

JOSEPH BUFFINGTON (1854); presumably dedicated with the renovated building, Sunday morning,
November 12, 1854

Western Methodist Episcopal Church (Rev. John W. Mecaskey, Pastor)
Twentieth Street, below Walnut Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

[Excerpt from:] "Local Items. / Church Improvement," *The (Philadelphia, Pa.) Sun* 18, no. 113 (Saturday, November 11, 1854): 3.

Church Improvement.—The Western Methodist Episcopal Church, Twentieth street, below Walnut, has undergone a thorough course of improvement. The front of the building has been much beautified by the erection of two square towers, finished above with neat spires, each tower rising a main height of 85 feet; also, by the introduction of three large windows filled with richly variegated glass, shedding their solemn religious hues over its spacious galleries. Each tower has a stairway leading into the vestibule of the audience room. There are also three large doors in the main entrance. The style of the front is on the Grecian order, and was designed by architect Button. The whole exterior of this capacious edifice presents a fine appearance and is finished in complete imitation of brown stone. The interior improvements also are very neat and comfortable. The walls are frescoed, the seats are cushioned, and are free. On the right of the pulpit is the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles' Creed, and on the left the Ten Commandments, in gilt letters. A very handsome and finely toned organ, built by Mr. Buffington, has been introduced into the choir. The organ and two beautifully stained glass windows, one on each side of the pulpit, was presented to the church by Mr. William Devine. This church is under the

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"Notice.—Western Methodist Episcopal Church... [Ad]," *S* 18, no. 113 (Saturday, November 11, 1854): 2.

NOTICE.—WESTERN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, TWENTIETH STREET, below Walnut, having been extensively repaired, will be Rededicated to Divine services, on SUNDAY, Nov. 12, 1854. Preaching at 10½ A. M., by Rev. J. P. Durbin, D. D.; at 3 P. M. by Rev. D. W. Bartine; at 7 P. M., by Rev. Francis Hodgson, D. D.
It. J. W. MECASKEY, Pastor.

[Excerpt from:] "Local Affairs. / Church Improvement," *(Philadelphia, Pa.) Public Ledger* 38, no. 43 (Saturday, November 11, 1854): 1.

Church Improvement.—The Western Methodist Episcopal Church, Twentieth street, below Walnut, has undergone a thorough course of external and internal improvement. The front has been much beautified by the erection of two square towers, finished above with neat spires; each tower rises a main height of 85 feet. It has also three large and beautifully variegated windows, shedding their solemn, religious light over its spacious galleries. Each tower has a stairway leading into the vestibule of the audience room. The main entrance has three large doors. The style of the front is after the Grecian order and was designed by Architect Button. The whole exterior of this capacious edifice presents a fine appearance, and is finished in a complete imitation of brown stone. The interior improvements are neat and comfortable. The walls are frescoed, the seats are cushioned, and are free. On the wall, on the right side of the pulpit, are the Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles' Creed, and on the left, the Ten Commandments in gilt lettering. A very handsome and fine toned organ, built by Mr. Buffington, has been introduced into the choir. The organ, and two beautifully stained glass windows on either side of the pulpit were presented to the Church by Mr. William Devine. This Church will be re-opened for Divine service to morrow (Sunday) morning.