

DEDICATION  
THE MANSE AT GREENWICH, PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA

Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1909 , was indeed a red-letter day in the history of Greenwich Church, Prince William County, Va., Chesapeake Presbytery. For ten or more years a great and deeply felt want of the church was a manse for the pastor. The financial resources of the congregation was so limited that it seemed as object impossible to obtain. It was made the subject of much anxious thought and earnest prayer, especially by the oldest and most devoted of its members.

The fund was started with the small beginning of one dollar. The kind and helpful interest of Mrs. Charles Green, of Baltimore, Md. (who has been a life-long friend of the church, and whose good deeds and generous charities are well known) was engaged. Mrs. Green took the dollar, and interesting other friends, obtained an amount of upwards of \$400, which was set aside as a furnishing fund, and gave the entire amount \$2,500, needed to buy four acres of land & provide the necessary fencing and outbuildings.

The house being completed, and in large part furnished, Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 3 P.M. was the time appointed for the installation of the building as a manse. In due time notice was given and invitation was sent to distant friends and extended to the community to attend the installation which consisted of a hymn sung by the company present, and prayer by the pastor, C. W. Hollis.

Likewise through the goodness of Mrs. Charles Green, by special arrangement, there was present Mrs. Layyah Barakat, a native Syrian, born in the mountains of Lebanon, and herself the fruit of Foreign Missions, redeemed to the Savoir in a remarkable manner through the instrumentality of Dr. Jessup of Beirut, and who had been in this country now twenty-four years, her home being in Philadelphia. She gave a very thrilling and instructive account of her conversion and life until she came to this country twenty-four years ago.

A large company of friends, and almost the entire community were present and greatly enjoyed the occasion of pleasant fellowship which was a real benediction to the soul.

(from a clipping in "The Christian Observer", June 1906.)

N. B. This initiative dollar was handed by Miss L. Spencer, to Mrs. Harriet E. Moxley (Widow of Dr. B. G. D. Moxley, of "The Grove" upon the latter remarking in the hearing of her friend, that they wanted to begin at once, (May 1903) the establishment of a fund with which to build a "home for our minister". Miss S. replied, that is so, Mrs. Moxley, & here is the first dollar. "--- Mrs. Moxley in turn, handed it to Mrs. Green, saying, "Here is our first dollar, but what shall we do with a dollar when we need \$2,000?" Mrs. Green answered, "We must all help", and thus began the campaign of interesting others.