

Statement.

P. W. Chung Thompson in A/c with Central Pres. Church & School.

St. Louis, January 14 - 1887.

C. L. Thompson Treas

1868

In A/c with Cent. Presbyterian Church  
 To Finding for Cash from former Treasurer 250.40  
 do. " " Collector for 1868 914.06  
 Prescents " " " " 4008.34  
 Contributions 2025.00  
 Surplus Cash

\$ 25486  
 22768 1/2  
 7440  
 410  
 5548  
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Total,

Credits,

Pair Rev Dr. Anderson bal Salary for 1877 825.00  
 " " " " Regular Salary to July 1250.00  
 " " " " bal. from prev Note 1250.00  
 " " " " Contributed 1000.00  
 4,325.00  
 " Other Ministers 375.00  
 " 2 Inters Notes 400.00  
 " Organist 275.00  
 " Sexton 453.15  
 " Organ Blower 47.50  
 " Insurance 120.50  
 " Gas 126.95  
 " Taxes 353.61  
 " Sundry Expenses 113.03  
 To Cash on Hand

\$2,789.74  
 98.55

Dec 31

Cent. Pres. Congregation

Estimate for 1870  
 Pres now renter value 4621.00  
 Exp for those who do not pay 459.00 \$24,112.00  
 Justly from same source 1075.40  
 Deficit for those who don't pay 96.50 978.60  
 Total nets, \$5,140.60

We require

To pay Pastor 4000.00  
 Sexton 500.00  
 Organist 300.00  
 Organ Blower 65.00  
 Fuel 75.00  
 Gas 100.00  
 Insurance 150.00  
 Sundry Expenses 300.00  
 Inters Notes 1000.00 \$6,490.00

Statement.

Benevolent Fund for Year 1891.

Receipts.

Cash from Envelopes	2055 13
Spcl Contribution Thornwall's Orphanage	5 00
" " Education	25 00
Special Contribution State Evangelistic Fund	347 00
" " Colored Church	1058 00
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Disbursements.

Expense	37 45
Mission School	720 00
Education Fund	25 00
Special Education Fund 6 (C.E. Hickock)	250 00
Sustentation Fund	150 00
Church Erection Fund	45 00
Foreign Missions	150 00
Publication Fund	20 00
Presbyterial "	110 00
Invalid "	160 00
Colored Evangelistic Fund	30 00
Mr Call Mission	20 00
Evangelistic Fund	17 15
Deacon's Fund	150 00
City Chaplain's Salary	25 00
Church Sabbath School	100 00
State Evangelistic Fund	372 00
Thornwall Orphanage	5 00
Colored Church	1058 00
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	#3444 60
Balance Cash on hand Dec. 30 <sup>th</sup> 91	#45 53

**Valuable and Central Property  
FOR SALE.**

The trustees of the Central Presbyterian church offer for sale that valuable property situated on the north west corner of Eighth and Locust streets, fronting 97 6-12 feet on Locust, by 114 feet on Eighth street.

This property, fronting as it does on the block opposite the location of the new post-office and United States building, is conceded to be one of the most eligible and centrally located pieces of property in St. Louis, and affords a fine opportunity for investment.

Apply to either of the undersigned:  
 E. H. BATTLE, No. 16 North Second street.  
 S. H. LAFLEIN, No. 218 North Second st.  
 H. P. SHAPLEIGH, No. 414 North Main st.  
 W. E. STORER, No. 314 North Main st.  
 ISAAC M. BRITCH, No. 419 Olive st.  
 Committee of the Board of Trustees.

**H. W. LEEFINGWELL & CO.**

**Missouri Republican Office,**

St. Louis, Dec 4 1874

Thompson Phoenix Ins Co  
**To GEORGE KNAPP & CO., Dr.**

Valuable Property Lines 6 times, \$2100

Received Payment, *Jan 15 1875*  
*George Knapp & Co.*  
 For the Company.

July 14 1874

8th & Locust  
 was used for  
 Church services  
 on Sunday until it  
 was condemned.  
 In the spring of  
 1873, the whole  
 congregation moved  
 to a chapel they  
 had built on the  
 northeast corner of  
 Lucas & Garrison Ave's.  
 Materials in the old  
 church were sold.

Statement Amt received for old  
 materials sold from Central church.  
 cor of 8th & Locust Sts.

