

to them was the Gospel preached. And so it continued, the multitudes crowding even the surrounding streets, and gladly listening to the Word of Life. From July 18th to Oct. 17th, fifty-one religious services were held. About this time the mission was called "Bethany." On Oct. 18th, the corner stone of a chapel was laid. During the winter the services were held first in the depot of the Passenger Railway, and afterwards in a school house. On Jan. 27th, 1859, the Bethany Mission Chapel was dedicated. It cost about \$3700, and measured forty by sixty feet. On the 30th, the Sabbath school first met in it, with 274 scholars and 17 teachers. And so the work went on; morning and afternoon the Sabbath school met; in the evening some minister preached to the parents, who filled the house. Faithful teaching, constant visiting and earnest prayer, were blessed by God. For a year or more there were conversions in one continuous stream. Some were united to neighbouring churches, but the desire was expressed that they should have a church of their own at Bethany. The way not seeming clear for that, a missionary was appointed, who laboured for a year, when he left for the foreign field. Soon after, a church was formed, but this enterprise failed, and the chapel was closed from May 1864 till Oct. 1864, the school and accompanying services being, in the meantime, held in a Hose House. On Oct. 29th, the chapel was re-opened and was found too small, even with the addition of a gallery for the infant school, and other improvements. Still the earnest workers laboured on, going about the streets and inviting people in, preaching in the open air, filling boxes for the soldiers and Western Sabbath Schools, holding temperance meetings, &c. Next, in 1865 a pastor was obtained, the building purchased, and the church formally organized under the Presbytery of Philadelphia, (Old School), according to the preference of the people. The smile of the Lord seemed now to rest on the work as never before; temporary galleries were put up; classes were crowded in aisles, on pulpit platform and pulpit stairs; till at last it was resolved to build a larger house. A large lot was bought, a subscription list was circulated, and the children met, early one Monday morning, and, after singing and prayer, began the digging for the foundations. Many prophesied failure of the immense work undertaken: but it was the Lord's work, and it was gone about with intense enthusiasm by pastor, superintendent, people and children. People of other churches subscribed liberally; working men gave of their wages and begged from friends for help "for the new building;" scholars saved and worked over-time; rags were sold and keepsakes parted with; and so the building was completed, free of debt, in time to be dedicated at the anniversary, in February, 1868. It measures 86 feet by 106 feet, and is thus divided:—the middle, for the main school, 58 by 72 feet, will hold 100 classes and 800 scholars; at one end are the organ and platform, on each side of which is a large class-room, 20 by 34 feet, each to seat 300 children, one being occupied by the Infant class, the other by the Primary class; on each side of the main school are six class rooms, three on the floor and three up stairs, each 12 by 14 feet, and a vestibule, 14 by 20 feet; and at the opposite end from the platform is a visitors' gallery. The two large and the twelve smaller class-rooms are shut off from the main hall by glass sliding-doors, so that the whole are thrown into one at the opening and closing exercises. A beautiful fountain—a gift—plays in the centre of the hall: on various parts of the building texts are beautifully engrossed; the windows are of stained glass, and are the gifts of the various Sunday schools of the city: here and there are small banners; and on the platform are a number of beautiful bouquets to be given to new scholars and sent to sick ones. This is the Sabbath School Hall. *The church is not yet built. It is intended to hold from 1500 to 2000 people.* But the present state of the school, and of the church, and the other work of the mission, I must leave for next month's Record.