

THIRD STREET'S BIG ORGAN.

ITS OVER TWELVE HUNDRED PIPES
PUT IN THOROUGH ORDER.

A Great Time Expected at Sunday's Dual
Celebration at the Mother Metho-
dist Church—One of the Largest
Organs in This State.

The autumnal reunion of Third Street M. E. Church and Sunday School will take place next Sunday. This occasion is always hailed with pleasure, as it is an event unusually full of brightness, rejoicing and instruction. It is the day set upon, also, to reopen the large pipe organ, which has been undergoing extensive repairs during the summer. The services will begin at 9.30 a. m. with a reunion lovefeast, led by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Graw, D. D. At 10.30 the pastor will preach—subject, "Our Work." During the morning service the Sunday School, under the direction of E. W. Jeffries, chorister, will sing one of their selections, and the choir, under the direction of Prof. Powell G. Fithian, will render some good music. At 2 p. m. the session of the Sunday School will be held. A very enjoyable service has been prepared. The Sunday School room will be handsomely decorated with flowers, fruits, etc. At 6.30 the Epworth League will hold their prayer and praise service. The subject for the evening sermon, by the pastor, will be "The Urgent Message." A consecration service will follow the sermon. On Tuesday evening the social reunion will be held.

The organ of the church was built by J. C. B. Standbridge & Sons, of Philadelphia, and is one of the largest organs in the State. It was first opened to the public on Wednesday evening, January 26th, 1870, when an organ and vocal concert was given under the direction of the late Prof. Henry G. Thumser, assisted by Miss Elschor, soprano; Miss Caroline McCaffrey, contralto; Mrs. Rattay, mezzo soprano; Wm. Foley, tenor; O. W. Miller, basso and a chorus from the Philadelphia Billed Asylum. The organists who took part were Messrs. F. T. S. Darley, M. D. Jones and R. T. Dunham, the late organist of this church.

The organ, although over twenty years old, has never had a thorough overhauling until this summer, when it was placed under the charge of Reuben Nicholls, of Philadelphia, one of the best organ builders in this country, and after continuous labor of over six weeks Mr. Nicholls has succeeded in almost making a new organ of it, and tones that have laid dormant for a long time have again been brought forward with surprising clearness and beauty. There have been added also to the mechanism of the instrument two composition pedals for drawing out and pushing in great organ; also a water motor by the Whiting Motor Company, of Boston, which will do away entirely with the necessity of blowing the organ by hand.

Mr. Nicholls is certainly to be congratulated for his very successful and satisfactory completion of this vast piece of mechanism. Professor Fithian is the organist and promises, with the help of his choir, to present to the members a repertoire of fine music for the coming winter.

All told there are 1,292 pipes in the organ, 682 in the great organ, compass c c to g in alt; 500 in the swell organ, compass c c to g in alt, and 50 in the pedal organ, compass c c c c to c. The great organ includes the following: Open Diapason, 8 feet tone, 56 pipes; Double Diapason, 16 feet, 56 pipes; Dulcissima, 8 feet, 45 pipes; Stop'd Diapason, 8 feet, 56 pipes; Principal, 4 feet, 56 pipes; Harmonic flute, 4 feet, 45 pipes; Twelfth, 3 feet, 56 pipes; Fifteenth, 2 feet, 56 pipes; Sesquialters, 3 ranks, 156 pipes; Trumpet, 8 feet, 56 pipes; Claironet, 8 feet, 44 pipes. The swell organ follows: Bourdon, 16 feet tone, 49 pipes; Open Diapason, 8 feet, 49 pipes; Kalophone, 8 feet, 49 pipes; Stop'd Diapason (tutti), 8 feet, 7 pipes; Stopped Diapason (treble), 8 feet, 49 pipes; Principal, 4 feet, 56 pipes; Chimney flute, 4 feet, 49 pipes; Twelfth, 3 feet, 49 pipes; Fifteenth, 2 feet, 56 pipes; Seven centh, 1½ feet, 49 pipes; Trumpet, 8 feet, 49 pipes; Oboe, 8 feet, 49 pipes. The pedal organ follows: Double Open Diapason, 16 feet tone, 25 pipes; Bourdon, 16 feet, 25 pipes. There are thirty mechanical registers, including a nuptial swell to great, great organ to pedals, swell organ to pedals, pedal check and tremulant.