

He carried with him into his retirement, the esteem and respect of the community, and the sincere love of his Parishioners and Church Members.

He is now living in his own home, opposite the scene of his recent labors; and may the Lord bless and keep him and his estimable wife for years yet to come.

The present Pastor of the church is Rev. J. S. Braker. He was born in Camden, N. J., in 1863, and was educated at Bucknell University and Crozer Theological Seminary. He has held pastorates at Passayunk Baptist Church and at Temple Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. He accepted the call of this church in April, 1894. His pastorate is yet too young to record results—But he has the hearty co-operation of the church. He has baptised a number into its fellowship, and all hope he may be successful in accomplishing the will of the God of the church.

Thus Jehovah has always provided leaders for His people, who have broken to them the bread of life, and conducted them amid the intricacies of the way heavenward.

LICENTIATES.

Lay preaching was at least tacitly authorized as long ago as 1791 when it was "voted that the deacons exercise their gifts in case of disappointment by the minister." The minutes, also record instances in which persons asked for license to preach the gospel, and after the church "had investigated and inquired into their fitness," they were advised that "they would be more useful in some other department of the Lord's vineyard."