

all friends of old St. Mark's, new and old, nearly and remotely related thereto, to help us over our present difficulties. We plan daily their gratification and their glory in constant renewals and improvements, which, left to our own unaided efforts, it must be impossible to execute. To many of you the burden we bear would be light; to us it is crushing. The few hundred dollars we need, to our friends happily circumstanced and blessed with this world's goods, would be a mere bagatelle to relieve by their gifts. Will they help us? Dear friends will you?

On next Sunday morning, D. V., the opportunity will be afforded, and we ask all to join in making not a right Royal or good Republican, but a worthy Christian offering unto the Lord. We need a thousand; will you make an united offering of at least five hundred dollars? Our debt is our inheritance, not our making. Our noble women have been helping to reduce it, while assisting in making the improvements so abundantly visible. We thank God for them. In no mendicant attitude and in no beggarly spirit do we state our case and make our appeal—too honorable for the former and too dignified for the latter, we claim of Christian right your Christian recognition. We cannot continue the accumulation of debt, and we cannot do the work required of us unaided without so doing. As in the time of David, it was said of Israel, so may it now be said of us,—“The people offered willingly.” Sanctified by your prayers and proportioned by your means, your offering must be acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ. “The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.”

Yours for Christ's sake,

JNO. C. GARRETT, Rector.

Sunday, July 26th, 1896.

L. M. NELLES. }  
J. B. SECORD. } Church Wardens.

N. B.—It has been suggested by one of the former-day parishioners of St. Mark's, that a church Society should be formed of past and present parishioners, for the purpose of securing an annual income for the repair and preservation of the old historic building. I need not say that to myself and Churchwardens the suggestion seems as appropriate as it is timely.

JNO. C. GARRETT.