Seventy Years at All Souls Church To Be Brilliantly Celebrated on December 5, 6, and 7 EXPECT FORMER MEMBERS The Pageant to Be Very Impressive With 145 Participants

All Souls Universalist Church is to mark its seventieth anniversary by a three-day celebration, December 5, 6 and 7. Arrangements are now being completed to make the event a notable one in the history of the old church and all the former ministers who are living, will be on hand to participate in the festivities.

The opening services will be next Sunday morning when an anniversary sermon will be preached by the present pastor, the Rev. Dr. A. Eugene Bartlett. He will be assisted by the Rev. Luther F. McKinney, who was pastor of the Church of the Divine Love which consolidated with All Souls when the latter moved to Flatbush from Williamsburg. Sunday evening, the services will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. John Coleman Adams, now of Hartford, Conn. He will be assisted by the Rev. Cephas B. Lynn.

On Monday evening will be presented "The Pageant of All Souls," an historical review of the entire seventy years of the church's history. One episode goes back as far as 1770 and depicts the landing In America of John Murray, the Universalist prophet. There are to be 146 people in the cast and there will be representations of all the noted ministers and laymen who have figured In the making of All Souls. A light touch will be lent by singing and dancing, by a number of the Sunday School children under the direction of Miss Lillian Stomm, assisted by Miss Marie Strube. The pageant was written for the occasion by Edwin B. Wilson. It is to be given on the stage in the social hall.

The closing event will be a reception and dinner in the social hall on Tuesday evening. Reminiscent speeches will be delivered by the Rev. Dr. J. Ward Brigham, now of Chicago; the Rev. Dr. Almon Gunnison, Dr. Adams, Mr. Lynn, Mr. McKinney and Dr. Bartlett.

In charge of the arrangements for the celebration is a committee headed by Mrs. Theodore Burroughs. Serving with her are Frank J. Arnold, Joseph M. Tilden, Herbert F. Gunnison, Miss Katherine I. Hodgdon, Miss Mary A. Henning, Miss Florence Gunnison, John W. Ruefer, Mrs. Frederick H. Wilkinson, Mrs. G. F. Hotchkiss, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Bartlett, Fortescue C. Metcalfe, Mrs. Walter Hill, Mrs. L. L. Heaton, Mrs. L. Fletcher Snapp, Mrs. Frederick Taylor and Mrs. F. C. Metcalfe, who Is chairman of the dinner committee.

It is expected the three days of the celebration will be a veritable "old home week" at All Souls and many of the former members will be on hand to take part in the reunions.

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