

has been praying. He preached a powerful dedication sermon. I think the text was, 'I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of Hosts.' A *revival came down*, and scores were brought into the Ark of Refuge. This precious promise has often been fulfilled in our history, when the power of the Holy Spirit was manifested in our midst. 'Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generations following.'"

In results this was, no doubt, the most important revival ever experienced in the church. Before the close of the meeting there had been added to the roll nearly fifty names.

On June 9th, Drs. Owen, Glass, and Joseph Maddocks were elected and installed elders.

On September 26th, at a congregational meeting, "the Rev. W. G. Allen was unanimously elected, and, Presbytery being then in session in the church, was immediately ordained and installed pastor of the church. Mr. Baird preached the ordination sermon, Mr. Hamilton presided, and Mr. Jones delivered the charge to the Bishop and people."

Nothing of striking moment occurred in the history of the church during the remainder of the year 1842 and the year 1843.

On April 14th, 1844, the first deacons were elected and ordained, viz.: James E. Rankin and R. G. Beverly.

On September 4th, 1844, the session, at the request of Rev. William G. Allen, joined him in an application to Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relation between himself and the Henderson Church. The pulpit remained vacant until December. At the invitation of the session, Rev. D. L. Gray, of Mississippi, visited the church, and on the twenty-second of this month, at a congregational meeting, he was unanimously invited to become the stated supply of the church for one year. He commenced his ministerial service on the twenty-fifth of January, 1845.

On May 11th, 1845, Dr. Joseph Maddock, one of the elders, was dismissed, to join the church at New Haven, Conn., from whence he had removed to Henderson. Colonel E. H. Hopkins was elected and ordained elder August 24th, 1845.

On December 14th, 1845, at a congregational meeting, the Rev. D. L. Gray was unanimously elected pastor of the church. How it happened that his installation was deferred till April 2d, 1847, is at this day one of the unaccountable things in the history of the church.