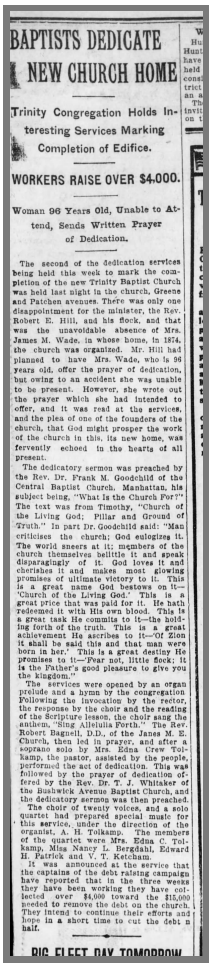
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BAPTISTS DEDICATE NEW CHURCH HOME

Trinity Congregation Holds Interesting Services Marking Completion of Edifice.

WORKERS RAISE OVER $4,000.

Woman 96 Years Old, Unable to Attend, Sends Written Prayer of Dedication.

The second of the dedication services being held this week to mark the completion of the new Trinity Baptist Church was held last night in the church, Greene and Patchen avenues. There was only one disappointment for the minister, the Rev. Robert E. Hill, and his flock, and that was the unavoidable absence of Mrs. James M. Wade, in whose home, in 1874, the church was organized. Mr. Hill had planned to have Mrs. Wade, who is 96 years old, offer the prayer of dedication, but owing to an accident she was unable to be present. However, she wrote out the prayer which she had intended to offer, and it was read at the services, and the plea of one of the founders of the church, that God might prosper the work of the church in this, its new home, was fervently echoed in the hearts of all present.

The dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Frank M. Goodchild of the Central Baptist Church, Manhattan, his subject being, "What Is the Church For?" The text was from Timothy, "Church of the Living God; Pillar and Ground of Truth." In part Dr. Goodchild said: "Man criticises the church; God eulogizes it. The world sneers at it; members of the church themselves belittle it and speak disparagingly of it. God loves it and cherishes it and makes most glowing promises of ultimate victory to it. This is a great name God bestows on it—'Church of the Living God.' This is a great price that was paid for it. He hath redeemed it with His own blood. This is a great task He commits to it—the holding forth of the truth. This is a great achievement He ascribes to it—'Of Zion it shall be said this and that man were born in her.' This is a great destiny He promises to it—'Fear not, little flock; it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.'"

The services were opened by an organ prelude and a hymn by the congregation. Following the invocation by the rector, the response by the choir and the reading of the Scripture lesson, the choir sang the anthem, "Sing Alleluia Forth." The Rev. Robert Bagnell, D.D., of the Janes M. E. Church, then led in prayer, and after a soprano solo by Mrs. Edna Crew Tolkamp, the pastor, assisted by the people, performed the act of dedication. This was followed by the prayer of dedication offered by the Rev. Dr. T. J. Whitaker of the Bushwick Avenue Baptist Church, and the dedicatory sermon was then preached.

The choir of twenty voices, and a solo quartet had prepared special music for this service, under the direction of the organist, A. H. Tolkamp. The members of the quartet were Mrs. Edna C. Tolkamp, Miss Nancy L. Bergdahl, Edward H. Patrick and V. T. Ketcham.

It was announced at the service that the captains of the debt raising campaign have reported that in the three weeks they have been working they have collected over $4,000 toward the $15,000 needed to remove the debt on the church. They intend to continue their efforts and hope in a short time to cut the debt in half.

BIG FLEET DAY TOMORROW

Eliza Wade - church dedication

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