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Trinity Church, Camden, Just Fifty Years Old, Plans to Wipe Out Remaining Debt

With every assurance being given that the remaining debt of \$3000 will have been wiped out before the closing of the services, Trinity M. E. Church, Broadway and Emerald streets, Camden, yesterday began a week of special exercises in connection with the fiftieth anniversary of its organization. The occasion was graced by the presence of Bishop W. J. Hamilton, of Boston, and District Superintendent Sanford H. Nichols, both of whom spoke.

From the love feast conducted in the morning by District Superintendent Nichols until last night the services proved to be of more than ordinary interest in Camden Methodist circles. The presence of the Bishop, who spoke in the morning, resulted in the denomination's followers from all parts of the city being in attendance. One of the features was the excellent music specially prepared for the occasion. Rev. John Y. Dobbins, a former pastor, preached last night.

All of the present week the pastor, Rev. George E. Archer, has arranged to have former pastors at the meetings, most of whom have signified their intention of assisting in the services. A class meeting rally will be held next Sunday and sermons will be preached by Rev. Holmes F. Gravatt, pastor of the First M. E. Church; Rev. Percy Perin chief, pastor of the Centenary M. E. Church, and District Superintendent Nichols.

It is to the early work of William Hammond, of Mariner's Bethel, Philadelphia, that the present church owes its existence. He formed a band of ambitious Christians, who finally erected what was known as the Filmore Street Church. For a time it was a mission of the Union M. E. Church, then known as the Fifth Street Church. It soon broke away, however, and in 1880 the present church building was erected. Under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Archer the church has forged ahead until it is one of the leading organizations of its kind in South Camden.