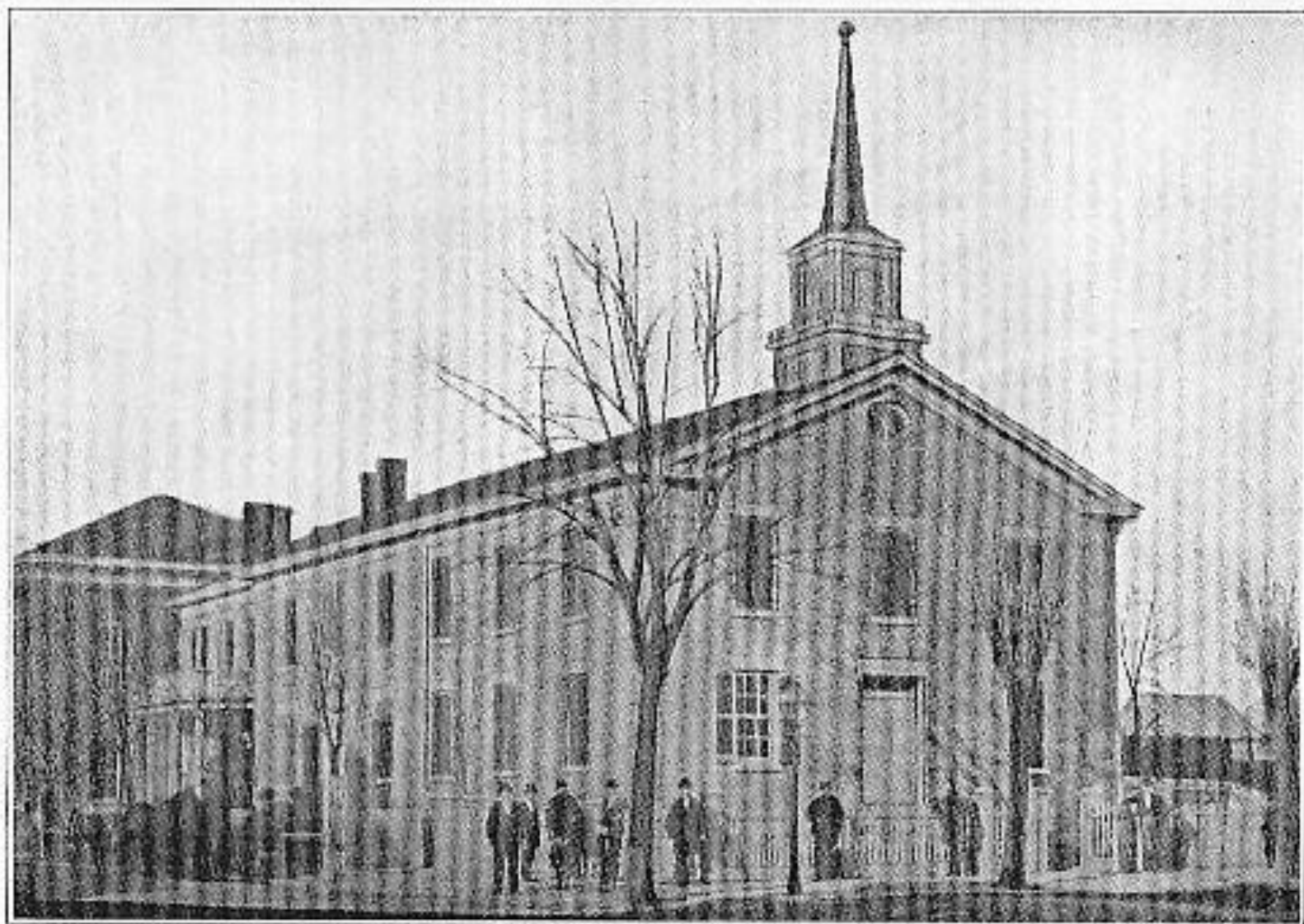
CHAPTER I

Salem Evangelical Church

IN April, 1845, **John Christoph Jung**, born in 1819 in Osweil, Wuertemberg, became pastor of the "Bergkirche," as the first German church in Quincy was called. In February, 1847, he organized a Missionary Society, a faithful band of positively Christian people, and shortly after Easter, A. D. 1848, he gathered them for divine worship at his home, 725 Maine Street. A little later the new congregation made use of the hospitality of the Congregational Church on Fifth and Jersey, at the same time beginning the erection of a church building on Ninth and State Streets, the N. E. corner lot having been donated by Governor John Wood. The dimensions of that structure which was dedicated in the fall of 1848, were 48 by 36 feet, with a modest steeple, bearing a little bell, on the south side. The parsonage, consisting of two rooms and a small kitchen, was

built to the rear of the church. From the beginning the new Church was called Salem. Conditions, however, were very primitive; there was no real organization, no constitution, no responsible Board. But just before Pastor Jung's resignation in 1852, the organization of the young congregation was effected. A constitution, dated April 19, 1852, was adopted, a Church Council was elected, and the church, in which Pastor Jung had invested his own money, was purchased for \$2800.00. The first Pastor of Salem died on June 10, 1886, in Chamois, Mo.

