

ST. MARK'S REFORMED CHURCH AND PARSONAGE.

A HISTORY
— OF —
St. Mark's
Reformed Church

— AND —
Sunday School

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PREFACE

The desire to preserve local ecclesiastical records is becoming to be of more than ordinary interest. The spirit to venerate old landmarks, to honor the deeds of past days, to inculcate local history and to create a stimulus that shall be a lasting benefit to future generations, has had a marvelous growth during the past decade.

Actuated by such a desire, the membership of St. Mark's concluded during the early part of the year to put into permanent form the records of the past ten years. As far as possible we have gathered accurate data. We have only taken facts and figures as the records revealed to us.

We feel greatly indebted to the Rev. Dr. J. E. Hiester for facts gathered from the minutes of Lebanon Classis, to Superintendent Abraham H. Miller, for the use of his annual reports as well as the article on the finances of the congregation, etc., to Mrs. John A. Seltzer, Mrs. Eliza C. Goodman, Mr. H. A. Miller and Miss Dorothea G. Krall for valuable services rendered during the preparation of this volume.

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PASTOR OF TABOR REFORMED CHURCH, 1861-1889.**

ORIGIN OF THE MOVEMENT—ORGANIZATION
OF SCHOOL—ERECTION AND DEDICA-
TION OF CHAPEL.

The earliest records extant concerning the Reformed Church in this vicinity date back to the year 1727. It was in this year that a certain Conrad Templeman, a layman*, began ministering in spiritual things to a number of congregations in Lancaster County, and subsequently to the Reformed people in this vicinity. This gave rise to the organization of Tabor (First) Reformed Church about the year 1756. This congregation has had a marvelous record. It is justly called, *The Mother Church*.

During the year 1860, fifty-eight persons, 26 males, and 32 females were dismissed for the purpose of organizing St. John's Reformed Church. This Church was formally dedicated on the 18th of October 1860.

Though Tabor Church had lost a number of influential members by the organization of St. John's yet it seemed to have given the mother Church new impetus to strive after still greater things.

Owing to the fact that a large number of the members of the First (Tabor) Church were people living four and five miles away from the city, it was deemed expedient that a new interest be started at Bismarck.

* Ordained in the year 1751.

The corner-stone was laid July 1, 1877, but no organization was effected until December 28, 1879. Thus again, the mother church contributed eighty-six members to the organization of this new interest. Whilst there was a movement for a Reformed Church south of the city, there was also a decided stir for an interest in the northern end of town. It was during the years 1880—'85 that the northern part of town grew very rapidly, whole blocks of houses being erected in but a brief time. This meant a corresponding increase of church goers for the various congregations in town. Amongst this number there were no small number of Reformed families; so that prior to the time of the organization of St. Mark's Mission School (as it was afterwards named) there seemed to be an imperative demand for an immediate step toward organization. The demand, however, was not immediately heeded. When the pressure for an organization became stronger and stronger and when it became self-evident that the sister denominations in this section of the city were reaping a harvest, it was that wild and unfounded rumors had been floating in the air, which finally came to the attention of Lebanon Classis. Whilst Classis was assured by representatives from the Mother Church that the rumors were ill-founded, and whilst Classis gave the matter no credence, it nevertheless saw wise and fit to give the subject matter into the hands of the Reconstruction Committee at its annual meeting, held in St. Paul's Reformed Church, Mahanoy City, June 1881. This committee, with Rev. Dr. J. E. Hiester as chairman offered the following report, which was unanimously adopted :

“ *Resolved*, that Bismarck and St. Jacob's (Kimmerling's) be constituted a pastoral charge with North Lebanon as the center and that the pastors of Lebanon, Dr. F. W. Kremer and Dr. T. S. Johnston be a committee to carry into effect this action and that they be instructed to organize a mission school without delay.”

The rumors to which we referred were to the effect that certain churches in the northern end of town were composed to the extent of half their membership of people of the First Reformed Church. Supt. Miller in his First Annual Report says :

“ These various rumors and desires caused a partial canvass of the matter to be made about four or five years ago (this refers to the time aforementioned, Ed.) by several members of this school as now constituted, but so universally indisposed, yea in many cases so totally opposed were the people in this part of town that the matter was once more dropped and abandoned for the time being. During the next four years very little was said and done in the matter and apparently its accomplishment seemed as far off as ever. A little more than a year ago, however, the project was suddenly and to most of us unexpectedly revived.”

Thus we see, that whilst there was agitation subsequent to the action of Lebanon Classis, it was but of brief duration. The people in North Lebanon voluntarily began to agitate the matter of organization during 1884, so that the consistory of the First Church at its meeting on January 1, 1885 took the following action, which was subsequently ratified by the congregation :

WHEREAS, Lebanon Classis has at different times directed this congregation to open a Mission Sunday School in the northern part of this Borough, looking towards the organization of a Third Reformed Church, and

WHEREAS, This consistory is convinced that the time has come when such Mission School should be established, therefore,

Resolved, That with the approval of the congregation we as a consistory will open such school in the ensuing Spring, if possible."

After the mother church had taken the initiative, it seemed to electrify the members in the northern end of town, and all with one mind and heart set out to establish a Mission School immediately.

The first thing that would logically claim their attention was a suitable place to meet, since it was not their aim to wait for the erection of the chapel. After considerable consultation and canvassing a room was found in the U. B. Aid Building, Northeast corner 9th and P. & R. Railroad. The room, 28x30 feet, was on the second floor, Northeast corner. After this room had been secured, and the preliminary arrangements for its occupancy had been made, the officers and teachers of the First Reformed Church at their regular meeting, held February 27th, 1885 elected the following officers for St. Mark's Mission School which was constituted the following Sabbath afternoon at 3 o'clock :

SUPERINTENDENT, A. H. MILLER.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, JNO. A. SELTZER.

LADY ASSISTANT SUPT., MRS. ELIZA C. GOODMAN.

ORGANIST, GRANT L. MILLER.

LEADER OF SINGING, MISS M. ELLA MARK.

LIBRARIAN, CHAS. GARDNER.

SECRETARY, LEWIS H. WENRICH.

OPENING AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SCHOOL.

“According to the above action (and previous notice by the Pastor from the Pulpit) the Pastor Rev. F. W. Kremer D. D., J. L. Lemberger, Superintendent of the Senior Department, and a goodly number of teachers and scholars at the close of the Sunday School marched to the U B. Mutual Aid Society Building, where on the second floor, Northeast room a number of others had gathered to assist and witness the organization of a Sunday School. The service opened by singing

“CAST THY BREAD UPON THE WATER.”

Followed by PRAYER BY THE PASTOR.

SINGING, “Lord in Whose Eternal Counsels.”

Enrolling of Teachers and Scholars.

After which the Pastor constituted by his authority the school as follows: “Dearly beloved, we as Officers, Teachers and Scholars are assembled here to-day in obedience to a notice duly given, to institute a Sunday School for the religious training of children and youth.

“This movement derives its sanction from the action of the First Reformed Church in this place, and that of Lebanon Classis, under whose jurisdiction we are placed. And now, as Pastor of the congregation and in obedience to its direction I constitute this school under the title of ‘St. Mark’s Mission Sunday School of the First Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa.’ in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.”

SINGING, “Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd.”

Addresses by the Pastor and J. L. Lemberger.

COLLECTION.

SINGING, "When I Walk in God's Clear Sunlight."

DOXOLOGY.

BENEDICTION.

Parting Hymn, "Pass the Word Along the Line."

Although the weather was inclement all the seats were occupied and a considerable number were obliged to stand throughout the entire session.

Eighty-four names were enrolled. Out of this number nineteen subsequently left and, went back to the mother church, so that in reality St. Mark's was organized with but sixty-five members. On the 8th of March the school was classified and teachers selected. In referring to the records we notice that the following individuals taught during the first, at least a part of the first year of the schools existence: Mrs. Lizzie Reinoehl, nee Wagner, Mrs. Lizzie Becker now Mrs. Kessler, Mrs. Jno. A. Seltzer, Mrs. Andrew Dotter, Mrs. I. L. Beckley, Mrs. Emma Light, Miss Sallie Lentz, Mrs. P. M. Fox, Mrs. E. K. Moore, nee Boltz, Mrs. J. F. Behney.

Thus, was the organization of the school effected and the work auspiciously begun. The school grew very rapidly in numbers as well as in activity, so that by the close of the first year the total enrollment was 255. The work of the school was considerably hampered by the fact that from March to October the school always met at three o'clock, immediately after the dismissal of the school at the First Church. The real beginning of the interest was in October when the school met as a school

distinctively separate from the old school. The feasibility of this was doubted by some, but that it was a step in the right direction was plainly demonstrated by the fact that the school made more rapid strides of progress subsequently.

SELECTION OF A SITE FOR CHAPEL, AND THE ERECTION
OF THE SAME.

Already prior to the organization of the school preliminary steps were taken looking to the permanent settlement of the new interest. A number of sites were viewed and taken into consideration, viz: The Northwest corner of Eighth and Lehman streets, and the Southwest corner of Seventh and Mifflin streets. Finally the present site was chosen, and an exceptionally wise decision it was. Therefore, early in the year 1885 an agreement was entered into between Reinoehl & Meily and E. D. Krall, one of a committee on behalf of Tabor Church, for the purchase of the present beautiful site—100 feet on Eighth street and 150 feet on Mifflin street for the sum of \$3,000. The following indenture was made:

This Indenture, made the Twenty-Fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty five (1885).

Between Adolphus Reincehl and Elizabeth, his wife, and Charles H. Meily and Sarah, his wife, of the Borough of Lebanon, in the County of Lebanon, and State of Pennsylvania, of the first part, and "*The German Reformed Congregation of the Borough of Lebanon and its vicinity*," State aforesaid, of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) lawful money of the United States of America, unto them well and truly paid by the said party of the

second part, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, enfeoffed, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff, release, convey, and confirm unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns,

All that certain small tract or piece of land situated in the Borough of Lebanon, County and State aforesaid, on the South East Corner of Eighth and Mifflin Streets, fronting on the East Side of said Eighth Street one hundred (100) feet, and extending of that width in depth Eastward one hundred and fifty feet-eight (158) feet to School Alley, bounded on the North by Mifflin Street; on the South by lot of Samuel S. Horst; on the East by School Alley, and on the West by said Eighth Street; being lot marked 90, and part of lot marked 91, on a plan of lot on file amongst the records of the Court of Common Pleas of Lebanon County, of January Term, 1859, No. 28,—said lot No. 90 being the same premises which Wm. S. Vaux, Surviving Executor, etc., by deed dated the 23rd day of March, A. D. 1882, and recorded in the Recorder's Office of Lebanon County aforesaid in Deed Book, page, etc., did grant and confirm *inter alia*, unto the Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit and Insurance Company, Trustees by substitution under the will of Frances V. Truefitt, deceased, and the said, The Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit and Insurance Company, Trustees as aforesaid, by deed dated the 14th day of February, A. D. 1884, recorded in the Recorder's Office of Lebanon County aforesaid, in Deed Book "J" Volume 2, page 471, etc., did grant and confirm the same, *inter alia*, unto Adolphus Reinoehl and Charles H. Meily, trading as Reinoehl & Meily, (parties hereto) their heirs and assigns forever. Said part of lot No. 91, being the same premises which The Pennsylvania Company for

Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, Trustees under the will of Charles Graff, deceased, Mary G. _____, Ann Graff, Emily G. Heins, Jacob Fry, and Adeline G. Fry, his wife, Bryant Ferguson and Juliet G. Ferguson, his wife Matilda G. Groves, Clara Graff, William H. Graff, and Charles F. Graff, Trustees under deed for Charles Graff, Edmund G. Hamersly and Alice B. Hamersly, his wife, Bryant F. Hamersly, William Graff and Emily R. Graff, his wife, and the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities, Guardians of the Estates of William E. Graff, Anna L. Graff, and Margaret Graff, by their deed dated the 27th day of September, A. D. 1883, recorded in the Recorder's Office of Lebanon County aforesaid in Deed Book "J", Volume 2, page 463, etc., did grant and confirm *inter alia*, unto Aolphus Reinoehl and Charles H. Meily, trading as Reinoehl & Meily, (parties hereto) their heirs and assigns forever, as in and by the said in part, recited indentures, relation being thereunto had, more fully and at large appears, together, with all and singular the improvements, ways, waters, watercourses, rights, liberties, privileges, hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and the revisions and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof; and all the estate, right, title, interest, property, claim and demand whatsoever of the said parties of the first part, in law, equity, or otherwise, however, of, in and to the same and every part thereof. To have and to hold the said small tract or piece of land, hereditaments and premises hereby granted, or mentioned and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns forever, And the said parties of the first part, for themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators do by these presents, covenant, grant and agree to and with the said party of

the second part, its successors and assigns that they, the said parties of the first part, their heirs, all and singular the hereditaments and premises herein above described and granted, or mentioned, and intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, successors and assigns, against them the said parties of the first part, and their heirs, and against all and every other person or persons whomsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof, shall and will warrant and forever defend.