**Old Brick.**

Joseph Street	19 AM @ 6 <sup>00</sup>	114 00	✓
Henry Melcher	47 " " "	282 00	✓
Richard Roberts	32 " " "	192 00	✓
Werner	8 " " "	48 00	✓
John Stoddard	5 " " "	30 00	✓
Andrew Pitzer	9 " " "	54 00	✓
B. H. Frank	5 " " 7 <sup>00</sup>	35 00	✓
Geo Wattack	1 " " 6 <sup>00</sup>	6 00	✓
Robt Anderson	28 1/2 " " 6 <sup>00</sup>	171 00	932 00 ✓

**Cut Stone**

Henry Melcher	271 sq. ft @ 25¢	67 75	✓
" "	80 1/2 ft steps @ 30¢	24 15	✓ 91 90

**Rubble Stone.**

73 1/2 Perch to H. Melcher	1 25	91 87	✓
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**Old Iron &c**

Mc Murray Smith & Judge (row)		30 78	✓
found. Cash amt for old			
materials -		26 45	✓
Wm Harris 60 bus coal.		8 12	✓
Paul Barrow 60.. refuse coal		3 50	✓

due 306.00

St. Louis, March 10<sup>th</sup> 1871

Mr. Ephraim G. Obear

The property at Lucas & Garrison was purchased by Ephraim Obear and then sold to the trustees of Central for \$3993.00 to be paid over 3 years.

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\$3993. <sup>13</sup>/<sub>100</sub>.

Saint Louis Mo. June 8<sup>th</sup> 1870.

Three years after date we promise to pay to the order of Ephraim G. Obear Fifty nine hundred Ninety Three <sup>13</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars. Value received, negotiable and payable without defalcation or discount at the Office of E. G. Obear date at the rate of six per cent per ten per cent per annum from

Secured by trust deed

DEED OF TRUST.

Ephraim G. Obear & wife TO

John A. Allen Trustee

Filed July 26 1870

Julien Carré RECORDER.

E. G. OBEAR & CO. REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE,

319 CHESNUT STREET, SAINT LOUIS.

Note D.P. lowland... Balance 4726.54... 3601.024 balc... 30376... 3905.30 to aprie 1/74

Jan 18 73... article for trust order note... Obear's form.

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# OUTREACH

The same congregation that was concerned about its pastor retiring and a crumbling building, did not neglect to support others:

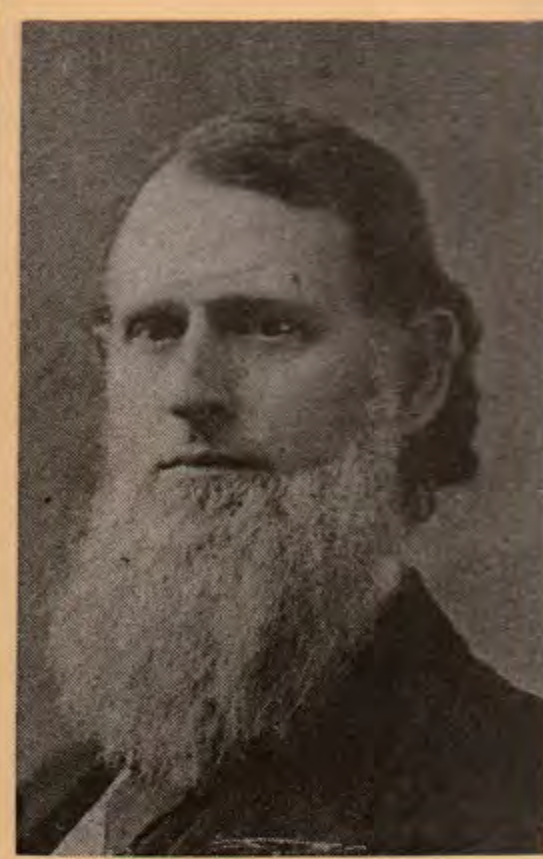
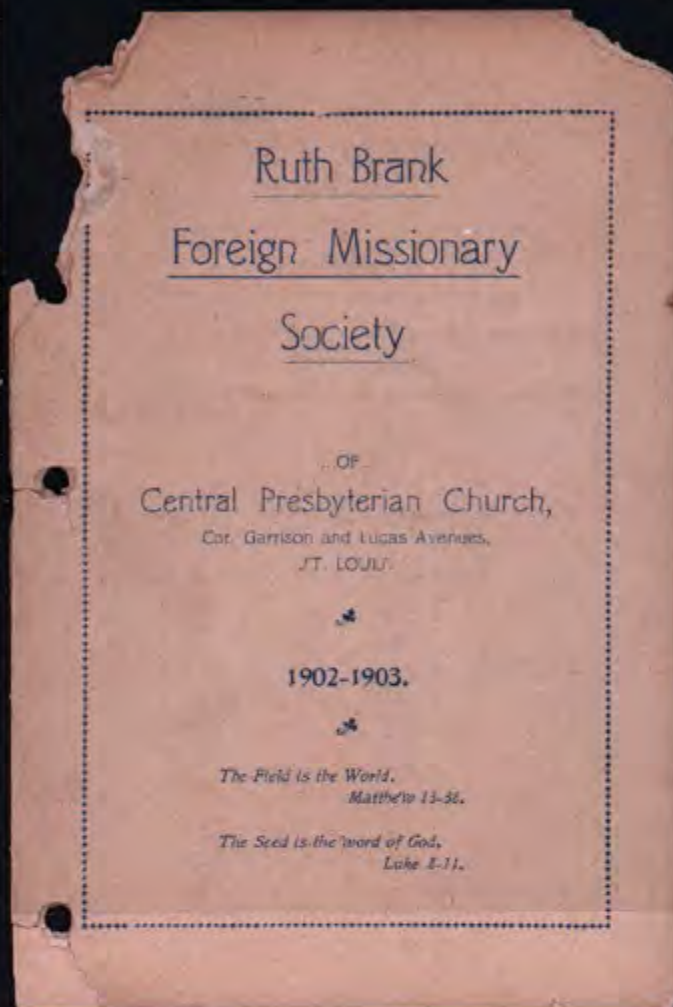
To Southern Presbyterian churches in Memphis, TN, Jackson, Mississippi, New Madrid, MO  
 To Union Seminary, Westminster College, and missions in Brazil.

