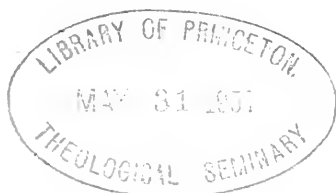


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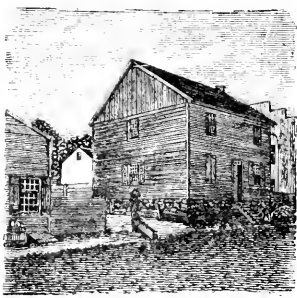
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*Preparatory to the laying of the Corner Stone of*

REFORMED SALEM CHAPEL,

August 29, 1880.



*First Church erected in Harrisburg, 1787.*



HARRISBURG, PA.

THEO. F. SCHEFFER, JOB PRINTER AND BOOKBINDER.

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## HISTORICAL FACTS.

In accordance with the expressed wishes of a number of the members of the German Reformed Salem Church of Harrisburg, the Rev'd John Winebrenner, then Pastor of the Church gave notice from the pulpit on the 12th of November, 1820, that a meeting of the membership would take place on Friday evening, November 17, 1820, to consider the propriety of establishing a Sunday School Society in connection with the Church. The Congregation then worshipped in the Log Church, corner of Third street and Cherry avenue, the first building erected in Harrisburg expressly for Divine worship. This building of which the engraving on the title page is a faithful picture was removed in 1854 and the present four brick dwelling houses erected in its stead. Those members who felt interested in Sunday Schools attended the meeting at the time and place above mentioned, and organized by electing Frederick Kelker chairman and John S. Wiestling secretary. It was resolved to establish a Sunday School Society, and a committee, consisting of George R. Horter, George H. Bucher and Joseph Van Reed, were appointed to draft a Constitution, which, after retiring for a short time, they reported as follows, to wit:

Constitution of the Salem Sunday School Society of Harrisburg, established with an intent to promote piety and learning:

ARTICLE 1. The society shall be known by the name, style and title of the Salem Sunday School Society of the Borough of Harrisburg.

ART. 2. The Society shall meet semi-annually on the second Monday of April and October. At their meeting in April they shall elect one President, a Secretary, Treasurer, and nine Managers, which Managers shall appoint from their body one President and Secretary, all of whom shall serve for the ensuing year, each of which may be re-eligible at any succeeding election.

ART. 3. An annual subscription of twenty-five cents shall constitute Membership.

ART. 4. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, but in his absence some other member shall be appointed President *pro tem*. The said President shall on the request of any five members expressed in writing, convene the Society.

ART. 5. The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep minutes of all business transacted by the Society in a book provided for that purpose.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all monies collected, either as subscriptions, donations or for the sale of books, and enter the same carefully into a book provided for that purpose, and pay the same in orders signed by the President and attested by the Secretary of the Board of Managers, and shall annually exhibit a statement of his receipts and expenditures, to the Society, or such committee as they may appoint, and such committee shall have power to examine his accounts and make report at the succeeding meeting of the Society.

Mary Ann Jackson	Front st	July 14, 1821	English Testament
Rosanna Kelker	Second st	Nov. 26, 1820	"
Sabina Kelker,	"	"	"
Catherine Kintzle,	Chestnut st	Dec. 31	A B C
Ann Kelly,	Pools al	Jan. 21, 1821	English Testament
Ann Maria Kelker,	Second st	Jan. 28 "	Testament
Mary Kuhn,	Poorhouse	April 14	English Spelling
Catherine Keller,	Front st	May 20	"
Wilmina Krahl,	Market st	May 26	English Testament
Mary Lyne,	Henning's al	Dec. 3, 1820	"
Harriet Lyne,	"	"	"
Sarah Lingle,	Mulberry st	March 1, 1821	English Spelling
Mary Lingle,	"	"	"
Mary Ann Lawyer,	Pottstown*	June 10	English A B C
Ann Lukens,	River al	Jan. 26, 1823	"
Mary Lukens,	"	"	"
Sarah Midlam,	Third st	Nov. 26, 1820	English Testament
Elizabeth Nabb,	Chestnut st	Jan. 14, 1821	"
Elizabeth Martin,	Second st	Feb. 4	English A B C
Sarah Nabb,	Chestnut st	March 11	"
Mary Jane Mackey,	Blackberry al	June 18	Spelling book
Jane Noland,	Second st	June 24	"
Ann McCarberry,	Third st	Sept. 9	"
Margaret McNamee,	Second st	Nov. 19	"
Sophia Newman,	Front st	Dec. 23	Spelling
Harriet Nagle,	Second st	May 19, 1822	A B C
Catharine Over,	Third st	Nov. 26, 1820	"
Eliza Ott,	Front st	Dec. 3 "	English Testament
Ann Maria Ott,	Paxton st	May 20, 1821	"
Caroline Orth,	Second st	March 17, 1822	"
Martha Paulding,	Walnut st	Nov. 26, 1830	"
Sarah Peiffer,	Fourth st	June 3 1821	Spelling
Ann Catherine Rigel,		Feb. 18, 1821	English A B C
Margaret Rees,	Cumberland co	April 28	Spelling
Maria Rees,	"	"	Testament
Mary Shaffner,	Second st	Nov. 26, 1820	Spelling
Catherine Shaffner,	"	"	"
Elizabeth Shaffner,	"	"	"
Caroline Stone,	"	"	"
Nancy Scott,	"	"	English Testament
Ann Maria Stone,	"	"	A B C
Rachel Stone,	"	"	"
Maria Silsil,	Front st	Dec. 3	English Testament
Harriet Stocker,	Third st	10	"
Betsy Shott,	State House al	31	" Spelling
Maria Sees,	Front st	Feb. 11, 1821	Testament
Catharine Spere,		" 24	Spelling
Maria Simpson,	Front st	"	"
Hannah Scott,	Second st	Nov. 25	"
Rebecca Stickle,	Pine st	Feb. 10, 1822	English Testament
Ann Sheaner,	Second st	April 14	" Spelling
Catharine Stehley,	Market st	March 28	" A B C
Ann Swartz,	Buffington al	June 2, 1822	Spelling
Mary Smith,			
Ann Smith,	Front st	March 9, 1823	Testament
Mary Temple,	Chestnut st	Nov. 26, 1820	English Testament
Catharine Tribell,	"	Dec. 24	" Spelling
Margaret Tribell,	Front st	May 6, 1821	A B C
Martha Tribell,	"	"	"

