

and Art), was formed, whose aim is the literary and scientific education and general culture of its members, now numbering 107, the gratuitous instruction of an evening school during the winter, and other laudable work. In 1888 the society of Willing Workers began its useful career, having the following of four departments: social, educational, missionary and charitable. Some of its first work was the opening of a sewing school, a summer school for Holland instructions, an English school for recent immigrants, and a gymnasium for boys. The 500 seats are free, but it is made obligatory upon all members to contribute for the support of the congregation, unless excused. The first official Board was composed of P. VanWanrooy, President; P. H. Eleveld, Secretary; H. M. Buhrmann, Treasurer; Wm. Brummeler, S. Van der Meulen, J. Gruber, T. Venema.

In February of 1900, the Rev. Mr. Hugenholtz died. During the same year, the Society secured for its pastor, Rev. Van Sluyters, who began his work here in September, 1900. Rev. Van Sluyters is a graduate of the Meadville Theological School, of Meadville, Pa. He also completed a post graduate course at Harvard University. In 1903 the parlors of the church building were enlarged and a stage constructed for the convenience of the Young People's Club, a new organization with a membership of about sixty. Meetings are held bi-weekly with miscellaneous programmes and lectures by different speakers.

The present (1905) official board of the church is composed of Wm. Brummeler, Pres.; S. J. Vandermenten, Sec.; J. C. Vander-Haagen, Treas.; H. Jongejan, H. Elhart, Antony Lammers and H. P. Hugenholtz.

The church rejoices in the possession of a good choir under the leadership of H. P. Hugenholtz, son of the former pastor, and a number of devoted women who are organized in the Women's Aid Society.

**Hebrew Congregation (Temple Emanuel)**—Southeast corner of Fountain and Ransom streets.—This organization dates from October 2, 1871, when a meeting was held for this purpose at the residence of Benjamin Geis, at No. 1 Bronson street (now Crescent avenue). The seventeen gentlemen who founded the church were the officers first chosen, to-wit: President, Julius Houseman; Vice-President, Benjamin Geis; Treasurer, Jacob Barth; Secretary, Jacob I. Levi; Trustees, Moses May, Nathan Rodman and Henry S. Pressburg; and besides these,