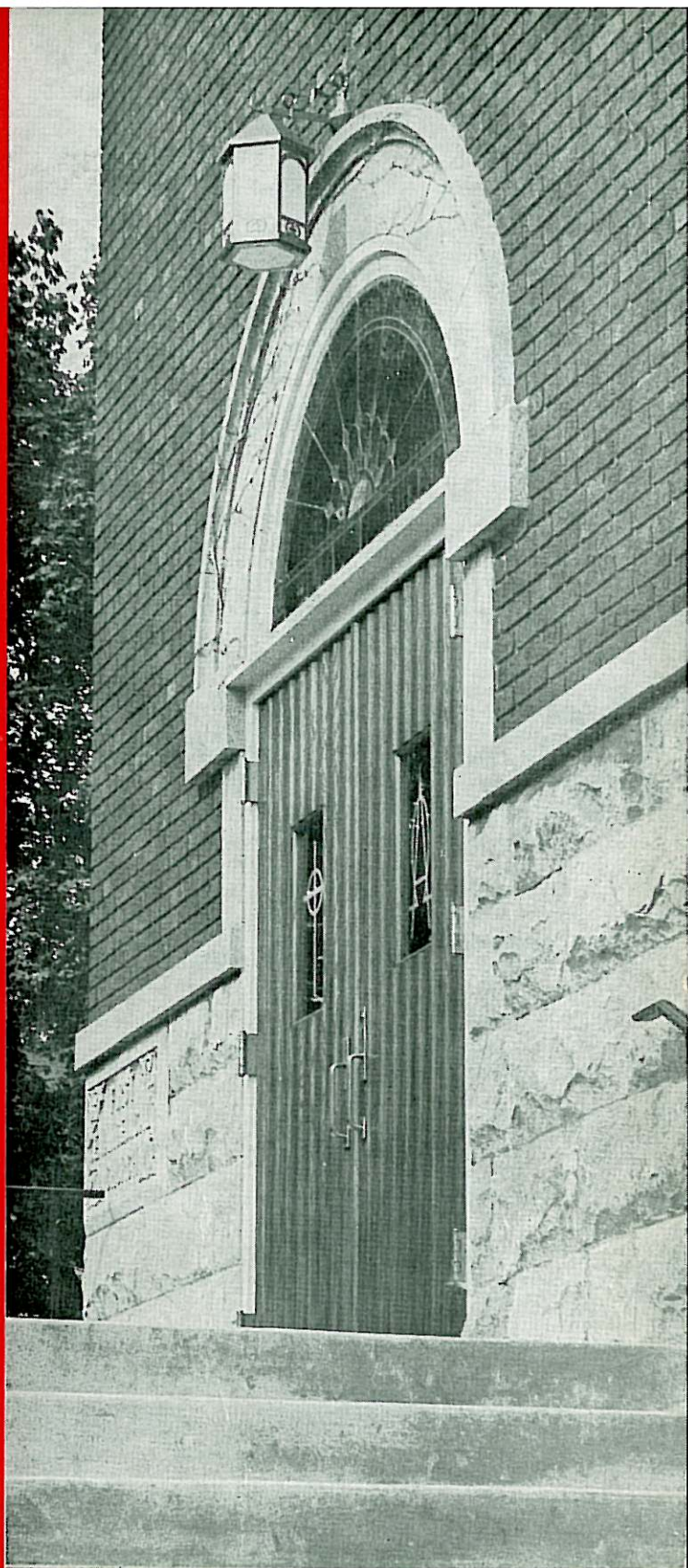


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to the followers as well as the leaders!

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IN GRATITUDE

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TO THE READER

One of the best ways of understanding what something is, is to be told what it is not! This book is not an erudite and solemn ecclesiastical account of the first 125 years of First Church in Naperville. It is, rather, an informal story of people and events connected with this church as against the background of the college and the town.

Naturally in such an undertaking as this we have had information pouring in from many sources. Our biggest problem has been one of elimination and selectivity. We hope you will realize our disappointment in not being able to include many other names worthy of mention. We assure you that such omissions mean lack of space only — not of appreciation!

Along with the informality of subject matter, you will notice the unconventional treatment of some items of bibliography and the almost total lack of footnotes. It would be much too formal and space-consuming to attempt to give the sources for all material used.

So, as persons who have labored for decades to persuade would-be youthful scribblers to be accurate and authentic and to avoid plagiarism, we do therefore solemnly affirm (without our tongues in our cheeks) that in this book we have earnestly endeavored to follow our own admonitions!

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