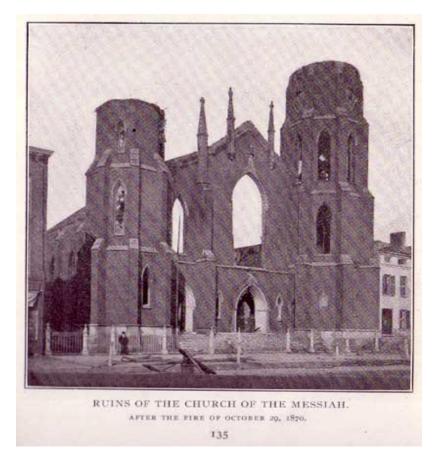
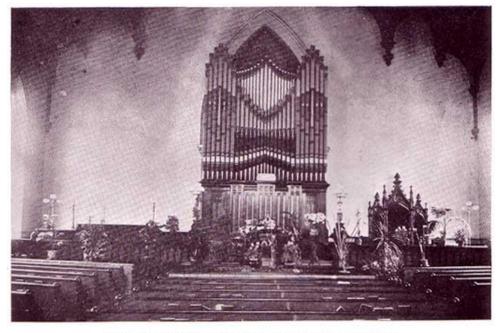


The First Universalist Church was built in 1832, on Washington, between South Division and Swan Sts. In 1866 the congregation moved to a new building on Main St., known as the Church of the Messiah. This building burned on October 29, 1870. Later it was converted into a bicycle shop and riding school before being torn down in 1897 to make way for a store operated by Flint & Kent.

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Ruins of the Church of the Messiah, after the fire of October 29, 1870



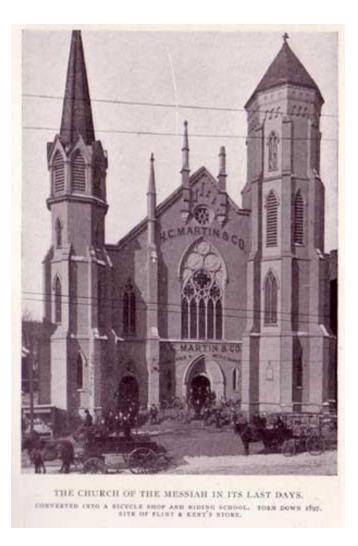
INTERIOR OF THE CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH, DEMOLISHED 1897.

Interior of the Church of the Messiah, demolished in 1897



AS IT WAS IN ITS LAST DAYS.

First Universalist Church, Washington Street as it was in its last days



The Church of the Messiah in its last days. Converted into a bicycle shop and riding school. Torn down 1897. Site of Flint & Kent's store.

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