

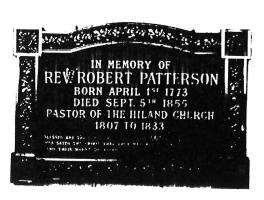
# THE HILAND PRESBYTERIAN CONGREGATION OF ROSS TOWNSHIP

celebrating its

150TH ANNIVERSARY 1800 - 1950



Perrysville, Pennsylvania September, 1950



To the men and women, living and dead, whose sacrificial vision and courage have made Hiland Church a citadel of the Faith for one hundred and fifty years, we dedicate this book.

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# FOREWORD

The task of leading a people in the proper celebration of a Christian Jubilee is a formidable one. The Committee at Hiland, fully conscious of its grave responsibilities, has expended many prayerful hours in preparation for this Anniversary. It has attempted to act during the months of planning with one eye upon the richness of our spiritual heritage through 150 years, and the other upon a strengthening of the generations to follow. It is our earnest hope that this small volume of historical matter and all of the varied commemorative services during 1950 will have a single effect. . . the reassurance to every member of the power of the living Christ in God's Kingdom Purpose at old Hiland Church.

We have devoted the entire year to a series of celebrations which began with a Watch-Night Service on the eve of January 1st. And in order that we might insist upon a creative use of our remembrance of things past, we embarked at once upon a crusade for a new Educational and Activities Building which should signalize our faith in the glorious future of the Church. Once success was assured in this great effort, we were ready to celebrate honorably the long life of our Church with a just pride. Nor did we propose to act only for ourselves. We saw to it that gifts to Christian Missions and Christian Education at home and abroad were increased proportionately.

There are many persons to whom we are grateful for assistance but we take this opportunity to express our deepest appreciation to Mrs. John H. Louthan for her great labor and devotion in the preparation of our history, The Story of Hiland. She has performed a difficult task to our complete satisfaction.

The months have passed. They have been glorious months of hard labor. And now we enter upon the season of greatest celebration. It is our earnest prayer that the work which we have done will elicit a joyous response from the heart of every member; and that each may receive through our work that blessing which he most needs at the hands of our Father in Heaven.



Harry William Pedicord, Ph. D., D. D.

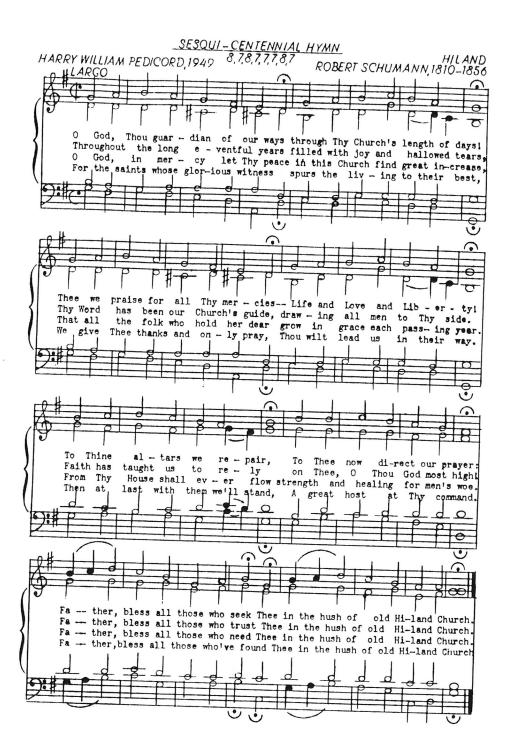
# HILAND'S JUBILEE

On the occasion of our 150th Anniversary, it is my high privilege to extend a most cordial greeting to the members of the Hiland Presbyterian Congregation of Ross Township and to the many friends who have our old Church continually in their thoughts and prayers. For a century and a half Hiland has stood upon her beautiful hilltop as a beacon light shining forth the glory of the Eternal Christ and His Gospel of a Redeemed Mankind. Today we give thanks to Almighty God for such a glorious heritage of faith and good works which has come down the years to us.

Those whose efforts have made our Jubilee possible were strengthened by the holiest of thoughts . . . the Communion of the Saints. One cannot read the brief Story of Hiland included in the following pages without a consciousness of the great Cloud of Witnesses with which Hilanders are continually surrounded. But as we celebrate the courage and faith of our forefathers we ought also to be reminded of our duty to be critical. Even as we praise, let us acknowledge too the mistakes of the past . . . and so profit by them that we gain new insights into future tasks. Only so shall we grow strong.

As we pass through these festal days, let us give ourselves with eagerness and a full devotion to the unfinished task of friendship, bringing Bride and Bridegroom together even unto the ends of the earth, and of advancing the work of Christ's Kingdom in our hearts and in our land. So shall the Spirit Himself bear witness with our spirits, that "we are children of God."

Harry William Edicord



# PREFACE

The Story of Hiland extends beyond the years marked by the Sesqui-Centennial celebration of our Church. In the old Churchyard rest the remains of men and women who antedate or were the contemporaries of George Washington. Their history is also of more than mere local interest, for they were among the first public officials of the City of Pittsburgh and of Allegheny County. No attempt at a complete account is intended in the following pages. Space permits our recording only the highlights of this history as they have contributed to the glory of the Kingdom of God at Hiland. The full story still awaits the hand of the trained historian.

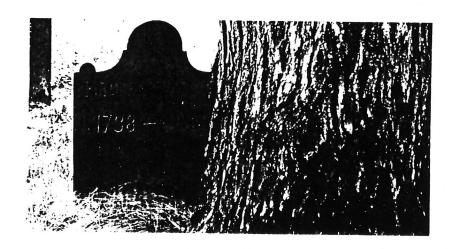
From the night in early December when before a fire The Story of Hiland began to take form, to the hot July afternoon when it was finished beneath a protecting apple tree, the task of writing and compiling has been a joy. Everywhere I went for material and advice I was met with the kindest response. My research took me first to the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society for materials on early Pittsburgh and Allegheny County. When I was ready for more specific records of early Presbyterianism in this area, Frank Dixon McCloy, Librarian of the Western Theological Seminary, kindly supplied me with copies of Synod and Presbytery Minutes of the late Seventeen and early Eighteen Hundreds. He also referred me to the Pennsylvania Room in Pittsburgh's Carnegie Library where Miss Rose Demorest and Miss Jane Reilley obliged me with early records and maps of Ross Township. I am also indebted to Professor Gaius J. Slosser of Western Theological Seminary for articles on early Presbyterianism in Western Pennsylvania, and particularly his own article. "A Chapter from the Religious History of Western Pennsylvania." 1

In addition to the members of Hiland's Sesqui-Centennial Committee, the following persons provided me with personal reminiscences, pictures, clippings, etc., which were of invaluable help: Mrs. Anna English Lotz; Mrs. Martha Ziegenhein and Mrs. Viola Ziegenhein, with their brother Mr. John Deer; Miss Ella Headley; Mrs. H. P. Brandt; Miss Susan McDonald; Mrs. Ernest E. Mc-Fadden; and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wilson. Attorney Ralph Demmler and Mr. Clarence Winner gave their much-needed services in checking detailed information

concerning Hiland Church over the past few decades. Mrs. Donald O'Neal, our Church Secretary, gave generously of her time and patient interest in the typing of successive versions of my history. But most of all I should like to acknowledge my indebtedness to Dr. Harry William Pedicord, who not only encouraged me to write The Story of Hiland but also suggested sources for material and performed the arduous task of proof-reading and editing my manuscript.

Pine Road July 28, 1950 mary Lauise Lauthan

The Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., Journal of the Department of History, September, 1934.



# THE STORY OF HILAND

The newspapers were full of it -- "George Washington Dies at the Age of Sixty-Eight." In the last year of the eighteenth century the "Father of his Country" had died, just three years after his retirement as President. Now a new century was beginning, and John Adams was signing the presidential proclamations. John Scull, editor of The Pittsburgh (azette, was writing editorials about Vice-President Thomas Jefferson, about French Foreign Minister Talleyrand, and about Lord Grenville, His Majesty, King George the Third's Prime Minister.

The Pittsburgh Gazette was already fourteen years old when the new century began. It had been founded in 1786, five years after the end of one revolution, the American, and had lived through another, the French. Stories about the new French Republic were appearing frequently in its pages along with news of more local interest, such as notices of deserters from recruiting parties or of stray cattle wandering into different "plantations".

It is with the more common news of the period that we are concerned in the year 1800. Yet one might easily pass over any one of three unrelated items which appeared in the back pages of the Gazette in these early months. Not even the most astute reader could have seen their connection with the beginnings of a small congregation of worshippers who had begun to gather on a hilltop about seven miles north of the city of Pittsburgh.

The first item appeared in the March 29th issue and stated dramatically:

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An Ancient Hilands Document

# ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS REWARD OFFERED

The office of the Subscriber was broken open last night and robbed of Cash to the amount of \$1300, the greater part in Silver and the remainder in Gold. The chest in which the money was deposited was found in the street this morning, broken open and robbed of its contents.

The above Reward will be paid to any person who will discover the perpetrators of this daring Robbery, and have them prosecuted to conviction.

(Signed) John Wilkins, Treasurer of Allegheny County

The second item appeared many times throughout the year under the heading, "Lands Near Pittsburgh For Sale."

The subscriber has several tracts of Depreciation Lands of superior quality to dispose of on easy terms. For terms, apply to subscriber at William Morrow's Tavern or to Printer Francis Johnson.

These Depreciation Lands were set aside by the State Government in order to redeem the depreciated or Continental money accepted by the soldiers during the American Revolution.

For this early "Hilands" congregation these items had some significance. The land on which they were worshipping was a part of these Depreciation Lands, a tract which had been bought up by the above John Wilkins, first Treasurer of Allegheny County, and Magnus Murray, first Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh. John Wilkins had been a Quartermaster General in the Revolutionary War. Together with Murray he had purchased soldier warrants to the extent of 20,000 acres along Franklin Road, now Perry Highway. On July 10, 1812, these men conveyed a ten-acre tract of land to the three Trustees who represented the "High Land" Corporation, William Courtney, John Mason, and James Sample. The reason for such a gift was "the good will the grantors had toward the Congregation." For some twelve years the congregation

had been meeting on this spot through verbal agreement. The tract began at "a Spanish Oak, corner of lands of Martha Hilands and John Morrow; thence by John Morrow, North 40 perches to a post and White Oak; thence by land of John Alford, West 40 perches to a Hickory; thence South 40 perches to a Black Oak; thence by lands of Martha Hilands, East 40 perches to place of beginning; containing ten acres." These Trustees together with the two grantors of land, John Wilkins and Magnus Murray, receive Hiland's first Sesqui-Centennial accolade. William Courtney, John Mason, and James Sample, hardheaded business men that they were, knew that it took more than good will and a verbal agreement to establish a Church, and they succeeded in converting a friendly attitude into a practical reality.