Received of our son James 19 1/2 of David W. Bishop  
 Treasurer of Session of Central Presbyterian Church St. Louis  
 Twenty five Dollars being an appropriation by said Session  
 to the Presbyterian Church Kentucky Seminary  
 Mrs. W. W. Bishop  
 Mrs. W. W. Bishop

Jackson Mo July 23<sup>rd</sup> 1875  
 David W. Bishop Esq  
 St Louis  
 Dear Sir,  
 Your kind favor  
 of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst, with your check  
 for \$60. in payment of the appropriation  
 of the Central Presb. Church and your  
 own donation for the relief of the Jackson  
 Presb. Church, is very gratefully  
 received. Accept our thanks  
 also for your attention in giving  
 effect to the appropriation of session.  
 Very Respectfully Yours  
 Charles Welling

... went this Spring. It was in-  
 ... with a lady who is  
 a member of Presby. church  
 and in similar circum-  
 stances as myself she gets \$200

Ruth Smith  
Brank, who, as  
Dr. Brank's  
wife, is  
remembered as  
"much more  
than a  
helpmeet."



Dr. Robert G. Brank  
Central Pastor 1869-1895

DISCOURSE AT THE DEDICATION  
OF THE  
NEW CHURCH EDIFICE  
OF THE  
CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
ST. LOUIS, MO.,  
By B. M. PALMER, D.D.,  
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NEW ORLEANS;  
CLARK & HOFELINE, 112 GRAVIER ST.  
1876.

In 1870 Central purchased a lot on the northeast corner of Lucas and Garrison Avenues and built a chapel to accommodate members who "needed Church privileges more convenient." Regular services continued at the downtown location until the building was condemned – constant pounding from the construction of railroad tunnels being dug close to the church cracked the walls and so weakened its foundation that the building was deemed unsafe.

The chapel was moved to an adjacent lot and construction of a new church was begun. It was completed in 1876 at a cost of \$145,000.

Contract to erect new church building at Lucas & Garrison for \$21,941.00.  
April 16, 1875

Below: Survey  
requested by  
Architect.  
Charles K. Ramsay

Contract

This agreement made and entered  
into this sixteenth day of April in the year eighteen  
hundred and seventy five, By and between the Trustees  
of the Central Presbyterian Church parties of the first  
part and L. D. Baker & Co parties of the second  
part, all of the City and County of St. Louis and  
State of Missouri, Witnesseth, that the said  
parties of the second part have entered into an agreement  
with the parties of the first part to erect a new church  
at their own expense and to pay for the same  
and erected and to be erected and to be  
and found and to be found and to be found  
with all the necessary expenses and to be found  
the proper and to be found and to be found  
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the said and to be found and to be found  
and to be found and to be found

Surveyors Office  
118 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
July 10<sup>th</sup> 1874

Charles K. Ramsay Esq.

St. Louis July 10<sup>th</sup> 1874.

Mr Dent G. Tuttle

Please pay the above bill  
and charge to amt to building fund  
Yours Respectfully  
Chas K. Ramsay

C. S. Thompson

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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HISTORY

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OF ST. LOUIS.

JANUARY 1ST, 1883.

ST. LOUIS:  
FARRIS, SMITH & CO., PRINTERS.  
1883.