In Witness Whereof, the said parties of the first part have to these presents set their hands and seals. Dated the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and
Delivered in the
presence of us:
(The word "heirs"
wherever immedi-
ately following
"party of the sec-
ond part" stricken
out before sealing
and delivery here-
of.)

ADOLPHUS REINOEHL, [L.S.]
ELIZABETH REINOEHL, [L.S.]
CHAS. H. MEILY, [L.S.].
SARAH MEILY, [L.S.]

F. E. MEILY,
SELIM S. THOMAS.

Received, the day of the date of the above indenture, of the above named, The German Reformed congregation of the Borough of Lebanon and its vicinity the sum of Three Thousand Dollars, lawful money of the United States, being the consideration money above mentioned in full.

ADOLPHUS REINOEHL,
CHAS. H. MEILY,

Witness:—SELIM S. THOMAS.

Steps were now taken to erect the Chapel and a committee appointed to superintend the erection of the same. The committee unanimously decided to erect a substantial, one-story brick structure, 42x72 feet, and arrange it with special reference for Sunday school purposes. In this interest the school took an active part. A large amount of brick money was raised by the officers, teachers and scholars of the school.

The corner stone was laid on July 19, 1885, at 2 p. m., amid a sweltering heat. The services were conducted by the the late Rev. Dr. Dr. F. W. Kremer. The following program was carried out, verbatim et literatim:

Invocation.

Anthem by First Reformed Choir, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains."

Reading of Address by the Pastor.

Prayer and Creed.

Singing by St. Mark's Reformed Mission School, "Come Thou Almighty King."

German address by Rev. A. R. Bartholomew.

Depositing of Articles and Laying of Corner Stone.

Address.

Collection, and Anthem by Choir, "Hark! the Song of Jubilee."

Singing: "With Humble Faith and Fervent Zeal."

English address by Rev. Geo. B. Resser.

Prayer.

Doxology and Benediction.

It is interesting to note the articles that lie hidden in the corner stone. The Bible, Heidelberg Catechism, Constitution of the Reformed Church in the U. S., name of the pastor and officers of the First Reformed Church, brief history of the organization of St. Mark's Mission

School, name of its officers, number enrolled at the time of the organization as well as number enrolled at the time of the laying of the corner stone, and copies of the Lebanon papers. The services closed with a unique and impressive march by the scholars passing the stone and depositing their contributions into the same. The stone was the gift of the adult class.

The work on the building progressed rapidly, so that by October the steeple was in readiness to receive a bell. The First church being in possession of a bell that they did not utilize kindly presented the same to St. Mark's, which is used to this day. It is interesting to note that this is an English bell, cast in England more than a century ago. Though ancient it nevertheless rings out the glad tidings in silver like tones and is very highly prized by the congregation. The bell was placed in position on the last day of October, 1885. Finally "the best of days" came. The church was ready for dedication by December 13, 1885. How eager and glad were the officers, teachers and scholars to leave their quarters in the U. B. Aid building and take up their abode in their beautiful new home. Supt. Miller in his first annual report says: "For more than one reason this day will be remembered by us while life shall last. It seems but yesterday that we gathered in the U. B. Aid building; from there we, in company with the parent school, marched up to this place; not with banners flying, but with uplifted umbrella, by tens and by hundreds, amid a driving rainstorm through snow and slush and water ankle deep to take possession of this beautiful temple."

The following program was observed at the dedication of the chapel:

Anthem, First Reformed Choir.
 Invocation, Dr. F. W. Kremer.
 Hymn, (English.)
 Dedication by the pastor, Dr. Kremer.
 Prayer.
 Sermon by Rev. W. C. Schaeffer, Ph. D., President of
 Palatinate College.
 German Anthem, First Church Choir.
 German Sermon, by Dr. Kremer.
 Prayer (German). Hymn (German).
 Offerings and Benediction.

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 2:30 P. M.

Singing, "We Bring No Glittering Treasures."
 Prayer and Creed.
 Singing, "How Sweet is the Bible."
 Address, F. W. Kremer, D. D.
 Singing by the Infant school of First Reformed Church.
 Addresses by Dr. J. L. Lemberger, E. L. Bleistine and
 A. H. Miller.
 Singing by the Infant Department of St. Mark's.
 Address by Rev. T. S. Johnston, D. D.
 Singing, "Saviour Blessed Saviour."
 Offerings and Announcements,
 Lord's Prayer, Doxology and Benediction.
 Parting Hymn, "Jesus has Sought Us."

—
 7:30 P. M.

Organ Voluntary.
 Anthem, St. Mark's Choir.
 Sermon by the Rev. George B. Resser of St. John's Re-
 formed Church.

Though the day was very inclement the audience was nevertheless remarkably large.



O. P. STECKEL,
PASTOR FROM JUNE 26, '87, TO AUGUST 1, '92.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONGREGATION.

THE FIRST PASTORATE.

Whilst prior to the organization of this new interest it took days, months and years for sentiment to crystallize, and whilst there was more or less of an adverse influence quietly exerted so as to stay the organization of the congregation, the ruling and animating spirit of the Mission School was nevertheless urging and demonstrating in no uncertain way that the organization of a congregation was not only advisable, but a positive necessity. This commendable zeal and consecrated effort led the consistory of the First Reformed Church to take the following action :

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of the meeting that some of our people connected with the St. Mark's enterprise in the city, are anxious for the organization of a new congregation, so as to enjoy the regular and stated ministrations of the sanctuary, therefore,

Resolved, That we, the Consistory and Board of Trustees, convened in joint session, after prayerful consideration, present the following as wise and just in the premises :

First. That should our people interested in the St. Mark's enterprise desire and request the organization of a new congregation, we recommend that their request be granted by the congregation and on the following conditions, (a) That the St. Mark's chapel, together with the entire plot of ground on which it stands, be legally conveyed to the proper authorities of the new organization,

thus relieving the mother church of all financial obligations. (b) That we will acknowledge the moral and Christian duty of aiding, as a congregation, the new enterprise in paying the balance of the debt resting on the chapel, on the condition that care be taken to move in harmony, love and peace with the mother church.

Second. That a committee of five be appointed from this body, and a committee of an equal number be appointed of men interested in the St. Mark's enterprise, with the pastor as a member ex-officio, who shall meet for conference on this whole question.

Third. Should at the proposed conference a satisfactory result be reached the case shall be laid before the congregation at its ensuing meeting for its consideration and action.

This action was supplemented at a meeting held in St. Mark's chapel, March 31, 1887. The late Rev. Dr. F. W. Kremer presided at this meeting and the following action was taken :

Whereas, The First Reformed Church at its annual meeting on the first of January last granted permission after the 1st of April to such of its members as might desire to organize in St. Mark's chapel a new congregation, to be known as St. Mark's Reformed church, Lebanon, Pa. Therefore,

Resolved, That this meeting will adopt preliminary measures, in order to the carrying out of the above named project.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to ascertain who are willing to go into the proposed new organization and the amount they are willing to pay towards the pastor's salary.

After the aforesaid action was taken a meeting was held on the evening of May 12, 1887, in St. Mark's Reformed

chapel, for the purpose of formally organizing the St. Mark's Reformed congregation and electing officers.

Rev. Dr. F. W. Kramer, pastor of the First Reformed church, opened the meeting and after an interchange of views, on motion of E. D. Krall Rev. Kramer was chosen president pro. tem., and L. H. Wenrich, secretary pro. tem.

On motion of John A. Seltzer the constitution was then read and adopted seriatim.

The president then announced that he was ready to receive nominations for officers. The following were nominated: A. H. Miller and E. D. Krall, elders; A. P. Wilhelm, John Albright, Charles Swope and Hiram Miller, deacons. There being no more nominations the above nominees were unanimously elected to fill their respective positions.

On motion it was decided to hold services in the chapel the following Sunday, May 15, 1887, at 1:30 p. m., when the newly elected officers were installed.

The following one hundred and fifty-two members were dismissed from the First Reformed church, this city, and four from the Reformed church, at Jonestown, and these formally constituted the organization of St. Mark's Reformed Congregation:

Albright, John P.	Bergner, Mrs. Barbara
Albright, Mrs. John P.	Bicksler, Mrs. Susan
Batdorf, Mrs. Kate	Bixler, Augustus
Beckley, Mrs. Lavina W.	Bleistine, Mrs. Leah
Behney, Mrs. Amanda	Bleistine, Mrs. Mary
Behney, Mrs. Lucy	Bleistine, William
Bell, Mrs. Lillie	Blouch, Mrs. Sallie F.