# FIRST WHITE MAN'S CABIN--THE CASPAR REEL FAMILY

It had been at least a dozen years since this group of worshippers had started to meet on top of a rolling hill adjoining the Hilands Family property. Barnabas Hilands himself had come across the river from Pittsburgh in 1795, the same year Caspar Reel brought his family to Ross Township. Hilands died that fall from what we would probably call "flu" today, but his wife, Martha, brought her family to the log cabin he had built. 2 Caspar Reel had come to Allegheny County twelve years before and bought a piece of land along what is now the West View carline near Cornell Avenue.3 With a wood cutter hired in Pittsburgh, he climbed the Federal Street hill, followed the winding trail out Perrysville Avenue, and rode on until he was about six miles from the city. There the two men chopped down trees, pulled stumps, and put up the first log cabin built by a white man in this township. When the cabin was finished the woodcutter returned to town, but Caspar Reel stayed on. He planted the hollyhock and sunflower seeds which Elizabeth White had given him when he left Lancaster to come west. She hoped to find something blooming in the wilderness where she would come one day as a bride with Caspar Reel. He also planted peach, apple, quince, and cherry seeds on his tract. One day on returning from work in the woods he saw signs of Indians around his cabin. An arrow barely missed him as he slipped in the door. He took his gun and aimed at the group of Indians now slinking up to the cabin. Suddenly they turned and ran, and to his relief Reel saw a small party of soldiers coming across his

field. He didn't need urging to return with them to Allegheny City the next day, for he saw that plans for his new home would have to wait until Indian hostilities ceased. All that winter he trapped along the Ohio, and by spring he had enough money to go back and ask Elizabeth to be his wife. They were married in 1784, but it wasn't until 1794, two years after the state passed the Land Grant Act giving land to permanent settlers, that they felt it safe to return to the "west".

Ross was one of the original townships formed after the Land Grant Act, and Caspar Reel succeeded in getting a thousand-acre tract there. The family loaded the heavy wagon with all the possessions they could bring -- a four-poster bed, a spinning wheel (Elizabeth like other women of her day spun her own materials), and in her saddlebags her most precious possessions, her silver candlesticks and slips from the beloved peony and rose bushes she must leave behind. When they arrived at the log cabin they were delighted to find the seedlings planted ten years before now grown to healthy fruit trees. Here in this cabin Caspar Reel, Jr., was born, the first white child born in Ross Township. This child was to become one of the early Trustees of the Church that was soon to be started. Today he lies buried in the old cemetery at Hiland Church.

# THE BEGINNINGS OF ROSS TOWNSHIP

It was not long before other settlers came pouring into the newly-opened lands of Ross Township. The story of Hiland really parallels that of the Township, for almost every name among the early arrivals was one day to be found on Hiland's roster. In 1796 Richard Morrow settled on the land opposite the hilltop that would one day hold the Church. His property extended to the center of the present village of Perrysville. In 1800 Baltzer Good built a hotel at the north end of the township, and five years later another hotel was erected at the south end, just five miles out of Pittsburgh. As early as 1805 the Scotts, Coopers, Quaills, Williams, and Masons all occupied fair-sized comfortable homes within Ross Township's borders.5 Most of these early families were Presbyterians of Scotch-Irish descent, and as soon as they had cleared the land and put up their homes they thought of a church. Caspar Reel, Sr., a man of great wealth by now, was a successful farmer and fruit grower and held in great esteem by the early settlers, to whom he often loaned money. Through his influ-

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Early Map of Ross Township Now in The Pennsylvania Room, Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

ence and foresight the "Highland" Presbyterian Church was located across from the Morrow property, on the spot it occupies today. It was a location which proved to be happily chosen. <sup>6</sup>

# THE FIRST RECORDS OF HILAND CHURCH

Of course these early worshippers had no actual meeting-house to shelter them. But by 1799 there were enough of them meeting together to have a supply minister assigned to them by the Presbytery of Ohio. The first record we have of Hiland Church's existence appeared in the Presbytery's Minutes for that year.

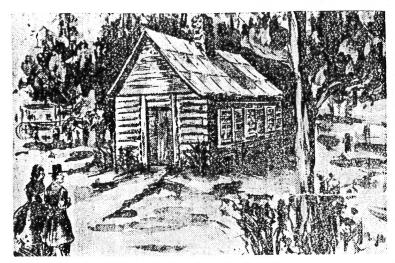
Mr. Stockton was appointed to serve at Bull Creek ye 1st Sunday of November, at Highland, ye 3rd.

This same Mr. Stockton later became a prominent minister in Western Pennsylvania and one of the early principals of Pittsburgh Academy, founded in 1787 and now the University of Pittsburgh. In 1800 and 1801 "Highland" is listed in the Minutes of the Synod of Virginia among those churches "unable to support a regular minister." In 1801 "Mr. John McClane was appointed to serve at Bethel ye 2nd Sunday of May, at Highlands ye 1st of October" by the Presbytery of Ohio. Similar listings show that the congregation must have been meeting rather regularly. It is easy to picture the group gathering in the open air on warm summer mornings, seated out under the oak and hickory trees, the sun sifting down through the leaves. The breeze must have blown through the same trees that today encircle the hilltop. It doesn't even take too much imagination to see the men climbing the hill with their muskets and the Board members taking their places to serve as lookouts for the Indians. 7 But what of that third Sunday in November, 1799, when Mr. Stockton preached the first recorded sermon at Hiland? Did the wind blow across the hill that day as it does now on cold fall mornings close to Thanksgiving time? Perhaps they were meeting that day at the Hilands' home or with the Morrows. They might have held services in the little log schoolhouse which stood near the foot of the slope that led up to Hiland hill. We know that such a schoolhouse was there as early as 1798.8 But the actual structure for the congregation was a tent about ten feet square, which probably resembled a platform erected for a Fourth of July celebration and was typical of the meeting places in many different communities. 9

Such structures could usually be completed in a day. Neighbors would come together with their axes and oxen. They would cut down trees for logs and clapboards, notch the logs and lay them in place, frequently without a single nail or scrap of metal. They would lay the floors and roof and put weights on top to keep the clapboards in place. By sundown they would have finished. 10 Presbytery records we find notices of congregations meeting at "Cample's Tent" or "Thorn's Tent", which must have been the same type of rude structure. Unlike Hiland's worshippers, however, these other groups could not look out over miles of rolling hills along the old Indian trail winding from Allegheny City to far-off Lake Erie. Nor could many of them look about at such scenes of natural beauty in God's own temple of trees. The only man-made furnishings in these sanctuaries were rows of round log seats arranged on the ground or raised to convenient height by crude timbers. The members often stood up to stretch their legs and even walked around to relieve their weariness. Nor can we blame them, perhaps, when we know that sometimes the "preaching" lasted an hour and a half. 11

Hiland's earliest records, like those of many other churches, are lost beyond recovery. It may even have been, as one historian put it, "They were too busy making history to write it." Her beginnings were a part of the Revival of 1800, a religious awakening that spreadover Western Pennsylvania as well as other parts of the country. The movement centered in Pittsburgh, spreading to the surrounding countryside. One woman is recorded as having urged her husband to bring the family to this section because of the tremendous upsurge in spiritual life here. 12 Presbytery Minutes provide snatches of Hiland's history. In 1803 "Highland" applied to the Presbytery of Erie for supply preachers, and John McPherrin was sent here to preach for four Sabbaths. Among other early ministers who preached at Hiland before she could support a regular pastor were John Andrews, Nathaniel Snowden, Robert Steele, and James Powers. But the Church was growing, and by 1807 the tent had been replaced by a log Church much like the cabin Caspar Reel had built twenty years before.13 members did the actual building. Almost a century later John Crider's son could remember seeing his father take a broadax and start over the hill from his home at Girty's Run to help build this log Church. Even today, almost

150 years later, descendants of Robert Campbell Anderson remember hearing him tell about helping to lay the logs for the old Church. 14

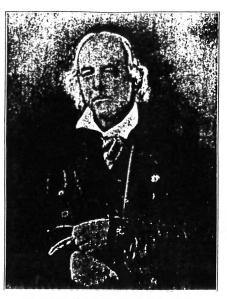


Artist's Conception of the First Log Church

# ROBERT PATTERSON ARRIVES

The year 1807 had an even greater significance for Hiland than the new cabin. Robert Patterson returned this year from his missionary preaching along Lake Erie. He had preached at "Highland" Church six years before, when he was a licentiate of the Presbytery of Ohio. He had been appointed "... to supply at Highland ye 3rd of August, the remainder of his time until the next fall meeting to be at his discretion." We should like to imagine "his discretion" prompted him to stay on at "Highland" through the late summer and early fall months. was during this summer that he married Miss Jane Canon, daughter of the founder of Canonsburg and of Canonsburg A deep attachment between this young man Academy. and the Hiland congregation must have sprung up, for having returned to Pittsburgh after six years to become principal of Pittsburgh Academy he came back to Hiland to preach. This was the beginning of a close relationship which was to last over a quarter of a century.

Patterson was born on Saratoga County, New York, in 1773, the son of Joseph Patterson, a prominent minister. Robert attended the newly-opened Canonsburg Academy where lessons were held on the lawn while the



ROBERT PATTERSON, 1807-1882

new buildings were being completed. He was the first student to recite in 1791"...under the shade of some sassafras bushes growing in a worm fence" on Chartiers Creek. 16 His uncle. Robert Patterson, was a professor of Mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania, and it was only natural that young Robert should continue his studies at "Penn". On his way across the mountains to enter the University he met General George Washington and his army on their way to Pittsburgh

to quell the Whiskey Rebellion. After his graduation in 1795 Patterson stayed on doing graduate work. This must have been an unusual thing for 1800, but young Patterson was eager for learning, and he had been offered a position as a tutor. He took further work in mathematics and languages in addition to his theological studies. In 1800 he returned to Western Pennsylvania and studied with Dr. John McMillan in his famous log seminary. 17 Even in those early days the Presbyterian Church would admit to its ministry only young men of education and training, and Patterson determined to have the best. On April 30, 1801, he was licensed to preach, and as he served at Hiland the following August, this must have been one of the first congregations to hear him.

He was not to stay long in this district, however. He answered a call sent out by the Synod of Virginia for missionaries to travel in Northwestern Pennsylvania, and in 1802 became the first settled minister in Erie County, pastor of the Upper and Lower Greenfield Churches. He also made frequent missionary tours around the county on horseback. The journal he kept during November, 1803, records his preaching in the homes of various farmers, sometimes to groups of eighteen and twenty, sometimes to only six or seven. Twice he notes having received \$1.00; once, \$1.37; a total of \$3.37 for a month's travels. Some days he rode as far as twenty or thirty miles, and one night (November

12th) he had to spend lying in the slushy snow of the open countryside. Dr. Eaton, in his History of the Presbytery of Erie writes: "... Here he labored faithfully and with the practice of much self-denial until the 22nd day of April 1807, when, at his own request, the pastoral relation was dissolved."

# PATTERSON AT PITTSBURGH ACADEMY

This request brings us to the third item from the pages of The Pittsburgh Gazette.

The Trustees of Pittsburgh Academy are desired to attend a meeting at Wm. Morrow's Tavern, on Tuesday, the 13th instant at ten o'clock in the forenoon. Punctuality is requested as business of importance will be laid before them.

The significance of this announcement to Hiland Church is that it was an invitation to become principal of Pittsburgh Academy which brought Patterson back to Pittsburgh. 19 It was quite a common thing for the Church to provide teachers for the schools and colleges at this time. But for the Academy, one day to become a great university, to go to Erie to choose a man for its highest position was an honor indeed. This young man with an education almost unparalleled in this part of the country and with five years preaching experience had attained some standing. The same year Patterson began at the Academy he started preaching at Hiland and gave the Church perhaps the richest blessing it has ever known. What a boon to this small congregation, listed year after year in Synod Minutes among "those churches not yet able to support a minister." Hiland could afford to pay a Stated Supply minister with a job on the side, and in Robert Patterson they had such a man.