Pastor **Simon Liese** became pastor of Salem in July 1852. During his administration the indebtedness of the congregation was wiped out, the church was renovated and modernized, and a small addition to the parsonage was built. In 1856 the



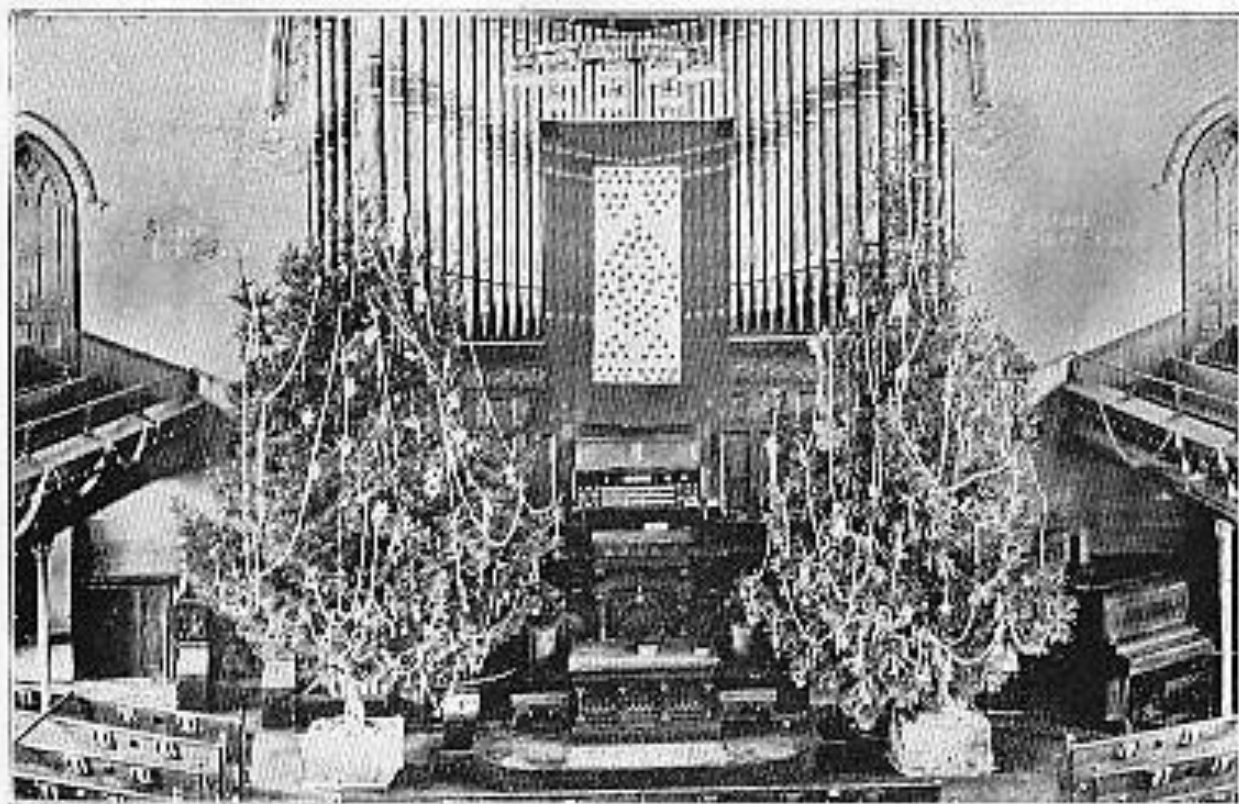
THE OLD CHURCH

Erected 1848; Enlarged 1863; Taken down 1876.

church property was enlarged by the purchase of 25 feet of ground east of the original lot. Pastor Liese left Salem in May, 1860, and his successor, who was elected on June 6, began his pastorate with but 47 voting members.

Pastor **Simon Kuhlenhoelter**, born in Oberwuesten, Amt Schoetmsr, Lippe Detmold, on April 9, 1820, was one of the first graduates of the Theological Seminary of the Evangelical Church in Marthasville, Mo. From Cumberland, Ind., he followed the call extended to him by Salem, and assumed his pastorate in Quincy in August, 1860. He succeeded in arousing the people's interest to renewed activity; in 1862 a parsonage, quite a pretentious structure in those days, was erected; in the following year a 20 feet addition was built to the church; and in 1864 the church was furnished with a \$2,000.00 pipe-organ. Four years later the church property was enlarged by the purchase of the adjoining lot on State Street, for which the congregation paid \$5,100.00.

After the Civil War an increasing number of immigrants, especially from Westphalia and Lippe Detmold, found their way to Quincy. Salem Congregation did not neglect this opportunity to enlarge its field of activity; its membership grew to such an extent that the demand for a larger church building became imperative. When the congregation, convened in annual meeting on January 1, 1876, was informed that subscriptions amounting to \$16,690.00 had been obtained, immediate action was taken. A tabernacle was erected on 11th and State Streets for temporary use, the old church was taken down, excavation and foundation work proceeded speedily and on June 25, 1876, the corner stone of the new church was laid. In the fall of that year the basement was completed, and finally the new temple was dedicated on September 23, 1877. Salem church is still one of the most beautiful houses of worship in Quincy; it seats 1,500 people; its steeple which bears three bells is 228½ feet in height and is a masterpiece of architecture.