Boltz, Mrs. Anna	Hersh, Mrs. Lucy
Boltz, Mrs. Matilda	Hollinger, Catharine
Boltz, Sallie E.	Jones, Mrs. Emma
Boyer, Ezra	Kiefer, Mrs. Elizabeth
Boyer, Mrs. Amanda	Killmer, Elmira
Boyer, Lucy Ann	Krall, Edward D.
Breslin, Annie	Krall, Mrs. Catharine
Coble, Mrs. Amanda	Krall, Thomas
Diehl, John H.	Krall, Katie
Diehl, Mrs. Emma O.	Lape, Mrs. Catharine
Diehl, Lizzie M.	Leiby, Mrs. Elmina
Diehl, Katie M.	Leinbach, Harry A.
Ebright, Amos S.	Leinbach, Mrs. Harry A.
Ebright, Mrs. Emma	Lentz, Sallie
Feaser, Mrs. Mary	Light, Mrs. Emma
Fitterer, William	Mareene, Mrs. Susan
Fitterer, Mrs. Mary	Mark, Cyrus G.
Focht, Moses	Mark, Mrs. Lavina
Focht, Mrs. Elizabeth	Mark, J. Monroe
Fox, Mrs. Emma	Mark, Mrs. Amanda
Fox, Henry D.	McAdam, J. William
Fox, Mrs. Sarah	Miller, Abraham H.
Fox, Mrs. Emma	Miller, Mrs. Annie
Fox, Philip	Miller, Grant L.
Fox, Mrs. Philip	Miller, Adam B.
Fox, John M.	Miller, Mrs. Susan
Fox, Mrs. Sarah	Miller, John
Gardner, Godhelf	Miller, Mrs. Helena
Gardner, Mrs. Mary	Miller, Mrs. Leonora
Gardner, Charles H.	Miller, Mrs. Susan
Garret, Morris	Miller, Harry
Garret, Wesley	Miller, Mrs. E. L.
Garret, Mrs. Kate	Miller, Hiram D.
Gingrich, Mrs. Alice	Miller, Mrs. Sallie A.
Gingrich, Mrs. Rebecca	Miller, Katie E.
Goodman, Mrs. Eliza	Molley, Mrs. Rosa
Hahn, Louisa	Plantz, Simon

Plantz, Mary	Swope, A. B.
Rhode, Mrs. Sarah	Swope, Mrs. Catharine
Riddle, Mrs. Mary E.	Swope, Emma
Ringler, Mrs. Mary A.	Swope, Mrs. Louisa
Rise, Mrs. Emma	Swope, Charles
Rosenberger, Mrs. Mary	Swope, Adam P.
Royer, Katie	Swope, Mrs. Clara
Schools, Mrs. Sarah	Tatnell, John
Sealer, Mrs. Catharine	Tatnell, Mrs. Rebecca
Seiders, Mrs. Amanda	Thomas, Henry
Seltzer, Mrs. Emma	Thomas, Mrs. Henry
Seltzer, John A.	Treida, Frederick
Seltzer, Mrs. Sallie	Treida, Mrs. Emma
Seltzer, Jacob E.	Uhler, Simon
Seltzer, Mrs. Elizabeth	Umberger, Edwin C.
Shay, Jefferson	Wagner, John S.
Shay, Mrs. Lemmie	Wagner, Mrs. Mary
Shay, Robert	Wagner, M. Lizzie
Shay, Mrs. Alice	Weirich, Mrs. Ellen
Shay, Mrs. Mary E.	Wenrich, L. Harvey
Shiner, Mrs. Sarah	Wenrich, Mrs. Catharine
Sholley Adam	Wentzel, William
Sholley, Mrs. Mary B.	Wentzel, Mrs. Emma
Smeck, James	Wolf, Jonathan
Smeck, Mrs. Alice	Wolf, Mrs. Sarah
Snavelly, John H.	Yeager, Henry
Spangler, Geo. B.	Yeager, Mrs. Catharine
Spangler, Mrs. Geo. B.	Yeager, Harvey
Spangler, Mrs. Kate	Yeagley, Edward
Spangler, Peter N.	Yeagley, Mrs. Sabina
Spangler, Mrs. Amanda	Behney, William A.
Stine, Mrs. Annie	Boltz, Ephraim M.
Swope, Ed. F.	Walter, Harry J.
Swope, Mrs. Mary	Wilhelm Adam P.

Arrangements were now made to call a pastor. Student O. P. Steckel was nominated on May 20, '87, and subsequently elected on the 31st day of the same month. A call was issued on the following day, which was accepted by the pastor-elect, his letter of acceptance being received by the consistory on the 6th of June. Pastor Steckel began his labors at St. Mark's on the 26th day of June, '87. He was ordained and installed on the 10th day of July by the following brethren: Rev. Dr. F. W. Kremer, Revs. Samuel A. Leinbach and Henry J. Welker.

Now the new interest was fully equipped and well manned to do aggressive work. There was a manifestation of good will among the members. The members were willing and painstaking, the times were singularly propitious, the pastorate covering five of Lebanon's most prosperous years. Whilst this congregation had commonly been known as St. Mark's Mission, it must however be said to its credit that it never received a cent from any of the Mission Boards of the church. From its very incipency the congregation met its expenses with the voluntary contributions of its *own* members.

At first a small chapel organ was used for the school as well as the regular services in the church. But early in the year the Sunday school concluded that St. Mark's should be supplied with a large pipe organ. The school enlisted nobly in this cause; eggs of a peculiar construction were given to the members of the school which netted a handsome amount of money. This was the nucleus of the "organ fund." The organ was secured from the Miller Organ Co. We cannot express too much gratifica-

tion that the school took such an active interest in so noble an undertaking. When the members, from Sabbath to Sabbath, are lead in their worship by this fine instrument they ought to take into consideration that it was the Sabbath school that provided the same for St. Mark's congregation. The organ was dedicated Sunday, May 25th 1890. The sermon on the occasion was preached by the Rev. Geo. B. Resser, pastor of St. John's Reformed church, this city.

It now became apparent that it would be advisable to erect a parsonage. The matter was referred to a special congregational meeting, held on the 9th day of March, 1890. The congregation agreed unanimously to erect a parsonage aside of the church on Mifflin street. The house was erected during the Spring and Summer of the same year. It is a three-story brick building, substantially built, well finished, making a commodious and well-arranged home for the pastor. Pastor Steckel occupied the same the early part of the fall of '90. The cost of the parsonage, as near as can be ascertained, was about \$2,300.

On May 22d, 1892, Pastor Steckel placed his resignation into the hands of the consistory, the same to take effect on the first day of August following. This resignation was accepted at a meeting of the consistory, held on the 5th of June. Thus ended the first pastorate.

Catechumens confirmed under the pastorate of Rev. O. P. Steckel.

Class of '87, confirmed November 19, '87 :

Misses Annie R. Becker, Ida W. Miller, Mary E. Fox, Lillie M. Boyer, Laura J. Rosenberger, Laura E. Yeager, Mary A. Stutzman, and Messrs. Levi J. Diehl, S.

S. Riegle, John C. Borgner, Morris W. Stutzman, G. Wilson Gardner, Mrs. Annie Werner, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Uhler, Mrs. Chas. Gardner. Total, 16.

Class of '88, confirmed April 19th, '89: Mrs. Sarah Boltz, Mrs. Lizzie J. Smith, Charles W. Frantz, Cyrus Miller, Elias Dohner. Total, 5.

Class of '89, confirmed December 14th, '89: Misses Annie M. Boltz, Florence C. Walter, Lottie E. Fox, Lillie E. Matterness, Elenora M. Poorman, Sarah E. Krall, Dorothea G. Krall, Lizzie K. Behney, Sarah C. Boyer, Ellen J. Ail, Fannie Rosenberger, Messrs. John H. Thomas, Harvey Kieffer, Charles F. Linn. Total 14.

Class of '90, confirmed November 29th, '90: Misses Susie J. Becker, Lucy J. Boltz, Annie Swope, Katie V. Swope, Mary Royer, Amelia Filbert, Messrs. Solomon A. Bressler, James D. Miller. Total, 8.

Class of '91, confirmed November 14th, '91: Misses Elizabeth M. Kase, Dorothea Thomas, Elizabeth E. Walter, May S. Boyer, Messrs. William W. Walter, J. Wesley Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hughes, Mrs. Sarah Baldwin, Mrs. Catharine Berry. Total, 10.

THE SECOND PASTORATE.

Rev. O. P. Steckel's resignation went into effect on the 1st day of August, 1892. At this time it was very uncertain how soon a successor would be chosen. The pulpit was occupied by different ones during the vacancy, the present pastor preaching on the 14th of August, just two weeks after Pastor Steckel had ceased his ministrations. The present pastor, Rev. I. Calvin Fisher, was nominated by the consistory September 6th, '92, and was elected on the evening of the 26th of September. A few days subsequently (September 28th, '92) a special meeting of the consistory was held and a call issued to the newly-elected pastor. He placed his letter of acceptance into the hands of the consistory on the 11th of October following, stating that he would begin his labors on the 1st day of November. The following brethren occupied the pulpit during the vacancy:—Student E. S. Noll, Revs. H. J. Welker and S. M. Roeder, Dr. Geo. W. Williard, Students P. E. Heimer, Marsby Roth, E. C. Sult and C. D. Yost.

Pastor Fisher took charge of the congregation on the 4th of November, '92. He was shortly received thereafter by Lebanon Classis and arrangements for his installation were made. The installation did not take place until after

the holidays, January 8th, '93. The installation services were in charge of Dr. D. Earnest Klopp, of the First (Tabor) Reformed church. The sermon in German was preached by the Rev. H. J. Welker, pastor of the Tulpehocken Reformed Church. The English address was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Klopp, Rev. Warren J. Johnson, pastor of St. John's Reformed church, assisted in the services. The pastor the following Sunday preached his introductory sermon.

In March '93 was issued the first number of our parish paper the *St. Mark's Observer*. This has been published regularly since its incipency.

The vacancy that had been created by the resignation of the first pastor had the usual effect that vacancies produce in congregations, so that it took a little time until matters adjusted themselves. Soon the members rallied around their new pastor and all moved along very satisfactorily. The congregation grew in numbers as well as influence. The Sunday school especially made rapid strides of progress, so that by the Summer of '94 it became plainly manifest that the church would have to be enlarged. A meeting of the congregation was therefore called on the evening of July 11th, when it was unanimously agreed that an addition of 25x42 be added to the south side of the old building and that the contract be given out as soon as practicable.

What seemed to be an impracticable move resulted in a decided success. The financial depression that had been so universal in our country made the members so much the more cautious. Every one took a special pride

in providing for the immediate payment of the new addition. By the time "opening day" came this was accomplished. The members will all remember how hard the members of the Sunday school labored for this worthy cause. Superintendent A. H. Miller on the day of the Tenth Anniversary read a poem characteristic of the work done by the little folks, that he very fittingly named

THE BARREL BRIGADE.

"Forward," the captain said;
 "Forward the bar'l brigade,"
 "Charge on the purse," he said,
 "Forward," he thundered.

Into the city street,
 Carried by willing feet,
 Knowing of no retreat,
 Went the two hundred.

Into the city store,
 In at the office door,
 Into the fact'ry roar,
 Came these barrels new
 Came there, pattering feet,
 Carrying barrels neat,
 Asking in accents sweet—
 Made people feel blue.

Barrels at breakfast time,
 Barrels at dinner time,
 Barrels at supper time,
 Journeyed and wandered.
 Came unto friend and foe,
 Came unto high and low,
 Came in a steady flow,
 Came these two hundred.

Barrels to right of us,
 Barrels to left of us,
 Barrels in front of us,
 Rattled and rumbled ;
 Barrels in rain or shine,
 Barrels most all the time,
 Asking for cent or dime,
 Some of us grumbled.

Barrels anon again,
 Came to all sorts of men,
 Oh ! they were plenty then,
 All the town wondered ;
 Finally home they go,
 Some of them overflow,
 None of them empty. So
 Came the two hundred.

The new addition was formally opened on Sunday, November 4th, '94. The pastor preached in the morning. At the afternoon service Dr. D. E. Klopp, of the First Reformed church, and Rev. Emil S. Toensmeier, of the Fourth Street Presbyterian church, delivered addresses. The sermon in the evening was preached by the Rev. Calvin U. O. Derr, pastor of the First Reformed church, Spring City, Pa. The services were of a highly interesting character.

