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DRUID HILLS METHODIST CHURCH

History and Growth

The history of Druid Hills Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of Atlanta, shows that truth is more wonderful than fiction.

In 1904 a few far-seeing Methodists of Atlanta determined to plant a mission in the woods far north of Atlanta as Atlanta then was. It was located at the then end of Highland avenue and named "Copenhill" from the territory surrounding it. It was first attached to Grace church, and the minutes of 1904 record the first appointment as: Grace and Copenhill, J. S. Jenkins.

The mission lagged and the minutes of 1905 show no reference to it in the appointments. At the Annual Conferences of 1906 and 1907 it was attached to Inman Park Church, the appointments for those years being: Inman Park and Copenhill, H. B. Mays.

At the 1908 Annual Conference it was attached to First church, the appointment being: First church and Copenhill, J. S. French. At the end of the conference year 1909 the mission had only 25 members.

But the great Druid Hills residential development was beginning to get under way and the future looked promising. At the Annual Conference of 1909 it was made a separate mission appoint-

ment under the name of "Druid Hills," with its pastor to be supplied.

Rev. E. G. Mackey, a student of Emory College at Oxford, was appointed pastor during 1910, and came up to Atlanta week-ends to preach and minister to his little flock. The first report of Druid Hills church to the Annual Conference of 1910 showed 115 members, a gain of 90 over the preceding year, and an enrollment of 12 officers and teachers and 140 pupils in the Sunday school. The church paid its college boy pastor a salary of \$300.00 for the time served by him and raised for all purposes that year \$488.79.

Fourteen years later the report to the Annual Conference of 1924 showed 1,549 members, 102 officers and teachers in the Sunday school, a total enrollment in the Sunday school of 1,519, and a total of \$76,325.00 raised for all purposes.

Location and Plant

In 1911 the location on Highland avenue was abandoned and a new location secured at the northeast corner of Seminole and Blue Ridge avenues, extending north on Seminole 181.5 feet and east on Blue Ridge 227 feet. Upon the corner the present church building was erected in 1912 during the pastorate of Dr. S. E. Wasson. In 1924 there was erected on Seminole north of the church building at a cost of approximately \$110,000.00 the first unit of a modern and efficient Sunday school plant. The school now has a capacity of 1,500 and the additional unit to be built will increase the capacity to 2,500. The present plant is practically full already, and the new unit of the Sunday school plant and a new church building with auditorium and other facilities adequate for the needs of a great congregation are even now pressing needs.



DR. J. W. QUILLIAN, Pastor

Pastors of the Church

Druid Hills church has been very fortunate in the type of men who have served it as pastors. These pastors with the years of their service have been as follows:

- 1910, 1911, Rev. E. G. Mackey.
- 1912, Dr. S. E. Wasson.
- 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, Rev. Henry B. Mays.
- 1917, Dr. Fletcher Walton.
- 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, Rev. Wallace Rogers.
- 1922, 1923, 1924, Rev. A. M. Pierce.
- 1925, Dr. J. Wiley Quillian.

The Ministry of the Church

- Bishop in charge, U. V. W. Darlington, Huntington, W. V.
- Presiding Elder, Dr. W. L. Pierce.
- Pastor, Dr. J. Wiley Quillian.
- Missionaries: Miss Ella M. Hanawalt, Gilling College, Nanking, China; Miss Louise Ballard, McTyeire School, Shanghai, China; Miss Margaret Pilley, China; Mr. R. T. Henry, Kong Hong Institutional Church, Huchow, China.

Chairman Board of Trustees, W. D. Thomson.

Officers of the Board of Stewards: Judge John S. Candler, chairman; Arthur I. Brooke, vice chairman; M. L. Holmes, treasurer; C. B. Cauthen, secretary.

Church secretary, Miss Mildred Coleman.

Church treasurer, Mr. M. L. Holmes; Sunday school superintendent, W. D. Thomson, who is assisted by an efficient staff of departmental superintendents; Sunday school secretary, George West; Assistant secretary and treasurer, E. D. Levy; President of the Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. W. A. Al-

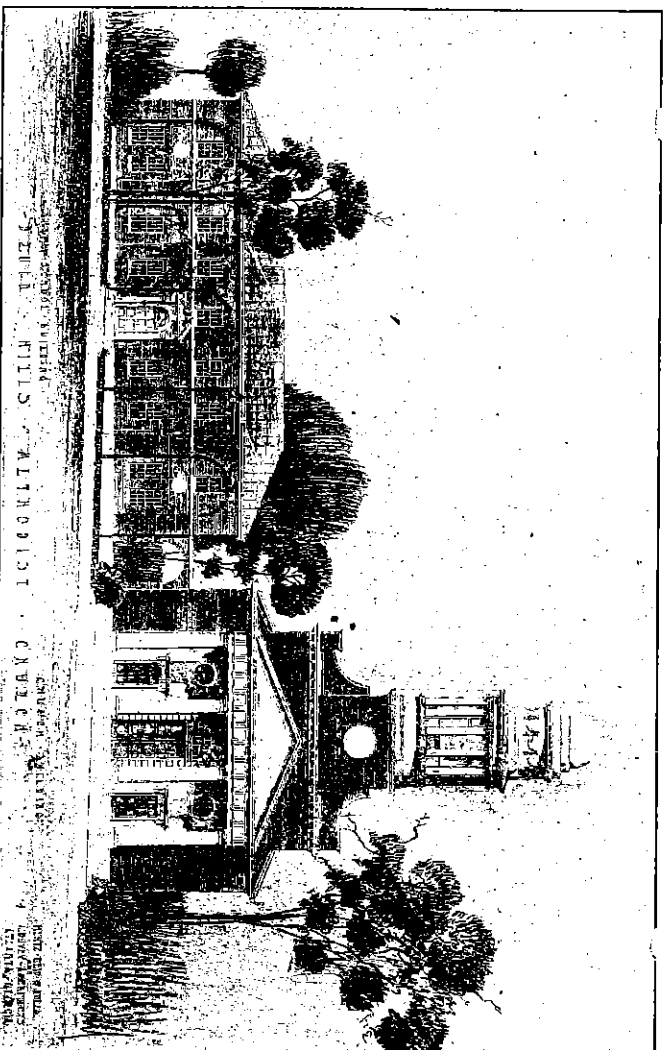
The Church Moves Forward

Under the able leadership of Dr. Quillian, Druid Hills church has enjoyed a steady growth during 1925. The present membership of the church is over 1,800.

It is the unanimous opinion of the Sunday school staff that in William D. Thomson they have the best and the best loved Sunday school superintendent to be found anywhere, and the new Sunday School plant is already a joy and an inspiration. The efficient and loyal work of the entire staff of officers and teachers has built up the school to where it is, with one exception only, the largest Sunday school in Atlanta. The average actual attendance each Sunday for the year 1925 to date has been 983.

In the Woman's Missionary Society and the Epworth League Druid Hills Church has two outstanding organizations that are doing wonderful work in every way. Work with the Boy Scouts and the girls' organizations is featured. The new plant contains a gymnasium in which regular instruction is being given to classes by a capable instructor. The connectional interests of the general church are carefully looked after. During the summer of 1925 a Vacation Bible school was conducted with great success. The social side of life is featured by the several organizations in their work.

Druid Hills is a friendly church, and the newcomer to our community and the stranger in our midst alike will find outstretched hands and warm hearts to welcome them as they come.



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