

Our present pastor, the Rev. H. R. Kinney, a graduate of Garrett, and his talented wife are carrying on a successful work, here, at present. There are about 130 members with an active Ladies Aid, Missionary Society, Sunday School Epworth League.

While ministers changed often, one office held the same incumbent many years C. A. Hallenbeck was Recording Steward from 1873 until prevented by ill health a few years before his death in 1911. He was choir leader for many years. His wife also played an important role through her faithful service in the Missionary and Aid societies until her death in 1931. Their son Byron and his young daughter make four generations of the family on the church roll.

Another family Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Tubbs and later their son Orin and wife for many years always had open house for coming or departing pastors.

This in brief is the honorable record of our two churches. Religion and education were one with the very inception of our village, and our churches and schools have done much to not only create atmosphere here, but to send out into the world young men and women with high standards and fine influence.

If sometimes old residents drew a circle with their own group inside, it was but a by-product of their strong efforts to realize certain ideals, and not a reflection of their fine individualism and heroic struggles to put into deeds their own high thinking.

Summary

This account written in collaboration by two of the descendants of our pioneers we close by a paragraph from the senior collaborator.

The material story of Vermontville's century of existence has been told but no one can indite the invisible record of the influence of this small town upon what is, after all, of supreme importance -- the spiritual development of mankind.

Its sons and daughters, to the third and fourth generation, have gone forth to serve the world in all quarters of the globe, carrying with them the impress of high ideals and worthy aims.

Like an ever widening circle, may the lives which they, in turn, have touched lift also the standard of right wheresoever their lot may be laid.