Whilst the addition was being erected changes were made in the rear part of the church. The sliding partitions were supplanted by two large rolling partitions, thus forming an arrangement by which the whole church could be thrown into one. This arrangement has proved a source of gratification to the speaker as well as the auditors. The present arrangements give St. Mark's most

excellently arranged apartments for Sunday School purposes.

The Fall of the same year the Ladies' Mite Society introduced hot air heat into the parsonage, as well as decorated the greater part of the same. The parsonage is now among the best arranged in the city, in which the congregation can take a just pride.

THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY.

The tenth anniversary of the Sunday school was fittingly observed on Sunday, March 3d. The following program was rendered :

10:15 A. M.

Organ Voluntary.

Invocation by the Pastor.

Hymn, "Lobe den Herren, den Machtigen Koenig der Ehren."

Scripture Lesson and Prayer, Rev. Prof. M. Peters.

Organ Voluntary.

Offerings.

Hymn, "O Heil'ger Geist, Kehr Bei Uns Ein."

Announcements.

German Anniversary Sermon, Rev. Prof. M. Peters,
Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.

Text, 1 John 3:1-3.

Hymn, "Nun Danket Alle Gott."

Benediction, Rev. Prof. M. Peters.

1:30 P. M.

"LORD IN WHOSE ETERNAL COUNSELS."

1 Lord in whose eternal counsels
Past and future are as one,
With thy grace and thy protection
Bless thy word in us begun ;
By our hands maintain thy conflict,
Till the victory be won.

2 With thy glory for our watchword,
 And our confidence in thee,
 In thy might our weakness prospered ;
 Faint, yet not distressed are we ;
 Still in hope, by faithful warfare,
 Thy co-heirs of Joy to be.

3 Great thy work for us already,
 Lord, wherein we now rejoice :
 Oh, with thy sure help forever
 Bless the people of thy choice !
 Make us follow where thou goest,
 Faithful to our Shepherd's voice.

Prayer, Rev. Rufus W. Miller.

Reading of Lesson, "The Raising of Lazarus," John
 11:30-45, Superintendent A. H. Miller.

"CAST THY BREAD UPON THE WATERS."

1 Cast thy bread upon the waters,
 Thinking not 'tis thrown away :
 God himself saith, thou shalt gather
 It again some future day.
 Cast thy bread upon the waters ;
 Wildly though the billows roll,
 They but aid these as thou toilest
 Truth to spread from pole to pole.

2 As the seed by billows floated,
 To some distant island lone,
 So to human souls benighted,
 That thou flingest may be borne.
 Cast thy bread upon the waters ;
 Why wilt thou still doubting stand ?
 Bounteous shall God send the harvest,
 If thou sow'st with liberal hand.

Brief Review of Lesson by the Teachers.

“GRACIOUS SAVIOUR, GENTLE SHEPHERD.”

- 1 Gracious Saviour, Gentle Shepherd,
Little ones are dear to thee ;
Gathered with thine arms and carried
In thy bosom may we be.
- 2 Tender Shepherd, never leave us
From thy fold to go astray ;
By thy look of love directed,
May we walk the narrow way.
- 3 Taught to lisp the holy praises
Which on earth thy children sing,
May we with thy saints in glory
Join to praise our Lord and King.
Address, Dr. D. Earnest Klopp.*

*Dr. Klopp having been ill sent the following congratulatory letter :

FIRST REFORMED PARSONAGE, }
Lebanon, Pa., March 3, 1895. }

DEAR BROTHER FISHER:—I exceedingly regret my inability to be with you to day. Bro. Lemberger will give any detailed explanation, if needed.

I wish I could have conveyed to you and your people of St. Mark's my personal good wishes and congratulations on this day when you recount together before the Lord the trials and successes of ten years of congregational life and work. As pastor of the mother church, and in her name, who has all along felt the deepest interest in her youngest child, sorrowing when clouds hung over, and rejoicing when the sunshine of God's favor was hers, I want to say with old Tabor how exceedingly glad she is to note the special prosperity of St. Mark's as it appears to day. May your work together continue to have the choicest and fullest blessing of the Master is the sincere prayer of

Your Brother in Christ,

D. E. KLOPP.

Hymn by the Primary Department.
 Address, Rev. W. J. Johnson.
 Hymn, "Dropping Pennies," Primary Department.
 Collection.
 Address, Jos. L. Lemberger.
 Announcements, etc.

"PASS THE WORD ALONG THE LINE."

1 Pass the word along the line :
 Tell it, friend to friend :
 Christ our Captain goes before,
 Leads us to the end :—
 He who all the danger knows,
 All the strength of all our foes,
 Christ our Lord and Friend !

REF.—Forward then, where Jesus leads !
 Full of hope and cheer,
 Bear the standard of the cross !
 Who shall faint or fear ?

2 He who goes where Jesus leads,
 Never goes astray ;
 He who Jesus' order heeds,
 Always gains the day ;
 He, who alters not, shall be
 Led to glorious victory,
 By a glorious way !

3 Pass the word along the line :
 Lo ! the promised land
 Ye shall enter and possess,
 By his mighty hand :
 Courage, then ! ye must not fail ;
 Strongest foes cannot prevail ;
 Jesus has command !

Benediction, Rev. W. J. Johnson.

7:15 P. M.

Organ Voluntary.

Invocation, Rev. Prof. M. Peters.

Hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King,"

Scripture Lesson and Prayer, Rev. R. W. Miller.

Organ Voluntary.

Offerings.

Hymn, "Great Prophet of My God."

English Anniversary Sermon, Text, Daniel 12:34, Rev.

Rufus W. Miller, Sunday School Secretary.

Hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord,"

Reminiscences, Superintendent A. H. Miller.

Hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Benediction, Rev. R. W. Miller.

The program was an exceedingly interesting one. The attendance at all these services was very large, the Sunday School attendance in the afternoon reaching 416. The school through the pastor presented Superintendent Miller with a series of eight volumes of the Biblical Museum by J. Comper Gray, Mrs. E. C. Goodman with a life-size portrait of herself, executed by Mrs. Fisher, the pastor's wife; and Mrs. H. A. Miller, with a fancy rocking chair. This day will long be remembered by the members and friends of St. Mark's as a red-letter day in the history of their school.

The following catechumens have been confirmed thus far under the pastorate of the Rev. I. Calvin Fisher.

Class of '93, confirmed March 31, '93.—Misses Emma G. Ail, Tacie M. Bender, Amelia E. Bender, Emma R. Black, Mary J. Bohr, Lillie R. Bordner, Mary K. Edris, Ida E. Hauer, Katie A. Hunsicker, Dora C. Lengle, Gertrude E. Miller, Virginia M. Moyer, Sarah C. Seiders, Carrie E. Treida, Mary E. Treida, Rosa A. Umberger,

Sarah C. Walter. Messrs. Frank K. Copenhaver, Calvin R. Edris, Elwood Gehret, Andrew L. Horst, H. Ray Miller, Walter G. Seltzer, Oliver J. Boltz, Jacob Eichelberger, Howard R. Fox, David Snavelly. Total 28.

Class of '94, confirmed March 23, '94.—Miss Annie Himmelberger, Mrs. Harry, S. Miller, Messrs. Samuel P. Black, Isaac Boyer, Rankin Byers, George W. Fitterer, John H. Himmelberger, William A. Huver, Thomas S. Keim, Harry W. Lebo, Harry S. Miller, Edwin M. Sando, Martin Smith, Harry B. Kercher, Grant Uhrich, Jacob L. Witmeyer. Total 16.

Class of '95, confirmed April 14, '95.—Misses Katie S. Ail, Alice M. Batdorff, Lizzie K. Brandt, Cora M. Bender, Ella E. Bressler, Alice Christ, Lizzie E. Heilman, Anita S. Hertzle, Bessie M. Longenecker, Bertha E. Miller, Elizabeth E. Royer, Edna E. Seltzer, Florence M. Shank, Sarah E. A. Shott, Lizzie M. Smith, Dora A. Snavelly, Maud L. Spangler, Clara A. Swanger, Lillie S. Thomas, Mrs. Tacie Keefer, Mrs. Rebecca Sholly, Mrs. Mary J. Smith, Messrs. John A. Adams, Calvin H. Bensing, Jacob Groy, Sherman S. Harmes, Henry H. Heilman, Levi Sholly, (confirmed privately; died Feb. 15, 1895.) Samuel D. Witmeyer, Milton B. Wolf. Total 30.

CHARTER OF INCORPORATION.

OF THE ST. MARK'S REFORMED CHURCH OF LEBANON.
APRIL 23, 1888.

To the Honorable, the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas of Lebanon County.

The undersigned, all of whom are citizens of Pennsylvania have associated themselves together for the purpose of religious worship, and being desirous of becoming incorporated agreeably to the provisions of the act of Assembly, entitled, "An Act to Provide for the Incorporation and Regulation of Certain Corporations," approved April Twenty-ninth, Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-Four, and the supplements thereto do hereby certify:

1. The name of the corporation shall be, The St. Mark's Reformed Church of Lebanon, Pennsylvania.
2. The said corporation is formed for the purpose of the worship of the Almighty God; according to the faith, doctrines, discipline, and usages of the Reformed Church.

It receives and adheres to the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, which are called canonical, being recognized as genuine and inspired, and received as the true and proper Word of God, and the ultimate rule and measure of the whole Christian Faith and Doctrine.

The Heidelberg Catechism is the only book received as an authoritative expression of the truths taught in the Holy Scriptures, and the acknowledged standard of doctrine in the Reformed Church of the United States, and to which rule and confession all instructions in the Church, the Schools, and Family, shall be conformed; and by

which, all questions of doctrine shall be decided, and with which, all books of worship and instruction in the congregation and school shall accord.

3. The location of said corporation is the St. Mark's Reformed Church, corner of Eighth and Mifflin Streets, in the City of Lebanon, Pennsylvania. The places where its business is to be transacted are the said church building and the parsonage of the Congregation.

4. The corporation is to have perpetual succession and existence.

5. The corporation has no capital stock. The membership thereof shall be composed of the subscribers and their associates, and of such other persons as may from time to time be admitted in such manner and upon such requirements as may be prescribed by the constitution and by-laws. The said corporation shall nevertheless have power to exclude or suspend such members for just and legal causes, and in such legal manner as may be ordained and directed by its constitution and by-laws.

6. The oversight and management of the said incorporation shall be vested in a consistory comprising the Minister of the Word, usually called Pastor, two Elders and four Deacons. Annual elections shall be held at the house of worship of the corporation, to elect from among the adult male members of the corporation, persons to fill the place of retiring members. The said election shall take place at the time and in the manner to be provided by the by-laws. Members elected shall hold their office until their successors are legally elected and duly installed subject nevertheless to the power of a motion from said office by the said corporation for any legal cause and upon such proper and legal notice and hearing as may be prescribed by the by-laws.

7. The corporation shall have the power to hold, purchase and transfer such real estate and personal property as its purposes may require; not exceeding the amount limited by law, and all the property thereof shall be taken

and held to enure, subject to the control and disposition of the lay members of this corporation. The constitution and regulations of this corporation shall be deemed its by-laws, and shall be taken to be its law, subordinate to the statute aforesaid in this charter, the constitution, and the laws of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Constitution of the United States. They shall be altered and amended as provided for by one of the by-laws themselves and shall prescribe the powers and functions of the consistory herein mentioned, and those to be hereafter elected, the time and place of meeting of the consistory and of this corporation, both for business and religious purposes; the number of members who shall constitute a quorum at the meetings of the congregation and of the consistory, the qualification and manner of electing members, the manner of selecting officers, and the power and duties of such officials and all the other concerns and internal management of the said corporation.