At this time Pittsburgh Academy stood at the corner of 3rd Avenue and Cherry, near the spot where the old Post Office Building now stands. A log house beside the brick Academy was the Principal's Home, and it was from here that Robert Patterson would start out on horseback Sabbath mornings across the hills to Perrysville. He liked to tell a story about one of these trips. He was riding on horseback through seven miles of mud to "Hilands" one Sabbath morning, when a traveler overtook

him. Patterson told the man he must be fond of violating the Sabbath to travel over such terrible roads.

"And what are you doing, Friend?" the man asked.

"Oh, I'm going to church," Patterson replied.

"Do you think it makes much difference to the horse?" said his companion. "Couldn't you get preaching nearer?" Whereupon the man remained silent until they neared the old Church.

"Suppose," said Patterson, "you come and hear preaching; it will rest you and your horse."

"Who is the preacher?"

"One Patterson."

"Did he preach in Erie once?" demanded the man.

"Yes."

"Then I won't stop -- he is the dryest old stick I ever heard." 21

In spite of this man's opinion Patterson continued to grow in priminence in his new city. How proud he must have been in bringing his wife here after the rude home he had provided on his missionary journeys. Jane Patterson saw her ambitious husband filling two positions well. As principal, he also taught classes, and many of his pupils who later became prominent citizens of the County spoke of his care and faithfulness as an instructor.

In 1810 he took over still another work on completing his term at the Academy. He had earned a local reputation by some poems he had written under the signature "The Recluse" and published in The Pitts-burgh Gazette. Now he decided to open a book shop on the corner of Wood Street and Fourth Avenue, and in connection with this business he did some printing and publishing. His dual role of preacher and teacher had provided a fine background for the publishing venture. He even supplemented this new work with a step into the

manufacturing of paper and became proprietor of one of the first paper mills established in "the West". One of the books he published, An Itonest Man's Almanac, contained the following title page:

This Almanac contains nothing to encourage the evil practices of liars, drunkards, rouges, lazy fellows, infidels, tories, cowards, bad husbands, and old bachelors.

All Patterson's preaching was not done from the pulpit.

# HILAND CHANGES WITH GROWING POPULATION

Of course Hiland's story must be told through Robert Patterson the preacher; but without Patterson the preacher and publisher this small church could never have held a preacher of his stature. History was moving swiftly then, with the population growing, and boundary lines shifting. Hiland found herself shunted back and forth from one Presbytery to another. In 1802 the General Assembly placed Hiland, originally a part of the Synod of Virginia, in the newly-formed Synod of Pittsburgh. The new Synod consisted of the Presbyteries of Ohio, Erie, and Redstone, and the Church was moved from one of these groups to another in that order. Patterson changed with the Church, although one Presbytery once questioned his "deep secular activities." <sup>23</sup>

During the years 1807 to 1833 Patterson was most regular in attendance at Synod meetings in spite of his teaching and publishing activities.24 Among the many debts the Church owes him are the only existing records of its early attendance. In 1809, according to Presbytery records which Patterson must have sent in, 44 persons received Holy Communion at Hiland. Five years later 18 new members had been added and 8 lost. 49 infants had been baptised. In 1821 "Highland" had 116 in attendance at a Communion Service, more than twice the number When we know that in the Presidential election in 1814. of 1820 there were only 43 votes cast in Ross Township, this attendance at church seems remarkable. 25 Robert Patterson was a remarkable man. In John Newton Boucher's A Century and a Half of Pittsburgh and Her People is a comparison of the different religious sects in Western Pennsylvania. In speaking of the sturdy Scotch-Irish

Presbyterians who had settled here, Boucher claims, "None could assert themselves so strongly or impress their ideality so thoroughly upon their neighbors." Perhaps the rugged character of these early Hilanders would have carried the congregation along, but there is at least a question whether Hiland could have survived without Robert Patterson. Hiland's two forces complemented each other -- the intellectual, the inspired Robert Patterson, and the staunch, vigorous settlers of the community.

# OTHER EARLY HILANDERS

One of Ross's most vigorous was undoubtedly William Courtney, one of the three original Trustees who had acquired the deed for the land in 1812. He ran a mill on Lowrie's Run in Emsworth,<sup>26</sup> and because of the demand for mills to grind grain at that time, he must have been a person of some importance. He was twice married and had eighteen children. Both his wives came from families prominent in the early church, the Dickson's and the Scott's. Courtney was a colonel in the War of 1812, a member of the state legislature, a Justice of the Peace. Today he lies buried in Hiland Cemetery. His daughter Margaret was a poet of some local importance about the middle of the nineteenth century.

John Mason, the second of the Trustees, lived on Ries Run Road. He too was a Justice of the Peace, the first in Ross Township.

The last of the three original Trustees, James Sample, lived in what is now Bellevue. It was not an unusual thing for Robert Patterson to have ridden seven miles on horseback to preach when we consider the distances these church-goers themselves had to travel. John Crider came all the way from Evergreen, Courtney from Emsworth, Sangree from the extreme Eastern end of Ross Township. As the township began to fill up, all the early settlers who attended church in the territory now served by Cross Roads, Fairmont, Mount Pleasant Emsworth, Allison Park, Glenshaw, Bellevue, and West View Presbyterian churches at one time came to Hiland. When we consider the size of the families in those days eighteen Courtney children, ten Reels, ten Hilands - we wonder that so many of them got to church. "The usual custom of attending church in those days," says Attorney

John N. English in his history of Hiland, "was for the older members of the family to walk while the younger members went 'ride and tie'. That is, three or four youngsters would ride horseback for a distance and then tie the horse and walk on ahead. When those walking behind reached the point where the horse was tied, they would crowd three or four on its back and ride to the next stopping point."

One early Hiland family deserves particular recognition but not for its size or the distance it lived from the church. Jacob Sangree had three sons, John, James, and Peter. Two of these men John and Peter were among the first elders of the Church. William Sangree, the grandson, later became the first, and so far, the only minister sent out by Hiland Church. 27

# THE INCORPORATION OF HILAND CHURCH

During the first twenty-three years of Hiland's existence, and before her own records began, four of the most important events in her history took place; the first recorded service in 1799; the building of the log Church and the coming of Robert Patterson in 1807; the deeding of the church property to the congregation in 1812; and now in 1820, her incorporation as a Church in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. With incorporation, the name was settled as Hiland Presbyterian Congregation of Ross Township 28 but the loose spellings were to persist many years - "Highland", "High-land", "Highlands", "Hyland", "Hilands". The number of Trustees was increased from three to seven, and John Scott, John Morrow, Robert Hilands, John McKnight, and Joseph Dickson were elected to the Board. James Sample, Sr., John Shaw, and Allen Means, the three original elders were joined by William Courtney and Robert Hilands on the Session. With the Incorporation, the Church now stood a fully organized body of well over a hundred members. Although Hiland has no written records of these years, her accomplishments have told the story. We know that the Church was being run on a business-like basis, and that God willing, it was here to stay. By the time we can open the first minute book of 1823, the men and women in its pages are old and trusted friends.

"January 6, 1823, the congregation met and elected Trustees." So begins the earliest recorded minute of

Hiland Church. Four days later, January 10th, these Trustees metatthe home of Robert Hilands at "ten o'clock in the forenoon" and chose James Sample, Sr., President; William Courtney, Secretary; Robert Hilands, Treasurer. From this time Hiland tells her own story, within the pages of the Trustees' books. Financial difficulties had begun long before the Incorporation, and they were to continue many years. The leisurely Friday morning meetings of the Board considered such problems as setting the rate for seats in the meeting house and collecting pewrent from "those members in arrears". In the January meeting in 1825 the auditors reported a "ballence (sic) of \$9.69 in favour of the congregation". But later minutes also noted three different yearly payments to Robert Patterson: \$127 in 1826, \$108 in 1829, and \$91 in 1830. The decreasing amount suggests increasing financial troubles. By 1835, Trustees voted to raise the pew-rent to \$12 for first class, \$11 second class, \$10.50 third, and \$10 for fourth class pews. When the Trustees met with the pewholders in February of that year, they sold out the seats in "pursuance of new regulations, giving former seatholders the preference in bidding for the seats they had occupied." Nearly all former pewholders took seats at the new price.

This same year, the Rev. Mr. Joseph Reed came to Hiland as its first regular pastor engaged for full time service. The Session's oldest existing records began this year, at which time William Courtney, Robert Hilands, and John Scott were elders. They had been added to the original Session, James Sample, Sr., John Shaw, and Allen Means probably before the incorporation. In Robert Patterson's time, occasional mention had been made of the elders attending Synod meetings with him, but now the Session minutes show these elders going regularly to both Synod and Presbytery meetings in Mercer, Beaver, Washington, and often to the First Church in Pittsburgh. Whatever money difficulties the congregation faced, if functioned as an integral part of the larger body of the Presbyterian Church in Allegheny County. After Patterson's retirement in 1832, the Church had been served by various supply preachers. Even a strong well-established church faces a hardship in doing without a regular pastor. Guided from its beginning by a strong hand like Robert Patterson's, Hiland must have stumbled many times over the rough spots it had to cross alone during these years. must have welcomed the new pastor with high hopes, for

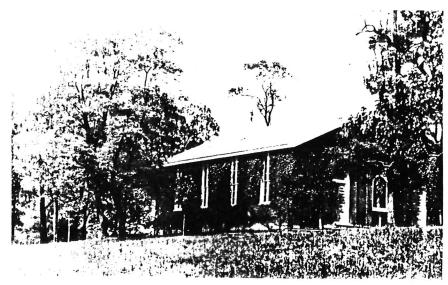
it was not even a year after his coming until there was talk of a new meeting house.

# THE BUILDING OF THE CHURCH

It may all have come about as a result of the Ross Township School Board's petition to the Trustees. At the time of the original deed, a small schoolhouse stood on the northeast corner of the tract. General Wilkins had specified in his deed that part of the lot should be used, if needed, for school purposes. Now, in 1836, the school directors pressed this claim and applied for permission to build a larger school. In January the Trustees voted that "said school directors, by and with the Trustees, shall lay off a lot sufficiently large for said school, so as not to interfere with the burying ground, and as far from the meeting house as said lot will admit of." This request must have set the congregation thinking about the site its meeting house would eventually occupy. The 30 X 30 log cabin was no longer adequate and now that the Church had its own regular pastor, the whole idea did not seem too impossible.

On February 27, 1836, the Board resolved "That proposals be issued and published in the Christian Herald for building a new meeting house, and that Robert Hilands prepare a draught or plan of said house and specifications, and exhibit the same to persons wishing to make the contract." A firm of architects, Darby and Evans, and John Hilands, contractor, made a bid of \$2500 for the proposed building. On April 16th, the board entered into contract with these builders and the new Church was on its way.

