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Sixty Years a Plea for Endowment"

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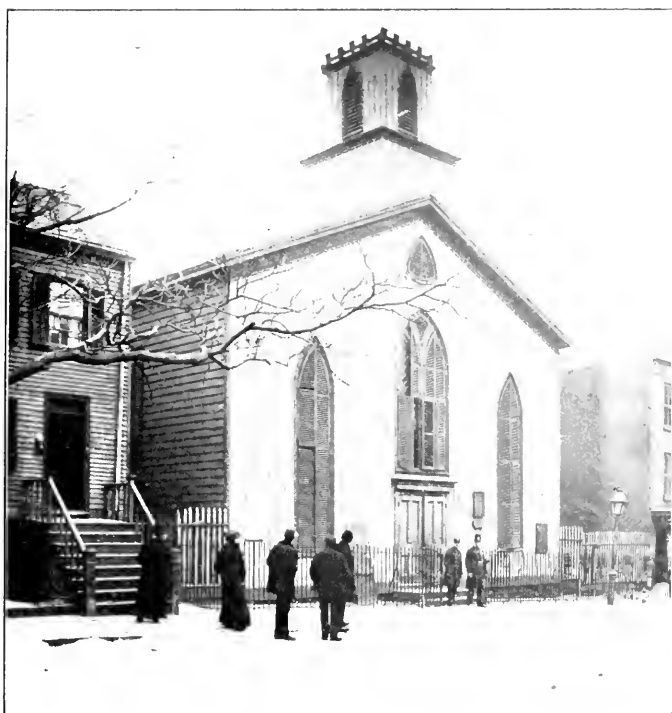
GEORGE G. GRIMM ANDREW J. LAMBERTSON

“St. Mark’s Church in the City of Brooklyn”

(Original and legal title.)

The only Episcopal Church between Holy Trinity on the Heights and St. Mary’s on Classon Avenue, a distance of nearly two miles, and from the Navy Yard on the East River, to the Church of the Messiah on Greene Avenue, a distance of a mile and a half; this area consisting of more than one hundred closely-populated city blocks containing not less than two hundred thousand souls, in the past mostly American Protestant, but rapidly receiving Roman Catholics, Hebrews and many other nationalities and religions,—good citizens but not Anglican Churchmen.

One Hundred Thousand Dollars will perpetuate our Work.



The First Church in Fleet Place, built by the Church of the Holy Trinity, 1859. Cost of three lots, \$1800. construction, furnishing and bell, \$3609.64; total \$5409.64 Abandoned 1860.

REV. FRANCIS PECK, 1850-1859

REV. EDMUND EMBURY, 1859

REV. THOMAS G. CARVER, 1859-1861

We Ask for One Hundred Thousand Dollars to Endow St. Mark's



This Church, organized sixty years ago, passed its first twenty-five years in a struggle for existence. Several times it was on the verge of extinction. Every five or six years it had to pass a crisis from which the most of its adherents believed the only outcome must be death. Churches are not kept in existence so long unless they have a work assigned them by Providence, and unless they endeavor to discharge their obligations.

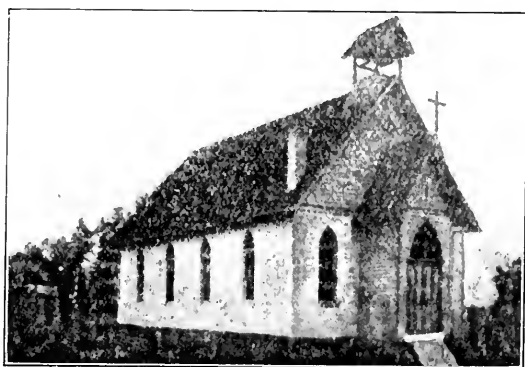
The last thirty-five years have seen the gathering, through the self-sacrifice and liberality of the parishioners and their friends, of a property consisting of Church, Chapel and Rectory, valued at \$130,000, against which there is not a dollar of debt.

Changes both actual and foreshadowed in the neighborhood render it impossible to maintain the hard-won property without some judicious amount of endowment to secure the service of a properly trained and capable minister.

We need One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

The general principle should be admitted that wherever a parish gathers a valuable property, it ought to go a little further and accumulate a productive fund, that, in the case of failing financial strength, will still permit utilization of the property for religious purposes.

The Parish has conducted for sixty years a Sunday School, for twenty years an Industrial School for teaching little girls to sew and to care for households. We have a choir organization for the training of boys, women and men, the boys especially in the care of their persons, as well as in morals and religion. We maintain societies where the physical, athletic and social demands of youth are regarded.



