

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF ROCK RIVER CONFERENCE

Dear Friend:

Your Pastor has appointed you to one of the most important Societies in the entire Rock River Conference. As the President of that Society I would like to invite you to take a whole-hearted part in the collection of some of the historical material relating to your Church and the traditions that it has developed through the years.

I would first like to invite you to read the report of the Historical Society given at the 1953 Annual Conference in Evanston. The report is on page 174 of the 1954 Journal which you can get at your Church if you do not have a copy yourself. This report outlines what we are going to try to accomplish over the next five years.

It is an ambitious program, but a vital one, and you can have an important part in the whole project if you will make the report from your Church as complete as possible.

We would like the following things to take place in the special file for your Church that is available at Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston which is cooperating 100% in this program.

1. Any anniversary booklets or programs that your Church has held of an historical nature. This may include actual historical celebrations such as 50th or 100th anniversaries or the programs or dedications of a new Church or addition to a Church, etc.
2. If you do not have the actual booklets, we would like to have the stories of those celebrations written down as you best remember them.
3. We would like to have your recollections of the early history of your Church. Name the names of the people you remember or that you remember hearing talked about. We would like to have the humorous stories, serious stories, stories of heroism and sacrifice, etc., about any and all of the people or activities of the Church through the years since its inception. Please be as accurate as possible in this information and check every reference as carefully as you possibly can. Write them out in detail.
4. We would like information about any Camp meetings that your Church has associated with. Put down names remembered and events of importance to the work we are compiling.
5. Send us any pictures that you may be able to find of the founders and early members of the Church, and as early or modern pictures of the Church as may be available.
6. Anything that you think would be of interest or value in the compilation of this work. Send it all with YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS TO

Rock River Conference Historical Society  
% The Library,  
Garrett Biblical Institute,  
Evanston, Illinois.

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Thanking you for your kind cooperation, and hoping that if you have any questions you will not hesitate to get in touch with me, wish my own personal best wishes, I remain

Sincerely as ever,

E. S. Hunt.

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# Historical Society of Rock River Conference

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January 16, 1957

Dear Friend:

It has been some time since I last contacted you regarding the important work we are trying to accomplish in the Historical Society of Rock River Conference. As the Chairman of the Historical Society of your local Church, I know that you feel as strongly as I do that our work together is of vital importance in the growing and expanding history of our Conference. Because we ~~were~~ not diligent enough about these matters in the past, much irreplaceable material of historical value has been lost forever. I want you to know just how much the Historical Society of the Conference appreciates your willingness to take on this responsible position.

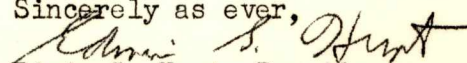
As you know we are trying to secure a complete history of every Church in the Conference. Previous compilations have been only haphazard and grossly incomplete. It is our job to secure a complete history of EVERY CHURCH and your Pastor has appointed you as the person best qualified to provide us with that record. Within another two or three years, when we have a history of every Church in the Conference, we intend to print the whole story in a book and of course your name as Historian of your Church will appear along with the name of your Church.

However, for some reason or other, I have not received any material from you relative to your Church. I am hoping that the reason for this is that you have been so busy gathering material and writing it up that you have not been able to complete it as yet. But whatever the reason, I do hope that I may hear from you with as complete a history as possible within the next two or three months. I would like to have you set a goal of June 1 of this year for completing this work if at all possible. You have had about two years to work on it so far and I do hope that it can be completed by June 1 without fail. If your Church's NAME AND RECORD IS TO BE INCLUDED IN THIS PERMANENT BOOK IT IS ALL UP TO YOU TO SEE THAT I HAVE THE MATERIAL BY JUNE 1. IF I DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU OF COURSE THE RECORD OF YOUR CHURCH WILL HAVE BEEN OMITTED. DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN!!

If there is anything that I can do to be of help to you in completing the work I hope that you will not hesitate to call on me. I am also enclosing another list of things we would like to have you send us and a guide to our over-all intention in compiling this record. When you have it ready you may send it to me personally at the above address or to the permanent repository at Garrett which address is also on this letterhead.

Thanking you for your help and hoping that I may hear from you no later than June of this year and sending my own personal best wishes for a very happy New Year, I am

Sincerely as ever,

  
Edwin S. Hunt, President

Rock River Conference Historical Society