WAR ON EARTH—PEACE IN SALEM

Christmas, 1918

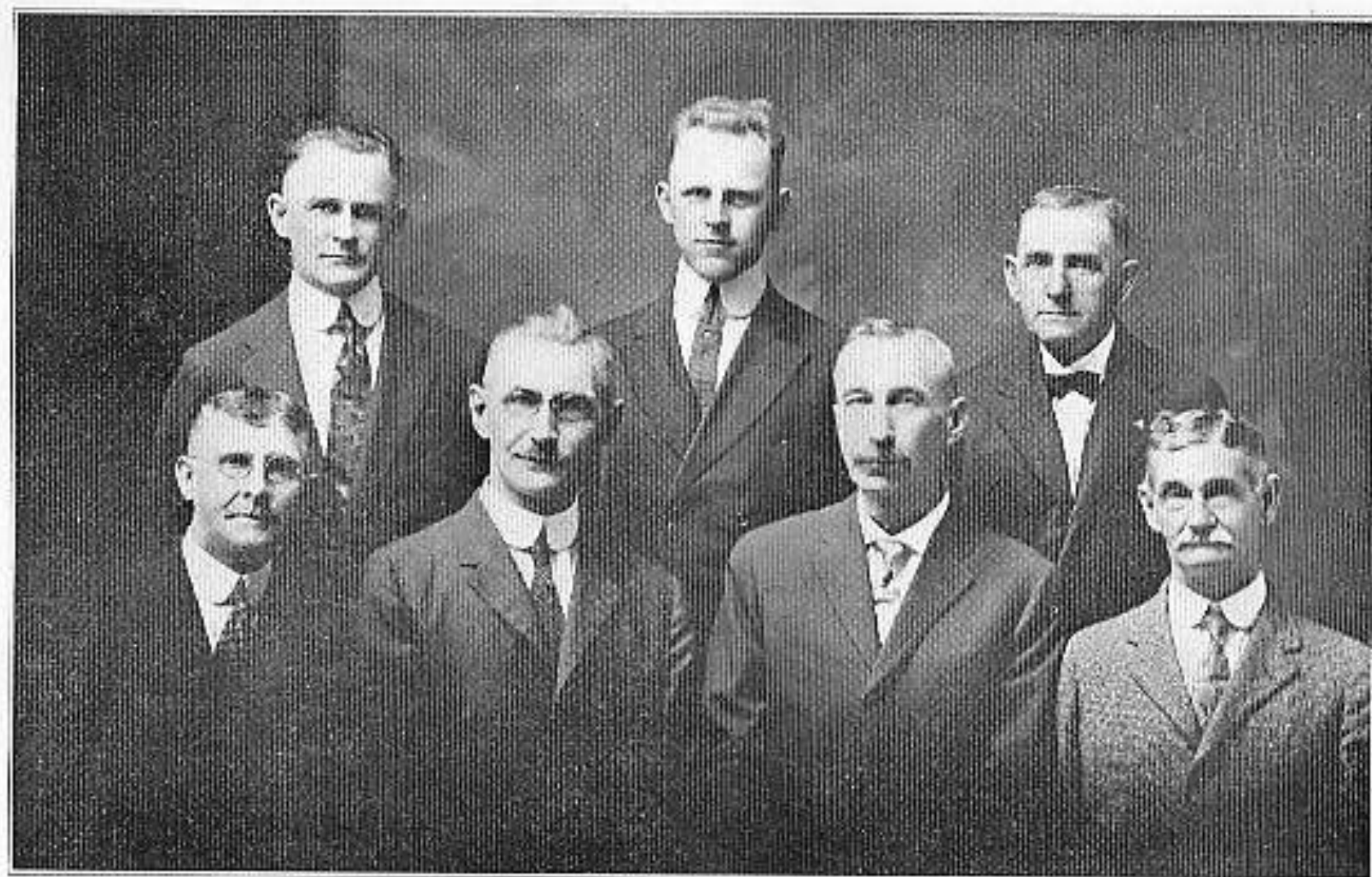
In this connection we wish to acknowledge the work of Mr. C. D. Behrensmeyer, contractor, whose watchful eyes insured excellency of material and workmanship. Expenditure connected with this enterprise amounted to \$40,000.00.

Pastor Kuhlenhoelter's service in Salem, richly blessed by Him whose devoted disciple he was, terminated on Christmas Day, 1881, when he suffered a paralytic stroke during the early services. He passed away on January 1, 1882, and was laid to rest in Greenmount on January 5.

His successor was Pastor **Louis von Rague**, famous throughout the Evangelical Synod as a most successful Missionary worker. His quiet, persistent efforts rounded out and consolidated his predecessor's brilliant work. When he resigned in May, 1893, he left Salem prosperous, influential and well established. He died on April 30, 1910.

Pastor **Julius C. Kramer** commenced his work

as Salem's leader in June, 1893. With the new pastor the congregation also received a new constitution approved on September 12, 1893, which in its revised form dated Jan. 26, 1902, is still in force. In the tower an excellent clock with four illuminated dials was installed in 1894, a gift of Mrs. Hanna Wilhelmine Bradeweg. Two years later the congregation purchased a new pipe-organ. Then the energies of the members were directed towards a gradual reduction of the large floating debt which was at last entirely liquidated. In July 1910 it was decided to re-fresco the church auditorium, to move the great pipe-organ from the rear balcony to the front and to install a new system of illumination. This work was done well, the space left vacant by the removal of the organ being filled by the insertion of a fine art glass window. The total expenditure amounted to \$6,527.20. Pastor Kramer resigned his pastorate in 1911 to become Superintendent of the Deaconess Home in Cincinnati. He is now living in Loveland, Colo.



CHURCH COUNCIL IN 1923.

W. Hafendiek
A. Mester

Rev. H. Leenhuis

A. Behrensmeier
Ed. Schroeder

H. Luenke
G. G. Heener

The present pastor of Salem, **Henry J. Leenhuis**, was elected by unanimous vote of the congregation on August 21; his installation took place on October 1, 1911. During his administration a gradual rejuvenescence and modernization of the church has been attempted and an abundant measure of God's help and blessing has been experienced. The activities within Salem during the last ten years have been recorded in the "Salem Servant," a parochial paper which has made

monthly visits in the majority of our homes. During the World War, 107 Salem boys rendered military service on land or sea. The influenza, which followed in the wake of the war, claimed 19 Salemites. At present, Salem congregation is larger, more prosperous and more popular than ever before.

The charter of Salem as a corporation is in force since February 22, 1861.

1848-1923



SALEM SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

Ed. Schuch, Superintendent.

Miss Selma Dehrensmeier, Supt. Primary Dept.