Courtney and Hilands together with John Scott were the building committee but many other men from the Church helped with the actual work because they could not afford to subscribe a large amount to the fund. If the building was the work of their hands, the materials were nonetheless products of the neighboring hills. Out on the Ingomar Road, three miles from the township line, Thomas Keown ran a brick kiln. He dug the clay for his bricks from the bank opposite his home not far from the Franklik Road. He baked the dark red bricks in the kiln farther back on the Ingomar Road, then hauled them by Ox-cart into Perrysville. 29 All that summer of '36, the ox-carts went back and forth and the men dug the foundation and



laid the bricks. By September, there was enough of the new building completed for the Trustees to hold a meeting there. Sometime that fall the congregation gathered together for the first time in the new sanctuary to dedicate the building which would house the Church for at least a century and a quarter. How the Hilands, the Courtneys, Scott, McElhennys, and the Andersons. Dicksons, Morrows, Reels, Criders, Sangrees, Whitesells, Crawfords, and other early families must have rejoiced at the spacious new meeting house. It crowned one side of the hill that led up to Perrysville. brick walls and low-pitched roof rose above the graves in the foreground and made an impressive spot on the horizon. The new Church among the old oak trees gave a feeling of permanence to the little village. It drew all eyes to the hilltop in the same way that the New England meeting houses surrounded by tall elms dominate their towns. And so Hiland had a new church, and the following January the old meeting house was "exposed to 'public' sale". The building committee had not fared badly. According to the treasurer's books for that year they had collected \$1703.23 in subscriptions for building the new Church, sold the old meeting house and pulpit for \$50, and the Church had ended the year with a balance of \$134.20.

But Hiland's problems were not all to be solved with the building of the new Church. The balance in the

treasury had been a healthy sign; the resignation of Mr. Reed, the pastor, early in 1838 not so healthy. For the next three years the Church struggled along with supply preachers and the rest of the building debt. To clear off the debt, the Trustees, John Bell, John McKnight, Robert Hilands, Robert Wallace, John Brown, John Pinkerton, and Isaac Richie, proposed selling part of Hiland's ten acre tract, a strip of land that was separated from the Church by Franklin Road and not of much use. On January 25, 1840, the congregation voted to sell that acre and a quarter for \$200 to John Morrow whose land adjoined This was doubtless a fine deal for Hiland of 1840; it cut the debt to about \$200. Hilanders of 1950 can't be blamed, however, for taking a dim view of the whole transaction. A little over a hundred years later part of this same property was sold to a real estate company for \$19,000, and today a modern apartment building stands across from the Church on the spot where John Morrow's cows used to graze.

In the spring of 1841 the Rev. Mr. J. Watson Johnstone began an eight year pastorate. These were routine years for Hiland. The Trustees had boundary walks built around the Church property; a fence was placed around the burying ground with the resolution "that persons not contributing to the erection of said fence are not permitted to bury in said graveyard until they pay one dollar for each and every grave opened." 120 persons attended communion. In 1850 the Rev. Mr. James Smith came to Hiland for four years. In 1851 the Church built its first manse, John Crider, William Peebles, and Robert Hilands serving as the building committee.

The year Smith left, 1854, was the beginning of what must have been some of Hiland's most trying years. Two of Hiland's strongest members, Robert Hilands and William Courtney had died within five months of each other. In June Smith resigned, and a series of supply preachers was secured, extending over the next five years. The congregation dropped to 57 and finances became even more strained. The new manse must have been an added drain. The Trustees met "to make more permanent and ample provisions for securing the pastor's salary," but with all their efforts, they could raise only \$360 yearly. Some of the members were moving to the city; others were taking their letters to community churches recently organized nearer their homes. Older members, good

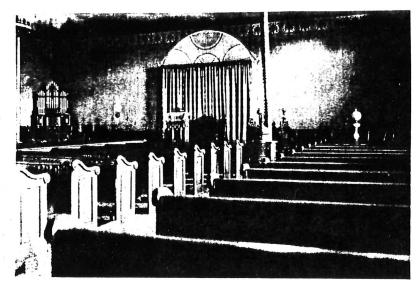
supporters, were dying off. It was hard to find a preacher who could afford to come to a little country church that could promise only \$360 at the outside. In 1859, Hiland must have rejoiced in securing the Rev. Mr. M. L. Wortman for half of his time at \$300 a year. The month after his installment, a series of prayer meetings that lasted throughout the week was started. Session reported these February meetings well-attended in spite of snow and bad roads. The Clerk reported a "'markt' attention and a hopeful seriousness". The next year, the meetings lasted a fortnight, and Session reported "the silent tear, the 'flusht' check, the low sobs heard in every part of the house gave unmistakable evidence that the spirit of God was dealing powerfully with the heart. . . . " Now the membership was back to 120. These staunch Hilanders, with God's grace, had saved their Church once again. Through prayer and works they had brought back some of their old members and added new ones. These weeks of prayer were to continue many years.

Throughout the difficult early years after the Church's incorporation in 1821, Robert Hilands had served as treasurer of the Board of Trustees. In 1855, at his death, Robert Wallace took over the duties of treasurer until 1861. That year, John English was elected treasurer, to serve for over forty years. That three men could have handled the church's finances for almost a century is a tribute to their ability and faithfulness. In 1861 when Mr. English took office, we find the congregation with a fine church building, a newly erected manse, a regular pastor, and in better shape financially than it had ever been. For the first time we read in the minutes of the pastor's salary having been "paid in full". Committees were being appointed to repair the manse, to have a cistern dug, to repair the stable. In 1866 the congregation had enough money to pay Mr. Wortman \$900 and to engage his full-time services.

# HILAND WOMEN'S WORK BEGINS

In the early months of Mr. Wortman's pastorate he appointed a committee of ladies "to collect money for necessary repairs in and about the Church." This is the first record of the work of any women inchurch records. Womenlike they immediately busied themselves with spring improvements; the ceiling of the Church was papered; chandeliers and side lamps were bought. The

committee had raised \$88.25 by October and this was used for repairing stones on the walls of the Church and the chimney. During Wortman's pastorate an organ was installed, and although it was "offensive to part of the congregation", the majority liked it and voted 42 to 12 to keep it. Miss Clara Peebles became the first organist. The meeting house was gradually being furnished and the women were taking their rightful place in helping with the furnishings.



Church Interior at the Time of The Civil War

Mr. Wortman left the Church in 1870 and Mr. James McIntire came to Hiland for five days. He was followed two months later by the Rev. Mr. John M. Smith. Mr. Smith started the women of the Church on a new project. He enlarged the women's committee into the Women's Missionary Society, in Feburary, 1874, Mrs. Smith helping with the organization and acting as the society's first president. In fact five of the society's first six presidents were pastor's wives, and two of the later presidents, Mrs. Hosack and Mrs. Murray. Something about this society must have inspired steadfastness and devotion. Four officers served this woman's group for over 25 years, Mrs. Florence Whitesell Sangree for 38 years and Mrs. Charles J. Hieber for 30 years as secretaries, and Mrs. Alex Smith for 27 years and Mrs. George Uhlenburg for 25 years as treasurers. These women carried Hiland's interests beyond her own narrow sphere and painted a picture of one world before

anyone had ever heard of Wendell Wilkie. They showed vision in helping to create a young women's missionary society thus perpetuating the work they had started. In the 71 years of its existence, the Women's Missionary Society raised about \$7,000, almost all of which went to the mission field. Perhaps the society's most valuable contribution to Hiland was helping the Church develop a world conscience. When we read the list of Hiland's benevolences 25 years and more later, we realize that the church membership has been educated in world needs and responsibility.

During Mr. Smith's years at Hiland, the beautiful windows which still grace the Church were installed. The committee to select the windows were all women; Mrs. Annie Crider Fullmer, Mrs. Margaret Wallace Rynd, Mrs. Alla L. Reel, and Mrs. John Smith. They chose burnt glass of unusual coloring, with lavenders, greens, reds, and ambers predominating. The design which suggests stained glass windows was hand etched. These windows were part of the general church repairing in 1873 at a cost of about \$1800, almost three-fourths of the original cost. By now, the Church stood on a firmer financial basis, and when Rev. Mr. Morton was elected in 1875, he received "\$1,000 salary, plus the parsonage and grounds."

The men of the Church did their share, too, in the improving process. Two of the members, Messr. Allston and Peebles had asked permission to put up shades for their horses, and the Trustees granted it, suggesting they commence "at the paling fence around the cemetery and extending as far as needed toward David Cunningham's house." In the 70's, labor was still more plentiful than money, and the men often did the work themselves, bringing their own tools or teams to help with the building, plowing, or general clean-up. Older members who couldn't do the work themselves often hired neighbor boys. John Deer remembers that sometime later he worked on sheds like these. He recalled hearing some of the old fellows talk about the site of the log church. Some old foundation stones had been dug up near the spot where the present turnaround begins, and the old timers claimed the log church had stood there. One of the early cleanup projects was a day set for cleaning the graveyard. Members, mostly those with loved ones buried there, brought hoes, rakes, spades to clear off the weeds and

plant flowers. Hiland's members were still mostly farmers, and occasionally, when the crops failed, the Church would be in hard straits. Sometimes, according to one old member, the preacher would have to take part of his pay in hams or bacon. The last few years of the 1800's must have been such times, after the panic of 1893. "Sometimes the Church was just holding its own," another old timer states.



In 1880 the Rev. M. L. Wortman returned to serve the Church for the third time and stayed until 1886. During his pastorate, two of the oldest living members joined the Church in 1884, Mrs. Elizabeth Deer King and Mrs. Anna English Lotz. Mrs. Lotz recalls having been brought to church many years before that in her father, John English's arms. She was the fourth generation in direct line to attend Hiland, the first having been John and Eleanor Davis Thompson, dead within a month of each other and buried in Hiland Cemetery in 1854. Their daughter, Eliza, had married Alexander English, John English's father, and Mrs. Lotz's grandfather. The present fifth and sixth generation of Englishes, Robert and Lynn, together with Margaret English Himmler and Sarah J. Crider and their families bring the unbroken chain down from the beginnings of Hiland. Charles D. Thompson and Hazel Thompson Riley belong to the fourth generation of this chain.

The Steven Affolder family, descendants of Samuel Affolder, long clerk of the Session, together with the Hamburg families of the fourth and fifth generation form another unbroken line. Other prominent old families were Browns, Pinkerton, Wallaces, and Whitesells, Crider, Blairs, Willisons, McCunes. Mrs. Norman Carpenter and Mr. James Hough, present members, come from the Pinkerton line.



CHARLES A. McCRAE, 1897-1909

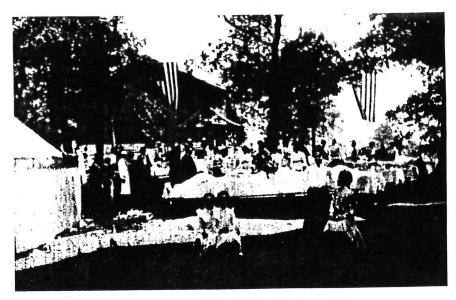
Rev. Wortman was replaced in 1886 by the Rev. J. J. Graham who stayed until 1896. During his pastorate, the Christian Endeavour Society was started. In 1897 the Rev. Charles A. McCrea came to Hiland where he was to stay twelve years, until 1909.

