

months. Additions for these three years averaged about fifty per year.

This is a fine church with a stable membership and has one of the brightest futures. Brother Pittman is a conscientious workman, a sound thinker, has a wise head and is a man of faith. His enthusiasm will bear fruit. The former preachers are: J. W. Shepherd, Clatus Anderson, Roy Akers, Elza Hufard, Doyle Earwood, Vestal Chaffin, and A. B. Gunter. Unlike some of the older sections of Detroit, which have a large turnover, Lincoln Park is a most stable community of homes. Almost \$2,000 was spent in mission work and benevolence in 1955. Contributions for 1955 were \$20,000.

Dearborn

7350 Chase Road

The city of Dearborn, with a population of more than 100,000, joins Detroit on the west. In some sectors it is difficult for one to tell whether he is in Detroit or Dearborn because of the uneven boundaries between the two.



L. Arnold Watson

It was on August 4, 1929, that a group of one hundred persons met and determined to begin a congregation in this, the home of Henry Ford and the Ford Motor Company. Of the early members of this group, which included such persons as the Jack Hoovers, the Dan Felskes, the Paul McAllisters, and the L. C.

Derryberrys, only one remains active in the Dearborn Church. She is Sister Renada Perrin, who for years has been a teacher in the Dearborn schools.

Feeling the need for a work in this section, these young people combined their resources and concrete results were not long in becoming evident. In 1930 lots were purchased at the corner of Chase Road and Gould, the site of the present building. In cooperation with the Hamilton congregation, a portable building was secured and placed at the rear of the property. With growing enthusiasm, the temporary structure was soon to become inadequate. Ground was broken for a new basement building on November 13, 1936, when the congregation had only \$1,500 in the treasury. But faith and hard work saw the project, costing \$12,000, completed and ready for occupancy the following August.

Finally, in 1942, the upper part of the building was completed at a cost of about \$45,000, with still another addition of classrooms and office space being completed in 1954 at an additional cost of \$42,500. The Dearborn Church has always been missionary minded. A helping hand was given to Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1930. In the ensuing years, aid was forthcoming to Ypsilanti, Plymouth, Jackson, Wayne, West Dearborn, Monroe, and Adrain. In 1956, this congregation plans to use thirty-two per cent of its total income for missionary and benevolent work.

Some of the best known brethren in the nation have conducted special meetings at Dearborn, while those who have served as local evangelists include: E. Gaston Collins, A. W. Hastings (who did much work in the area before moving to Chicago), T. W. Phillips, H. A. Utley, Robert M. Alexander, the late Paul F. Edwards, and L. Arnold Watson. Brother Watson is now in his sixth year as the minister. Born in Idaho, he was trained at Abilene Christian and George Pepperdine Colleges. Brother Watson is an effective man in the pulpit, a promoter of sound organization, a good student, and probably conducts more evangelistic meetings than anyone now working in the area.

Dearborn's budget has been consistently high through the years. With one of the better buildings, a splendid home for the minister, and with enthusiastic membership, it has been a credit to Detroit and Dearborn for many years.

Strathmoor

14500 Greenfield

The Strathmoor congregation was an outgrowth of Vinewood and other churches in Detroit when several members living in the Northwest section of town decided to begin a work in that area. This was done March 31, 1935. Its leadership went from Vinewood and Lincoln Park, but other members from Hamilton, West-Side Central and Dearborn soon swelled the number. Starting in an abandoned bank building, a hall was next secured in which the group met until 1939. H. H. Adamson, then the beloved minister at Vinewood, encouraged them much in those early years.



Norman Beaman

A lot was bought near a very busy intersection and by volunteer labor a frame building was erected and occupied in 1939 at 14500 Greenfield. In 1945 a preacher's home was bought and in 1949, when J. Harvey Dykes was the active preacher, an \$80,000 sixteen-room educational building was constructed. All church property is now free of debt. Norman H. Beaman has been minister of the church since November 1, 1950. Previous ministers have been John Stewart, O. K. Alexander, A. J. Bachman and J. Harvey Dykes. The church made steady progress through the years they served. There are three elders and seven deacons.

Brother Beaman, who moved to Strathmoor after an effective and growing work at West Dearborn, was educated at Abilene Christian College and a seminary in Chicago. He has preached at Freer, Texas, Rockford, Ill., Bardstown Road, Louisville, Ky., and was at West Dearborn for five years.