Miss Mabel Simon, Secretary

CHAPTER II

Christian Education

THE pioneers of Salem desired for their children the same educational advantages which they themselves had enjoyed. Above all they wanted the children to be taught the fear of God, which is the beginning of all wisdom. Finding the public school limited in scope and primitive in method, they established the Parochial school as an integral part of their church life. Pastor Jung taught school in one of the two rooms of his parsonage. In 1852 a small school building was erected and a teacher employed. In 1867 a School Board was created and in 1869 a large, modern school was built at an expense of over \$5,000.00. During a number of years the congregation employed three teachers and the members cheerfully carried the additional financial burden. The decline of the Parochial school was principally due to the growing efficiency of

the free public school which, with its splendid equipment, its great financial resources and its social advantages opened educational opportunities which the Parochial school could not offer.

All the pastors of Salem have been very faithful in imparting religious instruction. Classes of Confirmands have been led to the altar every year. The largest of them, consisting of 93 children, was confirmed in 1882 by Pastor L. Nollau who temporarily served in Salem after Pastor Kuhlenhoelter's sudden departure.

The Salem Sunday school was organized on June 16, 1858. Since there were always men and women willing to serve as leaders and teachers, this institution has prospered and been instrumental in preparing boys and girls for active



OFFICERS OF THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY, 1923

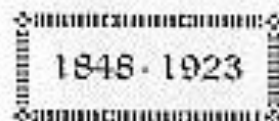
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Mrs. Alice Apenbrink

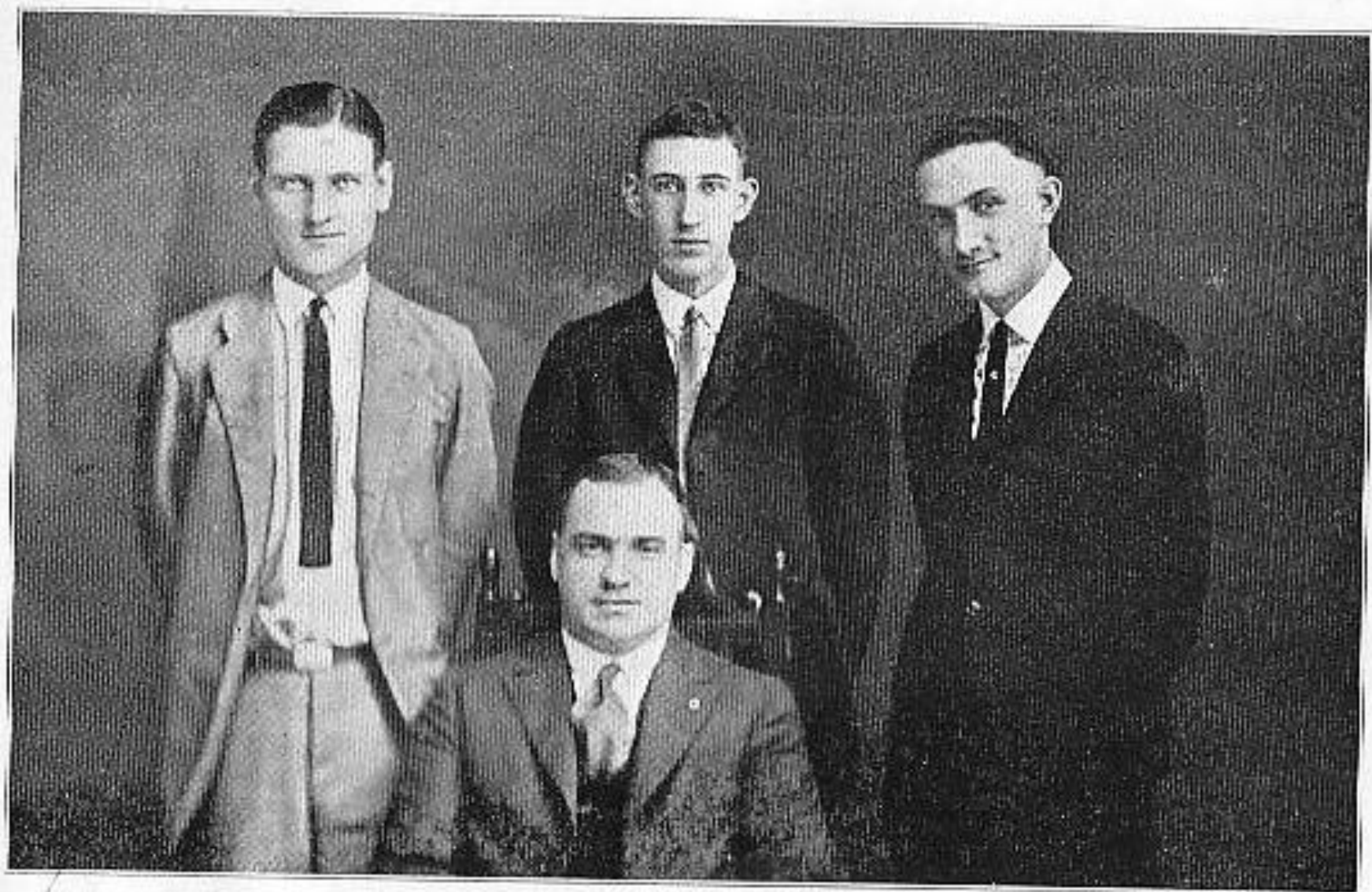
Mrs. Ed. Schuette

Mrs. H. W. Josting
Mrs. Anna Buscher

membership in Salem. Today our Sunday school compares favorably with other schools of Quincy. While the most modern methods are being used, the Evangelical character of our school is being emphasized. The modern tendency of lowering the Sabbath school to the level of the world, of providing entertainment instead of instruction, of substituting worldly matter in lieu of the Word of God, is being antagonized. The Christian festivals, especially Christmas and Easter, are used for no other purpose than that of glorifying Jesus,

and among the teaching force constant efforts are being made to maintain the spirit of humble discipleship. All the faithful workers deserve credit for their unselfish devotion, especially Fred Wes-sels, who bears the title of Honorary Superintendent, and F. Bartelt who, assisted by Aug. Koring, has for many years performed the difficult task of keeping the records and statistics of the school in fine condition. Many of the classes are organized. The Sunday school meets in the big, beautiful basement of Salem church.





