

Historical Items.

Dec. 1st, 1886. Rev. A. L. Yount arrived from Nova Scotia to take charge of this Church, as pastor. His arrival was really on the evening of the previous day, at which time a gathering of the congregation in the Lecture-Room and Parsonage welcomed the new pastor and his family. He was installed by Rev. D. M. Kenkel, D.D., on Sunday morning, Dec. 19th, 1886.

Jan. 23rd, 1887. This morning the church took fire over one of the heaters, and narrowly escaped destruction. ~~The~~ Insurance covered the damage, which amounted to more than \$200.

December, 1887. The old building, a large and somewhat mighty structure, was removed, and a new one was substituted, more modern in style and convenience. The whole church was changed. During last month the ladies of the society ("Cotta") procured new and beautiful coverings for the church furniture. All these improvements cost about \$700. A partition of back doors was also erected in the Sunday School room at a cost of about \$120.

April 1st, 1888. After previous arrangements and advertisement, an Easter Offering was taken up in the church today amounting to \$800, which will liquidate the entire indebtedness of the congregation at present.

July 25th, 1888. Pastor Yount bought 17 yards of Silk for a Gown to be worn by him during the services in church, paying the sum of \$11.33, which money had been contributed by three friends of the church.

June 1st. A destructive flood inundated the greater part of our city today causing great loss of property and some loss of life. Our church shared in the ruin, there having been seven feet ^{and 10 inches} of water in the basement, ruining the libraries of Pastor Yount and the ~~Sundays~~ ^{School}, and damaging the buildings and furniture to the extent of about \$300.00 dollars. Many of the members were great sufferers by this flood. There was off six water in the parsonage floor.

On the second Sunday in March 1892, Rev. Geo. J. Kunkle of Easton, Pa. became Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. He ended his labors as Pastor of the Congregation on the 2d Sunday (Easter) of April, 1893. During his pastorate a portion of the partition of the Sunday School room was removed in order to make more room. In June while the Pastor was absent at Synod, the Steeples was struck by lightning and slightly damaged.