

Dr. Buchanan is a good theologian, a thoughtful preacher, a judicious, affectionate pastor, and has been prospered in winning souls. When he assumed charge of this church a pleasant state of religious feeling met the pastor at the outset; and by a faithful preaching of the gospel, attended by the blessing of God, a most important work of grace was experienced in the year 1868. Nearly fifty were baptised, and many who are now tried and true members of the church were converted and put on Christ in baptism as the fruit of his ministry here.

An important material work accomplished during the pastorate of Dr. Buchanan was the erection of our present house of worship. The old church edifice was sold. A considerable part of the parsonage farm was sold for building lots, and a substantial structure was erected on a fine corner, near where the old building stood. The present house is fifty feet by one hundred and ten feet including the lecture room in the rear. The main audience room is fifty by seventy feet with recess pulpit. The building is gothic in style, with corner tower and spire. The material is pressed brick, with Ohio stone and white brick trimmings, and slate roof. The cost including furniture and organ, was Thirty thousand dollars. The removal of the railroad further from the village, thus preventing the increase of population, which was confidently expected, together with the financial depression of the times left the church heavily involved in debt, which rested wearily upon them for many years.

Dr. Buchanan, labored self-sacrificingly and well, and very many members of the church as