

COMMUNICATION FROM THE LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF ST. JOHN'S
CHURCH, CINCINNATI.

CINCINNATI, November 25th, 1883.

To the Trustees of the Protestant Episcopal Church, of the Diocese of Southern Ohio;

GENTLEMEN:—On the records of the Vestry of St. John's Church (now merged into St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, corner of Seventh and Plum,) is an entry, that the organ in St. John's Church was paid for and owned by the "Ladies' Benevolent Society," connected with said church.

The said Benevolent Society having continued up to January, 1883, and then proposing a dissolution, the subject of the organ was discussed, and by a unanimous vote it was donated and made over to the Diocese of Southern Ohio, for the use and benefit of St. Luke's Parish; being a Mission of the Protestant Episcopal Church, located on the corner of Findlay and Baymiller streets, Cincinnati, and that the matter of the transfer and all things pertaining to the same, be committed to Mr. T. G. Odiorne, with such advisors as he may choose to consult.

It having been found that the large size of the St. John's organ precluded the placing it in St. Luke's, and having consulted the Bishop of the Diocese and other friends interested, it was decided to sell the old organ, and contract for a new one adapted to the size and convenience of the church building. Consequently, in May last, Mr. Odiorne made sale of the St. John's organ for \$1,500, and contracted with Messrs. Koehnken & Grimm, of this city, for a new organ, to be placed in St. Luke's Church on or before Nov. 1, 1883. They were prompt to the day, and the organ, complete and in tune, was in its place, and the sum of \$1,500, the price agreed upon, was at once paid. The organ in all respects proves satisfactory, and owning, as the Diocese of Southern Ohio does, in fee, the property occupied by St. Luke's Parish, it is proper that a formal record of the gift of this organ to the Diocese have proper recognition on the records of the Diocese. And, inasmuch, as the Trustees of the Diocese have no authority to receive and acknowledge said gift without the direction of the Convention of the Diocese, I would respectfully ask that the Trustees bring the matter before the next Convention for its action.

It is proper to state, that in addition to the \$1,500 received for the old, and paid for the new organ, a small balance remaining in the treasury of the Ladies' Society was received, as well as a small sum for interest on the organ money while the new organ was building, (in all \$22.79) was expended in aiding to build the organ chamber in St. Luke's, and in other small incidental expenses, thus adding \$53.79 to the donation.

Very Respectfully,

THOS. G. ODIORNE,

Acting as Agent of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, St. John's Church, Cin.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 1, 1883

Received from T. G. Odiorne, acting as agent of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, fifteen hundred dollars in full, for a church organ built by us for the use of St. Luke's Church, completed and placed in St. Luke's Church this day.

\$1,500.00

Received payment in full,

KOEHNKEN & GRIMM