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William Mellroy In Construction Business For 30 Years

Those who visit the First Church of Christ, Scientist, today will marvel at the beauty of design and the substantial appearance of the structure.

Naturally, though, will revert to the contractor, or the man responsible for the putting together of materials which disclose such harmony and completeness.

William Mellroy, is a Scotchman, as his name would indicate, being endowed with all of the rugged characteristics of his nationality.

Mr. Mellroy has been in the contracting business for a period of 30 years. He began in his native country as a builder's apprentice, and after learning his trade he went to London, where he worked for several years. Leaving England for America, he arrived in New York city and assumed a position as superintendent there. He supervised the construction of many fine homes in the eastern metropolis. In 1913 he had charge of the remodeling of the city hall in New York.

Mr. Mellroy is the inventor of the "Mellroy system of fireproof flooring," which is a material constructed from pre-cast cinder blocks. This flooring has become very popular.

During the World War, Mr. Mellroy had charge of construction of the American Expeditionary Forces Y. M. C. A. camps in England. For this service he received the highest commendation.

This being the date of the regular communion service. The reading room was moved later in the summer, and the Sunday school room was completed and furnished in time to hold sessions in September.

Those early members heeded well the teachings of our Reverend Leader, Mary Baker Eddy. On page 588 of the Christian Science text book, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, Mrs. Eddy defines church as "The structure of Truth and Love; whatever rests upon and proceeds from divine Principle."

The growth of this church has been, through the manifestation of the Christ Truth in the healing of sin, disease and sickness in accordance with the admonition of Christ Jesus to his disciples.

And thus as we build, we come to the realization of the spiritual church described by the Apostle Paul in his second epistle to the Corinthians as "an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

ed for the work of erecting the new building.

The Woodward avenue property was sold in July 1926, the church being extended the courtesy of holding services in the old building until January 1927. This courtesy was later extended to July of that year.

The contract for the new building was let in September 1926, and work was begun immediately. The cornerstone was laid Dec. 7, and from that on the operations progressed until the early summer of 1927, when the building was so near completion that it was decided to hold the first services in the new building July 10,

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