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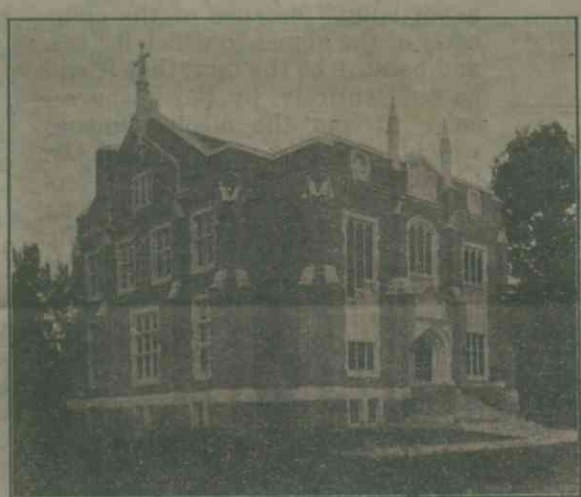
First issue

# The Riverside Avenue CHRISTIAN NEWS

Where the Scriptures Speak, We Speak; Where the Scriptures Are Silent, We Are Silent  
We Plead for the Union of All God's People on the Bible, and the Bible Alone

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## THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The religious people known generally throughout the country as Christians Only, and some times listed as Disciples of Christ, have organized churches throughout the world which are known as Free Churches of Christ, or Christian Churches. These people have grown in a little more than 100 years to a present membership of nearly one and a half million. They are at the present time the fifth largest protestant body.

They desire to honor Christ in the names applied to His individual followers or to local congregations; they desire to be known as Christians Only, though they have never claimed to be the only Christians.

The distinctive plea of Christians Only has ever been for the union of the whole Church upon the basis of the Bible and the Bible alone, in fulfillment of the prayer of Christ, that all His followers might be one. They have attempted to speak where the scriptures speak, and to be silent where the scriptures are

silent; believing that all matters of faith and doctrine have been revealed through Christ or His apostles, and that a "thus saith the Lord" should be the end of all controversy, and should furnish the only sane and practical basis for union.

The Church was once united upon the Bible and the Bible alone; and it is reasonable to suppose that such an ideal condition shall never again be realized until the Church, revealed and described in the New Testament, as established by Christ, and organized by the apostles, is restored, in its doctrines, its ordinances and its fruits.

## RIVERSIDE AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Riverside Avenue Christian Church is an individual unit, or congregation of believers, within the Church of Christ, which is dedicated to the ideals briefly summarized above. The story of its growth and development is as

romantic as that of the Restoration movement of which it is a part. It stands as a spiritual light-house in the community, to remind men and women of God, and to point them to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world; to make known the terms of salvation, which were laid down by Christ himself, as essential to the pardon and remission of sins; to show the beauty, as well as the necessity, of Christian Union; and to serve its community, and minister to the needs of men and women, and boys and girls, in the spirit of the Christ.

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In order for the success of the church, three things are essential: that it shall be a knowing, growing and going church. That these ideals may be realized this little paper is being launched, making its bow with this issue. It is the hope of the editor that it may be the