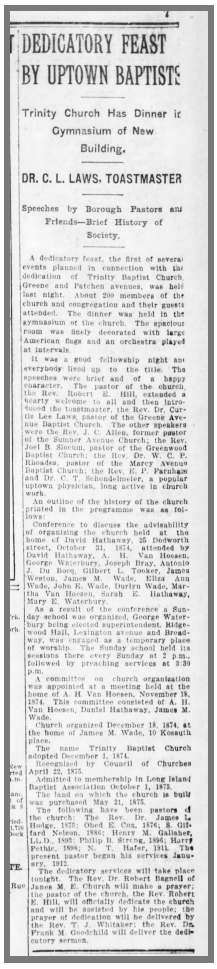
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DEDICATORY FEAST BY UPTOWN BAPTISTS

Trinity Church Has Dinner in Gymnasium of New Building.

DR. C. L. LAWS, TOASTMASTER

Speeches by Borough Pastors and Friends—Brief History of Society.

A dedicatory feast, the first of several events planned in connection with the dedication of Trinity Baptist Church, Greene and Patchen avenues, was held last night. About 200 members of the church and congregation and their guests attended. The dinner was held in the gymnasium of the church. The spacious room was finely decorated with large American flags and an orchestra played at intervals.

It was a good fellowship night and everybody lived up to the title. The speeches were brief and of a happy character. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Robert E. Hill, extended a hearty welcome to all and then introduced the toastmaster, the Rev. Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, pastor of the Greene Avenue Baptist Church. The other speakers were the Rev. J. C. Allen, former pastor of the Sumner Avenue Church; the Rev. Joel B. Slocum, pastor of the Greenwood Baptist Church; the Rev. Dr. W. C. P. Rhoades, pastor of the Marcy Avenue Baptist Church; the Rev. E. F. Farnham and Dr. C. T. Schondelmeier, a popular uptown physician, long active in church work.

An outline of the history of the church printed in the programme was as follows:

Conference to discuss the advisability of organizing the church held at the home of David Hathaway, 25 Duffield street, October 31, 1874, attended by David Hathaway, A. H. Van Hoesen, George Waterbury, Joseph Bray, Antonio J. Du Bois, Gilbert L. Tooker, James Weston, James M. Wade, Eliza Ann Wade, John E. Wade, Durlyn Wade, Martha Van Hoesen, Sarah E. Hathaway, Mary E. Waterbury.

As a result of the conference a Sunday school was organized, George Waterbury being elected superintendent. Ridgewood Hall, Lexington avenue and Broadway, was engaged as a temporary place of worship. The Sunday school held its sessions there every Sunday at 2 p.m., followed by preaching services at 3.30 p.m.

A committee on church organization was appointed at a meeting held at the home of A. H. Van Hoesen, November 18, 1874. This committee consisted of A. H. Van Hoesen, Daniel Hathaway, James M. Wade.

Church organized December 18, 1874, at the home of James M. Wade, 10 Kossuth place.

The name Trinity Baptist Church adopted December 1, 1874.

Recognized by Council of Churches April 22, 1875.

Admitted to membership in Long Island Baptist Association October 1, 1875.

The land on which the church is built was purchased May 21, 1875.

The following have been pastors of the church: The Rev. Dr. James L. Hodge, 1875; Obed E. Cox, 1876; S. Gifford Nelson, 1886; Henry M. Gallaher, LL.D., 1893; Philip B. Strong, 1896; Harry Pothic, 1898; N. T. Hafer, 1911. The present pastor began his services January, 1912.

The dedicatory services will take place tonight. The Rev. Dr. Robert Bagnell of James M. E. Church will make a prayer; the pastor of the church, the Rev. Robert E. Hill, will officially dedicate the church and will be assisted by his people; the prayer of dedication will be delivered by the Rev. T. J. Whitaker; the Rev. Dr. Frank M. Goodchild will deliver the dedicatory sermon.

Church history - Eliza Wade

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