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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Memorial Record

—OF—

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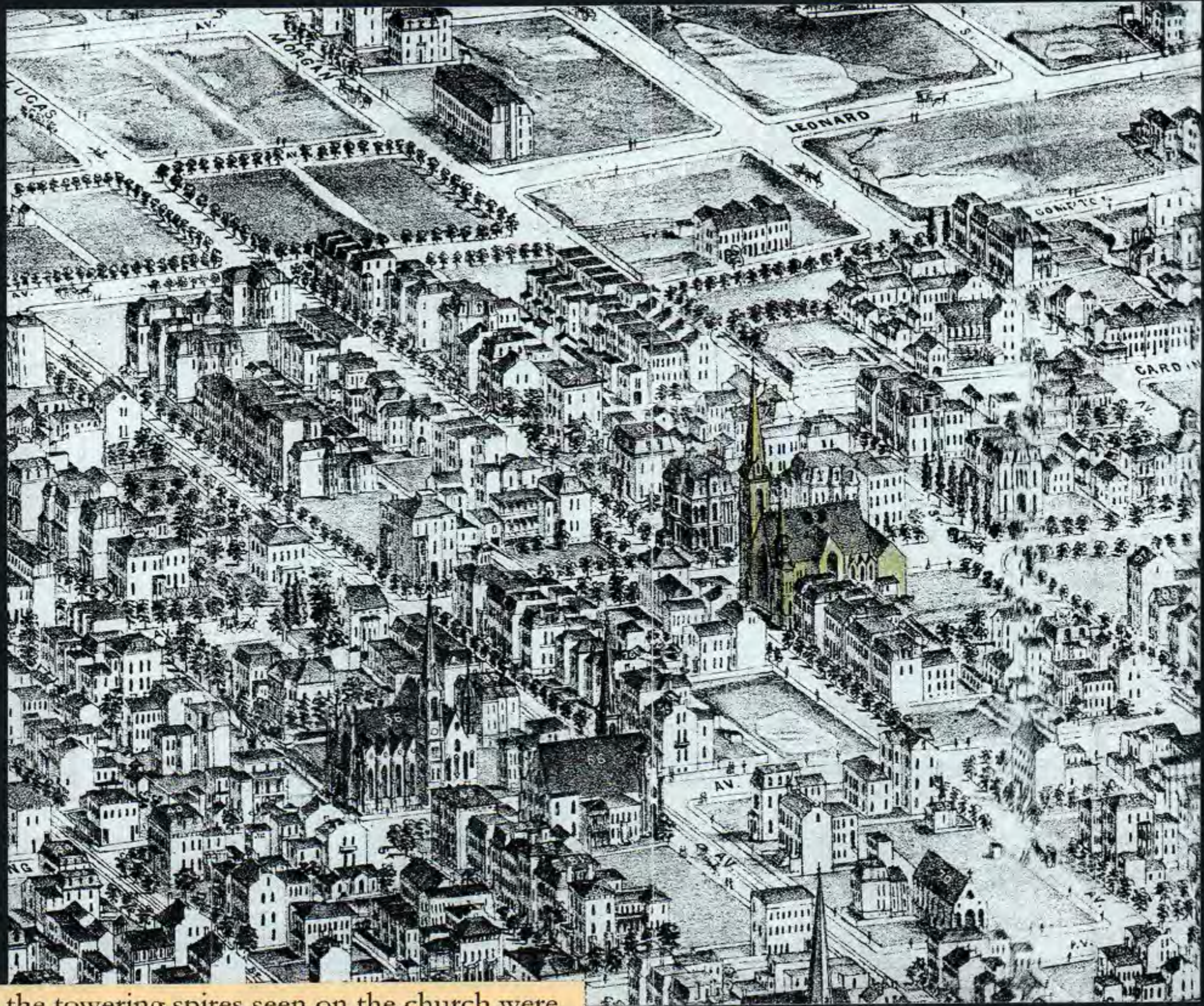
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Mr. J. D. Gibson

