

cubic feet. This was the first public building in Birmingham lighted by gas.

In October, 1819, the trustees presented their report showing that the total cost of the buildings and site amounted to £8,395, 7/3. The amount of mortgage was £2,000, sundry loans on interest £1,545, 3/0, and about £670 unprovided for; or half the cost of the building had been raised by the members in four years. Among the subscriptions are: John Wilkes, £10; John A. Wilkes, £30; Henry Phillips, £9, 3/4; Henry Phillips, June 2, £9 3/4.

As an evidence of the broad sympathies of the members of this church, not only were Baptists admitted to membership, but Ebenezer Chapel was the first Independent Chapel in which a Baptist minister took part in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

At the opening of the new chapel an alteration was made in the original rules increasing the number of deacons to seven. The stipend paid to the pastor was £350.

This then was the chapel in which our pioneers were raised and this was the Church policy they believed in and the kind of Church they wished to build in Brantford, and as we read its history we cannot but see how largely Steelhouse Lane and its progenitors have influenced our own Church and how large a debt of gratitude we owe to the men who kept the faith in Independency for us through much trial and difficulty, even when mobs burned their meeting houses in 1715 and 1792.

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