

church, Benjamin Miller. The Ladies' Circle of this church erected a monument to mark the spot; and the trustees have recently reserved and set apart some adjacent lots for the burial of any who may have served the church as pastor with their immediate families in all time.

During the period of Mr. Rue's pastorate some improvements were made upon the church property.

The number of members in 1854 was one hundred and forty-six.

#### DR. BROWN'S PASTORATE.

James F. Brown was born in Scotch Plains, July 4th, 1819. He was the son of Rev. Thomas Brown, who was at that time pastor of this church. James F. graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1841, and studied theology with Rev. Dr. Dagg. He was ordained Pastor of the Ganisville Baptist Church, Alabama, and in 1846 took charge of the Great Valley church, Pa., where he remained eight years, and was then called to this his native town and to the pastorate of the church his father had so acceptably served. He removed to this place in 1854 and remained six years. He is a man of scholarly attainments, gentle spirit, sound theological views, large sympathies and has been blessed in his ministry. The church during his pastoral connection was harmonious and grew both in numbers and in influence. That memorable year of financial adversity, 1857, was one of spiritual prosperity in this church. Many who were then added became prominent members, and those who yet remain remember gratefully and affectionately the judicious measures and