8. Alterations and amendments may be made to this charter only by the consent of two-thirds of all the legal voters present at an election held in public upon the call of at least five of the consistory. Public notice of such proposed alterations and amendments having been given two weeks before from the pulpit; and the said alterations or amendments being approved and allowed by the proper Court. But it is absolutely prohibited to make any alterations which would change the name of the church from being a Reformed church, or altering in any way whatever the doctrinal basis of the congregation which has been incorporated.

9. The names and residences of the subscribers are as follows :

Rev. O. P. Steckel, E. D. Krall, A. H. Miller, A. P. Wilhelm, J. P. Albright, all of the city of Lebanon, in the County of Lebanon, and State of Pennsylvania.

Witness our Hands and Seals, the Twenty-Third Day of April, 1888.

Witness Present :	{	O. P. STECKEL, [L. s.]
W. S. BORDLEMAY.		E. D. KRALL, [L. s.]
C. R. LANTZ.		A. H. MILLER, [L. s.]
		A. P. WILHELM, [L. s.]
		JOHN P. ALLBRIGHT, [L. s.]

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Lebanon: (s. s.) Before me the subscriber, Recorder of Deeds of the County of Lebanon personally appeared, O. P. Steckel, E. D. Krall, and A. H. Miller, three of the subscribers to the above and foregoing certificate of incorporation of the St. Mark's Church of the City of Lebanon, three qualified voters of the said corporation and in due form of law acknowledged the same to be their act and deed, and desired the same to be recorded as such.

Witness my Hand and Official Seal, the Twenty-third day of April, 1888.

Affirmed and subscribed
before me this 23rd
day of April, A. D.
1888.

W. S. BORDLEMAY,
Deputy Recorder.

{	O. P. STECKEL,
	E. D. KRALL,
	A. H. MILLER.

Lebanon Co.

And now to wit: April 25th, 1888, the within charter and certificate having been presented to me, a law judge of said county, accompanied by due proof of publication of notice of this application, I certify that, I have examined and perused the said writing and have found it to be in proper form and within the purposes named in the first class, specified in the General Corporation Act of 1874 and its supplements; and the same appearing to be lawful and not injurious to the community,

I do hereby order and direct that the said charter and certificate be, and the same is hereby approved and that upon the recording of the same and of this order the subscribers and their associates shall be a corporation by the name of Saint Mark's Church of Lebanon, Pennsylvania, for the purposes and upon the terms therein stated.

JOHN B. McPHERSON, A. L. J., [L. s.]

April 25, 1888. Entered to June Term 1888, No. 302.

C. W. MENGEL, PROTH'Y.

Per W. H. HOSTETTER, DEPUTY.

SOCIETIES.

THE LADIES MITE SOCIETY.

In order to get at the true start of this noble band of workers we have to go back to the time when the members were still actively associated with the Mite Society of the First (Tabor) Reformed Church Society. As early as January 14, 1885 an effort was made to enlist the members of the northern end of the city in this grand work. In order to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion Mrs. Eliza C. Goodman and Mrs. Harry A. Miller were appointed a committee to canvass the Fifth and Sixth Wards. Subsequently a committee was also appointed to canvass the members living in the Independent District. This committee consisted of Mrs. Harry A. Miller and Miss Emma Mays. A considerable number of names were added to the membership of the society. With but few exceptions, these names became the nucleus of the St. Mark's Mite Society proper. It soon became evident that members in the northern end of the city were very prompt in the payment of their dues and that the largest amounts came from that end of town, therefore in justice of this the late Dr. Kremer suggested that Mrs. Eliza C. Goodman retain these surplus amounts in the form of a separate fund. This was done and Mrs. Goodman termed these

extra amount "My Mission Box." At the time the St. Mark's Society separated from the parent society that Mission Box contained the neat sum of \$60. This money was used as the nucleus of the Chandelier Fund.

The organization of St. Mark's as a separate and distinct Society did not take place until the opening of the year 1887. The matter of the division of the parent society came up for final action on January 3, 1887. The minutes of that meeting contain the following relative to the foregoing:—"The matter of a division of the Mite Society was brought before the meeting, and a vote taken to the effect that the members of St. Mark's organize a Mite Society. It was decided to meet at the house of Mrs. Abraham Miller to organize, and the other society meet at the house of Mrs. Daniel Miller. It was also decided that both societies meet together on the last Wednesday of each month for the purpose of keeping up the sociability of the members, it being rather a hard matter to part with old friends so suddenly. We hope this friendship and good feeling may continue and never grow less."

SALLIE M. SELTZER,

Secretary.

Pursuant to the foregoing action the Mite Society as St. Mark's Mite Society, met at the residence of Mrs. A. H. Miller. Miss Sallie Lentz and Mrs. J. A. Seltzer were chosen temporary president and secretary respectively. A permanent organization was effected by the election of the following officers:

President, Miss Sallie Lentz.

Vice President, Mrs. Harry A. Miller.

Secretary, Mrs. Sallie M. Seltzer.

Assistant Secretary, M. Lizzie Wagner.
Treasurer, Mrs. A. H. Miller.

Thus the new society launched out on an untried sea. It soon became apparent that the growth would be a vigorous one. The society raised large amounts of money, being of inestimable value to the congregation. (See chapter on Finance). The matter of holding joint meetings with the parent society was observed up to June 27-'88, when the last meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Isaac Kalbach.

At the meeting of the society, held October 26, '87 the parent society presented St. Mark's congregation with the beautiful communion set that we are now using. The presentation speech was delivered by the late Dr. F. W. Kremer, and the response by Miss Sallie Lentz.

Thus has the Society been working faithfully onward and upward and has been of great value to the congregation. The membership is composed of painstaking earnest, consecrated women. Their heart is in the work as can readily be seen by the fact that they have raised up to date over \$3000.00.

THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

This Society was organized on Nov. 25, '89, with Rev. O. P. Steckel as president. This was another new venture, but at least some of the members looked on it with favor, so that a goodly number were enrolled at the very start. Whilst the amounts raised by the society up to date are not at all pretentious, nevertheless its quiet influence is keenly felt in the work of the congregation. The amount raised by the society up to date is as follows:

ST. MARK'S REFORMED CHURCH.

1890	-	-	-	-	\$23.70
1891	-	-	-	-	28.52
1892	-	-	-	-	35.39
1893	-	-	-	-	66.33
1894	-	-	-	-	58.23
1895 to April 1st.	-	-	-	-	12.12
Total					\$224.29

The meetings of the society are held the last Thursday evening of every month and up to date sixty meetings have been held.

Y. P. S. C. E.

SENIOR SOCIETY.

This society was organized on December 8, '92, with eighteen active members. There was a wide field open for organized effort among the young at this time. The society sustained a Lecture Course during the fall of '93 and the winter of '94. The following constituted the course: Col. George W. Bain, Dr. Jas. I. Good, Dr. J. H. Sechler and Rev. Jas. W. Meminger, also a musicale. In other lines the society has been active. The Good Literature Committee has been furnishing the following institutions with religious papers. The Good Samaritan Hospital, The Widow's Home, The County Home, The County Prison.

The weekly prayermeeting is held on Sabbath evenings one hour prior to the time of service. The entire membership is about 50. The offerings of the society are almost exclusively devoted to the cause of Home and Foreign Missions. The society sustains one pledge of ten dollars annually in supporting Rev. S. S. Snyder, the C. E. Missionary in Japan.

THE JUNIOR SOCIETY.

This society was organized on Nov. 11, '93, with twenty members. At the end of the first year the enrollment was sixty with an average attendance of forty-two. The present enrollment is seventy, with an average attendance of about fifty. The Juniors are one of the most active organizations, if not the most active in the congregation. In about a year and a half they raised the neat sum of sixty dollars, nearly all of which has been devoted to benevolence. The Juniors meet every Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. The Juniors in like manner sustain a ten dollar pledge annually in support of the C. E. Missionary in Japan.

BIOGRAPHY.

FRANKLIN W. KREMER, D. D.

Franklin William Kremer, son of Frederick W. Kremer and Anna Margaret Yentzer, was born Nov. 16, 1816, in the village of Washington, Lancaster Co., Pa. He received his education at the York Co. Academy at York, subsequently he entered the grammar school connected with Marshall College, Mercersburg. He next entered Marshall College, from which he graduated in 1843. He then entered the Theological Seminary at the same place and studied theology under Drs. Nevin and Schaff. Upon his graduation from the seminary he was ordained to the ministry and was called to the pastorate of the Grindstone Hill charge, in the vicinity of Chambersburg, Pa. Here he served four congregations until 1851 when he was called to take charge of the Lebanon charge comprising three congregations, one located in Lebanon (Tabor), one at Annville and the other the historic Hill Church. At the close of the first year of his pastorate at Lebanon, he severed his connections with the Annville church agreeably to the conditions contained in his acceptance of the call, and in 1864 he discontinued to serve the Hill Church, his congregation at Lebanon requiring all his possible attention.

Dr. Kremer was a frequent contributor to the *Reformed Church Messenger*, (Philadelphia) and for several years a contributing editor of the *Christian World* (Dayton). His contributions to the *Mercersburg Review* and the *Reformed Church Monthly* were of a high order. Dr. Kremer occupied many positions of trust in the highest judicatories of the church. When the liturgical movement in the church almost disrupted the same, Synod appointed him to serve on the Peace Commission. He was a member of the Board of Home Missions, the Pennsylvania Bible Society, the American Tract Society, a Director of Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.

Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, honored itself by conferring upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in June 1869. Dr. Kremer was twice married, first time to Margaret W. Keller on April 9, 1846, she died January 5, 1855. The second time he was married to Miss Henrietta Cromwell, but she lived only for a short time. His surviving children are Mrs. Jos. W. Noble, of Bedford, Co., this state and Dr. E. P. Kremer of this city. Rev. Leighton G. Kremer, another son, died August 25, '90 at Spring City, Pa., where he was pastor of the First Reformed Church.

Dr. Kremer was an indefatigable worker. His work will ever stand as a living monument to future generations. Through his faithful work St. John's and St. Mark's Churches this city, and Bismarck and Templeman's churches were founded. It is seldom that a pastorate extends over so long a period as did that of Dr. Kremer. The subject of this sketch was one of the most

successful pastors the Reformed Church had. He knew not only how to get the people into the church, but knew how to hold them. He was a man of pleasing address, kind, sympathetic. He was one among his people. Dr. Kremer had fine pulpit abilities. He prepared his sermons with great care.

While attending the funeral of Mrs. Samuel Heilman, in crossing the tracks of the Lebanon Valley Railroad near the Hill Church he was struck by a Fast Express and instantly killed on June 14, 1889. During his Ministry the records show 3245 baptisms, 1754 confirmations, 1247 marriages, and 1647 funerals.