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Eleanor Updegraff,	Second st	Nov. 26, 1820	English Testament
Eliza Updegraff,	"	Dec. 3	"
Josephine Urbahn,	Dickeys al	" 31	" A B C
Eliza Uhler,	Second st	Feb. 18, 1821	" Spelling
Catharine Weistling,	"	Nov. 26, 1820	English Testament
Mary Weistling,	"	"	"
Ann Weistling,	"	"	A B C
Fanny Wagner,	Mulberry st	Dec. 3	English Testament
Ann Willis, ?	Locust st	April 7, 1821	"
Catharine Welshants,	Pottstown*	" 15, 1822	" Spelling
Susannah Watson,	Second st	June 24	Spelling
Mary A. Watson,	"	"	A B C
Rebecca Walters,	J Greenawalt's	Oct. 13	English Spelling
Betsy Yeager,	Front st	Nov. 26, 1820	English Testament
Elizabeth Zeigler,	Second st	"	"
George Allen,	Third st	Nov. 26, 1820	"
Richard Adams,	Second st	May 26, 1822	" A B C
Alexander Adams,	"	"	English Testament
James Allen,	Market st	June 10	" Spelling
Jacob B. Ayres,	"	April 27, 1823	" A B C
Theodore Adams,	Second st	"	"
George Balsley	Locust st	Nov. 26, 1820	Spelling
Henry B. Beissel	Second st	"	English Testament
Charles Beissel	"	"	"
Jacob Bretz	Third st	"	"
William Bretz	"	"	"
Joseph Balsley	Locust st	"	"
Samuel Balsley	"	"	German A B C
Michael Balsley	"	"	"
Amos Brenizer	Chestnut st	Dec. 3	English Testament
Washington Barr	Paxton st	March 4, 1821	German Spelling
Joshua Bickle	Mulberry st	April 14	English A B C
Charles Bickle	"	May 13	"
William Bickle	"	May 20	"
Joseph Brenizer	Front st	July 22	Testament
William Balsley	Second st	August 12	English Spelling
Frederick Beissel	"	"	A B C
Thomas Black	Cumberland co.	Feb. 16, 1823	A B C
Henry Cole	Pottstown*	May 6, 1821	English Testament
Zada Priest Corson	Pine st	Feb. 3, 1822	" Spelling
John Cole	Pottstown?	April 21	" Testament
Robert Cole	" *	"	" A B C
John Campbell	" *	May 5, 1821	" A B C
John Connor	Second st	June 16	Reading & Spelling
Alfred Clark	Chestnut st	"	English A B C
William Colestock	Locust st	Sept. 14	" A B C
William Doughdreck	Third st	Nov. 26, 1820	Spelling
Christian Doll	Second st	"	German A B C
Alexander Dumars	"	July 29, 1821	Spelling
William Dumars	"	"	English Testament
James Dumars	Second st	June 23, 1822	Spelling
Thomas Egle	Front st	Nov. 26, 1820	English Testament
Oliver Ege	"	Dec. 10	"
Samuel Ensminger	Pottstown*	June 3, 1821	"
Henry Ensminger	" *	June 10	"
William Ensminger	" *	June 24	"
James Finney	Fourth st	Nov. 26, 1820	"
George Fridley	Mulberry st	Jan. 21, 1821	English Testament

