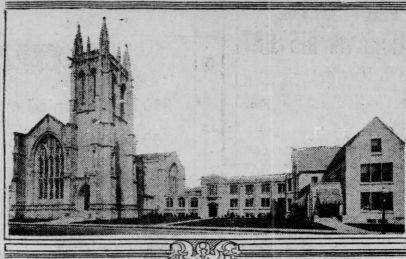


Richardson Memorial Presbyterian Church



RICHARDSON MEMORIAL CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED

Splendid West Philadelphia Structure, Costing \$185,000, Erected Through Will of Lady Kortright in Memory of Parents

Richardson Memorial Presbyterian Church, Sixtieth and Walnut streets, will be dedicated tomorrow. Special services will be held each evening throughout the following week. The pastor, Rev. Oswald G. McDowell, D. D., will preside at the morning service and the dedicatory sermon will be delivered by his brother, Rev. J. O. A. McDowell, D. D., of Danville, Ky. The evening sermon will be preached by Rev. J. W. Corcoran, secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Education.

This group of church buildings, generally conceded to be the handiwork in West Philadelphia, was erected at a cost of more than \$185,000 bequeathed to the late Lady Kortright, of London, England, who was Miss Martha Richardson, of this city, before her marriage to the British Consul at this port. Richardson Church was provided for in her will as a memorial to her parents, who were life-long members of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Fifteenth and Locust streets.

Two Churches United

The present congregation is the result of the consolidation of Geneva Church, Fifty-seventh and Arch streets, and Baldwin Memorial Chapel, Sixtieth and Spruce streets. Rev. McDowell, pastor of the Baldwin Chapel, was made pastor of the new church and the union formally took place in April, 1911, when work was begun on the new church edifice.

Richardson Memorial is notable not only because of its handsome buildings, but because of the beauty of the site, which includes a large plaza between the church and the manse. The buildings include, in addition to the church proper, a Sunday school and a parsonage, all of which are constructed of Indiana limestone. The interior walls of the church are of warm gray tapestry brick, harmonizing with the limestone. The roof is of open timber construction and the glass is painted medallion. The seating capacity of the church is 800. The Sunday school will accommodate 1200 and is equipped with a library and large gymnasium, locker and shower rooms. The manse is a fourteen-room house, with all modern conveniences, including a sleeping porch. All the buildings are heated from a central plant.

Services During Week

On Monday evening the services will be under the auspices of the Philadelphia Presbytery and will be presided over by Rev. Robert C. L. Jarvis, the moderator. Addresses will be made by Revs. Perry S. Allen, C. E. Brownson, Edward S. Bowman, C. E. Dunn, S. H. Doyle, Herbert R. Burgess, William P. Fulton, J. Beveridge Lee, Robert H. Morris and W. Corland Robinson.

The Tuesday evening service will be conducted by neighboring pastors and will be on the order of a pastoral reception. A number of invited friends will attend the service on Wednesday night, and on Thursday an organ recital will be given under the direction of J. S. Haskell, who erected the organ. A church social and rally will be given on Friday night.

Rev. O. G. McDowell, the pastor, is one of the best known preachers of the Presbyterian denomination in this city. He is a native of Western Pennsylvania and shortly after his ordination became a member of the Philadelphia Presbytery. For six years he was pastor of the Oak Lane Church, which was erected during his ministry, and had been at the head of the Baldwin chapel for seven years when it was consolidated with the Geneva Church to form the present congregation.

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