

ders the action of the instrument easy and certain and lessens the danger of foreign substances being introduced into the pipes. The organ is encased in white oak, richly carved and measures thirty feet in height and twenty by thirteen feet on the floor. Its cost has been \$6,000." To this description can only be added the fact that the instrument has fulfilled all the expectations of builder and purchasers, proving of good tone and power.

To conclude an already lengthy description, it may be added that the chancel is covered with Brussels, in a handsome pattern, while the body of the church is laid with substantial matting. The chandeliers hanging pendant from the walls are of the latest pattern, and add much to the general appearance of the interior. The heating of this elegant structure is done by steam, furnishing the necessary warmth even on the coldest day. The prevailing characteristic of the entire building is that of elegance and comfort.

The present congregation numbers about sixteen hundred members. The church officary is as follows: Pastor, Rev. H. F. Sprengeler; Elders, J. H. Buening, F. Buth, C. Eissfeldt, L. Weihbrecht, C. Landon; School Board, F. Eissfeldt, G. Landon, J. Koch, J. Grunwald, Chas. Diez; Trustees, J. Pritzlaff, H. Starke, F. Richter; Cashier, G. Wollaeger.

REV. HENRY T. SPRENGELER, Pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, was born in Hanover, Germany, August 5, 1846, is the son of Henry S., a Lutheran clergyman now living in Minnesota. At the age of 10 years he came with his parents to the United States and settled in Minnesota. He pursued his preparatory and collegiate courses in Concordia College at Fort Wayne, Ind., and graduated in 1867. He then studied theology three years in Concordia Seminary, in St. Louis, Mo.; was ordained in August, 1870, and until 1876 served five congregations near Elysium, Le Sueur County, Minn. Since July, 1876, he has been in charge of Trinity Church. While in Minnesota, he lost his first wife, who left two children—Emilie and Emma; was married in 1877 to Miss Julia Loeber, daughter of Rev. C. H. Loeber, Vice President of Northwestern District of the Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other States. They have one son, Paul H. Mr. S. is *visitor* of the Oshkosh Division of Northwestern District of the Missouri Synod. His is the oldest and Mother Church of all Evangelical Lutheran churches in the city, belonging to the Missouri Synod. He is the pastor of a large and intelligent congregation which worships in the finest church edifice within the Missouri Synod.

ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN.

When the persecution of the German Lutherans in Prussia raged in 1839 and 1843, many congregations emigrated to this country in the former year, settling at Buffalo, N. Y., under the Rev. I. A. A. Grabau. Others came to Wisconsin at the latter period, under the guidance of Rev. Kinderman. The majority of the Wisconsin fugitives settled, with their leader, at Kirchhayn, Washington County, near Cedarburg. There, and in the City of Milwaukee, they found a number of their brethren who had emigrated in 1839. They at once commenced holding services on the west side of East Water street, south of Division. Rev. Kinderman was their pastor, preaching alternately with Rev. Krause, who had emigrated from Germany in 1839. When the members could not be favored with the presence of the pastors they held congregational services. From East Water street the congregation moved to West Water street, opposite the Second Ward Bank; next to Fourth street, opposite to where Romadka Brothers' trunk manufactory now stands. At that period there occurred a split in the Church, the portion which joined the Missouri Synod and their pastor, Keyl, being the basis of the Trinity Lutheran Church. In 1844 Pastor Krause took charge of the remaining congregation. He was not a resident of the city, but came from Freistadt, Ozaukee County, this