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William Floody	Church alley†	March 18	English Spelling
Edward Faber	Second st	April 8	Spelling
Henry Faber	"		
Andrew Foltz	Locust st	May 20	Spelling-book
John Forney	Second st	June 18	Testament
Montgomery Fedder	Chestnut st	Dec. 9, 1821	Spelling
Charles Floody	Church alley†	"	"
Jacob Fedder	Chestnut st	"	"
William Freemole	"	July 21, 1822	Spelling
Theophilus Greenawalt	Walnut st	Nov. 26, 1820	"
Leopold Gensley	Second st	"	"
Henry Goldsmith	Market square	"	English Testament
Henry Gensley	Second st	"	"
Gideon Grubb	Chestnut st	"	"
John Grabl	Front st	"	German A B C
John Gensley	Second st	Dec. 3	English Testament
Augustus Gallagher	Locust st	Dec. 24	" Spelling
John Goldsmith	"	April 8, 1821	" Testament
William Garman	Chestnut st	May 26	" A B C
Henry Garman	"	June 3	A B C
Jacob Gensley	Second st	June 22	Testament
Cyrus Hetzel	Pool's alley*	Nov. 26, 1820	Spelling
William Hutman	Front st	"	English Testament
William Heysen	"	"	"
John Horning	Market square	"	"
John Hutman	Front st	"	"
Henry Hutman	"	"	"
Marcus Holbrook	Mulberry st	"	"
Newton Hetzel	Pool's alley*	"	"
Richie Warum Holbrook	Mulberry st	"	"
Alva Morris Holbrook	"	"	"
John Heise	Second st	Dec. 3	"
Isaac Hershberger	Paxton st	March 4, 1821	German Spelling
Samuel Hertz	River bank	May 20	German Testament
William Hawk	Mulberry st	May 26	English Testament
John Heise	Front st	Sept 2	A B C
John Hamilton	Walnut st	March 17, 1822	English Spelling
James Jackson	Front st	Aug. 5, 1821	"
Joseph Jamison	Market st	April 14, 1822	"
Joseph Kelker	Front st	Nov. 26, 1820	German Testament
John Kunkel	"	Dec. 3	English A B C
William Kelly	** Keller's alley	Jan. 28, 1821	" Testament
Samuel Cleckner	Second st	Feb. 11	" Spelling
George Cleckner	"	March 11	"
John Kintzle	Third st	March 18	German Spelling
William Kuhn	Poor-house	April 10	English Testament
Frederick Cleckner	Second st	October 14	" Spelling
Henry Kunkle	Chestnut st	Jan. 27, 1822	Spelling-book
Samuel Kunkle	"	"	"
Lewis Kelly	Locust st	Feb. 3	English Testament
Samuel Kelly	"	"	"
Jacob Kintzle	Blackberry al	May 19	"
William Kneff	Mulberry st	June 2,	A B C
Hugh Kelly	Chestnut st	16,	A B C
Rudolph F. Kelker	Front st	April 27, 1823	A B C
Henry Lyne	"	Nov. 26,	English Testament
Alexander Lyne	Hennings alley	Dec. 3	

† Cherry Alley.

\* Cranberry Alley between 2nd St. and River Alley

\*\* Cranberry Alley between Raspberry Alley and 3rd St.



