

1. Present day Conditions:

(A) One congregation cannot go it alone and accomplish very much.

(B) BIGITIS; GOALITIS; NUMBERITIS. These simply lead to such expression as:

1. "Greatest meeting in the history of the church."

2. "Fastest growing religious body in America."

3. "A million souls for Christ this year," "Big business for God."

2. The first meeting, Called a conference, in Lexington, Kentucky, September 1832. Result

(A) Two preachers sent by the conference.

The first sent out this way. This meet- seems to have been the embryo from which other things were to come.

(B) The American Christian Missionary Society born in Cincinnati, Ohio, October 24-28, 1849, in the meeting- house then located at the corner of Eighth and Walnut Streets.

1. Alexandra Campbell elected president though he was not present.

(C) Rise of the Music Question:

1. 1851 in Kentucky: Mr. W wrote; "we are far in the rear of Protestans on Music."

2. 1860 Midway, Kentucky, L. L. Pinkerton, preacher.

## THE CHURCH IN AUSTIN:

1. Established in 1853 when a brother Henry Thomas had moved there from Missouri. First meetings were held in a school house. Soon afterward the church was meeting on Congress Avenue in a house recently bought from the Methodist. A W. H. D. Carrington seems to have been the chief spirit in building up the church in those days.

By 1879, W. E. Hall, a young man of only 28 years had come to Austin. He was beset by constant criticism. Hall had a definite Progressive coloring and the congregation was torn by dissension.

Soon Brother McGary came to Austin and his opposition to Hall's liberalism soon forced Hall to leave Austin and return to St. Louis.

That did not end the dissension in the congregation however so Brother McGary asked for his letter and went outside the city to a place called Pecan Springs where he worshiped.

The years have passed and here we are today.