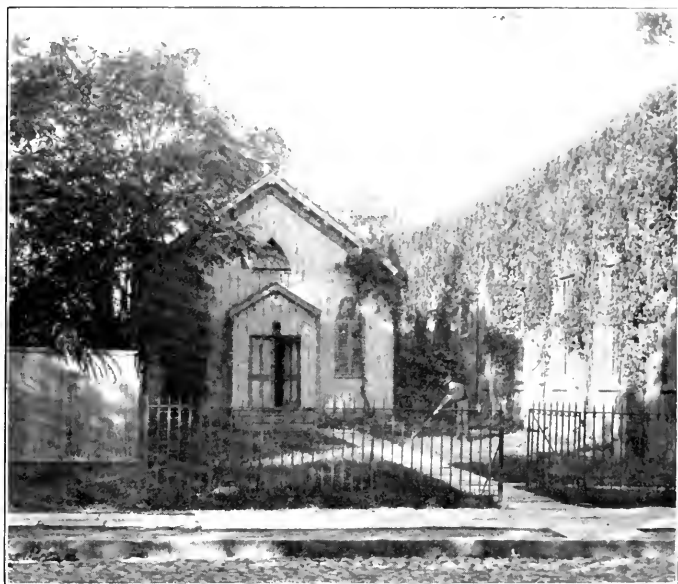
The Second Church, DeKalb and Portland Avenues, erected by the congregation. Cost of ground \$5000; cost of edifice, \$3500; total \$8500; occupied December 23, 1860; sold in the fall of 1865, to the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church, Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler, Pastor, for their Mission, which later became the memorial Presbyterian Church, St. John's Place and Seventh Avenue, Rev. T. Calvin McClelland, Pastor.

REV. THOMAS G. CARVER, 1859-1861

REV. THOMAS F. CORNELL, M. D., 1861-1869

**One Hundred Thousand Dollars continues indefinitely Works
of Religion, Charity, Culture, Uplift.**

In this Parish was inaugurated the work for the relief of the blind, which culminated in the Home for the Blind on the Church Charity Foundation. Without charging one dollar, we have opened our church every Sunday for twenty-one years, to a service for the Deaf Mutes of Brooklyn, and for the same term we have placed our Parish House at the disposal of our silent brethren, for their social meetings.



The Third Church and Chapel, Adelphi Street. This was the birth place of the Church of the Messiah, which in 1850 erected the frame Chapel at a cost of six hundred Dollars. In this building the North Reformed Dutch Church held a service each Sunday, for a year, till their new edifice on Clermont Avenue was completed in 1852. The Messiah in 1852 built the brick church, forty feet front, fifty feet deep, with a tower fifty feet high. An enlargement in 1859 almost doubled the length of this edifice. St. Mark's purchased this property in the fall of 1869 for \$10,000. The frame Chapel was demolished in 1885 to build the present Chapel and Parish House; the brick edifice was torn down in 1888 to make way for the present church.

REV. THOMAS F. CORNELL, M. D. 1861-1869

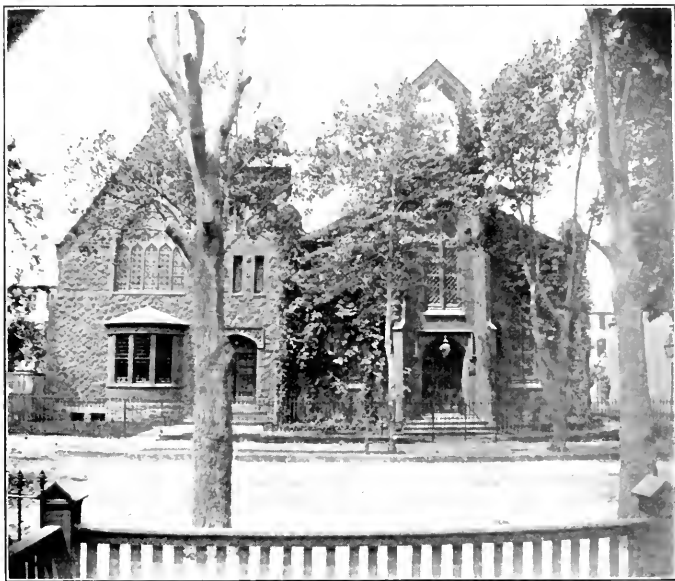
REV. WILLIAM T. FITCH, 1869-1875

REV. SPENCER S. ROCHE, D. D., 1875—

**The Church of God should show as much wisdom as our
secular institutions.**

While our neighborhood changes very slowly, and will in all probability long retain a residential character, yet, situated as we are, with the Navy Yard on the north, with the vast and ever-increasing business in produce at the Wallabout, and with the new freight station of the Long Island Railroad, anticipating an immense factory development on the south, the time will surely come when these streets and avenues will either be given up to trade, or will house souls needing Christian ministrations, and unable to bear the whole expense of a parish. The entire sum of one hundred thousand dollars would do no more than ensure the church's having one reasonably paid clergyman; the cost of assistants, sexton, organist, singers, repairs, insurance, light, heat, printing and all other things being still thrown on the congregation.