Robert Stimmel Lynce	Hennings alley	Dec. 3, 1823	A B C
John Lingle	Second st	April 29, 1821	A B C
John Lease	Country	June 10	English Testament
Joseph Lingle	Second st	Dec. 9	" Spelling
Aaron Lukens	River alley	Jan. 26, 1824	" Testament
John Mytinger	Second st	Dec. 17, 1820	German Testament
Henry McCord		Feb. 11, 1821	A B C
Oscar Montgomery	Second st	Feb. 25	English Testament
Henry Michael	Walnut st	March 4	"
William Mayer	Mulberry st	April 29	" A B C
James Morgan	Walnut st	May 12	Spelling-book
William Morgan	"	"	"
Stephen Mayer	Mulberry st	August 12	"
Daniel Michael	Second st	August 19	English Testament
Robert Montgomery	"	Dec. 9, 1821	Spelling
Daniel McGregor	Front st	Jan. 27, 1822	Testament
William Montgomery	Second st	"	"
Charles McGregor	Front st	April 14	"
John Moyer	Chestnut st	April 28	Spelling
Henry Moyer	"	June 2, 1822	"
John Mitchell	Market square	Feb. 16, 1823	English Testament
Richard Nabb	Chestnut st	Jan. 28, 1821	"
Perry Nabb	"	March 18,	English A B C
Nicholas Newman	Front st	Jan. 20, 1822	" Testament
Leander N. Ott	Paxton st	May 20, 1821	Spelling-book
Edward L. Orth	Second st	Feb. 3, 1822	English Testament
George Oglesby	Front st	Nov. 24, 1822	"
Jacob Peiffer	"	Dec. 3, 1820	English Testament
Lewis Roth,	Second st	Feb. 4, 1821	"
Benjamine Roth,	"	"	"
William Roth,	"	" 11	"
Frederick Rheinard,	Mulberry st	June 18, 1821	"
Cyrus Jacobs Reese,	Toll house	June 24	"
Thomas Reckord,	Locust st	April 21, 1822	"
William Rudy,	Market sq	Dec. 29, 1822	Spelling
Joseph Seltzer,	Second st	Nov. 26, 1820	"
Daniel Snyder,	Chestnut st	"	"
Henry Steinman,	Third st	"	English Testament
Levi Seltzer,	Second st	"	"
John Sayfert,	Buehler's al	"	"
Augustus Swartz,	Locust st	"	"
Elijah Seltzer,	Second st	"	"
John Snyder,	Chestnut st	"	"
Samuel Swartz,	Locust st	"	German Testament
Samuel Sayfert,	Front st	Dec 3	English Testament
Peter Snyder,	Chestnut st	"	A B C
William Snyder,	"	"	"
John Shoener,	Front st	10	German Testament
John Shaffner,	"	March 11, 1821	Testament
David Shultz,	Second st	April 1	English Testament
Sebastian Snyder,	Locust st	May 20	Spelling book
John Somers,	Chestnut st	Jan. 6, 1822	English Spelling
Abraham Swartz,	Third st	Feb. 17	" A B C
Henry Smuller,	Market sq	March 17	" Testament
William Shott,	Chestnut st	" 21, 1822	" Spelling
William Simpson,	"	May 5, 1822	A B C
Daniel Swartz,	"	June 2	"
Milton Steward,	Second st	" 30	Testament
Charles Stackhouse,	Locust st	July 7	A B C

Charles Swartz,	Locust st	July 7, 1822	Spelling
Anthony Urbahn,	Dickey's al††	Dec. 31, 1820	English A B C
Samuel Updegraff,	"	Jan. 21,	English Testament
George Wiestling,	Second st	Nov. 26, 1820	"
Samuel Wiestling,	"	"	"
John Wagner,	Chestnut st	"	"
David Wagner,	Mulberry st	Dec. 3	"
Solomon Wagner,	"	"	"
Charles Weaver,	Pearson's al**	Feb. 11, 1821	A B C
William Welshantz,	Pottstown*	April 14	English Testament
Levy Welshantz,	" *	"	"
Jacob Wilhelm,	Second st	" 29	" Spelling
Alexander Watson,	"	June 24	English Testament
Samuel Wolf,	Walnut st	Aug. 12	" Spelling
Charles Wingart,	Market st	April 21, 1822	"
Joseph Willson,	Dewberry al	May 12	"
Francis Wilson,	"	"	"
William Willson,	"	"	A B C
Jacob Welshantz,	Pottstown*	Sept. 8	"
Philip Yeager,	Front st	Nov. 26, 1820	Spelling
George Zinn,	Second st	"	English Testament
John Zinn,	"	"	German "
Charles Ziegler,	"	"	" A B C
Jacob Ziegler,	"	Dec. 3d	"
Alexander Zimmerman,	Front st	Aug. 12, 1821	"
Augustus Zimmerman,	"	March 10, 1822	"
William Zimmerman,	"	May 26	Spelling
Ann Ackerman	Chestnut st	April 1, 1826	Spelling
Eliza Beissel	Front st	July 11, 1824	English Testament
Betsy Coleman	Susqueh'n twp	July 11, 1824	" Testament
Sarah Cleckner	Second st	" 25	" Spelling
Anna Maria Cleckner	"	"	" Testament
Mary Cope	Chestnut st	April, 1826	" Spelling
Mary Ann Egle	Front st	" 18	" Testament
Hannah Fahnestock	"	July 4, 1824	"
Susanna Fackler	Market st	" 11	" A B C
Mary Fetsberger	Mulberry st	" 18	" Spelling
Susan Fridley,	Chestnut st	July 1825	"
Caroline Fields	Market st	May 9, 1826	" Testament
Catherine Ford	Locust st	April	" Spelling
Christiana Getich	Market st	July 4, 1824	English Testament
Mary Gibson	Second st	"	"
Lydia A. Gallagher	"	"	"
Elizabeth Gahene			
Susanah Hughs			
Mary Hughs			
Mary La Barron	Chestnut st	July 4, 1824	A B C
Mary Lauman	Second st	" 1825	English Spelling
Sarah Lanman	"	"	" A B C
Sarah Lewis	Market st	April 30	" Testament
Mary Moyer	Market sq	July 4, 1824	English Spelling
Mary Ann Morgan	Walnut st	" 11	"
Maria Martin	Second st	" 25	"
Elizabeth Nagle	Front st	August 22	" Testament
Ann Mytinger	Second st	Sept. 12	" Spelling
Sarah Michal			

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††River Alley between Mulberry St. and Mary's Alley.

