

**DEDICATION OF A
CHURCH SUNDAY**

**Impressive Ceremonies at the
Church of the Covenant.**

LARGE CONGREGATIONS

The Dedicatory Sermon Was Preached by Rev. Melton Clark, Whose Discourse Was One of Great Power and Eloquence—The Pastor Made the Dedicatory Prayer and Gave an Interesting History of the Church—Rev. Dr. Neal Anderson, of Winston-Salem, Delivered an Address at the Service Yesterday Afternoon.

Yesterday was a notable day for the members of the Church of the Covenant, which is located at the corner of Walker avenue and South Mendenhall street. A week ago the members voted to change the name of the church from Walker Avenue Presbyterian church to the Church of the Covenant and it was decided to have the edifice dedicated yesterday.

The dedication exercises took place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock and the service was attended by a large congregation, every seat in the church being occupied. There was no service at the First Presbyterian church and the members of that church worshipped with the members of the Church of the Covenant.

The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. Melton Clark, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Clark took for his text Matthew 11:3 and from this text he preached a powerful sermon, which made a profound impression. Special music was rendered by Mesdames T. J. Shaw, W. H. Stone, Jr., and F. P. Houghood, Jr., and Messrs. Waldo Porter and W. M. Ridenhour, who sang Shelly's quintet, "Hark, Hark, My Soul." Vocal solos were rendered by Mr. James Wesley White and Miss Minnie L. Jamison.

The dedicatory prayer was made by the pastor, Rev. R. Murphy Williams, who also made a statement, giving an interesting history of the church. He stated that the church was organized May 18, 1908, with 83 members and that when he arrived two months later and took charge he found about two-thirds of this number ready to attend the services. Since that time 140 members have been added to the membership roll, 93 by letter and 47 by profession.

At 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon another service was held, Rev. Neal Anderson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, of Winston-Salem, preaching the sermon. Dr. Anderson is a fluent and earnest speaker and his sermon claimed the closest attention of the large congregation. At this service Miss Ethel Lewis Harris sang Dudley Buck's "Fear Not Ye Oh! Israel." The music at the Church of the Covenant is in charge of Prof. C. J. Brockmann and the music at yesterday's services was excellent.

All in all the day was a great one for the members of that church and the members are much gratified over the splendid condition and flourishing growth which the church is enjoying.