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# LUCAS & GARRISON



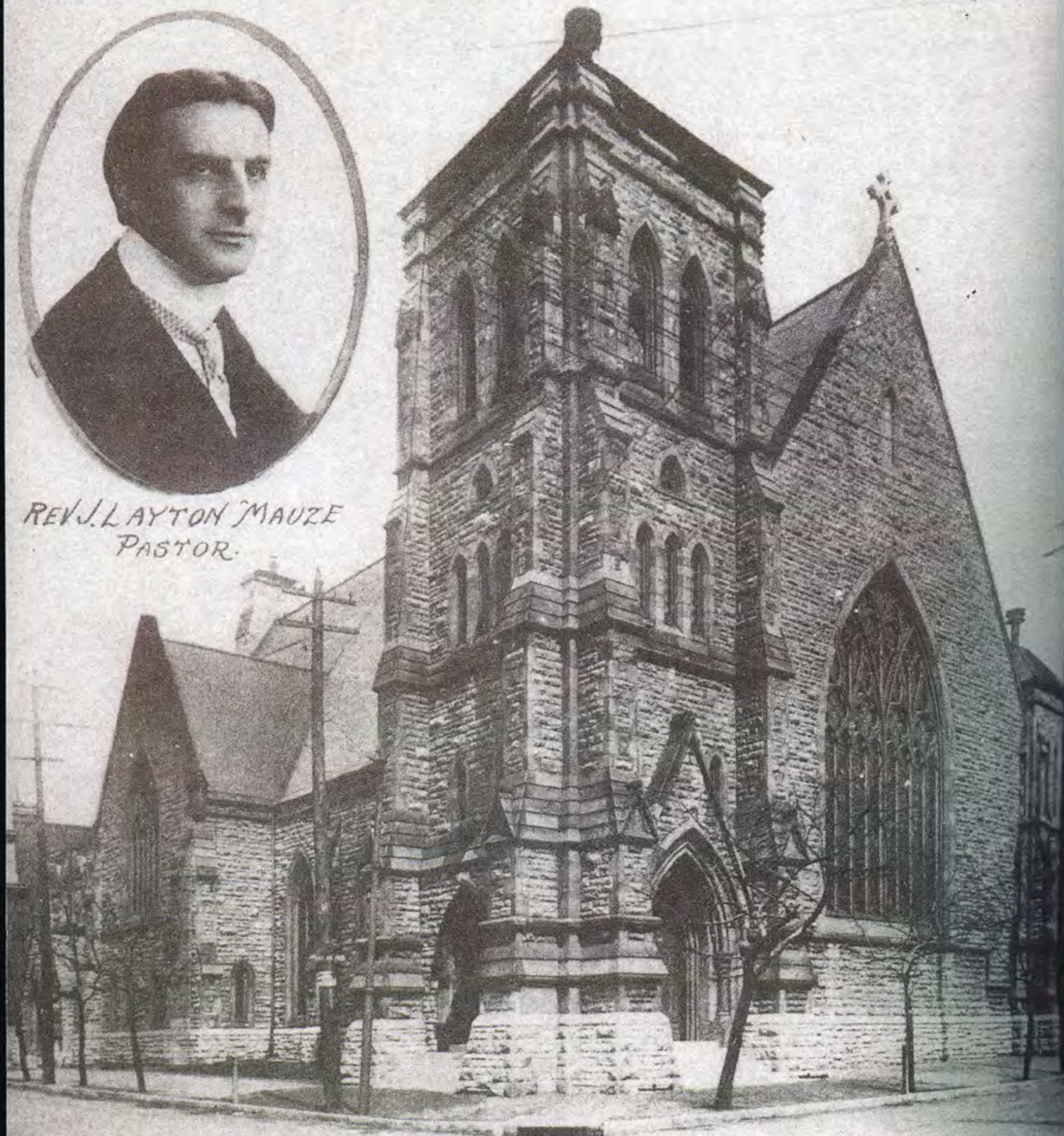
Although the towering spires seen on the church were never built due to lack of funds, they were nevertheless incorporated into this 1875 artist's rendering.

*Pictorial St. Louis, the great metropolis of the Mississippi Valley,*  
Camille N. Dry, 1876.

