

ST. CLEMENT'S



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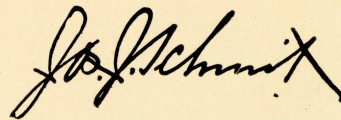
*This Book Is Dedicated to the
Loyalty and Christian Zeal of the Members of
St. Clement's Parish, Lakewood, Ohio*

An Appreciation

THIS descriptive souvenir of the organization and growth of St. Clement's parish is published as a deserved tribute to the genuine Christian zeal and the edifying spirit of sacrifice of all those who sensed so accurately, the glorious privilege of doing something worth while in spreading the Kingdom of God upon earth.

While it is true that the pressing need for a new parish in the rapidly growing territory on the outskirts of the established parishes, rallied the religious-minded men and women to the proposed establishment of such a new centre, their splendid co-operation and persevering efforts in the speedy accomplishment of this work must ever be recorded, as an edifying and inspiring story to be handed down to their children in the generations to come.

It is manifestly impossible to record in detail the story of all of the sacrifices made so generously, by the pioneers of a parish that is, if God wills it, here to stay. No one shall ever know, nor be able to record the true story of all the heart-aches, disappointments, joys and sorrows, thrills and comforts experienced by those whose work is here commemorated. Let those who were actively associated with the glorious task that is but partially recorded in these pages recall when reading them, that their greatest reward and recognition will come from the hands of God at a time when they stand before Him to be judged. Let those who inherited and will continue to inherit the results of that noble work hold the memory of their zealous forbears in benediction, and thank God for the privilege of continuing such a splendid work for the honor and glory of God.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. F. Schmitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "X" at the end.

Pastor