OFFICERS OF SALEM BROTHERHOOD, 1923.

L. Weisenborn

Elmer Brinkman

Roy Husman

Charles Becker

CHAPTER III

Social Life Within Salem

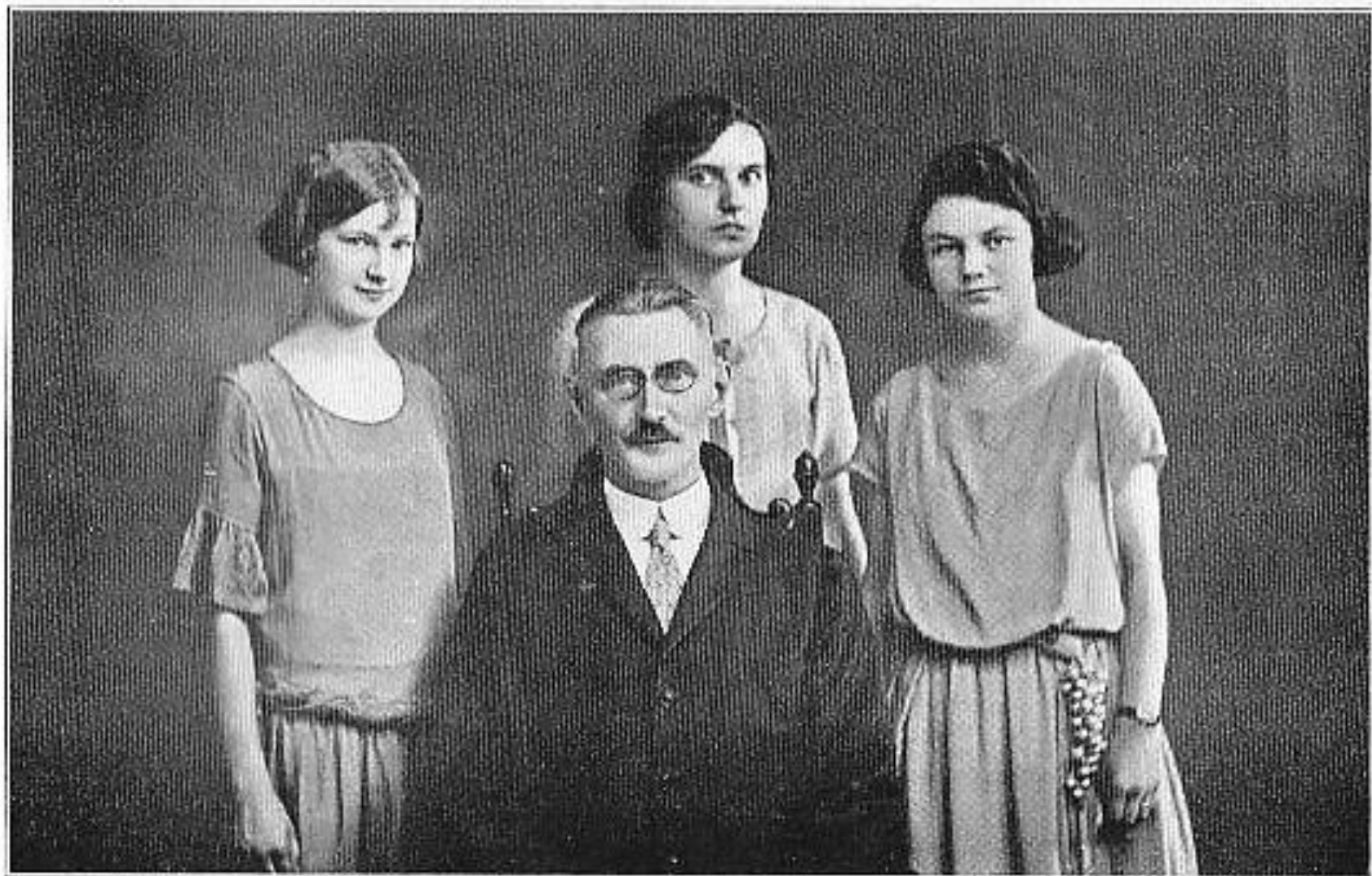
IN the course of the history of Salem, there have been a number of societies, some of which, having completed their tasks or outlived their usefulness, declined and died. Among those who survived we first mention the

Salem Missionary Society, organized in 1847 and consequently a year older than the church itself. Under the auspices of this society great and glorious festivals have been celebrated, Missionary knowledge has been disseminated and large amounts have been forwarded into the Mission field. The Society, of which Mrs. Adele Leemhuis is secretary and Mr. E. Heyl treasurer, serves as a clearing house for the benevolent gifts of the Salem family. Though never great in number, it has always been great in usefulness and service. We hope that in days to come this

Society may grow to become the greatest within Salem.

The **Ladies' Aid Society** was organized by Pastor von Rague on June 19, 1892. Having more than 400 members, it is the largest organization of Christian women in Quincy. Besides contributing towards the support of Synodical institutions, the Ladies' Aid Society has always been active in helping to pay off old debts and supporting new enterprises. Innumerable bazaars, coffees and other social functions have been arranged, and whenever willing workers were needed the Salem Ladies' Aid has furnished them. Through special committees this society visits the sick and comforts the poor. The Salem Sewing Circle which is a part of the Ladies' Aid, meets once every week to work for the Kingdom.

