

During his pastorate seventy-nine members by baptism or letter were added to the Church.

The years 1882-83 formed a critical period in the history of this Church.

It was the culminating period in a distressing series of financial disasters and spiritual barrenness.

It was the "Harvest Home," when were garnered the Dead Sea fruits of unwise and, as the result proved, almost ruinous business mismanagement.

Many who had been active and prominent in the affairs of the Church were gone.

Some were alienated, some driven out by a spirit of intolerance, some were dead, some removed to other places.

A decade of business blunders and mistakes of management had given birth to unchristian feelings and harsh recrimination, so that the year of our Lord 1882 found but a few left who were willing to stand by the fortunes of this venerable church, when the storm-waves were beating high upon her walls and undermining her foundations.

It was, indeed, a time of peril which made all those who loved the church, for herself, her history and her mission, realize that there was need of all being done that could be done by all who still clung to the cause, and were willing to go on, hoping and trusting that in His own time and way God would raise up instrumentalities for the care and perpetuation of this, His Zion.

So serious was the condition in the years 1881 and 1882, that it was with great difficulty the Treasurer could raise the paltry, weekly stipend of ten dollars, then the pay received by the Rev. Mr. Guiscard, the then Pastor, while at the same time