



## 1890—Benefit Concert in Aid of the Proposed Garland Memorial Chapel

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The Ladies Circle of the Congregational Church has the great pleasure of announcing to the Public that a midsummer benefit concert in aid of the proposed Garland Memorial Chapel will be given at the Congregational Church Monday evening, August 18th, by Miss Alice Stoddard, soprano; Miss Emily Lawler, contralto; Mr. Charles E. Dufft, baritone; Mr. William E. Reiger, tenor; Mr. J.C. Read, tenor; and members of Dr. Kittredge's church choir on Madison Avenue and the 5th Avenue Baptist choir, New York. The concert is to be under the direction of Prof. William R. Chapman of New York, formerly of Bethel.

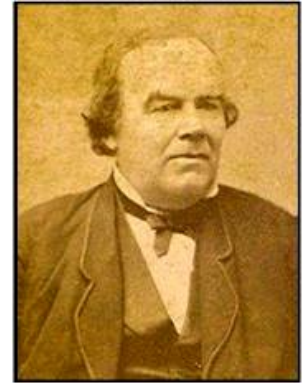
Mr. Chapman as organist, pianist and director will arrange a programme sure to give great pleasure to his many friends who are justly proud of his musical abilities and remarkable success as leader of the Rubenstein Club of New York and leader of other musical clubs of the highest artistic excellence. The generous offer of these talented artists spending the summer among us will bestow the greatest pleasure upon many in our community whose tastes are in harmony with what these accomplished visitors will offer for an evening's rare enjoyment."

April 1892:

The dedication of the Garland memorial chapel of the Congregational Church took place last Thursday, April 28, 1892. This chapel is a great addition to the church and is most commodious and convenient.

**Rev. David Garland (1815-1887)** was pastor of the Second Congregational Church of Bethel (in Mayville) for 38 years. On October 16, 1887, at age 72, he died in the pulpit of the First Congregational Church in Bethel.

Mr. Garland was of a robust constitution, full of healthful vigor, never having been by illness unfitted for service for a single Sunday during the 38 years he labored in Bethel. During the time of his ministry in Bethel he attended 573 funerals and performed 204 marriages. Due to his location, a vast amount of work from small outlying towns within 25 to 30 miles of his church devolved on him.



Rev. David Garland



2nd Congregational Church in Mayville—the church society dissolved in 1890.



The Garland's home in Mayville



Congregational Church 1930

**William Rogers Chapman (1855-1936)** was born August 4, 1855 in Hanover, Massachusetts. His father was Rev. William Rogers Chapman, a Bethel native, and his mother was Emily Bishop Chapman of Haverhill, Mass.



William Rogers Chapman

After his father's death in 1855, his mother and sisters moved to Bethel .

As a boy Chapman attended Bethel schools, received much home schooling from his mother and attended Gould Academy. The Chapman family attended Rev. Garland's church services regularly. In some instances Mrs. Emily Chapman and Mrs. Garland would be the only ones attending worship service in the 2nd Congregational Church.

The family of four lived together at their home in Mayville until 1863 when his oldest sister, Emily, married Louis Valentine son of William Jacob Valentine, Fordham, New York.

In 1868, his mother married William Valentine, her daughter's father-in-law and the entire Chapman family moved to Fordham. William Rogers Chapman was 13 years old.



**News of events at Garland Memorial Chapel in the years right after its dedication:**

February 10, 1893: There was a reception in the chapel of the Congregational church for Rev. Israel Jordan and the new Mrs. Jordan on Thursday. From the Advertiser, about 150 attended; there was singing, a speech by Judge Woodbury welcoming the couple and response by the pastor.

The Chapman home in Mayville

April 11 1893: Mrs. L.M.N. Stevens lectured at Garland Memorial Chapel Thursday on the work of the W.C.T.U. A branch was organized with about fifty members

March 1894: The Congregational chapel was crowded last Thursday to witness the –living pictures| tableaux program. Mrs. Herrick, President of the Ladies Club was in charge. Mrs. Gehring and members of her musical club served the refreshments.

Also March 1894: The Congregational church has bought a Chickering piano for their chapel.

Over 100 attended Early and Often Club entertainment at Garland Chapel of the Congregational church. The program:

Plantation Melody: by the Club

Piano Duet, Spanish Dance - Edwin Gehring and Alice Chamberlain

Spinning Song – Mrs. Gehring, Mrs. Tuell land and Miss Carter

Piano Solo – Miss Chamberlain

Vocal Solo and Chorus – Mrs. Tuell

Piano Solo – Lillian True

Tableau –The Three Graces| - Misses Bartlett, Babcock and Hefnzal

The entertainment closed with the famous Kinder-Symphony under the direction of Mrs. Gehring. The whole club had a part in this. Some played musical bells, tambourines and clappers, others kept time on triangles, drums, cocoa-nuts and cymbals. Misses True and Chamberlain presided at the piano and were aided by accompanists from the Bethel Orchestra.

April 1894: The last Early and Often Club social of the season was held at the Congregational Church in Garland Chapel. The program included the following performers: Mrs. Tuell, Mrs. York, Misses Purington and Bartlett. Also Misses Chamberlain, Moulton and Leighton. Also Lillian F. True, Harry Carter, Emma Jones, Clyde Bartlett, Miriam Her-rick and Miss Babcock. Mrs. J.G. Gehring directed the Kinder-Symphony

August 1894: The Ladies Club of the Congregational Church held its mid-summer fair at the Garland Chapel. Participants included: Mrs. Frank Tuell and Mrs. Ceylon Rowe. Also: Mrs. Enoch Foster, Mrs. Fannie Merrill, Mrs. Gehring and Mrs. Gilbert Tuell. Also: Ethel Richardson and Eva Twaddle, Miss Mollie Chapman and Miss Angie Chapman. Plus helpers: George Farnsworth and Walter Lawrence. Photographer C.S. York placed a large collection of Bethel views on exhibition

August 20, 1894: At Garland Memorial Chapel the famous baritone Dr. Carl E. Dufft will sing for the benefit of the Ladies Club of the Congregational Church. The program includes piano recitals by Mrs. Dufft and Mr. William R. Chapman of New York.

January 1895: The Tennis Club has planned an entertainment program to be put on at Garland Chapel. Those participating are Joan Stearns, Norman Gehring, Fred Merrill, Florence Carter, Robert Foster, George Farnsworth, Alice Russell, Bertha Wiley, Walter Lawrence, Barry Glidden, Eva Twaddle and Ethel Richardson\*

\* Ethel Richardson later married Henry Hastings Sr. ; she is the mother of the Henry Hastings for whom the Bethel annual citizenship award is named. The Richardson home was the former Garland home.

As a footnote: In 1892, the Universalist Church (built in 1853) members added a chapel to their church—May 1893 news, a griddle cake party was given at Pattee's Hall (on Spring Street) by the Universalist society to help raise funds for their new chapel which is almost ready to be occupied. January 1894, there was a Sunday school concert at the Universalist Church. It was held in the new chapel. A large number attended and enjoyed supper served in the new dining room in the basement of the chapel.