Like all beginning groups, at least in this area, Strathmoor has had its struggles, but is now on the way, we believe, to greater things. It is planning to

erect a \$100,000 building where its old structure stood. This frame building has been sold and moved away only recently. The church meets temporarily for worship in the educational wing. It is hoped that construction can proceed apace this year so that within a few months it may enter a new auditorium seating over five hundred. About \$25,000 was contributed in 1955 but a budget of \$35,000 is planned for 1956. It is planning to concentrate upon mission work in the state of Michigan where it is so badly needed.

East-End

Charlevoix at Wayburn

The East-End Church was established May 19, 1935, when a group of brethren from Fairview began conducting services in a hall on East Jefferson Avenue. Gerald E. Montgomery, T. E. Wells and M. F. Binkley were among the leaders. A temporary house of worship was erected later in 1937 which was occupied until October 10, 1948. It was sold and the church met in a hall from then to the end of 1950 at which time its new building at Charlevoix and Wayburn, in Grosse Pointe Park, was completed. Stanley J. A. MacInery was the active preacher at the time. The



W. Weaver

East-End Church has been self-supporting from its very beginning, through the dark days of depression, and has aided in preaching the gospel in mission points, caring for the orphaned, the aged and the poor. It was instrumental in starting the East-Side Central Church.

Outstanding work was done by Charles H. Coleman for six years and later by Stanley J. A. MacInery. L. L. Yeagley, now past eighty and living at the "Home for the Aged," Romeo, was the first regular preacher for the congregation. Some of the strongest preachers of the brotherhood have conducted meetings for this church. Other men who have served as preachers are: Jules Estes, H. C. Green, Thetus Pritchard, Carl G. Smith and Seth E. Wineinger. November, 1952, saw W. B. Weaver begin work with East-End. He is a faithful preacher and a hard worker and a humble Christian. The work has made steady progress since, perhaps doubling its strength.

Northwest

5151 Oakman Boulevard

The Northwest congregation is in one of the best buildings in the area, at 5151 Oakman Boulevard. This is in the Northwest section and the congregation was started in 1940. Most of the members came from West-Side Central. The membership is now three hundred, with a Bible school attendance of two

hundred ten and an average Sunday morning attendance of three hundred seventy. This church is one of the most faithful and active congregations in the area. It has helped greatly in the supervision of the Home for the Aged at Romeo, Mich., thirty-five miles north of Detroit. We are giving here a short history of this home although it is not in Wayne County. Last year, a parking lot was completed costing \$5,000 and an educational unit to include eight rooms is planned. Warren S. Jones, class of '48, David Lipscomb College, has been the minister since December, 1952. The eldership is composed of four brethren, one of the strongest eldership groups in Detroit, and there are eight deacons.



Warren Jones

Former ministers are: J. S. Greer, L. Daniel Harless, and Robert L. Johnson. The church is a sound one with an enthusiastic, zealous point of view, and is located in a fine area. Great things are expected of it. Twenty-five thousand dollars was contributed in 1955 and the budget has been increased in 1956. Brother Jones is a fine song leader and a good preacher, is well liked and is currently working on his Ph.D. degree in Speech at Wayne University.

HOME FOR THE AGED, ROMEO, MICH.

In 1941 a move was started to build a Home for Aged Christians in the area. The project was undertaken by individuals who worked long and hard against great odds. Eventually, the eldership of Northwest was asked to take the oversight and carry it forward to completion. L. C. Utley was selected as Superintendent and at the present time around twenty to thirty aged Christians enjoy the comforts and wholesome companionship of this home. This work, to which approximately \$100,000 has been donated, is a credit to Northwest and Detroit.

Easttown

8903 St. Cyril

Through the efforts of Voris Russell, later an elder of the congregation, the Easttown Church, located at 8903 St. Cyril at Georgia Street, came into being because of wartime restrictions on gasoline and travel. After several moves from temporary quarters, the congregation finally settled in its own property at Van Dyke and Duncan. The same superhighway which destroyed the old West-Side Central building also made it necessary for this congregation to move again. A generous appraisal from the state made it possible for them to purchase and renovate their present building. The first service was held in this building



Millard Loftis, Jr.