

RESTORATION OF OLD MARLEY CHAPEL - ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

OLD MARLEY CHAPEL

1731

REMOVED AND RESTORED

1904

The above is the inscription on the corner-stone of the new chapel just completed at Glen Burnie, Westminster Parish, Md. Rev. Alexander Galt, rector. The parish was formed by law passed 1694. In 1731 was passed "An Act empowering certain communicants therein mentioned to lay out and set a price, or cause a price to be set on two acres of land in St. Margaret's Westminster Parish, in Anne Arundel County, wherein the chapel of ease belonging to said Parish now stands". (Marley Chapel, Curtis Creek, now called Marley Creek).

From the date of the erection, the chapel, known as Old Marley Chapel, continued to 1861. By neglect it fell into decay and ruin, and was being destroyed by the ruthless hand of desecration, its brick being carried away and its woodwork used for kindling. A kind of pious romance had gathered around the ruins of the old temple, imparting a pensive pleasure in thinking of or revisiting this old palace of Zion. Yet with many such sentiments amounting to nothing practical.

Since the old chapel ceased to be used as a place of worship a thriving village has arisen on the Baltimore and Annapolis Short Line Railroad, only about a mile away, where for about fifteen years, a congregation have been using a temporary building. Some of the congregation are descendants of the worshippers of the Old Chapel, and are necessarily interested in the work of restoration.

In December of 1903 the old building was demolished and the materials carried to Glen Burnie, where they were re-erected, the design being somewhat that of the old, with the addition of a steeple, the outer side of which rests upon two pillars, making a covered drive-way. It is surmounted by a cross and crown of copper ~~xxxxxxxxix~~.

The chapel will be heated by a furnace and lighted by acetylene gas. The windows are all stained glass, and when completed it will be one of the prettiest little chapels in the Diocese.

The lot on which the new chapel stands was given by Mr. John Glenn, of Baltimore, who is also a liberal contributor to the work.

The committee appointed by the vestry to remove and rebuild Old Marley Chapel are the rector, with Dr. T.H. Brayshaw, and Mr. W.F. Kuethe. The ~~two~~ laymen have been untiring in their efforts in carrying the work through.

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