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EDITORIAL NOTE.

On account of lack of funds, the Society has decided to publish only two issues of the *JOURNAL per annum*, instead of four as hitherto, but to increase the size from 48 to 64 pages. The *JOURNAL* will appear in April and October.

JOHN CURREY McKINNEY: 1856-1923.

BY THE REV. JOHN CALHOUN, D.D.

Born in County Antrim, Ireland, on July 22, 1856, he was brought to Philadelphia when nine months old. He was of Covenanter stock, his father, Joseph McKinney, becoming an elder in the Fourth Reformd Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia. And it was the son's connection with that parish as a pupil in the Sunday school that opened the way in life and determined his future career.

We are doubly indebted to the second number, for January, 1923, of *The Keystone Printer* (The Long Publishing Co., Philadelphia) for the following paragraphs which set forth what is apparently an authoritative account of Mr. McKinney's business life, and at the same time afford fuller particulars of the life to which it was so closely related, that of Mr. William H. Scott, later so warm a friend of this Society and at his death Chairman of its Executive Council.

"Some men become printers because of natural inclinations,

NOTE

THE PASSING OF AN OLD CHURCH

BY HARRY PRINGLE FORD

On March 26, 1922, at the ending of a perfect spring day, when the twilight was deepening and shadows were gathering thick and fast in the vaulted spaces of the fine auditorium of the Old West Green Street Presbyterian Church, Dr. William P. Fulton pronounced the benediction which brought to an impressive and sympathetic close the final service held in that time-honored building.

A capacity audience filled the church. Dr. Fulton presided and read for the Scripture lesson the 90th Psalm. Mr. William C. Young, supported by a quartette choir, was at the organ.

A fervent prayer was offered by Dr. E. H. Delk, pastor of the Messiah Lutheran Church, after which Dr. Fulton gave an interesting outline history of the organization. Dr. W. C. Berg, pastor of the nearby Congregational church, spoke sympathetically of his abiding interest in the work. The reminiscent address of Dr. William P. White, who had frequently filled the pulpit, was listened to with profound attention. He had known all the pastors of the church, and spoke intimately of some of the prominent elders. Among the latter were Col. J. Ross Snowden, Capt. W. W. Wallace, long associated with THE PRESBYTERIAN, and Henry W. Lambirth. Dr. White's first wife was a member of this congregation; and the parents of Dr. J. Stuart Dickson, a former secretary of the College Board, were also members here.

Dr. Walter F. McMillin, pastor of the Central-North Broad Street Church, and Dr. Lynn Bowman, pastor of the neighboring Methodist Episcopal Church, spoke happily and encouragingly.

Three children were baptized by Dr. Fulton, and the service appropriately closed with the celebration of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, conducted by Dr. Matthew J. Hyndman and Dr. William P. White.

The final hymn was, "God be with you 'till we meet again," followed by the benediction.

To Dr. William E. Schenck, a widely-known and able secretary of the Board of Publication for many years, is due the honor of seeing the need of a church in this neighborhood. On the 9th of January, 1858, several gentlemen met at his home and discussed the situation. A few days later, a committee appointed to secure a meeting place reported that a vacant storehouse had been rented at the southeast corner of Seventeenth and Mount Vernon Streets. Dr. Alfred Nevin preached to a

large audience in this room on the morning of January 24, 1858, from the text, "Who hath despised the day of small things?" A charter was adopted on January 29, and on January 31 a Sabbath-school, with 76 scholars, was organized. The lot at the northeast corner of Nineteenth and Green Streets was secured; the first ruling elders were elected on March 15, and on March 16 the Presbytery of Philadelphia-Central completed the organization of the church. On April 11, services were held in a primitive tabernacle erected on the lot. On April 18, Dr. Alfred Nevin was installed pastor. Rev. Dr. D. A. Cunningham, George F. Cain, S. A. Mutchmore, D.D., J. W. Bain, Alexander Alison, D.D., W. E. Marden, Lawrence M. Colfelt, D.D., Charles Cameron, Edwin Pigott Simpkin, were other pastors of the church.

The church was originally known as the Alexander Church, and was thus named in honor of the distinguished Archibald Alexander, D.D., the first professor of Princeton Seminary. The name was subsequently changed, by vote of the congregation, to the West Green Street Church. The building was erected at a cost of \$150,000. It was recently sold for \$50,000. The money will be given to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, and will constitute "The West Green Street Church Endowment Fund," which will be used by the Trustees of Presbytery in the relief of spiritual needs in Philadelphia. This church was long regarded as having one of the finest and best equipped buildings in Philadelphia. The building itself was spoken of as being "elegant and fully appointed," a statement which one can readily believe, for even yet it has a quiet dignity and attractiveness which are very impressive. Handsome stained-glass windows beautify the interior; and the pulpit fittings and the choir and organ space give dignity to the surroundings.

Changed and changing conditions in the neighborhood have made it imperative that this once useful field should be abandoned. During the past two years an effort was made by the surrounding churches to carry forward a community work here, but it was not successful; and now, after more than a half century of fine service, the church yields to the inevitable and ceases to exist as an organization. Its memory will long abide in the hearts of those to whom its old associations are dear. Through new channels its usefulness will now continue for the spiritual betterment of humanity.—From *The Presbyterian*, March 30, 1922.