The **Salem Brotherhood** was born on January



OFFICERS OF JUNIOR Y. P. LEAGUE, 1923

Mildred Rosenkoetter

Dorothy Piercy
Rev. H. Leethuis

Marion Spitzer

17, 1911, and has been growing ever since. This organization is actively supporting the church and constantly promoting Christian Fellowship among its members. Many picnics, entertainments, banquets and lectures have been sponsored by the Brotherhood, which has also to its credit many acts of charity. During the World War communication was upheld with the brethren who were in military camps or in the field. At present the opportunities of this society are practically unlimited.

The **Salem Cross and Crown League** is a fruit of Pastor Kramer's endeavor to inspire loyalty among those who were confirmed at the altar of Salem. Consequently all former Confirmands who make Salem their church home are members of this League, which transacts business through the agency of a Council. Annually, on Palm Sunday eve, the Cross and Crown League assembles in great reunion to renew the pledge of faithfulness to Christ and his church. From year to year these Reunion services have assumed a more mag-

nificent form; churches far and near have admired and imitated them, and to the hearts of all Salemites they are exceedingly precious as demonstrations of Evangelical faith and loyalty. The officers of the Council are George Busch and Miss Ruth Euscher. One of the agencies of the League is the Olympic Dramatic Club which has furnished many delightful entertainments.

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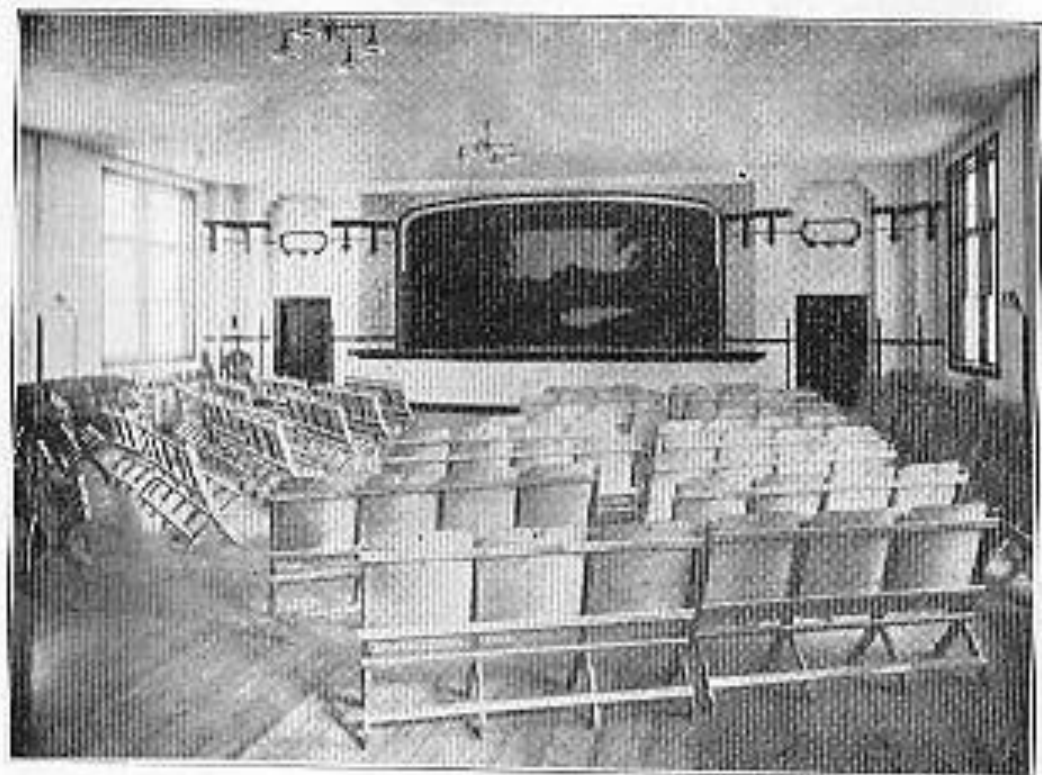
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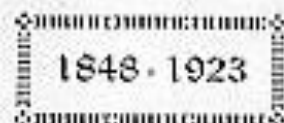
SALEM HALL

