Sixty Years of Perry Congregation

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Furthermore, the congregation subscribed $2,500.00 in the spring of 1915, to the United Church Jubilee Fund.

In all these matters the congregation has shown much generosity, and a lively interest in the well being of the church and its institutions at home and abroad, as these accounts go to show. The record of it, we hope, will serve to imbue the coming generation and its children with love for the church of their ancestors, with interest in all things that pertain to its mission, and with the spirit of sacrifice, which also is the true spirit of Christian love.

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CHAPTER XXIII.

Perry Church Choir.

![Perry Church Choir](image)

We are pleased to be able to present above, a picture of the choir of Perry Congregation. When we reflect on the importance of music, instrumental and vocal in our public worship we are glad to see still in the choir persons who have been members for twenty years, as well as the members of the junior choir, which was organized by Miss Christine Goli in the spring of 1915. The choir received special help and encouragement from Rev. Höverstad, who also acted as instructor when he was here. For the last five years Mr. Edward Goli

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has ably filled that position

Perry Kvindeforening.

Perry Congregation has within its area five missionary societies.

The Perry Kvindeforening, sometimes called “Den Store Forening,” was organized at the parsonage by Mrs. Rev. Isberg on August 29th, 1883, and has had regular meetings from twelve to sixteen times each year ever since. Receipts of last year amounted to $141.55. Since its organization $3,609.43. Besides this it has sent a boxful of gifts and clothing to Homme’s orphan home every fall. All the money goes to missions, except when otherwise agreed on at the meetings.

Presidents: Mrs. H. Kellesvig, 1914; Mrs. Andren Moen, 1915.

Barber Kvindeforening.

It must not be inferred that the members of this society are “Barbarians.” Some men have lived with them all their lives and have fared well in all respects. The name is taken from the ex-postoffice which “Uncle Sam” supplied the neighborhood with mail for more than thirty years. The first meeting of the society was held at Mrs. A. E. Arneson’s in the first part of 1886. They have had regular meetings ever since.

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The average yearly receipts are about $80.00 which amount is sent to missions and charity as the membership may decide at their meetings.

Mrs. C. O. Ruste, president; Mrs. Anton Knudson secretary; Mrs. Olin Ruste, treasurer.

Daleyville Mission Forening.

The above named society was organized at the home of Mrs. Jensvold in 1892. Mrs. Guro Dalby was its first president. The name it went by at that time was “Coffee Party.” We have never heard of Rev. Höverstad objecting to “coffee” in its place, but he must have the credit for changing the name of this organization. This society keeps a missionary in Madagascar; it has done much work for Homme’s orphan home, as well as extended benevolence in other places. The receipts for last year amounted to $89.00.

Presidents, Mrs. Ole J. Dalby, 1914; Mrs. Thore Grundahl, 1915.
Clay-Hill Mission Forening.

These auxiliary societies are in all instances formed merely for the convenience of the neighborhoods as distances would be too great and the crowds would be too large to be entertained at the same time in any one home. Clay Hill had its first meeting at the home of Mrs. Anne Chestelson, who was also the first president of the society, in March, 1895. The receipts of the first year amounted to $13.00, but the interest and membership has increased so that there are now fifteen members and the yearly receipts amount to $50.00 which is sent to the missions and different branches of church work.

Mrs. C. O. Ankaltrud, president.

Homme’s Mission Forening.

The latest missionary organization among us is the Homme’s. It was organized as a “Coffee Party” in the fall of 1900 at the home of Mrs. Tosten Retrum, who also became its first president. Here also Rev. Höverstad was instrumental in providing a more fitting name for the organization. Like all the others it has meetings at the homes of the members once in every three or four weeks.
The collections from Homme's last year amounted to $92.67 and since its organization its receipts have amounted to $1,146.67. All of which is used for missions and charity.

Mrs. Knudt Kleppe, president.

The Perry Pigeforening.

"The pride of our present, the hope of our future." This society is composed of the confirmed young ladies of the congregation and was organized at the parsonage March 24th, 1900 by Rev. Voldal. They meet every third Saturday afternoon at the home of one of its members and render a program; refreshments are served and a collection is taken. A number of sales and bazaars have also been held. The receipts have amounted to $2,500.00 which total has been used to maintain a teacher, "goaa," in the mission fields of China, and the balance has been given to support the missions and other church activities.

Lillie Ronnold, president; Christine V. Brue, secretary.
The Little Helpers.

An organization for young girls living near Daleyville. Held its first meeting at the home of Miss Anne Jelle October 7th, 1905. Besides creating an interest in missions it provides a good social time, and able instruction in domestic art and in Christian literature and singing. Total collections have amounted to $357.32, which has been given to Homme’s orphan home and other noble causes.

This society has presented the church with two beautiful candlesticks.
President, Lulu Paulson; vice President, Agnes Sanders; secretary, Rose Magnusson; treasurer Beulah Goli.

The Mission Band.

This society for little boys was organized by Mrs. Amanda Goli in 1905. The boys have worked mostly for foreign missions but have also sent donations to the orphans’ home at Wittenberg, Wis., and the hospital missions in Minneapolis, Minn. The society has also presented two beautiful collection plates to our church.
Issac Grinder, president; Archie Paulson, secretary; Walter Paulson, treasurer.

The Young People’s Luther League.

This branch of the church work was organized by Rev. Höverstad on February 26th, 1905, for a purpose which is quite plainly set forth in Article 2 of its constitution.

“The object of this league shall be the improvement of its members, morally, socially, intellectually and spiritually, and to render to the church such aid as may be in its power.

The society will seek to accomplish this by the use of God word and prayer, by speeches, declamations, lectures, reading, song, music, and other proper means. Also by a conscientious fulfilling of duties imposed, and a Christian behavior towards each other.”

The pastor of the church is president of the society ex-officio. The meetings are held in the church every other Sunday evening, and are conducted in English.

While this society is not intended as a money gathering organization, the “nickle-a-month” levy for its members was a great help in procuring our magnificent pipe organ which has just been installed in the church.

The officers serving for the first half of 1915 are as follows: President, Wm. Grimstad; secretary, Lillie Ronold; treasurer, P. P. Syftestad; librarians, Edna Goli and Ruth Daley; organist, Christine Goli.