

fining myself to such remarks as are intimately connected with, and I may say, form the short history of our Church.

Several fruitless attempts at different times have been made to establish a German Mission in this city. This object, so grave and all important, was again brought up for discussion among the German Protestants of this city in the fall of the year 1853. Every one of them, and even those who had almost spent their whole life in this city, and amalgamated themselves with established Churches, felt that never disappearing desire to listen again to the word of our Lord preached in their own sweet mother tongue, as they had been accustomed to in their dear old fatherland. But they had not only their self-interest in view, they considered themselves in duty bound, to lend their hand in providing for those new arriving German Protestants, who, ignorant of the English language, were thus unfortunately deprived of those blessings, which the attendance of divine worship when entered into with the right spirit, always more or less produce. In consideration of these circumstances and others, which it is hardly necessary to mention, a meeting of German Protestants was called on the 6th October, 1853, for the purpose of devising such means as would lead to the vocation and the appointment of a resident German Protestant Minister in this city. The result of this and another meeting held in the same month was, that subscriptions were raised among ourselves, a board of Trustees *pro tem.* elected, and invitations sent to a few German Ministers of the Evangelical or Joint-Lutheran and Reformed Church, to fill the ministry about to be founded in this city. The Rev. Mr. Soldan, of Buffalo, answered to our call, and preached a sermon for us in St. Gabriel Street Church, on the 20th November, 1853; and the Rev. Mr. Werner, now our worthy and much beloved Minister, held a sermon on the 5th of February, 1854. Mr. Werner had been recommended to us by the Synod of the State of New York, and was elected our Pastor on a subsequent meeting, to commence his duties on the 1st of May, 1854. As we had no place of worship, we were kindly accommodated by the second Congregational Church, then meeting in Gosford Street for three years, when their place of worship was bought by the Episcopalian Church. We met then with much kindness and liberality from the Trustees of St. Gabriel Street Free Church, who allowed us the gratuitous use of their building on Sunday mornings during the summer of 1857. But winter approaching, we found ourselves again in the predicament, to look out for a suitable place of worship; and it was then, that the plan, to build a small Church, adapted to our simple wants, was formed and resolved upon. I may mention here, that during the year 1854 we had bought an Harmonium to assist our Choir, and that in the same year the act of our incorporation had been passed by the Legislature. We had been already (thanks to the liberality of our Protestant friends speaking the English language) enabled to lay up the sum of \$800, being partly the