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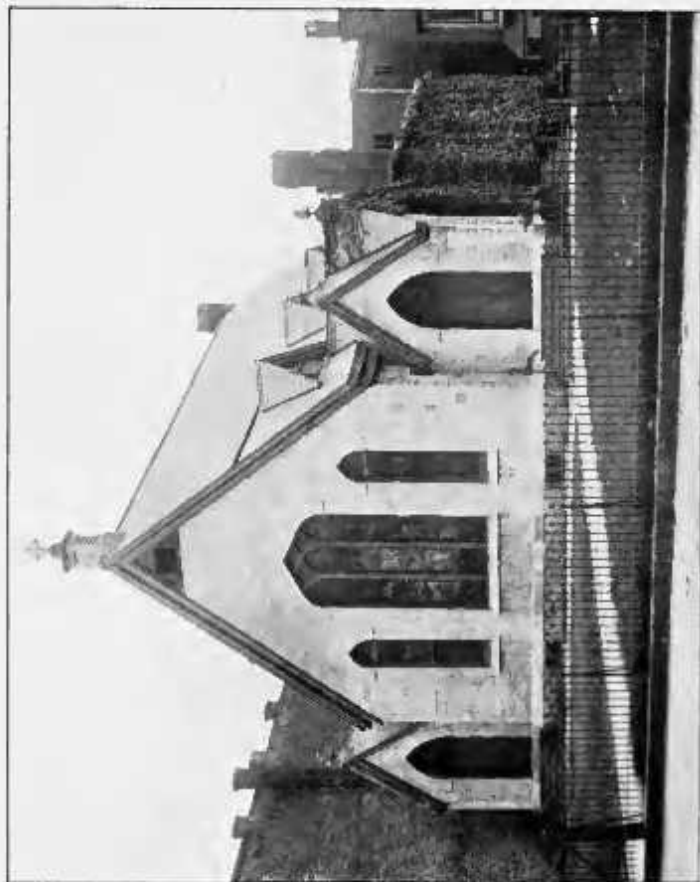
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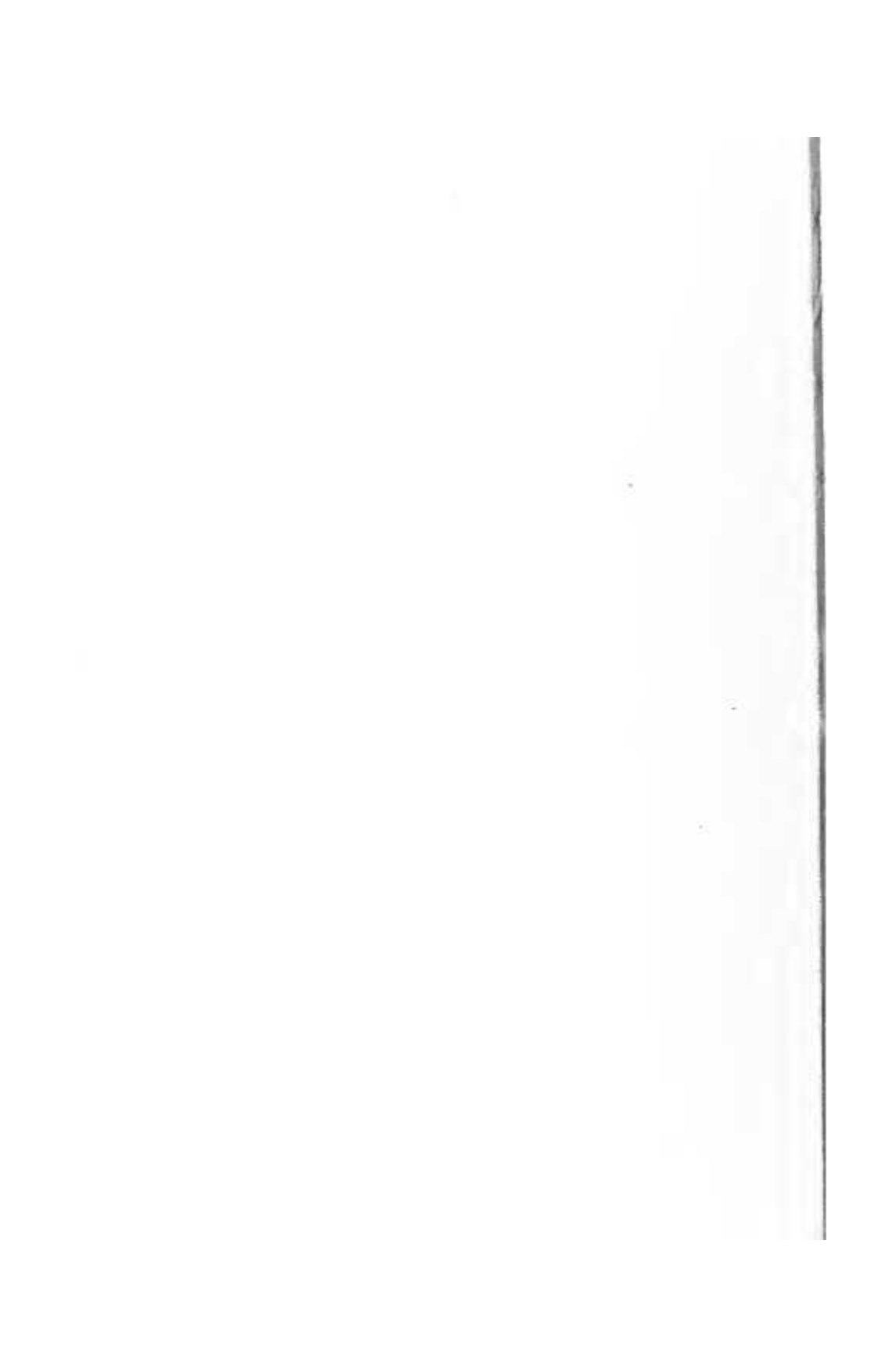
WHO FOSTERED AND SUSTAINED THE  
BEREAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR  
OVER FOURTEEN YEARS, AND TO THE  
FRIENDS OF THE COLORED PEOPLE  
GENERALLY, IS THIS BOOK MOST  
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THE AUTHOR.