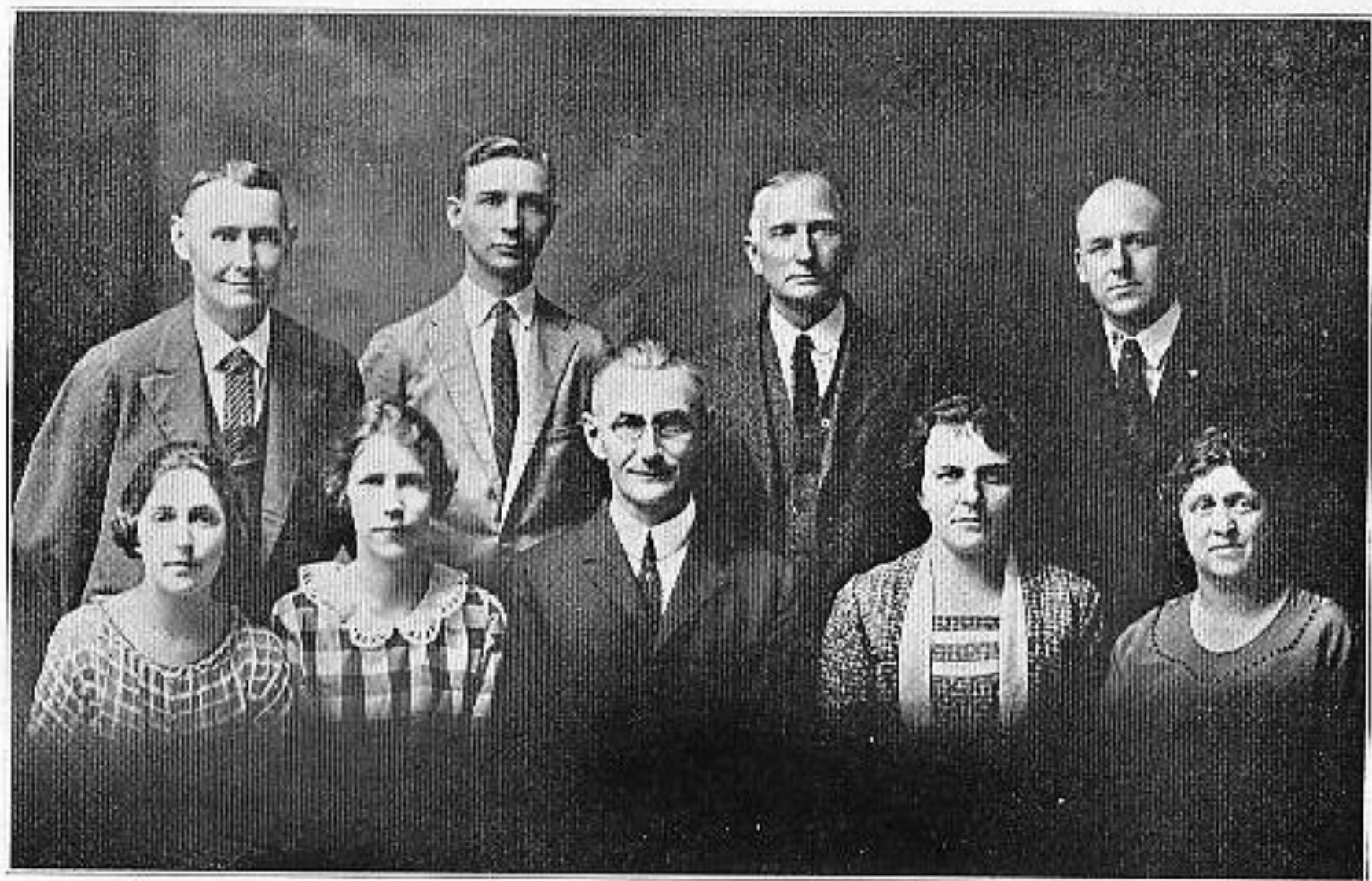
CHAPTER IV

Salem Hall

ALL the societies within Salem have their headquarters in Salem Hall. By making extensive alterations in the old school and building a very large addition to it, this Parish Hall was completed in 1913 at a cost of approximately \$20,000, and dedicated on December 7. The building offers ample room for meetings of all kinds; the big hall will seat 800 people and is equipped with an excellent lighting system and elaborate stage paraphernalia; the kitchen is very

large and well furnished. On the second floor the boys have their pool-room; there is also a cozy flat for the janitor and his family. The basement has room for two bowling alleys, and ample space for the use of the Boy Scouts. The building of this Hall was financed by the societies of Salem who were represented in the Building Committee, and later on this was modified into a Hall Committee which is still managing the affairs of Salem Hall.





SALEM HALL COMMITTEE, 1923

A. Koring	G. Busch	Ed. Schuette	G. Schlueter	
Mrs. G. Busch	Miss Sophie Nalkemper	Rev. H. Leembuis	Mrs. F. Busch	Mrs. A. Orstadius

CHAPTER V

Church Music

THE great organ in Salem Church has three manuals, pedal organ and 2,048 pipes. It is equipped with 33 stops, 12 combination pistons and 12 couplers; the bellows are supplied by an electric blower. Church concerts are very popular in Salem, and occasionally distinguished

artists have been secured. There is also an abundance of local talent to supply vocal and instrumental music for divine worship. The Salem Male Quartette, a mixed double quartet, and the Girl's Glee Club as well as a number of soloists are ever ready to serve the Master in His congregation.

CHAPTER VI

Greenmount Cemetery

ON June 8, 1875, Salem Congregation decided to buy a tract of land on S. 12th Street, just outside the city limits, for the purpose of providing a burial ground. The new cemetery was named Greenmount; it was dedicated on July 23, 1875, and in the same year the sexton's res-

idence was built. Success followed this venture from the beginning, and in 1897 it became necessary to purchase additional ground. For administrative purposes the "Greenmount Cemetery Association" was organized and received its charter on February 23, 1897. In order to perman-



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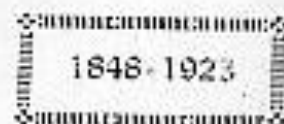


RUDOLPH MEYER, Musical Director and Organist

ently guarantee the interests of Salem, provisions were made that only members of the church may join this Association to which full control of the whole cemetery was granted by the congregation on January 1, 1903. The continuance of Greenmount has been insured for all times by the generosity of the late Herman H. Merten, who conditionally deceded to the Greenmount Cemetery Association in 1912 a small farm adjoining the burial ground. Due to the unselfish work of the Board of Directors, all debts encumbering the cemetery have been liquidated; on Memorial Day, A. D. 1914, new ornamental entrance gates were

dedicated; the roads and avenues are in first class condition and a substantial Perpetual Care Fund has been created. To this latter feature we call special attention, since it will ultimately put the cemetery on an impregnable financial basis. A donation or a bequest of \$100.00 will insure perpetual care for any lot in Greenmount.

Beautiful services are being held in our cemetery annually on Memorial Day, and on Easter Sunday at sunrise. The "Inner Circle," where Pastor Kuhlendoelger's body is resting, has been reserved for pastors of Salem and members of their families.