ABRAHAM H. MILLER

Was born February 6, 1845, in North Annville Township, Lebanon Co., Pa. His father, Abraham Miller, was reared and lived all his life on the old homestead farm adjoining Heilmandale and died while our subject was in his infancy. His mother Magdalena Heisey was reared in South Annville Township, near Bachman's mill. After the father's death his brothers Henry and John both left home and then his mother moved into an adjoining property and there with his mother as a companion, his boyhood days were spent in seclusion. Naturally very fond of study he spent much of his time with books, but this propensity did not find much favor from his maternal parent. His opportunities in the common schools in the neighborhood were also meagre but he nevertheless managed to get some kind of an education and on Nov. 19, 1863, he entered the profession of teaching school which he followed 9 years. His first school was Gingrich's school in

Swatara Township. The following year he succeeded in getting his home school where he taught 5 years. Meanwhile on February 10, 1866, he married Miss Anna S. Kreider and in February 1877 commenced housekeeping in his Bro. John's "Spring house" on the old homestead.

In 1869 he moved to Lebanon, where he continued in his profession of teaching school. Continuing also in his studies he finally obtained the much coveted "Professional" certificate. He resigned as teacher April 4, 1872 and entered the hardware store of P. S. Greenawalt, where he remained until October 30, 1873. Once before he had tried his hand as clerk. This was at a general store at the Union Water works in 1865, but after an experience of two weeks he procured a substitute and beat a hasty retreat back to the old homestead where his brothers had commenced to farm several years before.

On October 6, 1873 he formed a partnership with A. B. Miller for the purpose of manufacturing Cabinet Organs which partnership continues to the present day under the the style of The Miller Organ Co.

In 1869 he became a member of the First Ref. Sunday school and on Nov. 8, 1873, he and his wife were admitted as members of Tabor Reformed church by baptism and confirmation after attending a course of lectures by the Rev. F. W. Kremer. His labors in this school were confined to the Infant or Primary department where he served respectively as teacher, librarian, assistant superintendent, and finally a number of years as superintendent. He also served as organist over 15 years.

In 1885 when St. Mark's Mission Sunday School was organized he was elected as Superintendent and has served the school in this capacity to the present time.

OSCAR P. STECKEL,

The first pastor of St. Mark's Church, was born at Egypt, Lehigh County, Penn'a., July 25, 1858. He attended the public schools in North White-Hall Township and at Allentown. In the fall of 1876 he attended Palatinate College, Myerstown. He taught afterwards for four consecutive years in the public schools of his native county. After two years preparation he entered Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., from which he graduated in the spring of 1884, with the degree of A. B.

Being fully persuaded by this time as to his calling, he entered the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church at Lancaster, Pa. Passing through the full seminary course of three years, he was licensed to preach by Lancaster Classis then convening at Elizabethtown, Pa., May 19, 1887. Early in the month of June of the same year he received two calls, one from the Hummelstown charge, the other from St. Mark's Reformed Church, Lebanon, Pa. After prayerful consideration he accepted the call to the latter and on June 26, preached his introductory sermon based on II Cor. 3:5. In July of the same year he was installed and ordained as pastor of the aforesaid congregation by a committee consisting of Dr. F. W. Kremer, Revs. S. A. Leinbach and H. J. Welker. Here he labored for a little more than five years, his pastorate terminating August 1, 1892. He subsequently accepted a call to the pastorate of Grace Reformed Church, Easton, Penn'a.



I. CALVIN FISHER.
PASTOR SINCE NOVEMBER 1, '92.

ISAAC CALVIN FISHER.

The subject of this sketch was born in Tulpehocken Township, Berks County, Penna., October 16, 1867. His early life was spent on the farm. On June 2, 1883 he was confirmed by the late Charles H. Leinbach, D. D., and thus became a member of Trinity (Tulpehocken) Reformed Church. During the summer and early fall of 1882 he attended Oley Academy, Oley, Pa. The Academy was then under the direct supervision of the Rev. D. E. Schoedler, (now pastor of the Paradise Charge in Northumberland Co., Pa.): During the years 1882-84 he taught in the public schools of his native county. He received his preparation for College from private instructors, ~~K. S. N. S. Kutztown, Pa.~~ and Palatinate College, (now Albright Collegiate Institute) Myerstown, Pa. He entered Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa., during the Spring term, 1886. He graduated from this institution June 27, 1889, with the degree of A. B. In the fall of the same year he entered the Theological Department of the same institution and graduated from the same May 6, 1891. ~~Already~~ In the fall of ~~90~~ he was unanimously elected to the pastorate of the East Vincent-Pikeland charge, in Chester County, which call he accepted immediately upon the completion of his studies. He was ordained and installed as pastor of said charge on Thursday evening June 11, 1891, in the East Vincent Reformed Church by the Rev. Dr. J. H. Sechler, and the Revs. Jerome B. Henry, and Francis C. Yost. Here he labored amongst an earnest, devoted and beloved people until

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Nov. 1, 1892, when a call was extended to him by St. Mark's Church, Lebanon, Pa. This he accepted and entered upon his duties the first day of November eighteen hundred and ninety-two. The degree of A. M., in course, was conferred upon him by his Alma Mater in June, 1893.

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Adams, John A.	Behney, Mrs. H. W.
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Behney, Mrs. J. F.	Bohn, Alexander
Behney, H. W. Sr.	Bohn, Mrs. Alexander
Behney, Mrs. H. W.	Bohr, Mary J.
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Boltz, Oliver J.	Diehl, Mrs. Jos. H.
Boltz, Mrs. Oliver J.	Dohner, Elias
Boltz, Mrs. Susan	Dohner, Mrs. Elias
Bordner, Jacob	Dohner, J. F.
Bordner, Mrs. Jacob	Dohner, Mrs. J. F.
Bordner, Lillie	Donmoyer, Mrs. Emma
Bordner, Harriet	Dry, Geo.
Borgner, John C.	Dry, Mrs. Geo.
Botgner, Mrs. John C.	Edris, Jonathan
Boyer, Ezra	Edris, Mrs. Jonathan.
Boyer, Mrs. Ezra	Edris, Calvin
Boyer, J. Wesley	Edris, Katie
Boyer, Mary S.	Eichelberger, Jacob
Boyer, Isaac	Feaser, Mary
Boyer, Mrs. Lucy A.	Feeman, Lydia
Boyer, Mrs. Chas.	Filbert, Mrs. Amelia
Brandt, Jno.	Filbert, Millie
Brandt, Mrs. Jno.	Filbert, Nathaniel
Brandt, Lizzie K.	Fisher, Ben.
Breslin, Mrs. Jno.	Fisher, Mrs. Rev.
Bressler, Sol. G.	Fisher, Mrs. Mary
Bressler, Mrs. Sol. G.	Fitterer, Geo. W.
Bressler, Ella E.	Fitterer, Mrs. Geo. W.
Burgelbach, Barbara	Forry, Jonathan
Byers, Rankin	Forry, Mrs. Jonathan
Byers, Mrs. Ida	Forry, Wm.
Christ, Alice	Fox, Jno. M.
Christ, Mrs. Emma	Fox, Mrs. Jno. M.
Copenhaver, Jno. B.	Fox, Philip
Copenhaver, Jno., Jr.	Fox, Mrs. Philip
Copenhaver, Frank	Fox, Howard
Copenhaver, Harvey	Fox, Mrs. Howard
Copenhaver, Mrs. Harvey	Fox, Mrs. Jacob
Diehl, Jno. H.	Frantz, Horace

Frantz, Cassanda	Horst, A. L.
Frantz, Chas.	Hughes, Wm.
Gardner, Godhelf	Hughes, Mrs. Wm.
Gardner, Mrs. Godhelf	Hummel, Elias
Gardner, William	Hunsicker, Katie A.
Garret, Mrs. A. L.	Huver, William
Gehret, William	Jones, Mrs. Emma
Gehret, Mrs. Elwood	Kase, Mrs. Rebecca
Gerhardt, Mrs. Susan	Kase, Elizabeth M.
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Goodman, Mrs. Eliza	Kercher, Mrs. Edward
Groy, Mrs. Katie M.	Kercher, H. B.
Groy, Mrs. Anna	Keim, Malinda
Groy, Jacob	Keim, Thos. S.
Gundrum, David	Keefer, Elizabeth
Gundrum, Eliza	Keefer, Harvey
Harmes, Sherman S.	Keefer, Mrs. Harvey
Hauer, Jno.	Kilmer, Mrs. E.
Hauer, Mrs, Jno.	Kipp, Mrs. Eva
Hauer, Ida	Klick, Mrs. Sallie C.
Hecker, Mrs. David	Krall, E. D.
Heilman, Henry H.	Krall, Mrs. E. D.
Heilman, Lizzie E.	Krall, T. S.
Heisey, Mary	Krall, Mrs. T. S.
Heller, Mrs. Lillie	Krall, Mrs. Kate
Henninger, Mrs. Elizabeth	Krall, Sarah
Hersh, Dr. A. C.	Krall, Dorothea
Hersh, Mrs. Dr. A. C.	Kramer, Mrs. Sara
Hertzle, Anita S.	Krum, Dr. A. G.
Himmelberger, David	Lamn, N. D.
Himmelberger, Mrs. David	Lamn, Mrs. N. D.
Himmelberger, Jno.	Landis, Mrs. Ida
Himmelberger, Annie	Lape, Catharine
Hoffman, Sallie S.	Lebo, W. H.
Hollinger, Catharine	Lebo, Mrs. Lilly J.
Hoffa, Mrs. Sara	Lebo, Harry

Leiby, Elmina	Miller, Gertrude
Leininger, J. S.	Miller, Mrs. J. H.
Leininger, Mrs. J. S.	Miller, Jno. K.
Lengle, Dora C.	Miller, Mrs. Jno. K.
Lentz, Sallie	Miller, Leonora
Light, Jos. E.	Miller, H. A.
Light, Mrs. Jos. E.	Miller, Mrs. H. A.
Light, Mrs. Annie	Miller, James D.
Light, Dan. O.	Miller, Henry S.
Linn, W. B.	Miller, Mrs. Henry S.
Linn, C. F.	Miller, Cyrus G.
Long, Mrs. Katharine	Miller, Mrs. Clinton
Long, Mrs. P. S.	Molley, Mrs. Rosa B.
Longenecker, Bessie M.	Moore, E. K.
Lutz, Mrs. Catharine	Moore, Mrs. E. K.
Marcene, Susan B.	Moore, Mrs. Calvin
Mark, M. Ella	Motzer, Geo. P.
Mark, Cyrus W.	Motzer, Mrs. Geo. P.
Matterness, Lillie	Moyer, Thomas
Matters, Mrs. Susan	Moyer, Virginia M.
McAdam, J. W.	Moyer, Dan. B.
McAdam, Mrs. J. W.	Moyer, Mrs. Dan. B.
McAdam, Frank	Peiffer, Isaac
Meck, I. S.	Poorman, Mrs. Kate
Meck, Mrs. I. S.	Poorman, Elenora
Meck, Jonathan	Rapp, W. F.
Miller, A. H.	Rapp, Mrs. W. F.
Miller, Mrs. A. H.	Rapp, Mrs. Ella
Miller, Grant	Reiber, Mrs. Angeline
Miller, H. Ray	Reinoehl, Mrs. M. Lizzie
Miller, A. B.	Rhode, Henry
Miller, Mrs. A. B.	Rhode, Mrs. Henry
Miller, H. D.	Riddle, Mrs. Mary
Miller, Mrs. H. D.	Riegel, Adam S.
Miller, Bertha E.	Riegel, Mrs. Adam S.
Miller, Katie E.	Ringler, Mrs. Mary