And so Hiland Presbyterian Church saw the turn of another century. This Church looked out on a vastly different world from the frontier one of 1800. Three wars had shaken the country since

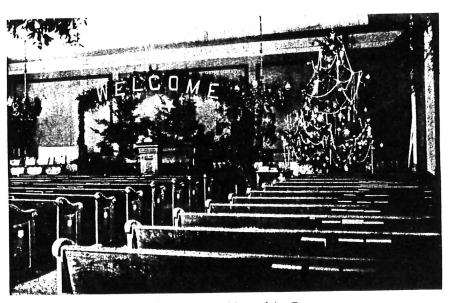
that time, 1812, the Civil War, and the Spanish American. The Church had lived through all these, and a financial panic as well. Evidently the sturdiness and spirituality of the early Scotch Irish had persisted in these third and fourth generations. Queen Victoria was nearing the end of her long reign; William McKinley was soon to see the close of his career in Buffalo. Death came to both of them in 1901; and the first year of the century saw Britain and the United States with a new king and president, George the Fifth and Theodore Roosevelt.

# HILAND CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL

These early years of 1900 were important to Hiland Church, for in 1903 she celebrated her 100th Anniversary. Because of an inaccuracy in dates, this year was supposed to be the centennial one, and the celebration was a big affair. Perrysville, by this time, had about 100 residents. The 'Pittsburg' Leader of Sept. 13, 1903, published a long article about the little town, probably as advance publicity



The Celebration of Hiland Church's Centennial



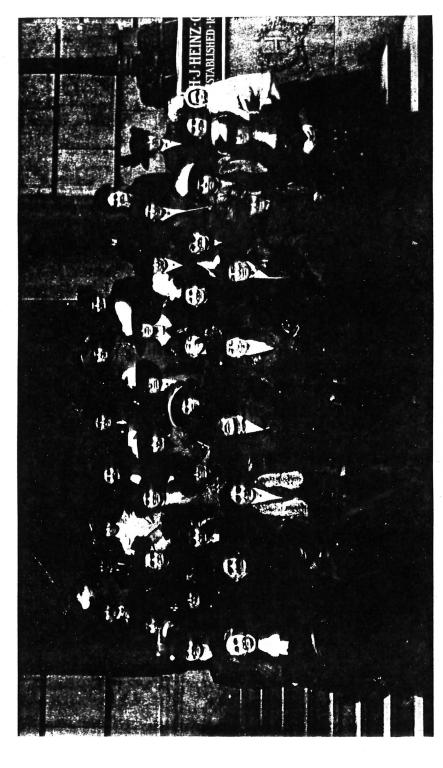
Church Interior at the Turn of the Century

for the Hiland celebration to take place in ten days. "Quaint Old Perrysville Most Isolated Spot in Greater City," read the headlines. "Picturesque Little Town of Hundred Souls whose General Stores Do a Yearly Business of \$100,000 and Whose Mail Still Comes by the Antiquated Old Stage Coach." The article goes on to tell about the army of diggers in the valley below Horse Shoe Curve who were putting in the new railway line whose electric cars would carry riders to Bellevue and Allegheny. The reporter had interviewed John English whom he called the oldest resident. John English of Hiland's third generation, who had been elected postmaster in Lincoln's first administration, owned the General Store on the site of the present Vogel Bakery and Post Office group. The English home stood next to the store, and the Catholic Church, built in 1866, just beyond. Perrysville now boasted three churches; the Lutherans had built across the Perrysville Road from Hiland nearer to the center of the village. 30 John English had been one of Hiland's strongest members for over forty years. As treasurer, he knew only too well the difficulties of going to Presbytery to make an annual report in lean years. As a successful business man he could do something about it. "Whenever the going would get rough," one old time member said, "John English would dig down in his jeans and come up with the necessary amount." Doubtless many other old Hilanders did the same, or contributed services. "David Cunningham always would send up his team when there was work to be done," he added.

Both money and work were needed that fall of 1903 when the centenary was held. The new parsonage had been completed in time for the festivities. On Wednesday, Sept. 23, 1903, according to the Pittsburg' Dispatch

"Over a thousand people from Pittsburg met... to celebrate the hundreth anniversary. Most of these visitors were from families who had helped build up the congregation - Wallaces, Criders, Sangrees, Scotts, Samuel Courtney and Mrs. James Peebles...last of the Hilands family were there. These last two had been members in Robert Patterson's time...

Thomas Patterson, grandnephew of Robert, unveiled a tablet to his uncle's memory, while Miss Mathilda Patterson, Robert's daughter looked on."



Hiland Ladies' Aid Society in 1912

One paper reported "no better weather could have favored the occasion," and it was a good thing. The ladies of the Church had arranged to serve dinner to these 1,000 guests on twelve tables grouped under the trees. One wonders what would have happened to Mrs. Charles H. Shurmer and her 114 aides if the equinoxial storms of late September had let down on the celebrating Hilanders. As the Anniversary celebration lasted all day, visitors had a chance to renew old friendships and make new ones. Two of Hiland's present members, Mr. Clarence Winner and Mr. Harry Keil met their future wives here. Visitors wandered about the cemetery, visiting the graves of their ancestors or reading the old tombstones with dates of the early 1800's. In this anniversary year, Hiland numbered 200. None of them must have worked harder than the 115 women who served the dinner. On the front of the Church the day of the celebration was a large flag made out of leaves and goldenrod, with the word, "Welcome", woven into it. Hiland's women must have done more than anyone else to make this word come alive.

But the women of the church were to do more than serve as hostesses over the next few years. In 1905, with the help of the pastor, Mr. McCrae, they organized a Ladies Aid Society. This group of twelve women accomplished wonders from the very beginning. They raised over \$500 the first year and doubled their membership. By 1914, when the addition to the Church was built, they contributed \$1,000 to the building fund. It would be impossible to list all the contributions this society has made to the Church over the years or all the members who served long and faithfully. Mrs. Robert Swan, Mrs. Charles Hieber, Sr., Mrs. William Brant, Mrs. Harry Ferguson, and Miss Ada Price are just a few of them. Of the twelve charter members only one is a member of the present association, Mrs. Lotz. Mrs. Harry A. English and Mrs. Martha Ziegenhein joined the society during the first month. The Aid really lived up to its name, contributing \$50 or more yearly to the Presbyterian Hospital, making cash donations of \$25, \$50, \$100, and even \$200 to the Trustees fund. At least three different times it paid for carpeting the auditorium. One of its most lasting improvements was the planting of thirty shade trees along the driveway. In 1909, Mr. McCrae, who had helped found the society when he came to Hiland as a young man from the Seminary, received a call to the Oakmont Presbyterian Church, and that same year, Dr. D. P. MacQuarrie came to Hiland to remain on and off until 1923.

From 1900 on the congregation continued to increase steadily. By 1905, the membership was 227; by 1909, 300. When Dr. MacQuarrie left in 1923. it was 384. The minutes of Session for these fourteen years paint a picture of world history of that time. Hiland had long possessed a world consciousness, and her contributions mirror the world's disasters. In 1906, her offering went to famine sufferers in Japan. Later that same year earthquake sufferers in San Francisco received a contribution. Missions at home, too, received their share. In 1907.



DAVID P. MaQUARRIE, 1909-1928

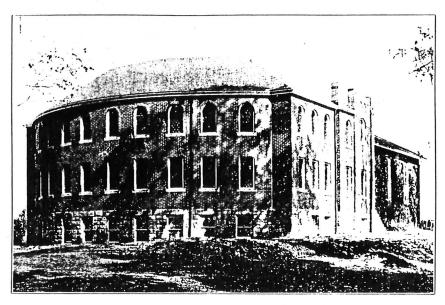
Hiland gave \$100 to the new Presbyterian Hospital in Allegheny, now the "North Side". In 1912, she sent benevolences to China because of "extreme emergency there". The Church sent a check to a fund for "the little girls of Constantinople" in 1913, and to the "starving Albanians" in 1914. This same year Session voted \$25 to the "poor suffering Belgians", and we see the dark shadow of the first World War over Europe. In 1918, the Armenians and Syrians both received checks from the Church. That same year, Dr. MacQuarrie went as a chaplain in the United States Army. In November, the Session planned services "if the Board of Health permits" and we are reminded of the flu epidemic. But the next year, 1919, the Christian Endeavour, which had discontinued its meeting on account of the war, reorganized, and Dr. MacQuarrie returned. Hiland placed a memorial window in the rear of the Church. inscribed with the names of the young men and women who had served their country in the armed forces.

In the meantime, Hiland's own history had been successful. In 1911a small quarterly magazine was published, largely through the efforts of the Men's Brotherhood. Because it took 320 subscriptions to put The Hilander on a paying basis, the magazine lasted just a little over two years, but these few issues give us a wealth of information. John English, clerk of Session and grandson of the late John English was editor. The magazine gave

the history of the Church and its organizations, current events at Hiland, announcements, quotations from the Presbyterian Book of Discipline, and letters from the pastor.

### ERECTION OF CHURCH SCHOOL BUILDING

These years were active ones for Hiland. Each Fall from 1908 on, a Harvest Home Festival was held and the offering given to the building fund. The Church saw the fruition of this project in November of 1914, when the educational building was dedicated at the 114th Anniversary. Elder William J. Headley, superintendent



of the Sunday School, was chairman of the Dedication Committee. The building contained seventeen separate Sunday School rooms, a pastor's study, ladies' sewing room, rest rooms, dining hall, kitchen. The steam heating plant, the windows, and chaldelier were gifts of Mrs. J. C. Trees of East End, many years a member of Hiland. Mrs. Sarah English financed the publication of the Anniversary Program and a short history of the Church which John English had written.

The spiritual life of the Church was growing as well. Gradually, the program was taking on a pattern: the first part of the new year, a Sacrificial Loyalty Week, pre-Lenten and Lenten evangelistic services. Sometimes these services were cottage prayer meetings in members

homes - at the Falcks, Criders, Englishes, Sandales, or Browns. In the spring and early summer, committees would work on church improvements. September or October would open the fall season with the annual Harvest Home and Anniversary celebrations. Minutes like the following appeared in Session records:

Resolved: That each member of the Session is to pray daily for the next three weeks for the outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon this congregation.

..... Systematic, proportionate, and worshipful giving be encouraged by the Session.

In October of 1920, the Church celebrated its 120th Anniversary. This same year, James Wallace, an elder for fifty years and Sunday School Superintendent for twenty of these years, died. In 1922, John R. Sangree, also a Sunday School Superintendent for twenty years, died. Session was now recording regularly deaths of loyal Hilanders of the third and fourth generation.

### FLORENCE SANGREE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Early in the spring of 1920, a small group of teenage girls, met with their sponsors, Mrs. H. P. Brandt and Miss Sarah Crider to form "The Florence Sangree Missionary Society". When these "teen-agers" passed the age-limit allowed in the Young People's Branch, they became a part of the Woman's Board, a companion group to the Women's Missionary Society which had been founded in Hilandin 1874. Mrs. Sangree, for years church organist and choir director, had done much to instill the missionary spirit into the lives of these young girls. Margaret Hieber King was the first president of this group; Esther Berg, a later president. During the first twenty years of its organization, these young women were to raise around \$1600, almost all of which was given to missions. Their Tenth Anniversary Program asks the question, "Has our Guild been worthwhile? Isn't any organization which meets in God's name and has as its purpose the spread of His kingdom on earth worthwhile?" Seventeen years later these questions had definite answers. When the new women's association was formed in 1947, three of its seven officers had been members of this group.



