

occasion Rev. Dr. Gates, then pastor of the Germain street church, preached the dedication sermon to a large audience. Special music was rendered by the choir, assisted by outside talent. On the platform were pastors from all the neighboring churches. Rev. Dr. Manning preached at the morning service, and the pastor, Rev. I. W. Corey, preached at the evening service.

Much earnest effort has been put into the work of paying off the debt. Progress was slow at first, but as the end came in sight people grew more encouraged. In May 1907, nearly three years ago, an organized effort towards removing the debt was begun. By the faithful and efficient work of our pastor Rev. F. E. Bishop, this campaign has been brought to a successful issue. Besides money received by personal pledges, much credit is due to the women of the church and congrega-

tion, who have nobly contributed their share. The consummation of our hopes was made possible however, by the generosity of C. P. Baker. Much gratitude on the part of the church and congregation is due to Mr. Baker.

Gratitude is due also to the many who have sacrificed time and means towards the removal of this burden, and by generous gifts made according to their means, have so materially helped in the arduous work that has been accomplished.

In the future the church will be hampered by no financial burdens. It will be free to devote all its energies to the purpose for which it was organized, the upbuilding of the Master's kingdom in this community. May our Father's blessing dwell richly upon all our efforts in this direction, and may our spiritual interest grow deeper and more lasting.