Rise, Mrs. Geo. D.	Shott, Reuben,
Rose, Mrs. Louisa	Shott, Sarah E. A.
Rosenberger, Harry	Showers, Geo. W.
Rosenberger, Mrs. Harry	Showers, Mrs. Geo. W.
Rosenberger, Laura J.	Smeck, James
Rosenberger, Fannie E.	Smeck, Mrs. James.
Royer, Mrs. Amelia	Smith, Mrs. O. P.
Royer, Elizabeth E.	Smith, Morris
Royer, Katie	Smith, Mrs. Morris
Royer, Mary	Smith, Dr. A. S.
Sando, E. M.	Smith, Mrs. Dr. A. S.
Schools, Mrs. Sarah	Smith, Martin
Sealer, Mrs. Catharine	Smith, Lizzie M.
Seiders, Mrs. Amanda	Snavelly, David
Seltzer, Edna E.	Snavelly, Mrs. David
Seltzer, Mrs. Elizabeth	Snavelly, Jno. H.
Seltzer, Jno. A.	Snavelly, Dora A.
Seltzer, Mrs. Jno. A.	Snoddy, Priscilla
Seltzer, Walter	Spang, Lizzie
Seltzer, Mrs. Adam	Spangler, Elder S.
Shaeffer, Mrs. Emma	Spangler, Geo. P.
Shank, Mrs. Barbara	Spangler, Mrs. Geo. P.
Shank, Florence M.	Spangler, N. P.
Shay, Mrs. Mary	Spangler, Mrs. N. P.
Shay, Mrs. Alice	Spangler, Mrs. Jno.
Shay, Jefferson	Spangler, Samuel
Shay, Mrs. Jefferson	Spangler, Mrs. Samuel
Shiner, Mrs. Sara	Spangler, Mrs. Maria
Sholly, Adam	Spangler, Maud L.
Sholly, Mrs. Adam	Spannuth, C. W.
Sholly, Mrs. Rebecca	Spannuth, Mrs. C. W.
Sholly, William	Steckbeck, Mrs. Elizabeth
Shott, B. F.	Stein, Mrs. Annie
Shott, Mrs. B. F.	Stohler, Mrs. Charles
Shott, Jonathan	Strohman, Mrs. Lottie E.
Shott, Mrs. Jonathan	Stutzman, Andrew

Stutzman, Mrs. Andrew	Walter, Mrs. H. G.
Stutzman, Morris	Walter, William
Swanger, Clara A.	Walter, Lizzie
Swope, Chas.	Walter, Sadie
Swope, Ed. F.	Walter, Lucellus
Swope, Mrs. Ed. F.	Walter, Mrs. Lucellus
Swope, A. B.	Weidman, Jno.
Swope, Mrs. A. B.	Weidman, Mrs. Jno.
Swope, Adam	Weikle, Mrs. Rosa
Swope, Emma	Weirich, Ellen M.
Swope, Mrs. Henry	Wenrich, Catharine
Swope, Annie	Wentzle, Wm.
Swope, Katie V.	Wentzle, Mrs. Wm.
Tatnell, Jno.	Werner, Mrs. Annie
Tatnell, Mrs. Jno.	White, Mrs. Rosa
Thomas, Henry	Wike, Mrs. Elmina
Thomas, Mrs. Henry	Williamson, Jno.
Thomas, Jno. H.	Williamson, Mrs. Jno.
Thomas, Lillie S.	Witman, Mrs. Dora
Thomas, Dorothea	Witmeyer, Nathaniel
Tice, E. D.	Witmeyer, Mrs. Nathaniel
Tice, Lizzie	Witmeyer, Samuel D.
Treida, Fred.	Witmeyer, Jacob L.
Treida, Mrs. Fred.	Wolf, Sara
Treida, Carrie	Wolf, Milton B.
Treida, Mary	Wolf, Mrs. Ed. F.
Treida, Jno.	Yeager, Henry
Treida, Mrs. Jno.	Yeager, Catharine
Uhler, Jno. A.	Yeager, Harvey
Uhler, Mrs. Jno. A.	Yeagley, Edw.
Uhrich, Grant	Yeagley, Mrs. Edw.
Uhrich, Mrs. Grant	Yeagley, Amanda
Wagner, Jno. S.	Yeagley, Catharine
Wagner, Mrs. Jno. S.	Yocum, Mrs. Allen
Walter, H. G.	



A. H. MILLER,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION.

FINANCIAL HISTORY OF ST. MARK'S.

Long before the organization of St. Mark's Mission Sunday School, a considerable amount of money was assured the enterprise by the last will and testament of Joseph Bowman, a member of the First Reformed Congregation. Mr. Bowman earnestly looking forward toward the organization of a Reformed interest in the northern part of Lebanon, set apart a house and lot situated on South Tenth street, for this purpose. According to his will this house was sold on December 19, 1885, to Dr. J. Reiley Bucher. The amount realized was \$642 and was applied toward the lot upon which St. Mark's Chapel was erected during the summer and fall of 1885.

Starting a mission Sunday school is somewhat similar to starting in housekeeping—not a few things are wanting; and besides the necessary equipment of furniture, etc., St. Mark's was not to start as a tenant in fee simple and hence it was deemed advisable to make a favorable impression on the landlord by paying three months' rent in advance.

Mr. J. A. Seltzer, with commendable forethought armed himself with a small blank book upon the title page on which he inscribed the following declaration :

“The undersigned hereby agree to pay the sums opposite our respective names for the purpose of procuring supplies and defraying the expenses of St. Mark's Reformed Mission Sunday School, to be held in the U. B. Mutual Aid Building, corner Ninth street and railroad.” It is quite safe to say that all the members of St. Mark's Sunday School and Church have since become quite familiar with this species of literature, reproduced in various forms and upon numerous occasions.

The result of this first effort was \$22.45, and the first money expended was \$12.50 on the 28th day of February, 1885, for three months' rent to the U. B. Mutual Aid Society. Very soon after the organization of the Sunday School an effort was made to raise funds by subscription. Books were provided, one for each ward and one for Independent District, and a thorough canvass was authorized. This canvass was, however, not carried out in a thorough and vigorous manner, and the amount realized fell far short of what the more enthusiastic had expected and hoped for.

The headings to these books were dated March 24, 1885, and many of the principal amounts were secured by the Rev. Dr. F. W. Kremer, who himself headed the list with a personal subscription. We copy the larger amounts from these books as follows :

* Remained members of the First Reformed Church.

† Were members of other churches or not members of any church.

Those not marked, afterwards became members of St. Mark's Church.

ST. MARK'S REFORMED CHURCH.

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* Rev. F. W. Kremer,	\$100 00
* Issac Kalbach,	100 00
* Mrs. Joseph Karch,	100 00
* Jos. L. Lemberger,	100 00
E. D. Krall,	100 00
E. M. Boltz,	100 00
A. B. Miller,	100 00
A. H. Miller,	100 00
J. C. Seltzer,	100 00
Mrs. Barbara Borgner,	100 00
† Thos. S. Walmer,	50 00
* Dr. D. B. Bucher,	50 00
* C. G. Rauch,	50 00
J. A. Seltzer,	50 00
* Thomas Ruth,	50 00
* Jacob Brubaker,	40 00
Harry G. Walters,	35 00
John H. Miller,	35 00
Mrs. Eliza Goodman,	30 00
† I. L. Beckley,	25 00
Godhelf Gardner,	25 00
John Barlet,	25 00
Mrs. Geo. D. Rise,	25 00
* J. B. Karch,	25 00
* Miss Rosa Witmer,	25 00
* Miss Maria Witmer,	25 00
* Cilley & Miller,	25 00
* Henry Fox,	25 00
Jos. E. Light,	25 00
Levi Sholly,	25 00
Emma L. Light,	25 00
* Cyrus Eckert,	25 00
† A Friend,	25 00
Miss Sallie Lentz,	20 00
Miss M. Lizzie Wagner,	20 00
* Miss Lydia Shott,	20 00

* John Brubacher,	\$ 20 00
Mrs. I. L. Beckley,	10 00
* Mrs. Jacob Roebuck,	10 00
† Henry Poorman,	10 00
* Abraham Hess,	10 00
* John Matthes,	10 00
† Cyrus K. Mark,	10 00
A. P. Willhelm,	10 00
* A. J. Meredith,	10 00
* Frank Gleim,	10 00
Charles Gardner,	10 00
Mrs. Uriah Schools,	10 00
* Mrs. John H. Hoffer,	10 00
* Harrison Kalbach,	10 00

There were also a number of smaller subscriptions, amounting in the aggregate to \$44. In the Independent District a thorough canvass was made and small amounts collected monthly by A. B. Miller. This plan was also followed in the Fifth ward with J. H. Diehl as collector. In this way \$143.75 was raised in these two districts during the year. At the dedication of the chapel a few further subscriptions were secured. A legacy of \$100, from Mrs. Elizabeth Daub, was also received about this time, also the amount realized from the house willed for this purpose by Jos. Bowman.

The amounts realized from these various efforts and sources were as follows :

From the larger subscriptions,	\$1950 00
" " smaller " "	44 00
" monthly payment " "	143 75
" subscriptions at dedication,	38 50
" legacy Mrs. E. Daub,	100 00
" house sold,	642 00

Total, \$2918 25

Somewhat later on a supplemental effort was made by several ladies to canvass among those who had been omitted during the first canvass. These ladies were Mrs. J. H. Hoffer and Miss Rebecca Kremer, of the First Reformed Church, and Mrs. Eliza C. Goodman, of St. Mark's. This canvass was made mostly among the ladies and the amount realized was \$143.75. In analyzing the amount of \$2176.25, which is the total raised by the various subscriptions, we find that \$979.25 was paid by persons that remained in the mother church, after St. Mark's was organized. \$1077 was contributed by persons who became members of St. Mark's as afterwards constituted, and \$120 was secured from persons who were not connected with either the First Church or St. Mark's.

During the summer of 1885 both Sunday Schools made an effort to raise money for the purpose of purchasing bricks for the Chapel which was then being built. The money thus collected was familiarly called "Brick money." The amount raised by St. Mark's Sunday School was \$44.23, and the amount by the Sunday School of the First Church was \$187.53. At the completion of the Chapel, Mrs. E. C. Goodman had by means of gathering odds and ends into a "mission box," accumulated \$65. This amount she applied toward paying the reflector which cost about \$90, the Sunday School paying the balance. Adding these amounts to amount previously stated we have a total of \$3,358.74. This amount represents as far as we are able to ascertain all the funds gathered prior to the organization of St. Mark's Congregation, which occurred on May 12, 1887,

except monies gathered by the Sunday School and Mite Society by their regular collections. Previous to the organization of St. Mark's Congregation, a thorough canvass was made to ascertain whether a sufficient amount could be secured to maintain a Pastor. The result was extremely gratifying, as it was found that a minister could be sustained without any outside help. This happy result was attained by paying monthly instead of yearly and by districting the Congregation in such a way that each collector had only about a dozen names, thus making the work easy and pleasant. St. Mark's was now fairly established and became self supporting from its organization.

In 1888-89 an effort was made mainly by the Pastor towards the liquidation of the debt resting on the Church which at the time the Congregation was organized amounted to \$4462. By this effort \$534.15 was secured and applied on the debt on April 1, 1889, at which time also the monies which had accumulated in the treasuries of the Sunday School and Mite society were used for this purpose and the debt was reduced over \$2000.