\*\*Blackberry Alley between 3rd St. and Dewberry Alley.

Caroline Miller	Pine st	May 9, 1826	"
Catherine Mader	County	" 14	"
Nancy Prestle			
Catherine Reel	Up the River	Sept. 1824	English Spelling
Christianna Shaffner	Front st	July 18 1824	" Testament
Molly Snyder	Chestnut st	" 25	"
Mary Slough			
Caroline Slough			
Maria Slough			
Margaret Simpson			
Eliza Torrence	Front st	July 17, 1824	English A B C
Anna Maria Wiestling	Market st	July 4, 1824	English Testament
Julian Wiestling	"	"	"
Caroline Wiestling	Walnut st	"	English Spelling
Adeline Wiestling	Market st	"	" A B C
Christiana Warner	Second st	July 11	" Testament
Mary Warner	"	" 11	" Spelling
Isabella Watson	"	July 1825	" Spelling
Eliza Wise	Country	April, 1826	" "
Mary Wolf	Walnut st	"	" "
Amanda Wiestling	Market st	"	" "
Sammel N. Calender	Market square	" 4, 1824	" A B C
Daniel Coleman	Susq'na Tp	" 11, 1824	" Spelling
Valentine Davis	Front st	" 18, 1824	" A B C
Valentine Egle	"	" 18, 1824	" Testament
Hiram Egle	"	" 18, 1824	" Spelling
Joshua Fackler	Market st	" 11, 1824	" "
John Fackler	"	" 25, 1824	" "
Jacob Fridley	Chestnut st	" 1825	" Testament
Otto Fields	Market st	May 9, 1826	" Spelling
William Gibson	Second st	July 11, 1824	" Testament
Theophilus Greenawalt	Walnut st	"	" "
Theodore Greenawalt	"	"	" A B C
Charles Garber	Mulberry st	Nov 21	" Spelling
William Heysor	Market st	July 4,	" Testament
Christian Heikel			
Thomas Heikel			
George Cunkle	Maclaysburg	July 11	English Testament
Henry Kunkle	Chestnut st	"	" Spelling
Nathaniel Peter Kunkle	"	"	" "
Theodore Le Barron	Chestnut st	July 4, 1824	" A B C
Jacob Lauman	Second st	April 24, 1825	" Testament
Charel Lewis	Market	" 23	" "
William Nininger	Mulberry st	" 11,	" A B C
Jacob Miller	Pine st	May 9	" Spelling
George Reel	Kunkle's place	Sept 12, 1824	" Spelling
Henry K. Ramsey	Second st	May 7, 1826	" "
Alex. Ramsey	Front st	" 14, "	" Testament
Milton Stewart	Locust st	July 11, 1824	" "
Daniel Swartz	Zeigler's alley	July 11	" "
William Snyder	Chestnut st	" 18	" A B C
John Sizc	Second st	" 1825	" Spelling
Eliza Updegrove	Third st	" 18, 1825	" Testament
Samuel Wiestling	Market st	" 4, 1824	" "
Alfred Wiestling††	Market st	"	" "

†† Doubtless *Albert Y. Wiestling*.

Joseph Wiestling	Walnut st	July 4 1824	English A B C
Henry Warner	Second st	July 11	“ Testament
Samuel Wolf			
Jacob Wolf			
John Zearing	Second st	Sept 11, 1825	“ A B C
Henry Zearing			

From the semi-annual report of the managers, read April 9, 1821, it appears that about one hundred children attended the first meeting of the school, which, it is believed, was opened in the Church on the 19th day of November, eighteen hundred and twenty. The enrollment was commenced on the following Sunday, November 26, 1820. This number had increased to 150, with an average attendance of one hundred. Many of the scholars recited from fifty to one hundred verses from the New Testament, with their catechism or hymns on each Sunday. Some from one hundred to three hundred verses, and mention is made of one girl, about twelve years of age, who on a certain Sunday recited eleven hundred verses, all of which she had learned during the previous week, besides a number of hymns, which latter could not be heard by her teacher for want of time.\*

