

## A Brief History

FIFTY years ago, when Arkansas churches had more of spiritual wealth than worldly means, Central Presbyterian was born. Its birthplace was a small upstairs room over a store building at Nineteenth and State streets, used as a Mission Sunday School. The Mission was fostered by the Christian Endeavor Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Little Rock.

Looking backward the members have occasion to be proud, on this Golden Anniversary, of the high place their church holds in Presbytery, Synod and Assembly; and its position in the city and state as an institution of influence. These same far-sighted members are looking forward to still greater progress, confident that the second and third generations of the Founders and early supporters, co-operating with new adherents, will continue Central's glorious service during the next half-century.

The first recorded meeting of the devout neighbors and friends who organized the church was dated October 14, 1894. Of the 40 charter members, two remain to share the honors of this ecclesiastical celebration—Mrs. R. W. Porter and Mrs. A. E. Herd. Nearly all of the others have been "gathered to their home beyond the skies," in the words of their oft-sung hymn.

The organization of the church was accomplished under the appraising eyes of a Commission which met for this purpose at the Mission School, at four o'clock in the afternoon. It was a simple, direct pro-

