



#### HISTORICAL ARTICLES PUT INTO CORNERSTONE

*From left: M. W. Hobart, W. G. Calderwood, Dr. Howard Conn and the Rev. Thomas Shanahan*

## Ministers' Insurance Firm Gets Cornerstone

The only living incorporator of the Ministers Life and Casualty Union took part Tuesday in the laying of a cornerstone for the Union's new home office building at 3100 W. Lake street.

W. G. Calderwood, widely known temperance leader, placed the box of historical articles into the cornerstone of the new building.

The Union, founded in 1900, has more than 30,000 ministers in its membership, making it the largest organization of clergymen in the world.

Dr. William J. Bell, Los Angeles, Calif., pastor, and former director of Christian education for the Presbyterian synod of Minnesota, officiated at the ceremony. He is chairman of the board of the Union.

Other participating clergymen included Dr. Howard Conn of Plymouth Congregational church; the Rev. Thomas Shanahan, librarian at St. Paul Catholic seminary, and the Rev. Denzil Ridout, Toronto, a board secretary of the United Church of Canada.

Mell W. Hobart, Union president, traced the organization's half century of progress in his remarks.

The Union was founded by Walter P. Hobart and was devoted exclusively to accident insurance at the beginning. Later it added sickness insurance. In

1924 it entered the field of life insurance, which now accounts for 87 per cent of its assets.

It became an international organization in 1935 when it established its Canadian office. In 1950, it became an old line mutual life and casualty company.