

north side of the church, to be used in Educational work. This building addition is 25x62 feet and in addition to the basement there will be two floors. On the first floor will be located the nursery, which will have three rooms. Also on this floor will be three class rooms. The second floor will have the Intermediate Department with an assembly room and six class rooms. There will be an outside stairway on the east side going to the second floor and a ramp from the southeast corner of the church to the first floor. The estimated cost of this addition is \$30,000.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, Shelbina

The first Catholics to make their homes in Shelbina were Dr. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. James Combs and her little son, Al Bowling, and Dr. Leake. The greatest part of the Catholic group lived in the country around Shelbina.

In this early day the first priest to visit Shelbina was Father Hogan who would stop here on his way to minister to the parishes in Macon and Chillicothe. Whenever possible the people attended Mass at Old Clinton, south of Lakenan. The roads were little more than trails and people usually traveled by horseback.

During the Civil War, 1861-65, Rev. Phelan and Rev. J. M. Cummings tended to the wants of Catholics here. Mass would be said sometimes in a room of Mrs. James Combs' Hotel, in Concert Hall on W. Chestnut street, in Liberty Hall on the east side of Center street, and Miller's Hall.

In 1878 Rev. James O'Reilly, a young priest, was made pastor here and soon after he came plans were made for a church building. He appointed John Thomas, William Ridge and John McAttee to act as a building and financial committee. J. Wm. Towson donated two lots on the corner of East Chestnut and South 4th streets, where the church was erected. The building cost about \$3,000.

When Rev. E. A. Casey was pastor, 1884-89, the home of Mrs. Gabie Combs was bought for \$1,400 for a rectory. A 5-acre tract of land in the southeast part of town was bought for a cemetery at a cost of \$500.

In 1923 the congregation had outgrown this building and it was decided the old church must make room for a new one. Father Mullins appointed two committees for this project. On the building committee were George Hardy, Alfred Buckman and Will Gough. On the finance committee were Martin Buckman, James Allgaier, Frank Broughton, Omer Buckman, Guy Gough and Julius Buckman. Monday, Oct. 22, 1923, the last Mass was said in the old church and the work of tearing it down began the next day. The cornerstone for the new building was laid Sunday afternoon, March 30, 1924 by Father Mullins, assisted by Father Carney of St. Joseph, Father Barrett of Macon and Father Downey of Chillicothe. July 20, 1924 the first Mass was said in the basement of the new building, and the first service in the main part was the funeral of Mrs. Frank Broughton.

The church was dedicated Oct. 13, 1924. The cost of the building was \$30,000. Today (1957) the membership numbers 425. Enrolled in catechism are 26 young people of high school age, taught by Father Buhman, and two Catholic Sisters come from Monroe City to teach a younger group.

Through the years four members of the church have joined the Religious. They are Miss Alberta Hale, who became Sister Emma Teresa; Miss Carrie Sprinkle, who became Sister Mary Cecilia Anna; Miss Posie Broughton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Broughton, who is Sister Wilma; and Miss Mary Barbara Buckman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Buckman, a Sister of Mercy, who is Sister Mary Jeremy.

The pastor of the church is Father Bernard Luebbing and he is assisted by Father Leo Buhman.

This church was organized in May, 1864. Not having a church building in which to worship, the members probably held services in their homes or a hall or school house. In 1871 they were able to erect a church which was dedicated July 30 of that year. Dr. B. T. Lacey was in charge of the dedicatory service. Rev. A. Steed was the first pastor of this church. The building was located where Mrs. Ed Ralls' house now stands on West Walnut street.

After 1869 the church was in the Southern Presbytery. Some of the first members were Mr. and Mrs. Newton Adams, Mrs. Artemesia Ford, Mrs. Mary Lewis, David B. and George N. Thomas, N. Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. James Adams and W. L. Garvin. For a few years prior to 1886 the church did not function, but that year Dr. Wells came and gathered enough of the faithful to reorganize the church. Elders elected at this time were John Armstrong, Ed Hoselton and Mr. Tabler.

Presbyterianism did not seem to thrive in this soil. Never a strong church but thoroughly indoctrinated and an influence for good in the town. Services were held only twice a month but they had Sunday School every Sunday and prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Among the preachers serving this church were Rev. A. Steed, Dr. Travis, Rev. Bates, Rev. Green, Rev. Wm. Cochrane, Rev. Blaine, Rev. Martin, Rev. McClintock, Rev. Green, Dr. Henderson and Rev. Lewis.

In 1910 the church building burned and the congregation disbanded.

SHELBYNA CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Shelbina Christian Church was organized in 1866 or 1867 by Elder T. M. Allen of Columbia, Mo. Preaching services were held in residences, school house and halls.

In 1868 the church began plans for a house of worship. The trustees Joe H. Fox, Thomas Mitchell and Daniel Givan, bought a lot 112-212 on East Spruce street for \$350. The homes of Mrs. Hazel Wood and Mrs. Sue White and Vernie Durham stand on this lot today. This land was originally owned by C. H. True. He bought it in 1859 from land companies and owners in the East. He sold it to Elias Sparks and wife. They sold it to Jacob French and wife and they to the trustees of the church.

The building, which faced north, was of red brick and was started in 1868 and finished in 1870. The first pastor was Elder William Featherstone. This church was used from 1870 until 1911 when it was sold for \$2,000. Later it was used for a laundry until it burned about 1914. Some of the early members were Thomas Mitchel, grandfather of Tilden Doyle; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Givan, parents of Mrs. Frankie Ford; Joe H. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. True, grandparents of Ray Bellwell; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stemmons, parents of Mrs. Clarence C. White; Leroy Dye, Mrs. Sue Hanley, Mrs. Mary French, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Rawlings, Mrs. Millie Francis, Mrs. H. M. Allison, Mrs. Rhoda Ford, Hiram Miller and family, Mrs. Sarah Walker, mother of Mrs. Sue Henry and Mrs. Kate Hardy; and Mr. and Mrs. George A. Jenks.

Feb. 23, 1910 the official board voted to buy the corner of Center and W. Spruce streets for \$2,500 on which to build a church. Aug. 31, 1910 the cornerstone was laid. The Masonic Lodge of Shelbina, assisted by Masons from Macon, Monroe City and Paris, had charge of the ceremony. In the cornerstone was placed a box containing a copy of the Centennial programs of the National Convention of the Disciples of Christ at Pittsburg, Pa., Christian Evangelist, Christian Century, Christian Men's Magazine; Shelbina Democrat, Shelbina Torchlight, and a list of officers of the church; a list of the officers and past masters of the Shelbina Lodge No. 228 A.F.&A.M. and the Masonic emblem, a square and compass.

The church, with the lot, cost \$20,000 and was dedicated