

Two more children were born here, Nellie and William.

Mr. "Gorie" Baldwin was Supt. of our Sabbath School from 1875 to 1880, serving in the old brick church on Washington Ave. Both he and Mrs. Baldwin served also in the musical life of the church.

In 1880 the family was transferred to Canal Dover, Ohio. The next year Mr. Baldwin met his death on the railroad.

In later years, Mrs. Baldwin — now Mrs. Harvey, having re-married, came back to Lorain to live and she and her children were workers in Grace M. E. Church at S. Lorain. A daughter, Myra Harvey (Mrs. Walter Mahla) had been added to the family. Nellie Baldwin Albaugh owned and operated an Art Shop in Lorain for quite some time. Dr. Wm. S. Baldwin practiced medicine here and was school physician for many years. He made a specialty of children's diseases. He served two years in the Near East during World War I.

After the Grace Church members joined First Church Mrs. Albaugh gave her time to the Sunday School, working with the small children, and now her daughter, Virginia Albaugh Hageman, is one of our faithful teachers. Virginia's son, Herman, is now keeping the family's record alive by serving with youth groups in the church. The story of four generations in one church is remarkable. "Gorie" Baldwin and his wife sowed the good seed.

Mr. George Wickens Sr. had the opportunity to serve as our S. S. Supt. longer than his predecessors. He served in that capacity for 15 years.

Mr. Wickens was born in England in 1852. In 1871 he left home for Canada and in the early Spring of 1873 he came to Lorain. His fiery red hair, long red mustache, bushy brows and infectious grin indicated that things had to move fast when he took charge. He had a way of enthusing people and making them believe they too had what it took to get things done. Perhaps the older, more staid sisters and brothers of the church blinked their eyes a bit at this different approach.

In 1875 he married Celia A. Chapman, daughter of an early Lorain family. She died in 1876, leaving a son, George B., six days of age.

In 1877 Mr. Wickens returned to England and was married to Miss M. A. Colley. They came to Lorain in 1881 and Mr. Wickens engaged in the building and contracting business.

In 1883 he opened a furniture and undertaking establishment, progressing continuously. He had many "firsts" to his credit through the years, among them a span of beautiful Arabian horses to pull the funeral hearse. They didn't appear to pull, however. They stepped proudly with heads held high. Another first was Parkside Chapel — a fine funeral home. It is now the Christian Science Church and Reading Room.

Mr. Wickens had long been interested in religious and temperance work. While he was in England the second time — in 1878 — he had been granted a local preacher's license by the London District of Wesleyan Church. This added to his efficiency as a church worker and he was one of those men of our church who gave time and energy to organize Simpson Chapel, later 20th St. Church. This was during the pastorate (1st Church) of Rev. J. P. Mills.

Mr. Wickens' family from his second marriage, Wm., Elizabeth and Edward Mark (s) were all members of the church. At present we are happy to number Mrs. Grace Huyck Wickens (Mrs. Wm.), Mrs. Maud Briggs Wickens (Mrs. E. M.) and grandson Wm. Wickens Jr. with his family, as working members of First Church.

Mr. George Wickens Sr. married a third time, his wife being Elizabeth Wallace Wickens who served all of her life in our church and Sunday School.

There does not seem to be a complete list of Sunday School Superintendents but the following have served:

Prof. F. D. Ward, 1898; Samuel Wire, S. A. Kurtz, George Creamer, Frank Ayres, Fred Johnson, E. M. McCaskey, Harley Nearhood, Mrs. C. J. W. Luttrell, Frank Proctor, Ed Peter, Wayne Weitzman.

Someone has facetiously remarked that the initials S.S. now (1956) mean Social Security and not Sabbath School. However that may be it seems as though a complete account of our "Sabbath Security" could never be finished. Give a thought to all the fine people who have made it their concern that we carry on the work, begun back in the days when there was no organized church society in Lorain.