



BICENTENNIAL MOMENT

PAYING THE BILLS In the Summer of 1872 a bill was presented for \$2.50 for repairing windows damaged by a hail storm. About 1875 the list of members was divided among the Deacons. They were to visit and impress upon each member the significance and importance of the "contribution envelopes" assigned to them, in order to obtain the amount "heretofore subscribed for Pastor's Salary or Pew Rent." That year Col. W. H. Blanch, the Sexton, complained in a letter that his wages had been reduced to \$6 per month. The Board hoped he could continue, but could not raise the rate. In September 1877 J. T. McFadden was instructed to purchase 4 "suitable" chairs for the Church building. They were purchased for \$4. These may be the ornate chairs which stand behind the lectern in the sanctuary. In August 1885 a cost of repairs was presented as follows: Guttering, 160 ft - \$40; 6 down-pipes, 180 ft - \$45; Cementing walls & grading lot, \$50; Guttering of Vestibule, \$4; Blinds for Belfry & Gable windows, \$20; New wood & iron fence in front & work on old fence, \$75; Cleaning & relaying carpet, \$20; Papering walls & ceiling, \$182; Painting & varnishing (on ends of pews, inside doors, moulding on ceiling & wainscoating) inside, \$35; Painting Vestibule, \$11; Cornice guttering, Window frames & Sash & Belfry, \$35; Painting walls (Brick), \$80 [?inside walls?]; Brickwork cleaned, mortar joints repaired and penciled. Replacing slate on the roof cost \$7.30. Repairing woodwork and windows cost \$2. Workmen cost \$3. The Church Building was insured for a term of 5 years for \$6,000. In February 1886 a communication was received from Messrs. Peaster(?), Goulbert & Co. regarding the glass for windows amounted to \$30 which was ordered to be procured. [Information researched by Susan Daniel & the late Ernest Hooper].