Our Hundred Thousand Dollars Provides for Centuries of Good Work.



Facade of Third Church, showing also present
Parish House—1886.

Our Young People's Club is interesting with pure and proper recreation, sixty, eighty and one hundred young men and young women, some of whom, without the Club, would be walking the brilliantly lighted avenues in the evening or going with frivolous or even vicious companions. The Boys' Brigade with regular artillery drill on every Wednesday night, has been the means of keeping growing lads off the streets. And we are finding positions for these young lads when they leave school and enter the great world.

We need One Hundred Thousand Dollars

To avoid all misunderstanding, it is asked that every one giving to the Endowment Fund, expressly state his intention. All undesignated sums will be applied by the Rector and Vestry according to their best judgment, for the benefit of the Parish.

All moneys received for the Endowment Fund, and not otherwise safeguarded, will be turned over to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company of New York, to be invested by them under the laws of the State of New York, the interest to be paid to the regularly accredited Treasurer of St. Mark's Parish, for the support of services in the church.

Will you give a cash amount to the Endowment Fund, payable at your convenience?

Will you make an annual cash gift for the next five years to the Endowment Fund, payable each year at Christmas?

Will you convey to a trust company, any cash or securities the income of which shall be paid at regular intervals to the Treasurer of the Church, for the purpose of Endowment?



INTERIOR, THIRD CHURCH

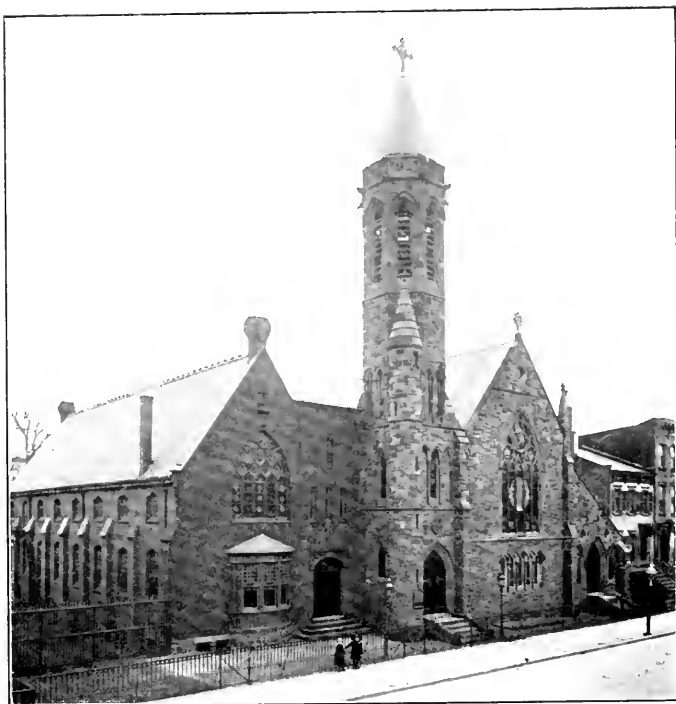
Endow with One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Will you convey to the Church, any stocks or bonds, or house or land, or securities of any description, for the Endowment Fund?

Will you make by will a bequest to the Endowment Fund?

After you have enjoyed your property for life, and after you have provided during their natural lives for the support of any others, will you finally allow St. Mark's Church to receive the remainder, or a part of it, for the purpose of Endowment?

MAKE ALL PAYMENTS TO
MR. CLEMENT LOCKITT, TREASURER
199 CARLTON AVENUE, BROOKLYN



The Fourth Church, Adelphi Street: the Chapel built in 1885, costing \$11,000; the Church erected 1888-9, costing \$55,000.; in each case exclusive of the value of the ground.

REV. SPENCER S. ROCH, D. D., 1875—

One Hundred Thousand from Many Givers.

We are appealing to all who have been helped, comforted or in any way ministered to during the sixty years, by the clergy of St. Mark's Parish. Many of our saints have long since fallen asleep and are rejoicing in the fulfillment of the divine promises heard within the walls of St. Mark's. We appeal in their name and memory to any of the living who now represent them:

To all who were baptized in any of the four churches that we have occupied, or by any of the ministers of St. Mark's;

To all who were confirmed or whose parents were confirmed in our classes;

To all who were married here or whose parents were married by our clergy;

To all whose beloved ones were laid to rest with our solemn burial service;

To all who in sickness or trouble were visited by our clergy, and who received sympathy, consolation, encouragement and the spiritual power to take up anew the burdens of living.

