

JOHN ROBERTS (1874)

Gethsemane Baptist Church
Eighteenth Street and Columbia Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"Amusements, Music, Etc. A Grand Organ Concert," *The Philadelphia Inquirer* (Monday, November 16, 1874): 3.

—A GRAND ORGAN CONCERT will be given at Gethsemane Baptist Church, Eighteenth street and Columbia avenue, on Thursday evening next, at which such eminent musicians as Messrs David Ward, F. T. S. Daley, Hugh A. Clark, C. F. Blindner and Henry J. Keely will assist, attended by a chorus of forty voices. Tickets may be had at Bennet's, No. 1102 Chestnut street.

"Grand Organ Concert," *PI* (Saturday, November 21, 1874): 2.

Grand Organ Concert.

A grand organ concert took place on Thursday evening at the Gethsemane Baptist Church, corner of Eighteenth street and Columbia avenue, in the presence of a crowded audience. The new organ built for this church has two full banks of manual keys, extending in compass from CC to A in alto, and one bank of pedal keys, extending from CCC to D.

The number of sounding stops are 24, with 1304 speaking pipes attached thereto. The number of mechanical stops are 4, making in all 28 actual draw stops. The manuals and pedals are placed in a separate case, distinct from the organ case, some four feet in front of the latter. The organist, thus seated, has his eye upon every member of the choir, and vice versa.

Some portions of the movements of this instrument extend a distance of twenty six feet, while the slowest movements are no less than ten feet. The bulk of these movements approximate more to the higher than the lesser figures; though such is the condition of these movements, the pressure required to push down the keys is on the average less than that required on the best make of pianos, which is directly performed with the keys, and this has been accomplished without the aid of pneumatics in any form. The organ is a remarkably sweet toned instrument, and the concert was in every respect a success.

The organists were Messrs. David Wood, Hugh A. Clarke, F. T. S. Daley, C. F. Blindner and Henry J. Keely. The vocalists were Mrs. H. G. C. Kamberger, Miss Annie Schubert, Miss Annie Miller, Miss Kate Koons, Miss Mary Jones, Messrs. W. A. Briscoe, F. J. Milony, George Roden, William H. Boner and D. Morrison, and a chorus of forty voices. The grand overture to *William Tell* was especially well rendered by Mr. David Wood, the blind organist of St Stephen's Church. A large amount was, doubtless, realized, and the proceeds will be for the benefit of the organ fund.

"Local Jottings," *PI* (Wednesday, November 25, 1874): 3.

The splendid organ recently opened at the Gethsemane Baptist Church, Eighteenth street and Columbia avenue, an account of which appeared in our column, was built by Mr. Roberts, of Frankford.

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TOWN	Philadelphia	STATE	Pa	#1050	DATE	May 19/06
BLDR. OR COR.	J.W. Broadwater	ADD.	1541 Broadwater St.	WATER TOWER	Water Tower	
BLDG.	Gethsemane Baptist Ch.	ADD.	18th Columbia Ave			
ORGAN	Roberts	ACT.	Tracker	CHEST	slide	
CONDITION	Fair					
WIND	690 @ 3				SUB-COUP.	no
STOPS	23				BELT	
BLOWER	3 GXB		1100 RPM.			
MOTOR D. C., COUPLED, R.P.M.		H.P.		V		STARTER
MOTOR A. C., COUPLED, R.P.M.	1750	H.P.	1	V	220	PH single, CY 60
VALVE	yes	MATS	yes	TRUNK	yes	
ERECTION	by us.			PULLEY	use 6" pulley	
SHIP VIA	train			PROMISED	at once	
LET. REC'D	May 28/06		Ship	SENT	July 13/06	

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