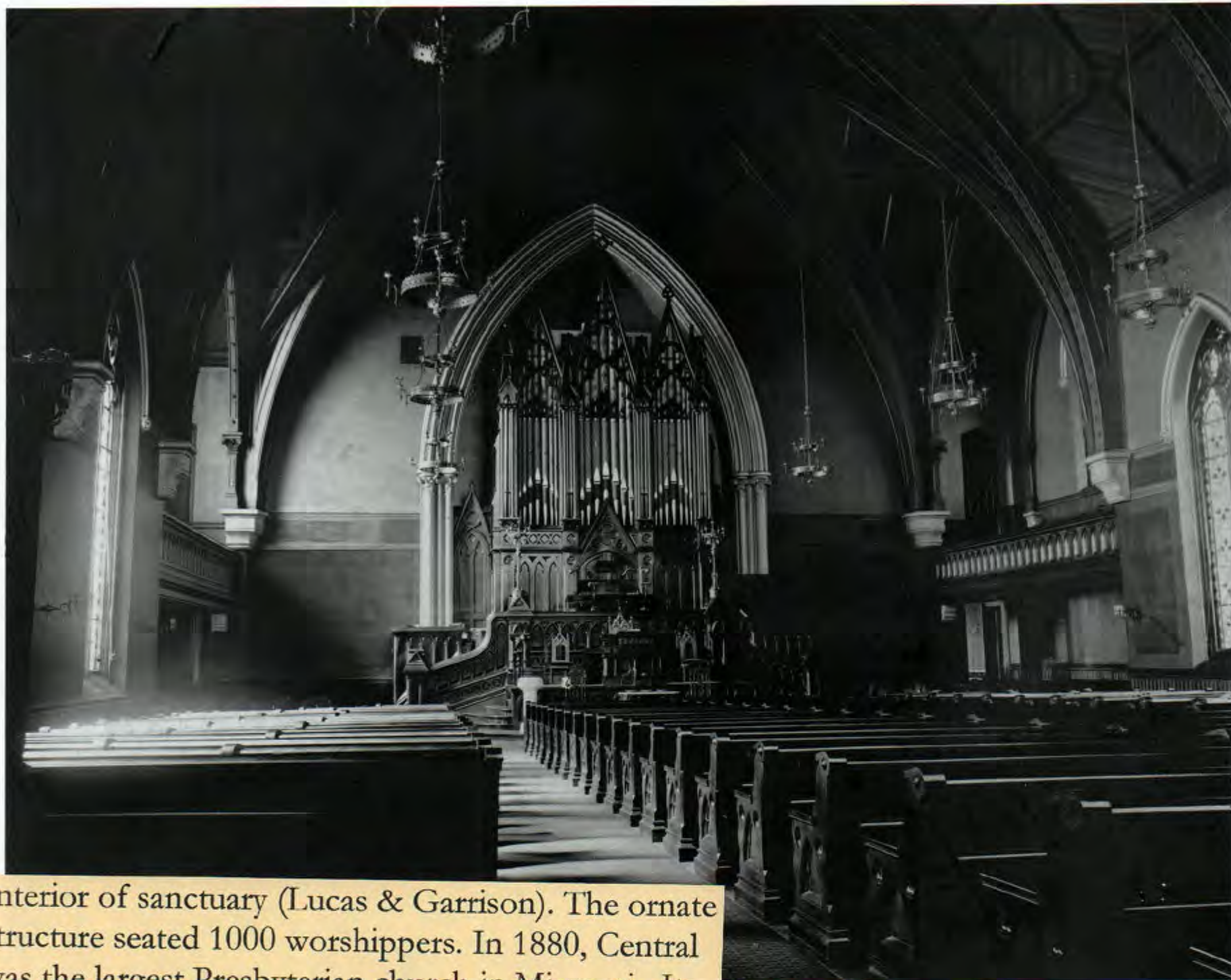
## 1876 ~ 1908



REV. J. LAYTON MAUZE  
PASTOR.



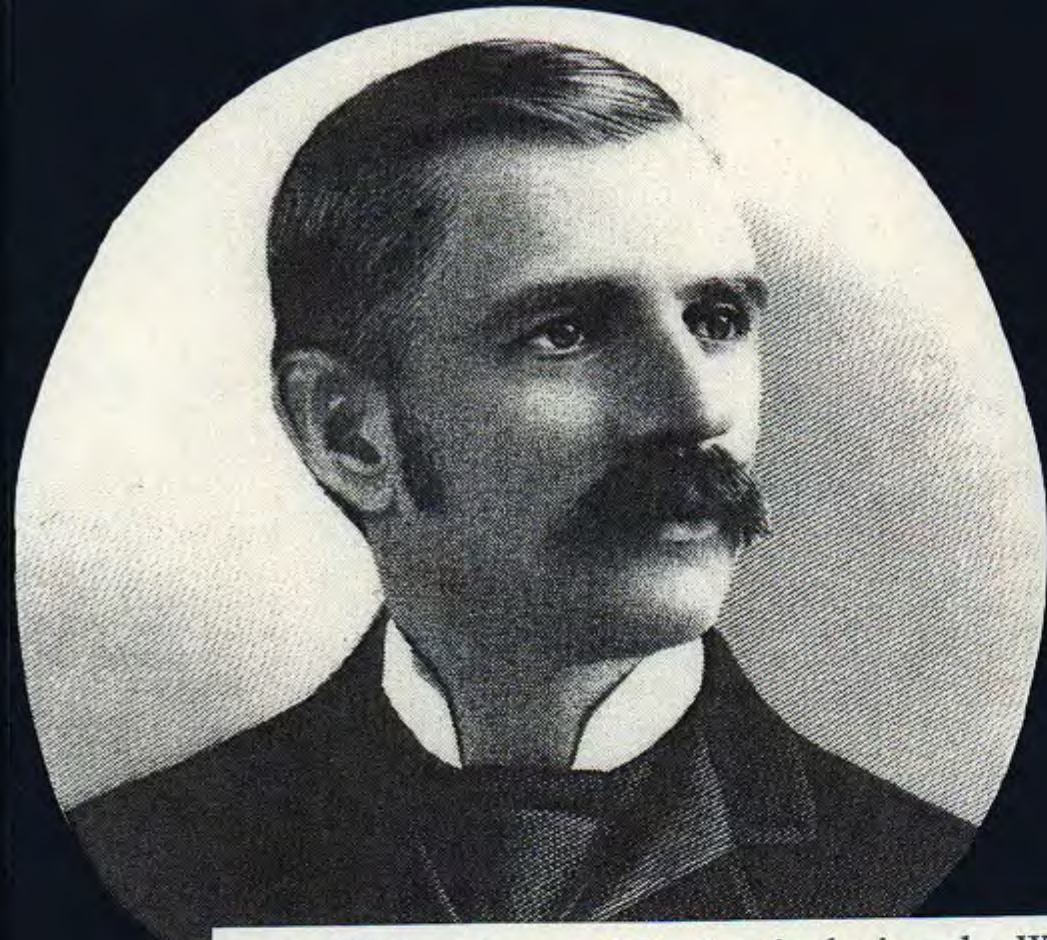
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ST. LOUIS.



