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comfortable and commodious building and a good corps of teachers who are performing their duties with both conscientiousness and ability. Quite a number of its graduates have gone out as teachers and have made a good record. The colored people have every reason to feel proud of this school and its reputation for doing good work. The attendance for the session just closed was 498.



Court House.

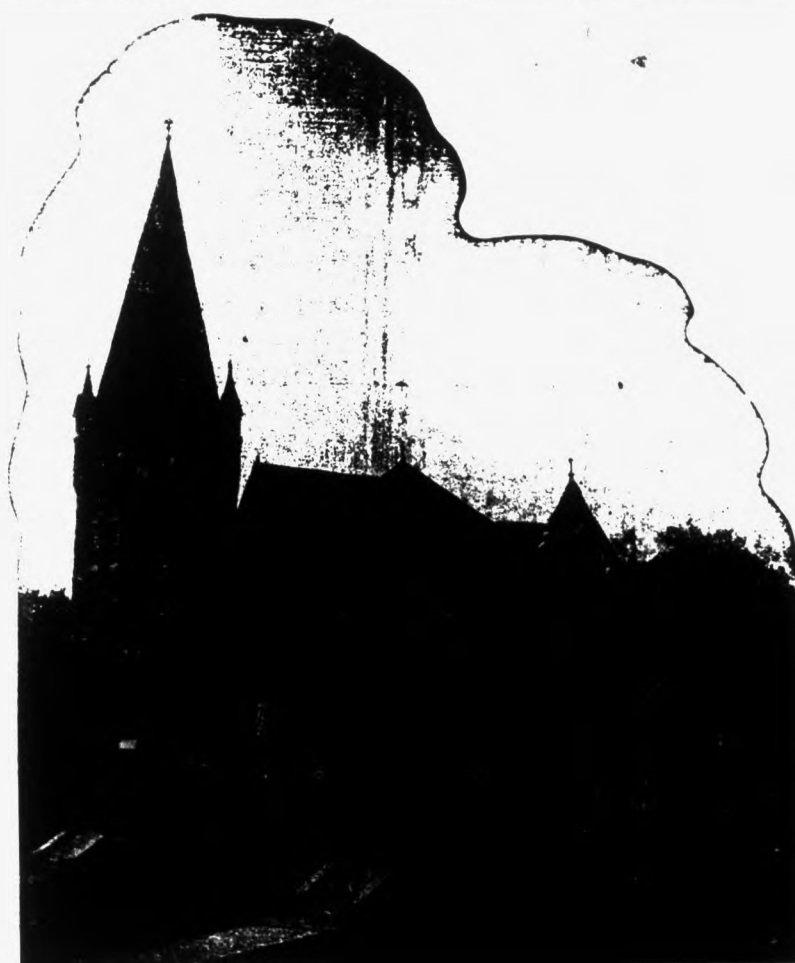
THE PEOPLE OF DARLINGTON take just pride in their fine public buildings, some of which are illustrated in this issue of the News. Conspicuous among these buildings is the City Hall

When he brought Louis Morrison in his role of Faust, to Darlington, there being only two other places in the State, Charleston and Columbia, that were able to secure a performance.

The building will cost, when completed, \$45,000 and to this must be added about \$5,000 for furniture for the offices and court room. The mere fact that the town and county, the town's share

NEW COURTHOUSE. The new courthouse, completed it will be the most costly and stately building in Darlington, and probably the handsomest and best arranged courthouse in the State. In its design every possible convenience has been provided for, and there will not be the slightest loss of records, even if the building should burn, which from its construction is a very remote possibility. Fire proof vaults will keep all the records safe, and these are now being constructed. Both the offices and court room are roomy and well ventilated, and all the necessary sanitary conveniences are located in the basement. One of the unique features of the building is a private room for ladies, and a special room for men, each having its own entrance, can be reached without passing through the main entrance.

The commission was a very wise choice when they gave the contract for the erection of the building to Messrs. DeLeon & Lopez. They are experienced and responsible builders and seem to be determined to construct the building in the best possible manner. The building has four entrances, the main ones being on the north and south sides, a wide flight of granite steps leading up to a handsome and well proportioned portico supported by six graceful Doric columns. Mr. Giddings, the superintendent of construction is the best builder who has ever worked in Darlington. His management the work is carried on in the most systematic and thorough manner. He has a good assistant in Mr. Moise,



Trinity M. E. Church.

being about 33 per cent, can afford to erect such a building is conclusive proof of the improved condition of the community. Its erection ten years ago would have called forth a storm of protest, while now everybody favored the undertaking.

DARLINGTON'S CHURCHES.

One of our illustrations will give a good idea of the exterior appearance of Trinity Methodist church, which has been recently erected at a cost of about \$15,000. The interior is most admirably arranged, the seats being curved so as to enable everyone in the congregation to face the preacher. The ceiling is curved and made of native pine, finished in oil. The windows are of stained glass, two of them being memorial windows in honor of Mr. Moses Sanders, who is well known in the church, and the other in honor of Mrs. Martha J. Dargatzis. The pews and other furniture of the church are made of oak. The Sunday school room is arranged so that it can be connected with the main auditorium by running up a rolling partition. On the south side of the pulpit is the organ room which is provided with a fine and sweet toned pipe organ. The congregation of the Presbyterian church have recently spent about \$1,000 in enlarging and remodeling their building

and they now have a very roomy and nice church. This church also has a good pipe organ.

The Baptist church is a large and substantial wooden building, erected just a year or two before the war. It will not be a great while before they will either remodel the present building or erect a new one on the same site. This was the first church in town to provide itself with a pipe organ.

The Episcopalians have, as

yet only a small building, but they will soon begin the erection of a church that will not only be highly creditable to their liberality but also an ornament to the town.

The Methodists and Baptists both have church organizations pastors in the Mill Village, but are as yet without church buildings. The hall belonging to the Mfg Co is used to hold services.

The colored people have four churches, Baptist, Methodist

Episcopal, African and Presbyterian, all provided with pastors who are doing a good work among the people of the town.

A SHORT REVIEW OF THE TOWN.

It is a very new town that nearly all the enterprises of Darlington are managed by natives of the town or county. It furnishes a striking proof of enterprise and business that exist in our section.

Mr. W. E. Lucas, the president of Darlington Manufacturing Co., is a native of the county. Mr. Robert Keith Dargatzis, the general manager of the Independent Cotton Oil Co., is a native of the town. All of the officials of both banks, with the solitary exception of Mr. Geo. Ouslow, the cashier of the People's Bank, who is of Missouri, are natives of the county. Mr. C. C. Wilson, the president of the Graded School building, is a native of the county. C. M. Lide, the contractor, W. A. Edwards, the designer of the new court house, is a native of the county. The fine wood work in the interior of Trinity church was done by Alfred Humbert, native colored carpenter.

Even if it does seem a little like boasting, it may be truthfully said that Darlington has a plenty of both business and professional talent, and that talent will always make itself known whenever the opportunity for its display presents itself.

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City Hall and Theatre.