*Philadelphia, July, 1897.*

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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

I have known the pastor of the Berean Presbyterian Church, the Rev. Matthew Anderson, for a number of years. We were in the Theological Seminary at Princeton together, since which time our friendship has deepened with increasing years. From the inception of his work in Philadelphia I have watched his career with the deepest interest. Too much cannot be said in praise of his self-sacrificing and indefatigable efforts in pushing forward the work to which, in the providence of God, he was called shortly after the completion of his Seminary course. What he has accomplished has simply been marvellous. No one knows but those who have been most intimately associated with him, what this work has cost him in care and toil. By day and by night, for years, he went up and down the city of Philadelphia in search of means to help to pay for the beautiful building in which the congregation now worships. Often, I know, he must have been discouraged, often depressed and cast down, but his faith was in God, and so he kept on in the full assurance that success would ultimately crown his efforts. And success has crowned his efforts. The beautiful structure on South College avenue will ever remain a monument to his faith, and zeal, and earnestness, and a witness to the generosity of the many noble friends who came to his assistance, and who cheered him on by their gifts and kind words. When the last dollar was paid on the building, I remember how I was thrilled by the joyful announcement which came to me, from him, and how my heart rejoiced with him in the glorious consummation.

I said then, well done, and I say now, a hundred times over, "Well done."

FRANCIS J. GRIMKE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 10, 1897.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Having had the privilege of hearing read from manuscript what the Rev. Matthew Anderson, pastor of the Berean Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa., has written concerning that "work of faith," and having had full knowledge of it, from its inception as a Mission Sunday School, until now, I take great pleasure in commending this sketch of local church history to all who are interested in the advancement of our Redeemer's Kingdom. It witnesses nobly to the possibilities which lie before Presbyterianism among the so called "peculiar people."

Had the Reverend Gloucesters, father and son, founders of Presbyterian Churches in this city left similar sketches of their noble work, such records would now be invaluable.

J. B. REEVE,

For more than thirty years Pastor of Central  
Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

January, 1897.