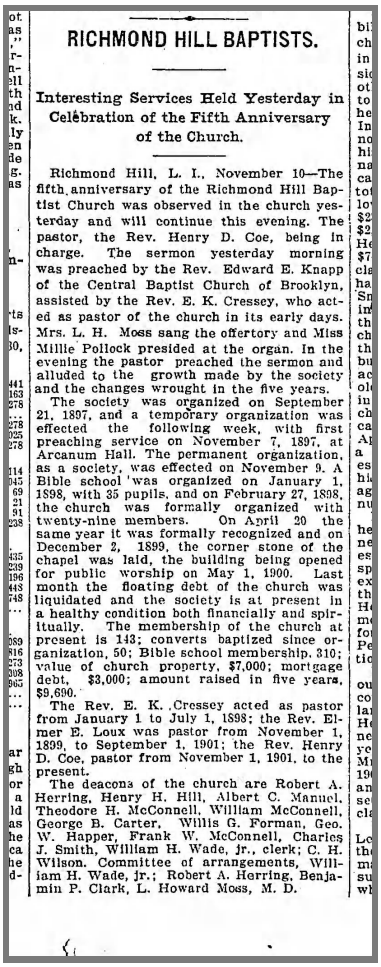
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RICHMOND HILL BAPTISTS.

Interesting Services Held Yesterday in Celebration of the Fifth Anniversary of the Church.

Richmond Hill, L. I., November 10—The fifth anniversary of the Richmond Hill Baptist Church was observed in the church yesterday and will continue this evening. The pastor, the Rev. Henry D. Coe, being in charge. The sermon yesterday morning was preached by the Rev. Edward E. Knapp of the Central Baptist Church of Brooklyn, assisted by the Rev. E. K. Cressey, who acted as pastor of the church in its early days. Mrs. L. H. Moss sang the offertory and Miss Millie Pollock presided at the organ. In the evening the pastor preached the sermon and alluded to the growth made by the society and the changes wrought in the five years.

The society was organized on September 21, 1897, and a temporary organization was effected the following week, with first preaching service on November 7, 1897, at Arcanum Hall. The permanent organization, as a society, was effected on November 9. A Bible school was organized on January 1, 1898, with 35 pupils, and on February 27, 1898, the church was formally organized with twenty-nine members. On April 20 the same year it was formally recognized and on December 2, 1899, the corner stone of the chapel was laid, the building being opened for public worship on May 1, 1900. Last month the floating debt of the church was liquidated and the society is at present in a healthy condition both financially and spiritually. The membership of the church at present is 143; converts baptized since organization, 50; Bible school membership, 310; value of church property, $7,000; mortgage debt, $3,000; amount raised in five years, $9,690.

The Rev. E. K. Cressey acted as pastor from January 1 to July 1, 1898; the Rev. Elmer E. Loux was pastor from November 1, 1899, to September 1, 1901; the Rev. Henry D. Coe, pastor from November 1, 1901, to the present.

The deacons of the church are Robert A. Herring, Henry H. Hill, Albert C. Manuel, Theodore H. McConnell, William McConnell, George B. Carter, Willis G. Forman, Geo. W. Happer, Frank W. McConnell, Charles J. Smith, William H. Wade, jr., clerk; C. H. Wilson. Committee of arrangements, William H. Wade, jr.; Robert A. Herring, Benjamin P. Clark, L. Howard Moss, M. D.

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