Trinity Lutheran—1877 Rev. C. F. Magelssen.
Bethlehem Lutheran—1893 Rev. J. A. Bergh.
Our Saviours—1920 Rev. T. A. Mason.
St. Jude's Catholic—1910 Father J. E. Hanz.
St. Peter's Catholic—1926 Father Martin J. McEvoy.
St. Paul's Catholic—1914 Father A. Giovanoni.
Gridley Congregational—1899 James W. Strong.
West Side Presbyterian—1900.
Seventh Day Adventist—1918 Elder A. F. French.
Central Christian—Bought 1920.
Latter Day Saints—1920.

Y.M.C.A. Started in 1882
The original Y.M.C.A. was started in Beloit in 1882. R. J. Dowd was president, J. B. Peet was vice president and Mr. Willis Lougee was secretary. Their first permanent quarters was upstairs in the Carpenter block, now known as the L. C. Hyde and Brittan building. It was nicely fitted up and had two bathrooms. They remained there several years and then moved to rooms in the Hancock block, corner of State and Broad. Mr. Lougee was succeeded by J. W. Van Beynum, and later Mr. Young acted as secretary for several years. I was treasurer at the time, and the only trouble was there was never any money in the treasury. Finally there was a lapse for want of financial support.

In 1903, the Y was revived. Under J. A. Steiner's administration the present Y.M.C.A. building was built in 1915. Mr. Steiner went to Janesville, and Charles A. Daley was secretary for many years. The present secretary is L. R. Mjanes.
The Y.W.C.A. was organized in 1920. They had rooms down on Broad street for a while; then moved up to their present building in Pleasant street in 1929.

Chapter 21

Everybody is quite familiar with the annals of Beloit college. It was founded in 1846. The original campus comprises about 30 acres of ground and is now very nearly in the center of the city. When I was born there were only three buildings on the campus, Middle College, North College and the chapel building. I can remember the building of Memorial Hall in 1869. This was built as a memorial to the men of Beloit college who lost their lives in the war. There is a tablet on the wall inside the building.

It is a remarkable fact that in the 95 years of its existence there have been only four college presidents, Dr. Chapin, Dr. Eaton, Dr. Brannon and Dr. Maurer. I have known them all personally.

On Saturday, Feb. 28, the people of Beloit were greatly shocked to hear of the sudden death of President Maurer at a hospital in Rochester, Minn., where he had gone for treatment of a minor ailment. The passing of President Maurer will be a great loss to the college and the community as well.

Knew Original Faculty
I also knew three of the original members of the faculty, Professor Emerson, Professor Porter and Professor Blaisdell. I did not know Professor Bushnell or Professor Fiske.

Later came Professor Peter Hendrickson, a good friend of our family, Professor T. C. Chamberlin, who lived on the hill back of the Masonic Temple, Professor Salisbury, E. G. Smith, T. A. Smith, Professor Collie, Professor Wright, Prof. Whitney, Prof. Robert Chapin, Prof. A. W. Burr and Prof. Pearson. All these men I knew.
Then in the next generation came Densmore, Calland, Richardson, Way, Crawford, Schallenberger, Deane, Boutwell, and Ballard. I knew them all. Three have passed away.

Of the present faculty I only know Foster, Suydam, Severson, de Weerdt, Rassweiler, and Conwell. The new members who have come in recent years I have not had the opportunity to meet.

Beloit College is well known throughout the United States and ranks as one of the best of our liberal arts colleges.

It was natural that the idea of a public library should originate at the college. In 1866 a group of our leading citizens at that time met together to talk over the feasibility of starting a public library. These men were T. L. Wright, Professor Joseph Emerson, A. P. Waterman, Joseph Brittan, Professor Blaisdell, C. H. Parker, Dr. H. P. Strong, S. T. Merrill, J. C. Converse. A subscription library was incorporated in January, 1872.

Approve Public Library

The proposition of a city owned free public library was brought to a vote of the people on November 9, 1894 and carried. The first library board was appointed January 7, 1895 and organized January 15, 1895. The members were E. P. Salmon, L. H. Parker, G. B. Ingersoll, R. J. Burdge, E. G. Smith, O. T. Thompson, J. B. Dow, A. F. Ayer, and Simon Smith.

The library was opened on the second floor of the Unity Building on the bridge. The first librarian was Mrs. Nina Northrop. Later librarians were Miss Martha Bell, Miss Nellie Myers and Miss Nellie McAlpin. Only four librarians in 46 years.

In 1902 J. B. Dow opened up correspondence with Andrew Carnegie and obtained a grant of $25,000 to build a library building. A site was selected on West Grand ave. for which the city paid $8,500. A beautiful building was erected. The library has always been well patronized. At the present time there are approximately 35,000 volumes on the shelves.

Praises Lawrence Ousley

In reporting the history of the library, I must not omit to say a word of appreciation for the long and faithful service of our janitor and general custodian, Lawrence Ousley, who has held his present job for 36 years. Always genial and courteous, he has kept the lawns mowed and watered, the shrubbery trimmed, fires burning and everything about the building inside and out in clean, shipshape order. He is a credit to his race, and has innumerable friends who appreciate his services.

I remained on the board from 1895 to 1925, a part of the time as president.

I take this opportunity to pay tribute to a distinguished woman, for many years connected with the college as the Art Hall curator, Mrs. Emerson. Mrs. Emerson's former home was in Evanston, Illinois, and while there, she was a special friend of Mrs. L. B. Clark, my wife's mother, and my wife knew her intimately. Mrs. Emerson called at times at our house, and for quite a number of years had her as our Thanksgiving day guest. We always enjoyed her company.

Plans 'Hall of Fame'

The Beloit Commercial club is an organization of business and professional men, the purpose of which is to promote the best interests of Beloit.

Some years ago, Oscar N. Nelson, the executive secretary of the club, conceived the idea of having oil paintings made of some of the former leading citizens who have passed away. He proposed to call this group—"Builders of Beloit."

There are now 27 portraits in this gallery. It is planned at some future time to have these portraits hung in a civic "Hall of Fame" for the benefit of coming generations.

Chapter 22

In every city or community there are always some men who by their force of character or their superior abilities attain a more or less commanding position of leadership. Beloit in its history has

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