

Intro to the Quimby Letter/Record

Research has revealed important information about The Reverend Henry Quimby, Rector of St. Luke's Monrovia (1907-1913), and his role in the establishment of Grace Parish. We were thrilled by the discovery of the following treasure. It is the original manuscript of Mr. Quimby's report about the beginnings of Grace. Written by him in fine script, it chronicles the church's earliest history, beginning with the first meeting of the faithful in November, 1910.

This remarkable, faithful, and accomplished man was truly dedicated to his mission of starting the new parish in Glendora. Further, he foresaw how important it would be for future generations to have this information. We are very thankful that this document exists!

Transcript of First Written History of Grace Episcopal Church circa 1912

Grace Church - Glendora was founded by the Reverend Henry Quimby, Rector of St. Luke's Church - Monrovia on November 1910.

Thinking that the time was propitious for the Church, they began services in the Masonic Hall on the above date. A temporary organization was affected during the week at a meeting held at the residence of Mr. J.F. Bandholt. Services were continued in the Masonic Hall for a month or so where they were transferred to Converse Hall where they were held until the following June. They were again resumed in the autumn of 1911 in the same hall and continued with much discouragement until the following January.

In the meantime, a lot (Vista Bonita St.) was purchased on contract and efforts resulted in the raising of about \$200. The services being barely attended, it was deemed best to temporarily suspend them in January 1912.

The Woman's Guild, however, which had been organized at the time of the organization of the mission, continued its meetings and was successful in adding much money to the Building Fund. Through the generosity of many friends and the donation of the labor by the Tifal Building Company of Monrovia, a small chapel was erected on the lot which had been purchased

and the opening service was held on June 28th, 1912 at eleven a.m. The Reverend Henry Quimby officiating. A Sunday School was also organized at that time.

The new building is a small structure, 20 feet x 30 feet. It is intended as a Guild Hall, but is not to be used for purposes which may seriously detract from the use of it as a place of worship. The seating capacity is about 60.

Gifts:

Folding Chairs, 2 dozens - Woman's Guild

Folding Chairs, 1 dozen - T. F. Bandholt, who also donated the staining of the building

Altar and Faldstool - Trinity Church, Covina

Altar Rail and Vesting Room - E.R. Langford

Organ - Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. Brunjes, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. De Lamcey, and Rev. Mr. Quimby

In October 1912, the Board of Missions received the Mission of Glendora on its list for support and made appropriation. The services up to the opening of the Chapel had been gratuitous.

Dec. 9th, 1912 - From the opening of the building to this date, the work has progressed and the attendance very good. The mission counts about 80 individuals who look to it for ministrations.