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WITH THE APPENDICES CONTAINING COPIES OF EARLY
DOCUMENTS, NOT PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED,
RELATING TO THE STONE MEETING
HOUSE ON THE SQUARE

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER WHOSE
AFFECTIONATE REGARD FOR HER FATHER
AND INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT
PROMPTED THE PUBLICATION OF THIS
FRAGMENT OF LOCAL HISTORY.

1892

PREFATORY NOTE

AMONG the manuscripts left by the late Rev. Joseph A. Murray, D. D., was that of the Historical Address delivered by him at the Semi-Centennial of the Second Presbyterian Church in Carlisle, Pa., January 12th, 1883. It had been prepared by him with his usual characteristic care as to accuracy and fullness of statement, and with a view to ultimate publication, with copious Appendices, embracing, together with other information, transcripts from old documents in his collection, referred to in the address. Many of these, which had not previously been published, had an interesting connection with the early history of the Presbyterian Churches of Carlisle, including the Old Stone Meeting House on the Square, and were regarded by him as decisive of some earnestly controverted points in its history. The peculiar interest manifested by him in that church may be explained by a statement by him in another connection: "Baptized, reared, and having publicly made my youthful profession of faith in Christ in the First Church, under the ministry of the beloved, but now sainted Duffield, with my earliest and most precious memories associated with that Church, to which I still feel loyally attached, &c." At the time of the separation, and organization of the Second Church, he was a resident of Pittsburg and a member of Dr. Herron's church there.

In the presentation of his address he was accorded a place on Friday afternoon, and the morning and evening of the following Sabbath. His feeble health, shortly afterward, delayed and finally prevented its publication. His daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Himes, into whose hands the manuscript and accompanying documents came, knowing the wishes of her father, had long felt that it ought to be put into more permanent form, and the valuable historical data it contained be made more accessible to any interested in the history of one of the oldest and most prominent

Presbyterian communities; and that the documents themselves should be deposited in some suitable, permanent place for safe keeping. The manuscript was left by the author just as it had been prepared for public delivery, much of it in the form of notes, and she had gone over it, indicating in a general way what modifications or omissions might be made; and had the final preparation for the printer been in her hands she would doubtless have exercised, to a greater degree than has seemed allowable to another, the privilege that belonged to him of making any modifications of style and statement of the spoken address in giving it permanent published form. In regard to the documents, which had always been freely accessible, since they had come into his possession, to any desiring fuller information, recognizing a community of interest, of the membership of both congregations in Carlisle, in the associations connected with those that antedate the division in 1833, she proposed, in accordance with what she had reason to believe was the wish of her father, to place them in the safe keeping of the Presbyterian Historical Society of Philadelphia, in the fire-proof vault provided for such deposits, where they would be secure, and accessible, as well, to any specially interested in them. These have, accordingly, been carefully mounted and arranged for preservation and reference, and placed as a permanent deposit with that Society. It was her purpose, also, to have a complete set of reduced photographic facsimiles made, direct from the negatives, of all the more important documents, as a memorandum, in many respects almost equal for reference to the originals in authenticity. This part of her plan has also been carried out, and duplicates of these photographic facsimiles, from thirty negatives, have been bound in with copies of the address, and placed in the Hamilton Library, Carlisle, Pa., and in the library of the Presbyterian Historical Society of Philadelphia.

Carlisle, June, 1905.

CHARLES F. HIMES.

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