In 1889 a pipe organ was placed in the Church at a cost of \$1250. Towards this amount the builders of the organ subscribed \$500. The Sunday School contributed by appropriation \$200, and by a special effort \$167.99, total \$367.99. The Mite society appropriated \$100. The Choir through a festival raised \$55, and on dedication day \$24.35 was collected. Various smaller amounts were also secured for this object.

When the parsonage was built in 1890 very little effort was made to raise funds and most of the money needed was borrowed. In 1891 the Chapel auditorium was decorated at a cost of \$160. This amount was raised by a canvass among the members of the Congregation by Mrs. E. Goodman and the Pastor's wife, Mrs. O. P. Steckel.

Very few special efforts were made by the Church up to the year 1894, when an addition to the Church was erected at its southern end. During the summer of this year the Pastor, Rev. I. C. Fisher, secured by personal solicitation the sum of \$902. This together with special efforts of the Sunday School and other organizations of the Church paid all the expenses incurred by the new addition and alterations in the church and parsonage, amounting to \$1643.

SPECIAL EFFORTS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

One of the most successful efforts occurred on July 4, 1887. On this day the First Reformed Sunday School and St. Mark's both spent the day at Mt. Gretna. The First Reformed Church generously agreed to give to St. Mark's one-half of the proceeds or profits of the day. The arrangements with the Cornwall & Lebanon Railroad Company were such that the schools were to receive a benefit of fifteen cents on each full ticket and ten cents on each half ticket sold by the schools. We were not allowed to sell tickets inside their offices but only outside. Being very desirous of realizing a handsome amount, we

appointed a committee to sell tickets around the depot. One after another of the committee, however, vanished, and by noon only two remained—Harvey L. Wenrich and the writer. These two held the fort—one on each side of the door entering the depot which at that time was at corner Eighth street and the Reading railroad. By 4 o'clock, p. m., the trade for tickets for that day seemed fully supplied and gave us time to contemplate the result, which was 1990 full price and 423 half price tickets sold, a total of 2413. This left our profits for the day \$337.35. We, however, had to pay all expenses including band of music, free coffee, etc., etc. These expenses were \$108.01, leaving a clear profit of \$229.34, of which St. Mark's received one-half or \$114.57. This was a splendid result for one day's hard work.

Another special effort was made by the school in order to raise funds for the erection of a pipe organ. This effort was made through the medium of wooden eggs. The amount secured in this way was \$167.99. During the summer of 1894 another special effort was put forth by the Sunday School to raise funds for the erection of the new addition and alterations in Church and parsonage. A part of the School worked with "talent money" and a part with barrels and the amount raised was \$366.22.

THE LADIES' MITE SOCIETY.

A financial history of St. Mark's, would, however, not be complete without a few words about the Ladies' Mite Society, because it has been a potent factor in this

direction. This society was organized in January, 1887, and as soon as it was organized the ladies set about devising plans and ways of raising money. The friends of St. Mark's living in the northern part of the city were visited and invited to become members of the society and soon it was in such a flourishing condition that the regular weekly collections often amounted to ten or twelve dollars and at one meeting over twenty dollars. The ladies were, however, not satisfied with doing well, but many busied themselves in making various articles for sale which were disposed of at the mite meetings. As a sample result of effort in this line is found on the treasurer's book this curious entry, "December 31, 1888, received from Mrs. E. C. Goodman, dusting bag money, \$21.38."

During the year 1888 a very successful effort was made through the medium of patchwork quilts. Upon the patches of one of these quilts hundreds of names were written with indellible ink. For the privilege of having one's name written a small fee of ten cents was charged but every one had the privilege of paying any larger amount for the same and as high as \$2.50 was realized on a single name. The entire amount raised on the first quilt was \$122.39. When this quilt was finished it was presented by the Mite Society to the Pastor, Rev. O. P. Steckel. The great success of the "first quilt" as it was familiarly called, induced the ladies to start a second one. This quilt was presented to the society by Mrs. J. C. Seltzer, but quilt energy seemed to have exhausted itself in its first effort and the second one did not thrive with the same vigor. After languishing several

months it was presented to Bethany Orphans' Home, at its yearly anniversary in 1888. The amount realized on quilt number two was \$20.46. But it was not only in quilts, dusting bags, dusting caps, match scratchers, match balloons, etc., that the energy and enthusiasm of the ladies spent itself but also in entertainments, sociables, festivals, oyster suppers, etc. The first large festival was held September 4, 1888, at the residence of Mrs. Henry Swope, at the corner of Eighth and Guilford streets. This sociable was held in the beautiful lawn belonging to the residence and the neat amount of \$88.36 was cleared.

On February 20, 1889, another effort was made which proved eminently successful. This was an oyster supper and was held on the third floor of the building owned by Samuel Light, corner Ninth street and P. & R. railroad. The net result of this effort was \$142.68. During the fall of this year another oyster supper was held in the building on Eighth street, next to the P. & R. depot, resulting in a clear gain of \$115.31. On March 6, 1890, a festival was held in the Market house, at Ninth and Lehman streets, netting \$70.50, and on November 19th of this year another one in Rise's block, opposite the C. & L. depot with a result of 90.64. During the years 1891 and 1892 no large festivals were held but a large number of smaller sociables were held at the residences of a number of members of the society, resulting in a handsome revenue to the society. On June 2, 1893, a "Pink Sociable" was held in the Central Market house, Ninth street and the P. & R. railroad. This festival was attended by the largest number of persons that were ever

present at any of the festivals of the society. Unfortunately the supplies gave out early in the evening, which cut short the revenues, but despite this unfortunate circumstance \$112.06 was cleared. One more festival was held called "The Variegated Sociable." This was held on June 2, 1894, in the same building, and the amount cleared was \$84.91.

MISSIONARY AND C. E. SOCIETIES.

The Missionary society was organized about January, 1890. It collected monthly dues of five cents per month from its members and has not made any special effort in the way of gathering funds. It has raised over \$200 since its organization.

The Society of Christian Endeavor has been quietly at work and has gathered in a little over two years the amount of \$259.91 and the Junior Society of Christian Endeavor in about the same time has gathered \$51.40.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

The amounts of money raised yearly by the Sunday School are as follows :

1885,	\$132 64
1886,	282 83
1887,	494 21
1888,	517 83
1889,	377 10
1890,	399 09
1891,	393 69

ST. MARK'S REFORMED CHURCH.

1892.	409 21
1893,	414 16
1894,	743 39

Total, \$4164 15

The Sunday School has paid to and for the Church as follows :

Oct. 31, 1886, balance on reflector,	\$ 25 00
Dec. 30, 1886, additional pews,	87 05
July 9, 1888, on Church debt,	500 00
April 1, 1889, " " "	125 85
April 1, 1890, " " "	100 00
July 25, 1890, interest to First Church,	50 60
April 4, 1891, on Church debt,	147 00
July 13, 1891, interest to First Church,	50 60
April 3, 1892, on Church debt,	146 25
July 20, 1892, interest to First Church,	50 60
Nov. 10, 1892, on Parsonage,	50 00
April 8, 1893, on Church debt,	81 25
March 13, 1894, interest to First Church,	50 60
April 3, 1894, loan (coal),	20 00
Oct. 13, 1894, for new addition,	366 22
Nov. 5, 1894, " " "	113 78
" " " " " "	7 88

Total, \$1972 68

April 24, 1889, to organ fund,	167 99
June 16, 1890, " " "	100 00
July 20, 1892, " " "	100 00

Total, \$2340 67

The Ladies Mite Society has raised money as follows :

1885, } one-half Mites (Union),	\$112 11
1886, }	

1887,	298 96
1888,	566 29
1889,	625 77
1890,	576 79
1891,	357 18
1892,	270 37
1893,	422 70
1894,	348 66

\$3578 83

The Society has paid to and for the church as follows :

1887, for fence enclosing lot,	\$72 50
1888, on Church debt,	200 00
1889, " " "	605 00
1890, " " "	200 00
1891, " " "	436 00
1892, " " "	225 00
1893, " " "	100 00
" " " "	30 00
1894, alteration at Parsonage,	189 30
1890, to pipe organ fund,	100 00

\$2157 80

The Society has also subscribed to ten shares of Building Association and paid dues on some since 1887 and 1888.

The Church has raised money as follows :

May 12, 1888,	\$1082 44
" " 1889,	1565 36
" " 1890,	1001 21
" " 1891,	1336 91
" " 1892,	1161 79
" " 1893,	1152 33

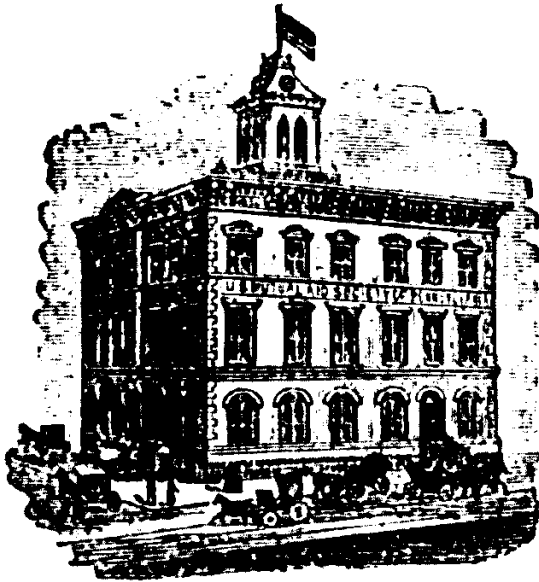
*Dec. 31, 1893,	625 33
“ “ 1894,	1789 62
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	\$9714 99

* This year the Church year was changed from May 12, to January 1. Hence this amount represents only seven and one-half months.

SUMMARY.

During these ten years represented by this history	
the Sunday School has raised	\$4164 15
The Mite Society,	3578 83
The Church,	9714 99
The Missionary Society,	212 03
The Society of Christian Endeavor,	259 91
The Junior Society of Christian Endeavor,	51 40
Paid by members to building fund on completion of Chapel,	1077 00
For ornamenting Church,	160 00
Brick money to Chapel and to Parsonage not included elsewhere,	88 74
Pipe organ not included elsewhere,	512 00
Pulpit furniture, etc., donated,	200 00
Mission box,	65 00
Birthday box,	92 25
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	\$20176 30

The statistics date but to January 1, 1895, thus being a fraction less than ten years.



U. B. AID BUILDING.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.					
Year.	S. S. Scholars Enrolled.	Average Attendance.	No. of Members.	Number of Communicants.	Baptisms.
1885	255	150			
1886	300	190			
May 1, '87 to May 1, '88	325	205	203	145	26
do 1, '88 to " 1, '89	350	206	225	158	24
do 1, '89 to " 1, '90	375	228	269	160	21
do 1, '90 to " 1, '91	400	238	276	173	25
do 1, '91 to " 1, '92	425	252	296	197	29
do 1, '92 to " 1, '93	450	263	348	243	20
do 1, '93 to " 1, '94	475	304	396	291	20
do 1, '94 to " 1, '95	500	320	416	367	30

STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

CONGREGATION.

Confirmed.	Received by Certificate, etc.	Dismissed.	Erased	Died.	Benevolent Contributions.	Pastors.
16	34	4	0	1	\$ 61 00	} O. P. Steckel.
5	19	0	0	2	45 00	
14	50	2	0	2	72 00	
8	7	1	0	5	51 00	
10	20	4	0	21	85 00	
28	47	14	0	9	147 00	} I. Calvin Fisher
16	37	3	2	9	200 00	
30	32	3	33	15	223 00	