

Do you study yourself? Daily? Faithfully?
Conscientiously? Prayerfully?

Have you ever done anything that was a real
help or encouragement to your pupils to get them
to study?



Historical Sketch Number Thirty



IN addition to the description of the im-
provements made in our church edifice
by Architect Pursell, it should be
noted that a new organ, new pews,
new pulpit furniture, new heaters,
new carpets, new chandeliers, in fact
new everything, except the walls and
the roof, and these were made equal to
new by repairs to the roof and tower,
and re-pointing the stone work.

The report of the Committee who had charge of
the work, showed, that the original estimate
for the work on the building was about \$30,000.
But like nearly all building alterations, many im-
provements not at first contemplated were made,
and the entire cost including \$5000 for the organ
and all the furnishing was \$45,000. Thirty thou-
sand of this was secured by subscription and a
loan on mortgage of \$15,000 enabled the Committee
to pay every bill, and leave a small balance in the
treasury. It was not intended when this loan was
made to leave it a permanent incumbrance on the
church, but at an early day to remove it.

The re-opening of the house after its alteration,
marked a new era in the history of the church.
Not only was it commodious and attractive, but it
is more comfortable both for speaker and hearer. It
was light and cheerful both day and evening. The
congregation that had been uncomfortably crowded
before, now have ample room, and the increased
facilities induced still larger numbers to attend the
services of God's house. On Sunday evenings,
the preaching of our Pastor attracted large congre-
gations especially of young people and a new in-
terest was awakened in all branches of church
work. In token of God's favor to His people in
completing this good work, and in answer to their
united prayers and labors the Holy Spirit's power
was manifested in the salvation of many souls.

In February, 1885, two new Deacons were
elected, Arthur Malcom and David H. Wilson. In
May, 1886, the Finance Committee recommended
to the church the adoption of the following Resolu-
tion;—"Resolved, That the Salary of the Pastor be

increased to Five Thousand Dollars from July 1st,"
which resolution was unanimously adopted.

At the same time twenty-four members were
granted letters of dismission to unite with others
in the formation of the Trinity Baptist Church,
known as Poplar Street Mission. Others were
afterward dismissed to unite with the same church.
This mission was started in June, 1880, in a Hall
on Taney street, and was so successful that a new
location on Poplar street was secured, and a chapel
erected. Deacon Wm. E. Burke was its Superin-
dent for many years and its success was largely
owing to his efforts and generous contributions.

On November 20th, 1886, a communication was
received from Brother Wm. E. Burke of the Trinity
Church, stating that the title which he had in trust
to the property of said church, he was about con-
veying to the Trustees of said church. In view of
its former connection with the Fifth Church, and
the fact that much of the money for its purchase
had been contributed by its members, he desired
the fact of this transfer be entered on our minutes
and it was so ordered.

On Tuesday evening, December 21st, 1886, a
special meeting was held for the election of Dea-
cons. Asaph Terry and Joseph C. Kauffman were
elected. In 1888, after three years of continued
prosperity, both in temporal things and in spiritual
things resulting in a large increase in membership
and in the congregation, it was thought a favorable
time to remove the mortgage debt that was in-
creased when the alterations were completed. Dr.
Peddie was deeply interested in the movement and
secured pledges from a few of the wealthy brethren
for about two-thirds of the amount, the balance was
raised by a united and well directed effort on Sun-
day morning, when every member that was able
seemed glad to contribute for so worthy an object.
The whole amount was made up, the mortgage
paid and the whole property worth more than
\$150,000 is entirely free from debt.

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IF there was no enemy there could be no conflict;
were there no trouble there could be no faith;
were there no fear there could be no hope. Hope,
faith and love are weapons, imply foes and encount-
ers; and relying on my weapons, I will glory in
my sufferings.—*Dr. Newman.*

This world is a stage of excitement,
There's danger wherever you go;
But if you are tempted in weakness,
Have courage, my boy, to say No!"