HERMAN M. HOSACK, 1924-1929

1923 the Rev. H. W. Hosack had come to Hiland. The Junior Christian Endeavour was started during his pastorate, with nineteen young people in the group, supervised by Mrs. Charles Thompson and Mrs. Wade Kuhlber. The new Boy Scout movement was begun in Perrysville in the late twenties and Session agreed to back it. The church membership which had dropped off some during the war increased with the new activities to 350. In 1929. Rev. Hosack left to become President of Barber Memorial College in Anniston, Alabama. That fall the Rev. Basil A. Murray was unanimously called to the Church.

Hiland's increasing activities suggest the changes that had been taking place. Gone was the little country church whose members had been mostly farmers, and in its place was a thriving suburban congregation with money from the boom years of the early twenties. Now,



BASIL A. MURRAY, 1930-1941

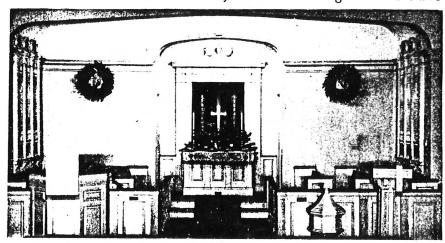
when the old-timers would die they had money to leave to the Church. A series of bequests brought about the creation of an Endowment Fund in 1926. This fund provided that "all monies given Hiland Presbyterian Church by will or otherwise and not earmarked for any particular purpose should be paid to said endowment fund." The interest on this fund was to be used in paying Hiland's contribution to the Pension Board. A similar fund from Cemetery

bequests was started about the same time. In 1929, the Church Fund was approximately \$800; the cemetery, \$1100. That year the Church bought an organ for \$3850, closing out the remainder of the Building Fund of the Ladies Aid, and this was to be the Church's last big expense item for five years.

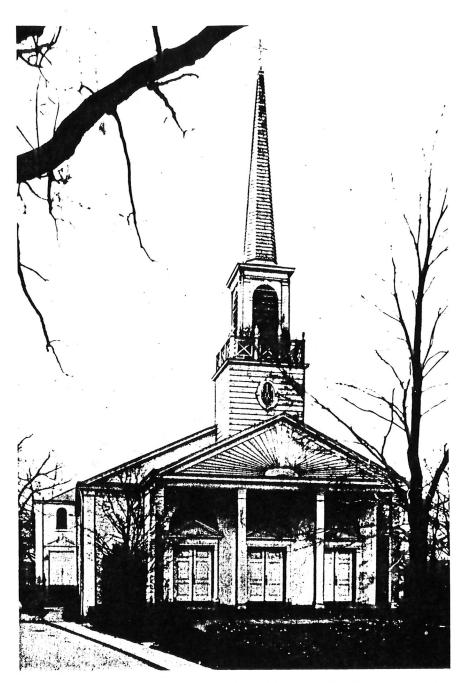
During the early years of the Thirties, Hiland mirrored the country's depression. But the Endowment Fund continued to grow until in 1933, possibly the nation's worst year, the Church Fund was almost \$4,000, the cemetery, \$1800. In the meantime a bequest had been made by Margaret Wallace Rynd with the request that it be used only for building a new Church, and the direction that it should not be used for current expenses. interest on these three funds together with damages awarded the Church when Perry Highway was widened helped defray current expenses during the hard times from 1930 on. One bequest, the Lucille Shurmer English Memorial, given by Mr. John N. English, specified that the money be used for improving the Primary Rooms. This provision enabled the Board to make alterations in the Sunday School Rooms, even though that same year the Church faced a deficit in current expenses. Board suggested a sacrificial offering at the next Communion to make up the lack. In 1943, the English bequest was supplemented by another \$500 given by Isabelle R. Shurmer, Mrs. English's mother, for further beautifying the Sunday School Rooms.

### HILAND'S SANCTUARY REMODELLED

Early in 1935 the Board began to discuss plans for remodelling the Church in preparation for the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of its building. At the June



Hiland's Chancel impacts something of "the hearty of holiness" to all who come for prayer and praise.



For 150 years Hiland Church has been "none other than the house of God, the gate of Heaven."

meeting the congregation "authorized the Trustees of the Church to use the Rynd Fund for remodelling the Church." This redecorating was all done on the interior of the Church. The auditorium was replastered and the pews and other woodwork painted ivory. The hard, straight-backed pews were covered with soft red cushions. The greatest change was in the chancel itself which before had been a simple platform with a pulpit in the middle. The present arrangement with the pulpit, the lectern, a choir loft, and altar with dossal cloth, separated from the Church by a solid screen were alladded to create a feeling of "apartness", to make the chancel a true Holy of Holies. Hilanders were proud of their new sanctuary, and well they might be, for the depression still rested on Perrysville. The Trustees' Minutes for 1936 record. "Mr. Oscar Berberich and Mr. James Ward understood they would wait indefinitely for their money as it was not at hand." Again this year the Board asked for a sacrificial offering.

It was not until 1940 that a bequest from John Gass enabled Hiland to remodel the exterior of its Church to match the beauty of the new interior. The original building had been a red brick, rectangular structure, rather boxlike in appearance, but pleasing in its straight, classic lines. The new styling swept the horizontal lines up to a tower with a steeple and cross atop. To complete the Georgian look, the brick was painted white. A facade was added and the narrow vestibule widened into a narthex.

Meanwhile, in 1937 a letter was sent to the congregation explaining the financial status of the Church and asking for a specified amount from each member. The Board recommended that at least a portion of the pastor's salary which he had voluntarily deducted for the past four years be restored. Gradually the Church was pulling itself out of depression depths. Once more Hiland's stamina had been proved. The Board commended Mr. Murray for his part in helping raise the \$1,000 Centenary Fund, and recorded the names of the contributors in a Centenary Book. This year Hiland had 390 members.

Now the country's worries were beginning to shift from hard times to the threat of war. Mr. Murray, in an effort to educate his congregation, started a class on "Changing Governments and Christian International Relationships". One wonders if World War II which blazed up that September might have been avoided had thousands of such classes been given early enough all over the world.

Early in 1941 Mr. Murray left Hiland and the Rev. Mr. Roy B. Connor came to the pulpit. His were to be the war years at Hiland. The Trustees had just been considering plans for illuminating the Cross when black-



ROY B. CONNOR, JR., 1941-1946

out regulations went into effect and they ordered blackout curtains instead. With our entry into the war most of the Church's outside efforts went toit. Once more Hiland's young people, 82 of them, joined the armed forces. The Church recorded its only wartime fatalities with sorrow in accepting the stained-glass windows in the narthex from Mr. and Mrs. George Blackmore in memory of Mrs. Blackmore's son, Lt. Harry R. Stengle, killed in service in Iceland, and an echo organ given by Mr. and Mrs. William R. Marshall in memory of their son, William R. Marshall, Jr., who died in service in North Carolina. On April 14, 1943,

the Board of Deacons was created at a congregational meeting which had adjourned to the recreation room because of a blackout. In spite of the manpower shortage, Hiland Men organized their Association in 1944. On June 5, 1944, Session resolved to make a Meditation and Prayer Service as soon after the Invasion started as possible. Just five days later, June 10th, the Church held twilight services the evening of "D-Day". The glow from the setting sun settled over the congregation, gathered to pray for Hiland's young men and women in the service and the success of this campaign.

One of Mr. Connor's many contributions as a pastor was his outstanding work with young people, both in the service and in lower age groups. During his years at Hiland he attended many youth conferences both as speaker

and leader, and the Church was always proud of his accomplishments there. The year after the war ended he left Hiland to go to Meridian Heights Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, and the following spring, the Rev. Mr. Harry William Pedicord came to Hiland on March 17, 1947 in time for the Holy Week Services.

Even during the war years, the congregation had continued to grow. It had jumped from 420 in 1941 With the end of the war and the starting up of new building in the community, it continued to grow still more. The late twenties and early thirties had seen the opening up of Wellington Heights and North Hills Estates to increase the population of the West View and Perrysville districts. Now building was starting up farther out the highway and these earlier districts were still to expand. Among other families to move into Hiland's neighborhood was the Irvine family, and Mrs. John Irvine was to bring to Hiland the greatest possible honor for the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. to bestow on a woman. Shortly after she joined the Church she was elected the first president of the National Council of Presbyterian Women. Another honor came to Mrs. Irvine and the Church when she was selected as one of the delegates from the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. to the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam in 1948. Hiland accepted the responsibility that came with this honor by raising a fund of \$400 for Mrs. Irvine to take on behalf of the congregation to the Nurses and Deaconesses Home in Arnhem, Holland. The Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. was rebuilding this home under its Restoration Plan, and Hiland's contribution provided furnishings for a room in the hospital.

The Church received another honor in June of 1949 when Mr. Pedicord was awarded two doctor's degrees in one month, the Doctor of Philosophy degree by the University of Pennsylvania, and the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Waynesburg College. The Church bulletin for July 17, 1949, stated, "The Pastor desires to express his thanks and appreciation to all members of the three official Boards of Hiland Church for their gift of a handsome watch in recognition of his recent educational attainments. Engraved upon the watch is the following inscription: "To Harry William Pedicord, Ph. D., D.D., from Hiland Church, 1949.'"

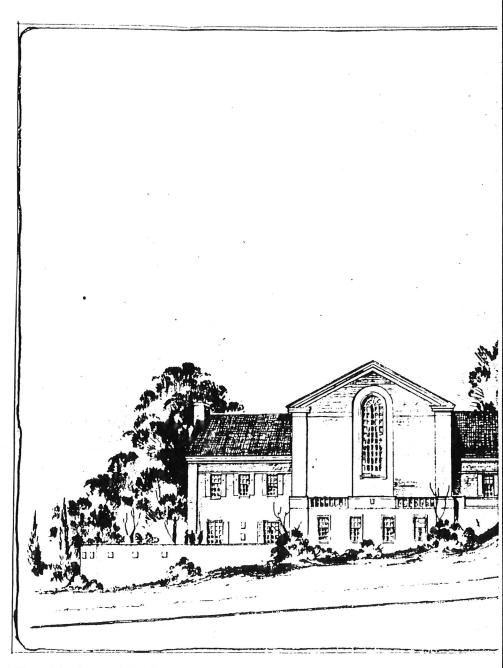
Hiland Church had continued to grow with the community. Now its membership was 665, and with so many new members the Church began to feel the need of a greater organization of Hiland Women. During the summer and fall of '47 a committee working with Dr. Pedicord, planned such an organization. On January 14, 1948, ninety some women of the Church came together to form the Association of Hiland Church Women. The women elected Mrs. Harry Berg, President; Mrs. John King and Mrs. H. P. Brandt, Vice Presidents; Mrs. Harold Hutchison. Mrs. David Smith, and Mrs. Richard Eiszler, Secretaries, and Mrs. Elmer Schafer, Treasurer. Ladies Aid Society and the Florence Sangree Missionary Society, now a combination of the two earlier missionary societies, formed the nucleus of the new group. Realizing that a combined organization would better serve the needs of the increased membership, they agreed to become part of the new Association. The Ladies Aid gave them the meeting day they had used for 43 years, the second Wednesday; the Florence Sangree Society agreed to supervise the mission study for the Association. The immediate enthusiasm of the new group, many of whom had entered the newly-expanding Church but recently, made the older members glad of their decision. The Association in its turn continued the work begun by the Ladies Aid in remodelling the kitchen, and by the end of the year they had completed the job. The first year, the Association raised over \$2400, and so proved itself a worthy successor to those women of 1905 who had raised \$500 their first year. A year later an Association of Hiland Churchmen brought the men into closer fellowship under the leadership of W. Craig Chambers, the first president.

