

worship at Laura and First Streets, Springfield, ground for it being broken in May, 1921. Construction advanced rapidly and although the exterior and the auditorium had not been entirely completed at the time, the first service was held there November 24, 1921, and regularly thereafter.

### Unitarian<sup>i</sup>

Rev. A. J. Coleman of Boston, Secretary for Florida of the American Unitarian Association, held the first service of the Unitarian Congregational Church in Jacksonville at No. 23 West Adams Street on February 4, 1906. Mr. Coleman remained in Jacksonville, bringing together the congregation and preaching to them regularly in different halls in the city.

Early in 1908, plans were laid for a church and late in the spring ground was broken at the southeast corner of Hogan and Union Streets for it. Work progressed rapidly during the summer and fall, and on December 27, 1908, the first service was held in the vestry, as the auditorium was not entirely completed. The church was dedicated February 3, 1909, a feature of the ceremonies being the participation by pastors of other denominations.

The church is 72 feet long and 40 feet wide, with an auditorium having a seating capacity for 250 persons. The architecture is Roman Ionic and the construction concrete with copper trimmings.

Rev. A. J. Coleman was pastor until May 1, 1911. He was followed in 1911 by Rev. Samuel B. Nobbs, who resigned in 1913. Rev. W. C. Pierce came in 1914 and occupied the pulpit until 1919, and was succeeded by Rev. A. J. Coleman, who had served the church in the beginning. Mr. Coleman resigned in the summer of 1924, since which time the pulpit has remained vacant.

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