

The lot received from the mother church not being regarded as suitable, it was resolved to dispose of it at the first favorable opportunity, and to seek for a more eligible site.

As stated above, the site at the corner of Bank and Slater Streets upon which the church now stands, was approved by the congregation. In making this selection the committee were ably assisted by the late Mr. C. R. Cunningham, who though debarred by the location of his home from associating himself with the new movement, was then, and afterwards continued to be, its warm friend.

The selected site lay in a large plot of vacant pasture land surrounded by a strong log fence. To many it seemed much too far from the centre of population, but the wisdom and foresight of those who decided the question soon became abundantly evident.

The lots fronting on Bank Street were bought from the Slater estate for \$2,400. The lot, in the rear upon which the Sunday School Hall stands, was acquired later at the same price, \$1200.00.

It had been the firm resolve of the congregation to proceed immediately with the erection of a large building, but owing to the difficulty of reaching the Mechanic's Hall, and the discomforts of the place which became increasingly apparent as the warm weather approached; and further in view of the length of time that must necessarily intervene before the new church could be ready for use, even if the contracts were at once let, and the work pushed with reasonable diligence, it was felt to be the part of prudence to secure a temporary meeting place which would be at once more comfortable and easy of access, and therefore more likely to facilitate the growth of the church.

No such place being available, the congregation finally consented to the erection of a temporary building—though with much reluctance, as it seemed to many like a waste of money, or the indefinite postponement of the large building, the plans of which had been adopted by the annual meeting in the previous December.

This resolution having been reached, was promptly carried into effect. A contract was let on the 30th April, for a rough frame structure to be put up on the north side of the church property, at a cost, including seats, of about \$600.00. The temporary building was rushed with all convenient speed and was ready for use on the first Sabbath of July 1866, upon which day,