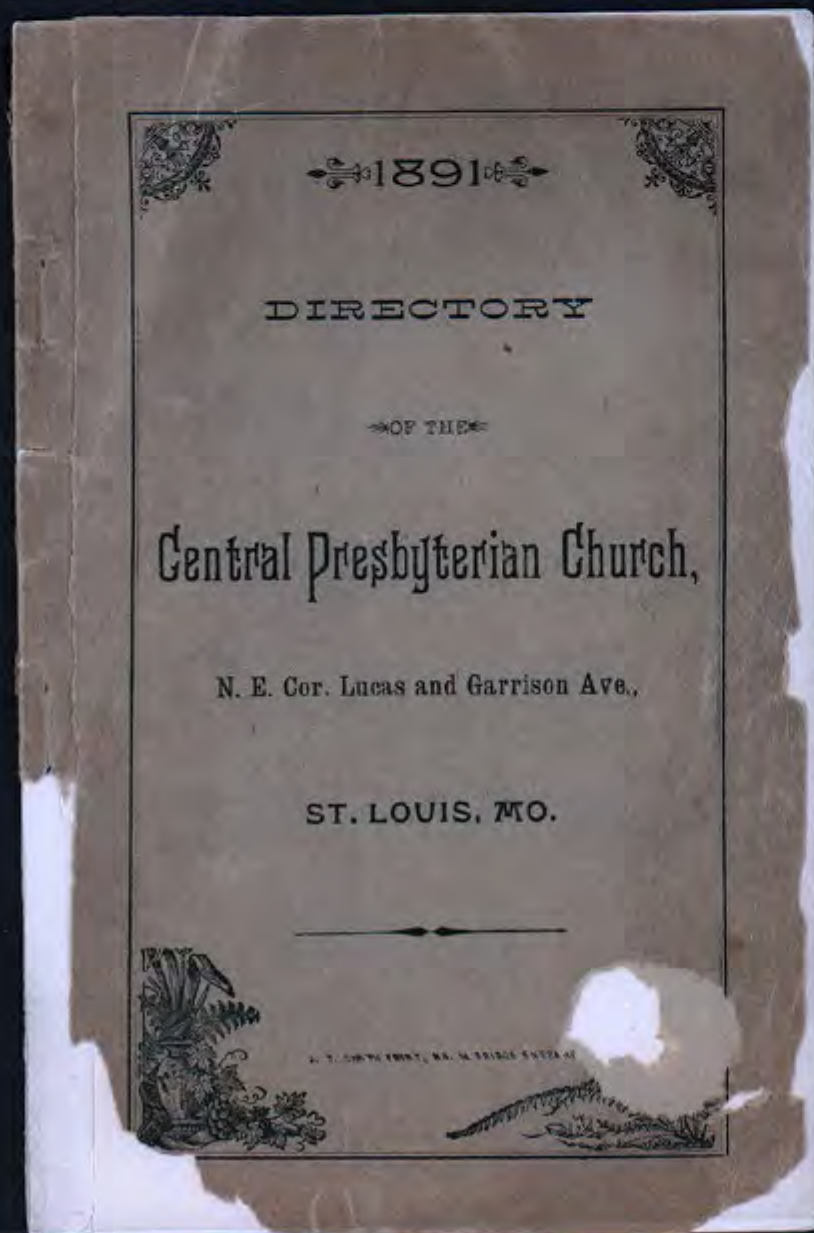
Interior of sanctuary (Lucas & Garrison). The ornate structure seated 1000 worshippers. In 1880, Central was the largest Presbyterian church in Missouri. Its membership, however, did not exceed the pre-Civil War high of 423 until the 1890s.