The first report is dated April 9, 1821, and signed by George Mish, President, and George H. Bucher, Secretary. The second October 29, 1821, signed by Charles Clark, President, and George H. Bucher, Secretary. April 8, 1822, we find Rev. John Winebrenner, President, John C. Bucher, Secretary and John S. Wiestling, Treasurer, and Managers, the Misses Doll, Mish, Ziegler, and Bucher, Geo. H. Bucher, Joshua M. Wiestling, Geo. Mish, Norman Callender and Henry Bader. Norman Callender, on behalf of the Managers reports “average attendance of scholars one hundred. Five classes of boys and three “of girls who read in the Testament: three classes of boys and two of “girls who are reading and spelling in the spelling book; two classes of “boys and three of girls in the alphabet and spelling, and two classes of girls “reading and spelling German. Usually twenty ladies and gentlemen “attend as teachers. In numerous cases scholars recite from one hundred to three hundred verses each of the Testament learned in the previous week.” The reports for October, 1822 and April, 1823, are also signed by Norman Callender, President. Owing doubtless to the troubles between Pastor and people at that period, the Sunday School waned, and we find in the minutes that a meeting was held on the evening of Wednesday, the 23rd of June, 1824, for the purpose of re-establishing the Sunday School. Rev. Albert Helfenstein (who had just succeeded Rev. Winebrenner) Geo. H. Bucher, Norman Callender and George Kunkel were appointed a committee to ascertain whether a sufficient number of competent teachers could be engaged to take charge of the School. At an adjourned meeting held on the 25th of June, this committee reported favorably.

The Constitution of the Salem Society was adopted until another one

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\*The young girl referred to, Mrs. Elizabeth Rebaugh, is now living in Harrisburg, in a vigorous old age; and is a most highly esteemed member of the Reformed Church, worshipping regularly in the same place where almost sixty years ago she entered the Sabbath-school.

could be prepared, if found necessary, and Rev'd A. Helfenstein was appointed President, John C. Bucher, Secretary and John S. Wiestling, Treasurer. Norman Callender and Miss Sarah Hoyer were appointed Superintendents and Geo. H. Bucher, Secretary of the School. The report dated Oct. 17, 1825, is full of encouragement and states that "lately there was formed in this place," (Harrisburg,) "The Dauphin County Sunday School Union," with which this Society is connected, "and that a depository of Sunday School Books has been established "in which books can be obtained at Philadelphia prices."

March 11, 1828, we find the same Superintendent's report that in October 1827, it was found advisable to have a Sunday School Library which at the date of the report contained eighty-eight volumes. Scholars received a book per week for one red ticket, and the Teachers and others by payment of one cent. (Scholars then had to recite six verses to earn one *blue* ticket, and six blue tickets purchased one *red* ticket.)

On the evening of the 11th of March, 1829, the Society met in the school-room in the old Church, John C. Bucher presiding.

Norman Callender and Miss Sarah Hoyer report that the School has continued to assemble twice each Sunday as usual, with about one hundred scholars in regular attendance, seventeen teachers—thirteen young ladies and four young men; that the Library was opened on the 4th of November, 1827, and that it now contained 109 volumes. "They also state that through the exertion of the ladies and others connected "with the Sunday School, who collected funds, and by permission of the "Vestry of the Congregation, the upper part of the old Church has "been prepared, and now afforded a very convenient and pleasant "school-room, and could also be used for congregational and prayer-meetings." Previous to this time the School was held on the first floor of the old Church. The building had galleries on three sides, but was now remodeled so as to divide it into an upper and lower room. The Sabbath School was held above, and the lower part rented for day-school purposes. The Secretary was ordered to send a copy of this report to Charles Capp, secretary of the Dauphin County Sunday School Union.

The officers elected to serve for the ensuing year were—President, Frederick Kelker; Secretary, John C. Bucher; Treasurer, George H. Bucher; Superintendents—Norman Callender and Sarah Hoyer; and George H. Bucher and Norman Callender, managers.

The same officers served in 1830, 1831 and 1832, excepting that Rev. D. Zacharias, then Pastor, was chosen President.

No record of the School from 1832 to the fall of 1833 can be found at present. It is believed that David Krause, Esq., superintended part of the time. Norman Callender removed from Harrisburg in 1836. Rev. J. F. Berg was Pastor of the Church from November 1, 1835 to November 20, 1836. Mr. D. W. Gross is under the impression that he acted as superintendent while Rev. J. F. Berg was pastor. We find that when the records of the School were resumed, October 7, 1838, Mr. Gross was superintendent. At that time there were 461 volumes in the Library.

On the 12th of May, 1839, Mr. Gross was compelled by severe affliction to resign, and the Hon. John C. Bucher, who had entered the School as a teacher on the second day of December, 1838, was chosen superintendent.

At this time there were upon the Roll 16 male and 18 female teachers, 97 male and 123 female scholars. Total—34 teachers and 220 scholars.

On the 8th of August, 1841, the new Lecture Room, 28 feet by 54 feet was dedicated. Divine services were held in the Church in the forenoon, and in the new building in the afternoon and evening. There were then upon the rolls, 36 Teachers, 294 Scholars.

On the 15th of August, the Sunday-school convened for the first time in the new School-house. As the Church building was then undergoing repairs the congregation continued to worship in the School-house stately until the 3rd of October, 1841, when they again took possession of the Church.

