

Turners Falls Town Papers

“Acct of the Treasurer of the Trustees of the Claflin Methodist Episcopal Church.”
Turners Falls, Mass., 1871-1888.

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The Claflin Methodist Episcopal Church was named for Mass. governor William Claflin, who chartered the Methodist affiliated Boston University, and supported Claflin University in South Carolina. The ledger records cash paid out and received by the church. Tithing and gifts of individuals are listed as are unspecified payments from area towns in 1881 and 1882. A steady source of income was rental of the chapel by the German Congregational Society and the German Methodist Episcopal Society. Other income came from space rental by a singing school. Payments include salary of the sexton, tuning the organ, insurance, coal, interest on the church's loans, and work done on the church building.

In the spring of 1888, the board of trustees voted to dispose of the church's furnishings and real estate. The account book lists the property of the church with appraised values, noting that it was sold at auction in July 1888.