

Loudermilk

A Sunday school under the management of this church was established on the afternoon of Sunday, May 21, 1876, in the same place.

The services of the church were continued in the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, until March, 1877, when the congregation purchased Trinity M. E. church building, on south Centre street, for the sum of \$5,500 in cash, the congregation of that church having disbanded some months previous. The building thus purchased by Christ Reformed Episcopal church has been in their occupancy ever since, stated worship being held there at this time.

The present number of communicants is about 70, and the Sunday school now numbers about 170 scholars.

MCKENDREE (AFRICAN) M. E. CHAPEL.

The church now known as McKendree M. E. Chapel Congregation, is composed of colored people, who formerly worshipped with the congregation of the Centre street M. E. church, and were under the government of the Baltimore Conference, as their white brethren. In the fall of 1854, the colored portion of the Centre street M. E. church withdrew from the whites, and organized a separate congregation. They purchased their present house of worship during that year, and have occupied it for religious purposes ever since.

The building is a modern brick structure, and was originally 30 by 40 feet, but during the pastorate of Rev. M. Spredles it was lengthened eight feet. It is finished as a two story building.

Among the first trustees of this church we find the names of Lewis Graham, Joseph Taper, James Tibbs, and Eli Robinson.

The congregation. at the time of its organization, numbered about forty. The first pastor was Rev. Henry Matthews, who remained one and a half years, and was succeeded by Rev. W. S. Wilson, who served three years, and was followed in 1869 by Rev. M. Spredles, who remained until 1872, when he was succeeded by Rev. E. Lawson. Rev. Lawson served only one year, and was succeeded in 1873, by Rev. Thomas Davis, who, after a brief ministry withdrew from this conference, and united with another. In 1874, Rev. A. B. Wilson came here to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Davis, and remained until February, 1875, and was succeeded by Rev. Henry Cellers, who is the present pastor.

The church has a Sunday school under its management. The number of communicants at this time is 90.

AFRICAN M. E. CHURCH.

For many years the colored persons of the Methodist Episcopal faith were accustomed to attend services at the Centre street M. E. church, where a portion of the gallery was set apart for their use. But in 1848 they determined to provide themselves with a house of worship, and therefore effected an organization, and elected a board of trustees, as follows: Nathaniel Burgee, Philip Only, Jacob Mitchell, Wm. Hamilton, John Page, John Murdock, and Henry Robinson. Father Golden, of Baltimore, came