On the 7th of April, 1843, the teachers and officers of the School, established a monthly concert of prayer. This association existed for seven years, and was productive of great benefit. The meetings were held on the second Monday of the month, conducted by Superintendent or Pastor. Teachers and scholars attended; essays were read by some teacher appointed at a previous meeting, and addresses on the subject of Sunday Schools delivered from time to time.

On the 6th of August, 1844, Mr. Charles F. Muench, assistant superintendent for a number of years resigned, and on the 14th of the same month D. W. Gross was elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. Gross continued in that office until his resignation, July 20, 1846, when Mr. George Zinn was elected in his stead.

On the first Sunday of March, 1847, all the scholars under the age of eight years, were placed under the care of Mr. Daniel W. Gross as superintendent, and the Infant School established. It met in the forenoon, and the Senior School in the afternoon. Thus ended the custom which had obtained from the beginning, of having two sessions of the School on the same Sunday. At the annual election held by the teachers August 9, 1847, Mr. George H. Small was elected Superintendent in the place of Hon. John C. Bucher, who had held the office from the 12th of May, 1839 to that date. It is due to the memory of this eminent servant of God and the church, here to record the fact that for integrity of purpose, assiduous labor and punctuality in duty Judge Bucher was without a superior. The records of Sunday School kept by him during his administration are most minute in their details and form a complete history not only of the Sunday School, but of the Church, Pastor's services, prayer-meetings and of every event in any way connected with the Church or School.

When he laid down the office of Superintendent he took a class of boys from twelve to fourteen years of age, and continued as a teacher until his sudden departure from this life on Sabbath morning, October, 26, 1851. Of him it may truly be said "*He walked with God, and was not, for God took him.*"

The Infant School continued to meet in the forenoon and the Senior School in the afternoon until November 28, 1852, when it was reorganized and occupied the new room which had been added to the Lecture room, extending the building to Cherry alley. This improvement added thirty-seven feet to the first building, making the whole length ninety-one feet by twenty-eight in breadth. The rooms were separated by folding doors, and the Schools then and thereafter assembled at the same hour, viz: 1:30 P. M., excepting during very warm weather when the session has been occasionally changed to the morning hour. Mr. Gross was continued as Superintendent of this Department together with Mr. Chambers Dubbs who was chosen as assistant.

In 1865 the Infant School was placed in charge of D. A. Muench, [and A. L. Chayne (?)] and Mr. D. W. Gross appointed as Teacher of an Adult Bible Class of both sexes, then first established.

On the 29th of April 1850, Mr. George H. Small resigned his position. Mr. Rudolph F. Kelker was elected Superintendent and Mr. George Z. Kunkel Assistant. These brethren assumed their duties May 5th, 1850, and continued to serve in their respective stations being re-elected annually by the Teachers until December 31, 1869. On the 13th of July, 1868, and the 12th of July, 1869, the Consistory of the Church acquiesced in the elections made by the Sunday School Teachers, electing however, as General Superintendent, Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, and Daniel A. Muench Superintendent of the Infant School, and Mr. A. L. Chayne and Miss Rebecca C. Witman as his Assistants. December 6, 1869, the Consistory re-organized the School, to take effect January 1, 1870, viz: *General Superintendent*, Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, *Third Department, Adult Bible Class*.—Rudolph F. Kelker, Teacher. *Second department*.—Superintendents: D. W. Gross, George Z. Kunkel.

*Infant department*.—Daniel A. Muench, Superintendent, with Assistants A. L. Chayne and Miss Rebecca C. Witman.

These parties were re-elected December 5, 1870, and December 27, 1871, on which latter date Joshua M. Wiestling was substituted for Daniel A. Muench, who had declined re-election.

The same officers were continued through the year 1872, 1873 and 1874, with the exception of Mrs. Rebecca C. Moffit *nee* Witman, whose place was filled by election of Miss Fannie Muench, December, 1873.

December 28, 1874, the consistory elected the Pastor, Rev. W. H. H. Snyder, Teacher of the Adult Bible Class, in which capacity he has served until the present time; D. W. Gross and Geo. Z. Kunkel, Superintendents of Second Department, which position they filled until February, 1879, when Mr. Gross was appointed Superintendent of Infant School, which position he still retains; Joshua M. Wiestling, Superintendent of Infant Department, with Miss Kate Swarger and Fannie Muench as Assistants.

All of the above parties were annually re-elected until the present time, with the exception of Miss Fannie Muench, whose place was supplied in December, 1876, by the appointment of Misses Katie B. Swarger and Louise H. Orth.

REPORTS MADE TO CONSISTORY, December 31, 1874, by the various Departments.