For the past five years Hiland had employed a young theological student from Western Theological Seminary to assist in the work of the young people. Now, in 1949, a Junior Church was formed, to meet at the same time as the regular church, to invite boys and girls from the age of six to the time they were ready to join church. The Association of Hiland Churchmen had interested itself in providing equipment for young people's activities. Among other things, they purchased a record playing machine and a television set. Other Hiland activities reflected the changing times. Now square dances appeared along with picnics on the social calendar. Hiland Church was doing its part for the young people of the community.

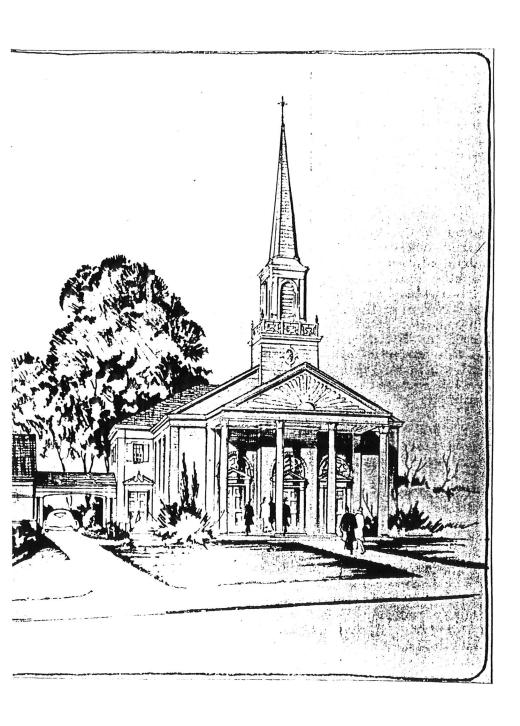
During the late forties Hiland began to make plans for its biggest celebration to date, its 150th Anniversary. A Projects Planning Committee was appointed to consider the possibilities of the Church over the next ten to twenty years and the needs of the Anniversary year. In ten years, the Church's membership had practically doubled. Because of Hiland's location in the midst of the fastest growing suburban area in Greater Pittsburgh, the number might well double again the next ten years. On July 10, 1949, Mr. Richard Brandt, chairman, was given the go-ahead for his committee by a congregational vote, "to employ an architect, Mr. A. Hensel Fink" (Mr. Fink had planned the 1936 and 1940 remodellings) "to draw up plans for one or more buildings and to authorize the Ways and Means Committee to recommend a plan for financing this project." On Jan. 26, 1950, the Hiland Corporation agreed to "employ the firm of Marts and Lundy to direct a campaign for raising funds for a master plan and erection of one or more buildings."

The project planners stated frankly that the program might be a long one, as long even as twenty years, perhaps. Fortunately, these were men and women of vision, but just as practical as William Courtney, John Mason, and James Sample had been back in 1812 when they had secured Hiland's deed for the land. This committee realized that the 1950 Church couldn't meet the needs of 1960 anymore than 1914 could have anticipated 1950. But it could accept its 1950 obligation, the construction of a building to meet Church School needs. In carrying out this Sesqui-Centennial project, the congregation was helping prepare for the 1960 Hiland, the 1970 and even the Hiland Presbyterian Church of 2000 A.D.

It had been thirty-five years since the congregation had been asked to support a concerted drive for funds. During these years, both the interior and exterior of the Church had been remodelled through individual bequests. Now a new generation of Hilanders was being given a change to show its appreciation of this unearned beauty. The Sunday School under the long superintendence of Elder Harry M. Foster continued to grow with the Church and the once commodious addition was now bulging with the fifty per cent increase membership. A New Education-Activities building seemed to be the immediate imperative.



The architect's conception of the proposed new Educational and Activities Building as it will be related to the historic old Church



The Rev. Mr. Earl Foster of Marts and Lundy had recommended a \$77,000 goal, but these Hilanders, not being men of little faith, had set \$80,000. One hundred volunteer workers called on the homes of the parish and the business men and friends of the community. The new building was to continue serving community needs. At the end of three weeks drive, Mr. Paul Aitkenhead, Chairman, announced that \$81,000 had been raised and that more would be coming in. Hiland had shown once again the Scotch-Irish qualities of its early members - persistence, spiritually, business acuman, faith.

This eighty-odd thousand was a down payment on Hiland-in-the-future, the first installment on a "master plan of one or more buildings". It meant what the log church had meant for John Crider and Robert Anderson, bringing their broadaxes to join their fellow workers in 1807. It stood for the beautiful sanctuary Robert Hilands and his committee had built in 1836, with \$2500 and a congregation of 200. It represented the same sort of sacrifices Hilanders of 1914 had made when they added the Educational Building, helped by the thousand dollar Ladies Aid Building Fund. And it meant that the Church of 1950 was accepting the responsibility of an enlarged community.

1950 promised to be a big year for the Church. Hiland started the Anniversary Year with a Watchnight Service on New Year's Eve. Plans for the campaign filled January, February, and March. Easter Sunday morning, April 9th, Hiland had its all-time record Church attendance when 726 persons attended the two services at nine and eleven. The next Sunday, April 16th, the Church received its first Sesqui-Centennial birthday present, a Steinway grand piano from the Choir. Mrs. John Simonds, a member of the Choir, played a short dedicatory program. Before the year was over, the Church would receive two other Anniversary gifts, a bronze plaque honoring Hiland's 82 young men and women of World War II, and a bronze plaque in Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary, upon which is inscribed the succession of Hiland ministers.

With the campaign out of the way, Hiland was ready for gifts and a celebration. Not only did she have 150 years to commemorate, but now an accomplishment of her own day to salute. Hiland needed to get together

with old-timers from the Church and community, many widely scattered now, to take stock of the past, and to look ahead to the future. But above all it needed a service of thanksgiving to God for His grace in preserving and prospering this group of worshippers over the years. The Anniversary Committee chose the Fall for its principal events, in keeping with Hiland's traditional Harvest Home celebrations of the past; the Old-Timers Homecoming on Sunday afternoon, September 24th at three o'clock; a pageant in October, written by Dr. Pedicord, staged by the people of the Church and an augmented Choir to bring back some of the scenes of the past 150 years; an official recognition service in November at which members of the Pittsburgh Presbytery would honor one of its oldest churches.

As important as 1950 had been for Hiland, it was not to see the beginning of the new building. And, after all, it was rather fitting that the work shouldn't begin this year when the Church was celebrating her accomplishments of a century and a half. As glorious as they were, these deeds would mean nothing without adequate plans for the future, and the breaking of the ground in 1951 represented such for Hiland. A view of the new Hiland brought the Sesqui-Centennial Church into focus as a link between two churches, Hiland past and future. As the 1950 Church looks ahead confidently upon a program of increasing responsibility, it can say with the beloved teacher and philosopher, William Lyon Phelps, "I do not fear tomorrow, for I have known yesterday, and loved today."

### NOTES

- 1 County Court Records, Allegheny County. Courtesy of Attorney John E. Winner.
- 2 History of Allegheny County, compiled by L. H. Everts and Company, Philadelphia, 1876, pp. 167-8.
- 3 The Pittsburgh Dispatch, Sunday, April 24, 1910.
- A rose bush from this original slip stands today on the property of Mrs. Wiley G. Feel on Reel Avenue, West View, Pennsylvania.
- 6 History of Allegheny County, compiled by L. H. Everts and Company, p. 168.
- 6 A. Warner, A History of Allegheny County, Chicago, 1889, Pt. II., p. 230.
- 7 Mr. John Deer recalls hearing old-timers tell of early Hilanders coming to Church with their muskets. One of these muskets is now the property of the Hiland Church. It was owned by one of the Charter Signers, John Brown, and was handed down through successive generations of the Wallace Family and presented to the Church through the courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wilson.
- 8 History of Allegheny County, compiled by L. H. Everts and Company, p. 168.
- 9 Ibid.
- 10 S. J. M. Eaton, History of the Presbytery of Erie, New York, 1868, p. 18.
- 11 Ibid., p. 22.
- 12 Ibid., p. 5.
- 13 History of Allegheny County, compiled by L. H. Everts and Company, p. 168.

- 14 The Pittsburgh Dispatch, Thursday, September 24, 1903. Mrs. P. J. Kuhlber, great-granddaughter of Mr. Anderson, kindly supplied this information.
- 18 A. Warner, op. cit., Pt. II., p. 315.
- 16 Agnes L. Starrett, Through One Hundred Fifty Years, University of Pittsburgh Press, 1937, p. 44.
- 17 S. J. M. Eaton, op. cit., p. 235.
- 18 Ibid., p. 43.
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- 20 Information obtained from the Reference Eoom, Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- 21 S. J. M. Eaton, op. cit., p. 239.
- Virginia E. Luckhardt, Notable Printers of Early Pittsburgh, Master's Thesis for the Carnegie Library School, p. 34. See also Agnes L. Starrett, op. cit., p. 44.
- 23 Minutes of the Presbytery of Redstone.
- 24 Minutes of the Synod of Pittsburgh.
- 25 A. Warner, op. cit., Pt. II., p. 230.
- 26 Mr. Courtney's great-granddaughter, Mrs. Virginia Spencer Winner, also a descendant of the Hilands Family, lives in McCandless Township today. She very kindly supplied this information.
- 27 A. Warner, op. cit., p. 174.
- 28 See Charter of the Hiland Presbyterian Congregation of Ross Township. The original Charter is now framed and hangs in the Hiland Church.
- 29 Mr. John Deer. Mr. Deer's grandfather was Mr. Thomas Keown.
- 30 A. Warner, op. cit., p. 174.

