

The New Church

It was all along foreseen that a time was coming when, in the process of normal congregational growth, a new church and Sabbath School must be erected. For this quiet preparation was being made by modest accumulations towards a building fund and unhurried consideration of the future interests of the church.

The congregation was unanimous in the decision to change the location of the church, and the lot at the corner of Broadway Avenue and Simpson Avenue was purchased in 1901, upon which after a somewhat protracted and careful consideration of plans, the new building was begun in April, 1902. The corner stone was laid on June 1 of that same year, and the whole building completed, furnished, and formally opened and dedicated on January 25, 1903,—just an even 26 years after the opening and dedication of the first church building on Harvard Street. By some, the struggle involved in securing our new church equipment is regarded as the most important chapter in our congregation's history. As it is, we now find ourselves in a commodious and well-appointed church and Sunday School, which, counting the amount paid for the lot, was secured at a cost of \$29,270. The congregation is the possessor of a valuable church property, now greatly enhanced by the increase of land values, carrying a mortgage indebtedness not burdensome, and which is being reduced by a substantial sum each year.

Our History

More important far than the recital of steps in the process of securing a permanent church home, is the story of the real work of God carried on through the "Quarter-century period just closed. A conventional review of those past years is not without discomfort and sorrow for mistakes and failures; and yet as we look back, there is awakened the spirit of thanksgiving to God for progress made. In the address of the Session presented at the annual meeting in January, 1892, the policy of the congregation was announced in these words:—

"The great work of the Church is the evangelization of the world, and her key-note should