We solicit the generosity of all, to secure this church against the possibility of ever having to close its doors.



The Rectory, situated a few rods from the Church, at the intersection of Adelphi Street and Willoughby Avenue, free from mortgage and every encumbrance, became the property of the Parish in 1905, by the noble bequest of Mrs. Jane M. Mortimer, for many years a devout and active member.

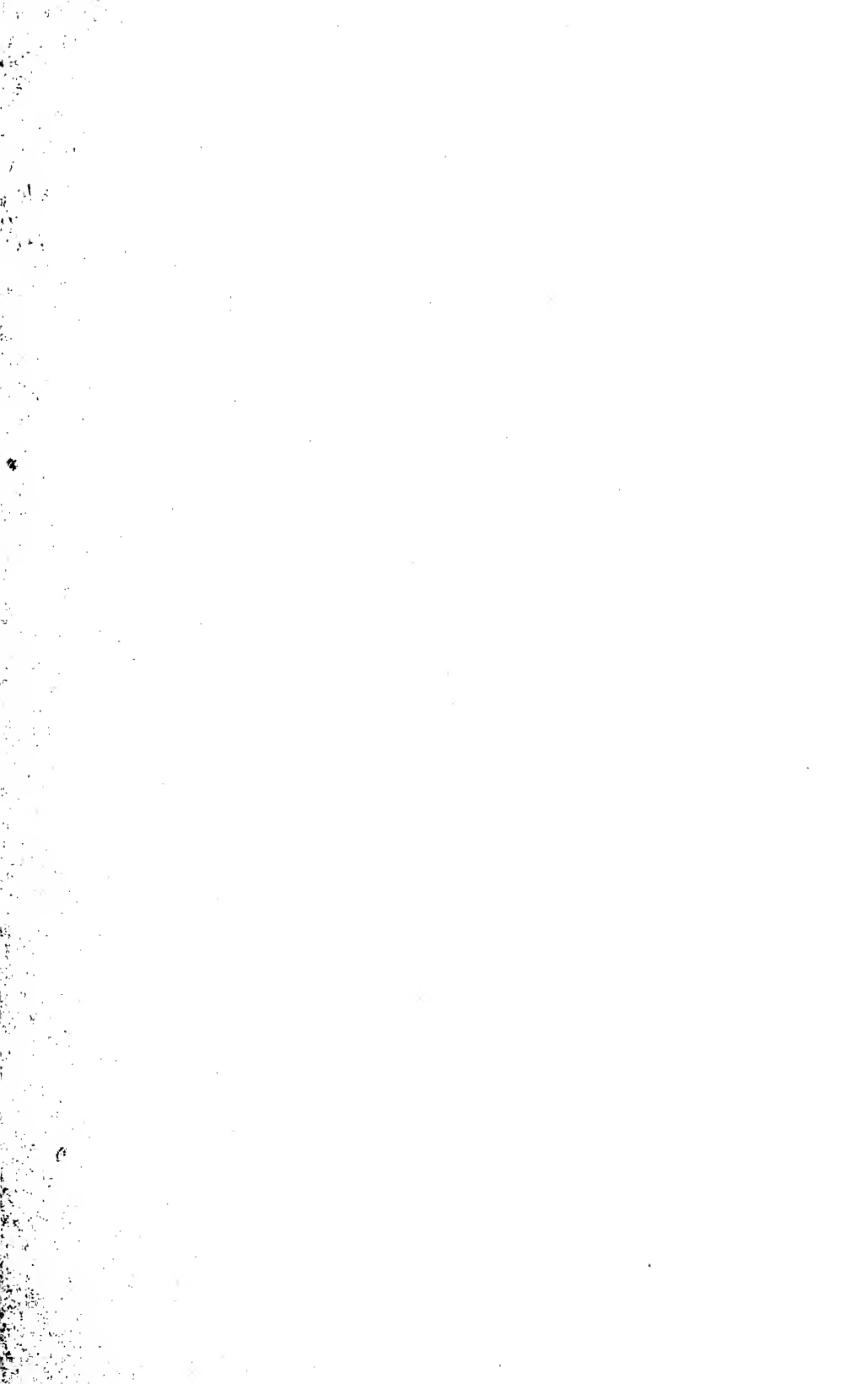
51 Feet on Adelphi Street
102 Feet on Willoughby Avenue

A Prayer for Establishment

O Almighty God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark; Give us grace that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Liberality

O Almighty God, who by thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist; Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same thy son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.



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