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Pelham Congregational Church Holds
Anniversary Program and Banquet

(Special to The Sun)

PHELAM, Oct. 18.—The 200th anniversary celebration of the First Congregational church in Pelham Center was brought to a close with a turkey banquet, served "family style" in the church dining room. Over 150 people were served by a Lawrence caterer. Decorations of autumn leaves and yellow chrysanthemums were arranged by Miss Clara Jones. A basket of beautiful flowers, a gift of Lester Morse, was also used for decorating.

Floor lights, which illuminated the front of the church so that it was visible from a great distance, were installed by Neal Boulton. Miniature models of white churches with stained glass windows made by the Pelham Center sewing group, were used as individual place cards.

Seated at the head table were Fred Carland, chairman of the board of trustees; Rev. Albert C. Sundberg, Jr., present pastor of the First Congregational church; Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Roden of North Conway, N. H.; Rev. and Mrs. Archibald Kerr, Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Weigle, Rev. Cornelius P. Cahill, pastor of St. Patrick's church; Mrs. Fred Garland and members of the anniversary committee; Mrs. Frank Carleton, Mrs. William S. Koeber, Mrs. Ernest Shearburne and Miss Mary E. Hobbs. "Doxology" was sung by the group as a blessing prior to the banquet.

Gives Address

Rev. Mr. Sundberg gave a welcoming address. Mr. Garland, as master of ceremonies, introduced the church officers: Trustees, George W. Harris, Chester Jackson; clark, Mrs. Alma Stiles; superintendent of Sunday school, Mrs. Kathleen Atwood; president of the Ladies' Aid society, Mrs. Mae Jackson; president of the Christian Endeavor society, Daniel S. Atwood, Jr.; president of the YWCA, Mrs. Euel Hayes; financial secretary, Miss Hazel Spaulding; choir director, Mrs. Bernice Bigelow; organist, Miss Bernice Moulton.


Roads History

Rev. Thomas Roden, a former pastor, read an early history of the church which was written by Miss C. Frances Hobbs. Miss Mary E. Hobbs and Charles Winthrop Hobbs, Sr., stood and were introduced as direct descendants of the first pastor, Rev. James Hobbs.

Greetings were read by Miss Clara Jones, Morris from Rev. and Mrs. Duane Thistlewaite of Indiana and Rev. and Mrs. George Willi-ams of Wisconsin, both former pastors who were unable to be present.

Mrs. Lucy L. Koehler read a later history of the church. A dole, Love Divine, All Love Excelling, by Slavin was sung by Mrs. Euel Hayes and Albert Nickerson. Miss Patricks Edwards presented vocal solos. The program was closed by the group singing "Auld Lang Syne".

Displays Items

Miss Clara Jones arranged an exhibit of early items which was of great interest—the original communion set, presented by a

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