### ROSTER OF HILAND PASTORS

Stated Supplies	1800-1807
Robert Patterson	1807-1832
Interim Pastors	1832-1835
Joseph Reed	1835-1838
Interim Pastors	1838-1841
J. Watson Johnstone	1841-1849
Interim Pastors	18491851
James R. Smith	1851-1854
James Arthur	1855-1856
Interim Pastors	1856-1859
Martin L. Wortman	1859-1869
James McIntire	1869-1870
John M. Smith	1871-1874
W. W. Morton	1875-1880
Martin L. Wortman	1880-1886
J. J. Graham	1886-1896
C. A. McCrea	1897-1909
David P. MacQuarrie	1909-1923
Herman M. Hosack	1924-1929
Basil A. Murray	1930-1941
Roy B. Connor, Jr.	1941-1946
Harry W. Pedicord	1947-

### OFFICERS OF HILAND CHURCH

(A chronological listing from the Organization in 1800)

### THE ELDERSHIP

- 1. James Sample, Sr.
- 2. John Shaw
- 3. Allen Means
- 4. Robert Hilands, Sr.
- 5. William Courtney
- 6. John Scott
- 7. Hugh Gilleland
- 8. John Simpson
- 9. John Brown
- 10. Dobert Wallace
- 11. Andrew Gilleland
- 12. Jacob Whitesell
- 13. Joseph A. McCune, M.D.
- 14. William Crawford
- 15. James Fand
- 16. Moses D. Peebles
- 17. Robert Hilands
- 18. James Wallace
- 19. John F. McDonald
- 20. John Pynd
- 21. William Thompson
- 22. Pobert Guyton
- 23. Peter Sangree
- 24. John F. McDonald
- 25. Henry Gass
- 26. John E. Sangree
- 27. Samuel Wallace
- 28. Theodore Van Hooten
- 29. William J. Headley
- 30. Charles E. Watson
- 31. James M. Hend
- 32. Charles J. King.
- 33. John Nelson English
- 34. John Lentz
- 35. Palph M. Brooks

- 36. James Maberley
- 37. Samuel Affolder
- 38. William C. Martin
- 39. Charles S. Callen
- 40. Stephen Earl Affolder
- 41. William M. Leatherman
- 42. Warren W. Yoders
- 43. A. E. Torrens, M.D.
- 44. W. Allan Smith
- 45. Harry M. Foster
- 46. Frank M. Fisher
- 47. J. Wade Kuhlber
- 48. William Henry Barker
- 49. Ealph H. Demmler
- 50. Paul W. Brandt
- 51. John Ellis
- 52. William M. Steineck
- 53. Paul Aitkenhead
- 54. David W. Smith
- 55. Doyle Bugher
- 56. Howard G. Womsley
- 57. Willard Uhlenburg
- 58. William T. Miller
- 59. Arthur G. Jeffrey .
- 60. Oliver R. Lake, M.D.
- 61. Kenneth F. Miller, M.D.
- 62. Clyde G. Mortimer
- 63. Adrian D. Supple
- 64. Joseph C. Barr
- 65. John D. Wood
- 66. Richard E. Eiszler
- 67. Arthur G. Nelson
- 68. Eaymond A. Douds

### THE DIACONATE

- 1. Maxwell Glenn
- 2. Clyde G. Mortimer
- 3. Arthur G. Nelson
- 4. Willard L. Uhlenburg
- 5. Albert F. Baret
- 6. Jack McWilliams
- 7. William A. Trimble
- 8. James R. Winner
- 9. David Brant
- 10. Theodore W. Geist
- 11. Edward Schalek
- 12. Frank B. Gross
- 13. John D. Wood
- 14. Richard C. Eiszler
- 15. Raymond A. Douds
- 16. Alexander Kennedy
- 17. John H. Louthan

- 18. Raymond A. Tritinger
- 19. John Forsythe
- 20. Elmer E. Jordan
- 21. George W. Schultz
- 22. Charles W. Uhlenburg
- 23. Robert W. Culbertson
- 24. A. H. Nungessor
- 25. R. J. Stewart
- 26. Roy J. Hartwick
- 27. Ernest E. Mair
- 28. James D. Neeley
- 29. William F. Schleiden
- 30. William T. Winner
- 31. Albert D. Knoblach
- 32. Donald H. O'Heal
- 33. Ewalt P. Schlegel
- 34. George W. Wuerthele

### TRUSTEES

- 1. James Sample
- 2. John Scott
- 3. John McKnight
- 4. William Courtney
- 5. John Morrow
- 6. Robert Hilands
- 7. Joseph Dickson
- 8. Samuel McElhenny
- 9. William Peebles
- 10. William Riley
- 11. Allen Means
- 12. James Hilands
- 13. William Huggins
- 14. John Dickson
- 15. John Bell
- 16. J. W. Thaw
- 17. William Duff
- 18. John Brown

- 19. William Wilson
- 20. James Thompson
- 21. Thomas Means
- 22. William Douglass
- 23. John McElhenny
- 24. John Keown
- 25. Hugh Gilleland
- 26. Jacob Whitesell
- 27. John Simpson
- 28. Robert Wallace, Sr.
- 29. John Pinkerton
- 30. John Crider
- 31. Caspar Reel
- 32. Andrew Gilleland
- 33. William Nelson
- 34. William Crawford
- 35. George Cooper
- 36. John Gayton

### TRUSTEES (Cont'd.)

	7. Alexander Hilands	78.	Jacob Kuhlber
	3. Davis Thompson	79.	John Gass
	O. Moses D. Peebles	80.	R. W. Berberich
40	6	81.	D. B. Bassett
41	L. Alen English	82.	William King
42	2. Alen Smith	83.	Charles King
43	3. Joseph Crider	84.	Dr. F. B. Miner
44	. David Reel	85.	Harry L. Watson
45	5. Joseph Hilands	86.	Harry English
46	. William Allston	87.	Henry G. Keil
47	. Eobert Guyton	88.	Thomas Deer
48	3. Samuel Scott	89.	Edward Gass
49	. Andrew Menold	90.	Albert Faulk
	. Angus Smith	91.	Robert Wallace, Jr.
51	. Samuel English	92.	Henry Lentz
52	. James Wallace	93.	Samuel Affolder
53	. James Eynd	94.	Charles King
54	. F. McDonald	95.	Charles H. Halverstadt, M.
55	. A. Allston	96.	William Brownlee
56	. John English	97.	Oliver Miller, Jr.
57	. William Thompson	98.	Charles Thompson
58	. R. Grubbs .	99.	Charles J. Hieber, Sr.
59	. Peter Sangree	100.	Homer Simons
60	. L. D. Peebles	101.	Howard L. Donaldson
61	. Samuel Wallace	102.	Clarence Winner
62	. John Wallace	103.	John H. King
63	. Christian Gass	104.	George H. Williamson
64	. J. R. Sangree	105.	Ray V. Warren
65	. William English	106.	Kenneth F. Miller, M.D.
66	. Alen Smith	107.	Eichard S. Brandt
67	. David Fobison	108.	Harry Montgomery
68	. William Peebles	109.	William Brant
69	. O. P. Willison	110.	Eoy S. Blackstock
70	. Henry Keil	111.	Walter Brenneis
71	. Oliver Brown	112.	Walter L. Wise
72	. Caspar Reel, Jr.	113.	Elmer F. Schafer
73	. John C. Deer	114.	William B. Rodgers
74	. Wilson Whitesell	115.	William H. Douglas
75	. George B. Eynd	116.	Robert M. McClurg

116. Robert M. McClurg

117. Charles G. Strang

118. Wallace Hallam

75. George B. Eynd

76. H. C. Gass

77. Charles Espe

### THE NEW LIFE ADVANCE

### Spiritual

Under the supervision of Session, Hiland Church is participating in the New Life Movement of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. The Parish Plan was established in 1947 to better serve a widely-scattered membership, deepening the spiritual life and energizing fellowship and service.

Prior to two Communions a year 26 Parish Leaders visit our homes to urge attendance upon the Lord's Table. Prior to the Every Member Enrollment Sunday in Noember they again visit to explain the new Church Budgets and the duties of membership. At other times the Parish Leaders and others cooperate with the Pastor and his Assistant in calling upon prospective members. While the Plan is in constant need of revision and still greater effort, its results have been gratifying. This year we received the largest single class of new members in many years.

As Hiland has grown in numbers, it has also grown in benevolences and the support of the local Church. The figures which follow tell a wonderful story and are our surest foundation for faith in the future.

	Total	Church School	Current			
Year	Membership	Membership	Receipts	Benevolence		
	•	•	-			
1938	380	205	\$ 5,000	\$1,080		
1939	400	210	5,100	987		
1940	400	210	6,520	1,641		
1941	420	215	5,555	6,015		
1942	486	230	8,249	987		
1943	505	194	7,734	2,100		
1944	555	272	8,236	1,422		
1945	647	274	12,205	2,480		
1946	607	274	10,042	2,980		
1947	665	209	13,348	2,000		
1947*	682	279	10,141	4,364		
1948	743	337	16,363	5,746		
1949	765	376	18,000	8,800		
1950	811	400	25,130	7,458		
*9-	*9-month church year.					

### THE NEW LIFE ADVANCE

### Material

To go forward worthily in the path their forefathers have followed for 150 years, Hilanders have grappled with the problem of new construction to meet current needs. Their faith in the future has been demonstrated, and this Jubilee Year honored, by the completion of a fund-raising campaign in February and March toward the underwriting of the cost of a new Educational and Activities Building. By their initial efforts members raised in gifts and subscriptions \$82,851.00, with more still to come. The new building will meet the needs of the Church School, the Youth Activities such as Boy and Girl Scouting and the Westminster Fellowship program, and the needs of adults for recreation, dining, and assembly.

Our architect, A. Hensel Fink of Philadelphia, has placed the initial drawings for the new building in the Committee's hands and study is progressing upon them. Mr. Fink served Hilanders handsomely in 1936 when he designed the present beautiful Sanctuary, and again in 1940 when the Church Porch and Tower were added. His design for this new edifice will be seen on another page. It is a beautiful compliment to our present building.

While the outlook in terms of material is uncertain the Committee looks forward confidently to the breaking of ground and the completion of financing within the next year. In the meantime work is proceeding on plans as they come to us from the architect's drawing board.

Certain memorials in the new building are still available for those individuals or families interested.

A Fellowship Hall	\$10,000	50	Shares
Stage in the Fellowship Hall	5,000	25	Shares
Kitchen and additional equipment.	5,000	-	Shares
Official Board Room	2,500	$12\frac{1}{2}$	Shares
Choir Room	2,000	10	Shares
l Nursery Room	1,200	6	Shares
Scouting Room	1,000	5	Shares
Other Class Rooms	1,000	5	Shares

### THE SESQUI-CENTENNIAL SERVICES

Sunday, September 24, 1950 - - at 3:30 P.M.

Hiland's "Old-Timers' Day" - - Historical Service and Homecoming Reception for members and friends. Refreshments will be served by the Association of Hiland Church Women.

Sunday, October 1, 1950 - - 9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the Recognition of New Members. Duplicate services.

Thursday, October 19, 1950 - - at 8:15 P.M.

The Sesqui-Centennial Pageant -- West View High School Auditorium. Over 100 Hiland officers and members in a musico-dramatic spectacle depicting the founding and growth of the Church.

Sunday, November 19, 1950 - - at 8:00 P.M.

The Official Hiland Jubilee Service and the Re-consecration of Members. Recognition by the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

### THE DIRECTORY OF HILAND ORGANIZATION

### THE REVEREND HARRY WILLIAM PEDICORD, Pastor

Mrs. Donald O' Neal Church Secretary
Walter C. Brenneis General Treasurer
Raymond A. Douds Benevolence Treasurer
Clifford Hefty Custodian
Richard S. Brandt

### THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Eleanor L. Schmalz, Organist-Director

### THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Harry M. Foster Superintende	nt
Ross S. McClintock Assistant in Education	
Marilyn Hartwick Secreta	ry
Willard L. Uhlenburg Treasur	er

### THE SESSION

Class	of 1951
Joseph C.	Barr
Doyle H.	Bugher
John D. W	ood

### Class of 1952 Richard C. Biszler Harry M. Poster Arthur G. Nelson

## Class of 1953 Stephen E. Affolder Ralph H. Demmler Raymond A. Douds

### THE BOARD OF DEACONS

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Albert	Ва	ret		
Roy J.	Ha	rtw	ick	
Ernest	E.	Ма	ir	
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To live to it—to give to it,

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Fling forth thy sorrow to the wind

And link thy hope with human kind;

The passion of a larger claim

Will put thy puny grief to shame.

Breathe the world thought—do the world deed

Think hugely of thy brother's need

And what thy woe, or what thy weal,

Look to the work the times reveal.

Give thanks with all thy flaming heart,

Crave to have in it a part,

Give thanks and clasp thy heritage—

To be alive in such an age!

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