

grown, and the present location, corner of Wealthy avenue and South East street, was secured at \$1,200, and a building committee appointed. The corner stone of the present house of worship was laid September 17, 1886, Rev. Samuel Graves, D.D., preaching the sermon, and appropriate dedicatory services were held January 16, 1887, just one year and three days after the organization of the church.

To Rev. E. R. Bennett, now of Oakland, Cal., is due in great measure the successful launching of this church. The first board of trustees was composed of A. E. Barr, L. C. Remington, A. W. Fisher, A. W. Donaldson, Frank Maybee, while the deacons were J. A. Boyer, H. W. Fisher, E. S. Marvin, S. E. Curdy.

From a membership of 20 the church has grown during the almost seventeen years of its existence to 268, while the total membership from the beginning has been 641.

The following have been the pastors over the church: Rev. E. R. Bennett, 1885-1888; J. B. Donnelly, D. D., 1889-1890; John Heritage, 1890-1895; O. E. Van Osdell, 1895-1896; W. P. Behan, Ph.D., 1898— —.

The mortgage of \$2,500 is the only encumbrance on the property and plans are under way for its cancellation. The present property is worth between \$10,000 and \$11,000.

Scribner Street Baptist Church.—On Sunday, May 17, 1885, the Sixth ward Baptist Sunday school was organized in Wilmot's hall, corner of Scribner and Leonard streets. The Sunday school was organized by the Second Baptist church, whose members also formed the nucleus of the teaching corps. The school continued to grow in numbers and on April 11, 1886, they moved into the old engine house on Scribner street. A Thursday evening prayer meeting was started soon after this, and was continued up to the time of the organization of the church. On December 9, 1888, the engine house was partially destroyed by fire, and shortly afterwards the site was purchased from the city by Mr. W. N. Rowe and donated as a site for the new chapel, which was built in 1891 and dedicated March 27, 1892, as the Sixth ward Baptist chapel.

The interest and members continued to increase until January, 1894, when a regular church was organized and called the Scribner Street Baptist church. The first pastor was Rev. Charles W. Barber, who labored from February 25, 1894, till January 14,