

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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FACULTY, PLEASES KANSAS
CITYANS.

A Sketch of His Life Given in Central
Baptist Builder, With Dr. Har-
lan's Picture.

The Central Baptist church, of Kansas City, Missouri, seems to be highly pleased with their new pastor. In the church paper, The Builder, for last week, appeared a large "cut," of Dr. Harlan, together with a sketch of his life as follows:

Pastor Rolvix Harlan was born at Forestville, Md., seven miles from Washington, D. C., March 7, 1876. When he was five years of age, his parents moved into the city, and he attended the public schools of Washington, being graduated from the Business High School 1892. Two years were spent as bookkeeper in a business office when the opportunity to go to college was offered, and he entered the Columbian College Preparatory School, being graduated 1895, entering Columbian College the next year, taking the A. B. degree in 1899.

Mr. Harlan was converted in Feb., 1891, uniting with the Anacostia, D. C. Baptist church. Not long after he felt called to the gospel ministry and his college course was pursued with the ministry in mind. In fact, experience in preaching was secured during the last three years of his college course as student pastor of a little church which he organized at Fort Foote, Md. The year 1899-1900 was spent in Hamilton, N. Y. Theological Seminary, studying under Dr. W. N. Clarke. The next year was spent in Columbian University, where he secured the M. A. degree in 1901. During the year, Mr. Harlan was preaching at Hynesboro Park, Md., being ordained by the churches of the District of Columbia. Oct. 2, 1900.

In the fall of 1901 Mr. Harlan determined to complete his theological studies and entered the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, taking the B. D. degree in 1902 and completed the final examinations for the Ph. D. degree, which was conferred with the distinction "magna cum laude" at the fall convocation 1906. The Doctor's degree was made in Church History and New Testament. In the fall of 1903 a call to Evansville, Wis., was accepted and a

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new and beautiful church building was erected and a happy pastorate of 3½ years closed April 1, 1907.

Aug. 10, 1904, Dr. Harlan was married to Miss Margaret Wade, of Edinboro, Pa., who was graduated from the University of Chicago with the Ph. B. degree 1903. Two little daughters, Margaret and Laverna, have come to complete the family. April 1907, Dr. Harlan accepted the call of the Dixon, Ill., church and spent two and one-half years there, during which time a \$3,000 pipe organ was installed. The call to Ottawa University to teach History and Economics was accepted and the past year has been happily invested in the work of teaching, but the urgent call of the Central church has led Dr. Harlan to interpret the leading of the Lord to be directing him back into the pastorate. At the close of the present school year Pastor Harlan and family will make their home in Kansas City and enter fully into the work with the Central church.

In this week's issue is published a smaller picture of Dr. Harlan, with the comment: "To get acquainted with Brother Harlan is to love him; to hear him preach is to be edified and instructed; to work with him is a joyful fellowship."

Besides continuing his teaching in Ottawa, Dr. Harlan is preaching every Sunday for the Central church, and teaching the Baraca class in the Sunday school.

He went to Kansas City Wednesday afternoon to be present at a church rally Wednesday evening, returning in time for the Charter Day exercises at the University Thursday.

The Central church has chosen an able and efficient man as its pastor, and Ottawa University loses a valuable man from the faculty. The best consolation seems to be to remember the saying of the country newspaper: "What is Ottawa's loss is the Central church's gain."