

FIFTY YEARS

IN THE

LOMBARD STREET

Central Presbyterian Church

BY

ELDER ROBERT JONES

PHILADELPHIA

1894

Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, with a view of engaging the ministers in my case. I attended the May meetings in London, and succeeded by aid of Rev. John Angel James. I have better prospects now than since I left. I am glad to know you are getting on well. I hope the Lord will keep you in peace and love. You must pray for me. Be contented and patient; the work is hard, but I still trust in God; may you all do the same. I am going to Glasgow this evening to meet the Presbytery, and get them to move in my case. Give my love to all the congregation. They must think it neglect my not writing to them. I never have rest or an idle moment. You have got to preach without written sermons, so I have to study more than ever. I hope it will do me good.

Your Brother in Christ,
S. H. GLOUCESTER.

Glasgow, Scotland, June 2, 1847.

BROTHERS BROWN AND JONES.

DEAR BRETHREN:—This is merely to say to you both, keep good hearts, and attend faithfully to your duties, and pray for me. My love to the people. Tell them never to cease praying for me and I will do all I can, and the best I can. Don't fail to have the sacrament on the second Sab-

bath in July. I will write an address if not present, if spared. Yours in Christ,

S. H. GLOUCESTER.

1848.

MR. GLOUCESTER returned from England in January, 1848. The new church was nearly finished, and preparations were being made for dedication. This description was in the papers of that date:

“NEW CHURCH.—The Central Presbyterian Church, located in Lombard Street below Ninth, erected by the congregation of which the Rev. Stephen H. Gloucester occupies the pastoral charge, has just been completed. The exterior is rough-cast, in imitation of the stone of which the North American Bank is constructed, and is of the Italian style of architecture. The building is 38 feet wide by 60 feet deep, but a view of the interior gives it the appearance of much greater dimensions, a circumstance attributable to the narrowness of the galleries, which are so constructed as to enhance the beauty of the church, and also to add a very desirable means of ventilation. It is doubtful if any other church in the city or county, whether large or small, will in every respect compare with the internal beauties of this