BIBLE CLASS, as follows:

Original Members.	Accessions during the year.			Whole number attending during the year.			Died, removed from city or otherwise occupied.			Net Membership of Class at close of year.			Deaths.		
	Ladies	Gents.	Total.	Ladies	Gents.	Total.	Ladies	Gents.	Total.	Ladies	Gents.	Total.	Ladies	Gents.	Total.
1870.....	41	27	78	48	42	90	5	6	11	43	36	79			
1871.....	22	24	46	65	60	125	7	7	14	58	53	111	1	1	2
1872.....	16	28	44	74	81	155	12	17	29	62	64	126	0	2	2
1873.....	22	31	53	84	95	179	15	27	42	69	68	137	2	2	4
1874.....	23	42	65	92	110	202	17	24	41	75	86	161	1	1	2
Total.....			298						137				4	6	10

Enumeration of School, December 31, 1874.

	Male.	Female.	Scholars.	Teachers and Officers.	Total
Infant Department.....	69	64	133	3	136
Second Department. Sex not given in report.			153	30	183
Bible Class as above.....	75		161	1	162
			447	34	481



On the 18th February, 1879, the Officers and Teachers of the School united in forming "The Reformed Salem Sunday School Association," the object of which, according to the Constitution then adopted, is, "to awaken and maintain an active interest in the Sunday School work and "to seek to promote the prosperity of the Sunday School with which it "is connected." The organization was effected by the election of Joshua M. Wiestling, President; Daniel W. Gross, Vice President; Edward Blickenderfer, Secretary, and Mrs. George H. Small, Treasurer. The association meets on the last Thursday of every month. The following stated persons compose the membership:

Mrs. W. H. H. Snyder,	Mrs. George Z. Kunkel,	Annie Faust,
Catharine Bell,	Annie Stucker,	Mrs. Catharine Kunkel,
Ellie S Wiestling,	Lucetta Stucker,	Mrs. William N. Knisely,
Mrs. George H. Small,	Margaret Whiteside,	Clara Gohl,
Mrs. Geo. W. Lachman,	Alice Wiestling,	W. H. H. Snyder,
Lizzie A. Bell,	Mrs. Henry O. Witmam,	John W. Moffatt,
Ellie Gutelius,	Catharine Adams,	John C. Cowen,
Emma J. Aughinbaugh,	George W. Lachman,	Jacob M. Crull,
Mrs. Jacob M. Crull,	Kate B. Swarger,	Edward Blickenderfer,
Lavina Stucker,	George H. Small,	Joseph J. Pilkay,
Sarah J. Raymond,	Henry Cronmiller,	John K. Bowman,
K. M. Wagner,	Daniel W. Gross,	George Z. Kunkel,
Mrs. E. A. Fulton,	Louisa H. Orth,	Joshua M. Wiestling,
Mrs. Joshua M. Wiestling,	Miss Mary Lingle,	J. Frederick Orth,
Mary Laubenstein,	Miss S. Heidelberg,	

This Association has done a great deal in hastening the erection of the new and beautiful Sunday School House now building.

The present Officers of the School are, viz :

*General Superintendent and Teacher of Adult Bible Class*—REV. W. H. H. SNYDER; *Librarian*, C. A. Aughinbaugh; *Treasurer*, George Kunkel; *Assistant Librarian*, John Hoover.

*Superintendents of Second Department*—JOSHUA M. WIESTLING and GEORGE Z. KUNKEL.

*Superintendent of Infant Department*—DANIEL W. GROSS; *Assistants*, Misses Kate B. Swarger and Louisa H. Orth.

Mr. GEORGE Z. KUNKEL has acted as *Treasurer* since May, 1850.

*Librarian*—GEORGE P. WIESTLING, which position he has filled for nearly forty-five years. The Library contains upwards of fourteen hundred volumes.

*Assistant Librarians*—GEORGE W. LACHMAN and HENRY S. GROSS, the latter named, succeeding Daniel H. Kunkel, who died April 18, 1880.

ENUMERATION OF THE SCHOOL, AUGUST 28, 1880.

	Males.....	Females.....	Scholars.....	Officers.....	Male Teachers	Female Teachers	Total.....
Infant School .....	71	51	122	3	1	14	140
Second Department.....	114	88	202	5	10	21	238
Bible Class.....	14	18	32	4	0	0	36
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	199	157	356	12	11	35	414

The Compiler takes this method to thank Major Lane S. Hart, the enterprising proprietor of the Hart Publishing House, for his generosity in loaning the Wood Cut used on the cover, which presents an accurate picture of the First Church ever erected in Harrisburg—the building in which the Reformed Sunday School organized and assembled for many years.

He would also acknowledge the kindness of Mrs E. I. Bucher, widow of the late Hon. John C. Bucher, deceased, in permitting him to examine the invaluable records kept by Judge Bucher while Superintendent of the School.

Trusting that this little pamphlet may interest the children and youth belonging to the School, and with the hope that it may also prove valuable to the future historian of the congregation, he humbly invokes upon it the Saviour's blessing.







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