

FIFTY YEARS

IN THE

LOMBARD STREET

Central Presbyterian Church

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PHILADELPHIA

1894

year, only ten; and yet how blessed is the fact that of these, three have gone up; having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb: Theodore Young and his wife, called early away from this world of care and sin, but leaving a hallowed influence in the minds of those that knew them. The other, an aged "Daughter of the King," Mrs. Anny Macnealy, who having for years placed her trust in God, found peace and comfort in Him, as she waited for the home-call. It was a blessing to hear her joyful expressions, in anticipation of the home above. We have still left with us young men and women that are useful in the Board and other work of the church.

The Berean Church was dedicated and the following hymn was sung:

WRITTEN FOR THE OPENING SERVICES OF THE BEREAN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NOVEMBER 2, 1884.

BY REV. ALFRED NEVIN, D.D., LL.D.

God of love! O deign to listen  
To the grateful song of praise  
Which, for Thine abundant blessing,  
Now to Thee we humbly raise.

As around the patriarch's pillow,  
Ministering angels stood,—  
Made the place the "gate of Heaven,"  
And the very "house of God,"—

So, dear Lord, when we assemble  
In this temple built for Thee,  
Let, for all thy waiting servants,  
This the sweet experience be:

Here may sorrowing souls find comfort,  
 And the wandering be restored,  
 Here may feeble knees be strengthened  
 By the power of Thy word.

Ever let Thy gracious Spirit  
 Bless the sower and the seed,  
 Giving, through the great Redeemer,  
 Grace to help in time of need.

And as each new generation  
 'Round this sacred altar stand,  
 May they still by faith be moving,  
 Pilgrims toward the promised land.

In the old Berean spirit,  
 May Thy truth, from day to day,  
 As we search its sacred pages,  
 Cheer us on our heavenward way.

Dr. Nevin often preached for us, and Dr. Adair, Rev. Barnes, Dr. Brainerd, Dr. Ramsey and many others—holy men of God, speaking the words of life and living as “ensamples” to those around them, showing that they had been with Christ and learnt of Him, and we do well that we honor them, keeping their names in remembrance.

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THE Presbyterian assessment for \$32.85 was presented; the Clerk of Session was directed to reply that it was more than he could pay; that we were willing to pay \$11.40, as we paid last year. This assessment is based on the number of mem-