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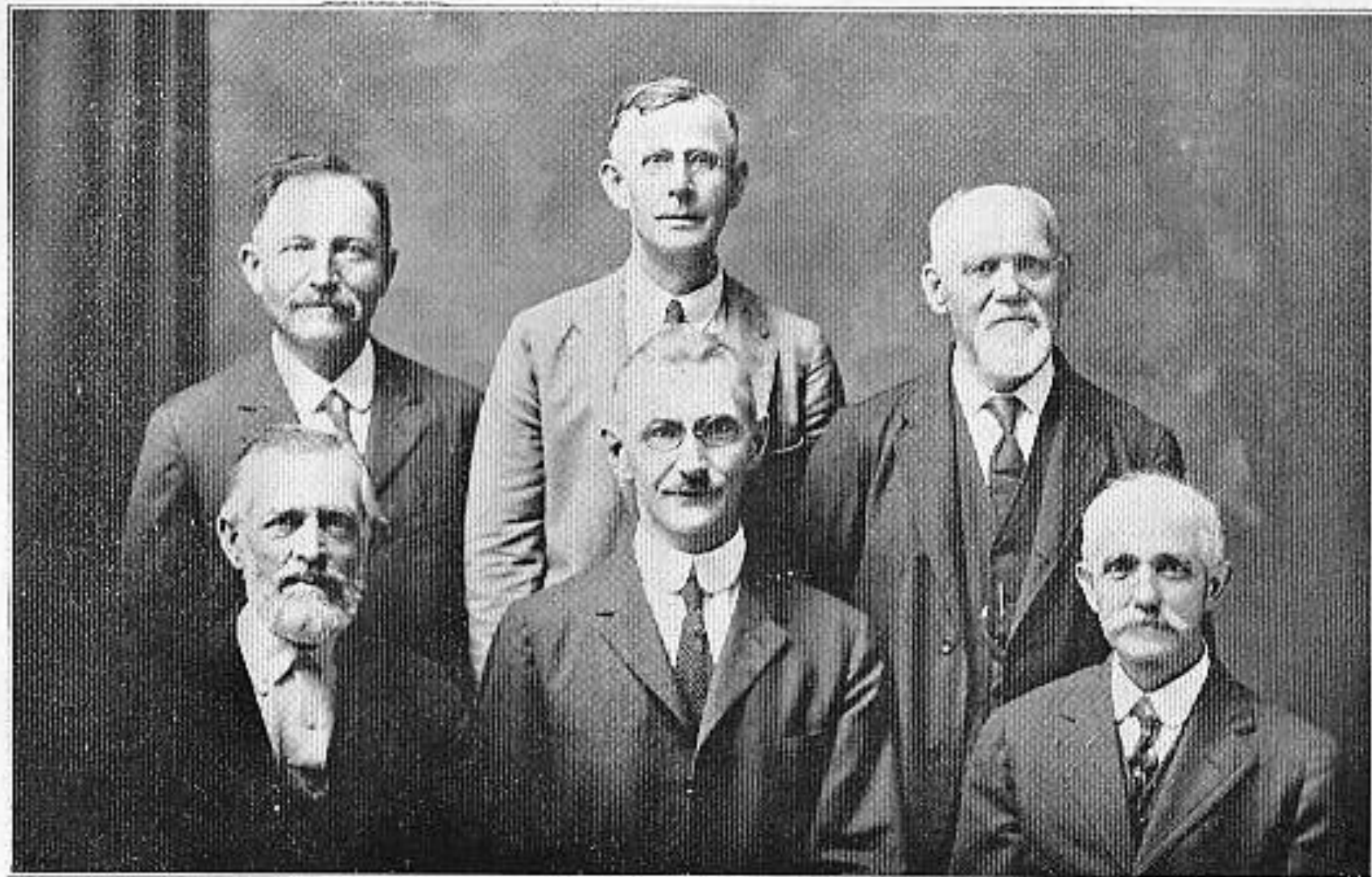
CHAPTER VII

Denominational Affiliation

SALEM has always been connected with the Evangelical Synod of N. America. In 1850 the Conference of that body was held in Salem Church and on that occasion the first graduates of the Theological Seminary were ordained. Having been received into full membership with

the Synod in 1861, the congregation has financially supported the denominational work and served on various boards and committees. At present it is a member of the General Judicial Board. The congregation has entertained the General Conference in 1872, when three Evangelical church bodies united, and also in 1898.

1848-1923



BOARD OF DIRECTORS, GREENMOUNT CEMETERY

G. Lee
F. Penster

Aug. Hasemann
Rev. H. Leenthuis

H. Spilker
F. Brinkoetter

CHAPTER VIII

The Past and the Future

THE history of Salem shows the result of conscientious work, progressive thinking and conservative methods. There have been times of trial and trouble, but divine blessing has rewarded honest efforts throughout these 75 years. Only male communicants actually admitted are counted as voting members; their number at different periods is difficult to establish; the following figures, however, are authentic:

Voting Members in January 1860, 123.
June, 1860, 47.
January, 1877, 216.
March, 1882, 211.
April, 1893, 248.
In 1908 (60th anniversary), 298.

In 1923 (75th anniversary), 418.

A class of new members will be received on Anniversary Sunday.

Salem's family records are complete. During these 75 years 7,445 children have been christened; 3,731 boys and girls have been confirmed; 2,026 couples have been married; 3,615 persons have been buried.

The future prospects of Salem Church are exceedingly bright. As long as the church family remains united, peaceful and firm in the old Evangelical faith, the Lord Jesus will dwell with us, and His presence always means happiness, success and prosperity. Humbly and hopefully we re-dedicate our work to Him.