*It is built in strict accordance with the early English style, with two towers in front... The transepts are each twenty-six feet wide, with ten feet projection. The roof is open timbered, richly decorated with trusses supported by stone corbels... The auditorium is fifty-eight by ninety feet... At the rear is a chapel, with lecture-room, classroom, library, parlors, etc. History of St. Louis City & County from the Earliest Periods to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Representative Men. J. Thomas Scharf, 1883*

*Dr. Joseph Layton Mauzé, pictured left, was Central's sixth pastor, serving from March 2, 1902 until 1917, accepting a call to 1<sup>st</sup> Pres., Huntington, West Virginia. Membership climbed to 745 members and giving tripled. Five sons of the Church entered the ministry, including his son, J. Layton, Jr. who will serve Central from 1949-1970.*



Rolla Wells, Mayor of St. Louis during the World's Fair and a pew holder at Central.



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JAMES S. GARLAND,

Attorney at Law,

SAINT LOUIS.

St. Louis, July 15, 1879

To the Trustees of the  
Central Presbyterian Church,  
Gentlemen,

The undersigned  
members of the Board of Trustees  
of the Church of the Messiah do  
hereby accept, on behalf of said Board  
your offer of this date to sell your  
church property situated on the  
North east corner of Lucas and Garri-  
son avenues in this city, including  
the organ, pews, pew cushions, car-  
pets and other furniture and fix-  
tures belonging to the same, for  
the sum of Seventy thousand  
dollars, payable on passing of  
the title free from all incumbrance.

Nathan Stevens      Hugh M. Kittick  
James S. Garland

Resolved by this Church in  
Annual meet. - Assembly

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Report of Session for the year  
1891.

The session in <sup>submitting</sup> its report  
for the year 1891. would first of all  
make grateful acknowledgements to God  
for his goodness & mercy with which  
he has followed us during another year.  
There has been no special outpouring  
of the spirit, and no marked revival  
of the church. Yet we have not been  
without <sup>constant</sup> evidences of <sup>the divine</sup> his favor, and  
from time to time considerable access-  
ions to the church. The services of  
the church have been continued  
without a break during the entire  
year. The congregations at all our  
meetings. The sabbath morning service  
the weekly prayer meeting <sup>the P.M.</sup> and the  
S.P.S.C. here all been seasonably good.  
The single exception is the sabbath  
evening service: which for us  
good & bad shows but <sup>we</sup> ~~we~~ <sup>will</sup> ~~we~~  
for the purchase of the school church or



A. F. Carr

Archibald Fairly Carr accepted a call as Central's pastor in 1898 but fell ill in September, 1900, and heeded the advice of his physician to move to a warmer climate. He lived to be 90 years old.

The construction of this edifice involved the church so heavily in debt that in the summer of 1879 it found itself in great difficulties. Propositions were made to sell the church and abandon the enterprise, and the pastor [Dr. Brank] rendered his resignation, which was not, however, accepted. Early in 1880, one Sunday morning the pastor made an earnest appeal for aid to the congregation, and the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars was subscribed on the spot, and afterwards punctually paid.

History of St. Louis City & County...Scharf. 18

A financial crisis was averted, but only temporarily. The debt would not be paid for another sixteen years.

This building was dedicated to the Lord many years ago, at a time when it was not ours to give. This gift, while it was made in good faith, was somewhat premature; now that the ownership of the property has been redeemed...and invested in the congregation, it seems to us that this is a suitable time to rededicate it to the Lord, and to offer up our heartfelt thanks to Him for the manifold blessings vouchsafed to his people during the fearful and trying ordeal through they have passed.

Report of the Board of Trustees, January 1897

January 17<sup>th</sup> 1883.  
To the Members & Congregation  
of the Central Parish Church.  
The Board of Trustees regret  
their inability to announce  
any improvements in the  
perennial condition of  
the Church - Whilst our  
Receipts from Pew Rents  
have increased over last  
year our Expenses have  
also increased leaving  
us in no better condition  
than we were a year ago.  
The no. of Pews in the Church  
are 135 - 95 of which  
are occupied at a weekly  
rental from 25<sup>cts</sup> to 4<sup>00</sup>  
producing a revenue of



Edward Mack

Edward Mack came to St. Louis as Dr. Brank's associate in 1893, and stayed on as pastor after Dr. Brank died in 1895. In May of 1897, he accepted a call in Virginia. Always a scholar, he became Chairman of Old Testament at Union Seminary in Richmond, VA.