

[Troy, Rensselaer Co. NY]

TROY, N.Y.

A correspondent gives us a record of the work done for the year past in this parish, under the ministry of Rev. J.[James] M. Pullman:

"A highly successful Festival was held in February, the proceeds of which enabled us to pay a very troublesome floating debt.

"In April, the friends of the Sunday School determined upon a thorough and united effort to advance the interests of that branch of our Church. A new Library of about five hundred volumes, and a first-class Cottage Organ were purchased, which added to the zeal and efficiency of Officers and Teachers, and have had the effect of doubling the average attendance, and largely increasing the value and interest of the school.

"The Church was next taken in hand and thoroughly repaired, said repairs including an entire new front and vestibule. The audience-room is now one of the pleasantest and most tasteful in the city. The frescoing is said to be the best work in this section of the country. Over the spacious Vestibule an Organ Loft was finished, in which, in the last week of the year, a very fine Organ has been placed, at a cost of \$2,400. Upon its exhibition to the public, about three weeks ago, it was pronounced by disinterested judges the best of its class in the city.

"A 'Fair and Festival' was held early in December, which was a great success, netting about \$600. The salary of the Pastor has been largely increased. A Christmas Tree was, at the proper season, loaded with gifts for all the scholars; the whole at an expense of over \$150. It will be seen that in material matters our society is truly prospering.

"In spiritual things also we have made as great an advance. Bro. Pullman has been with us nearly five years, and it is to his faithful and efficient labors that we are indebted for our flourishing condition, and for our unity and Christian activity."

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