

Dr. Fletcher chose as his text Philippians 1: 21, "For to me to live is Christ," and exhorted his hearers to take this as a motto and Paul as a guide in the days to come. From the date of Paul's wonderful conversion to his death he preached the unsearchable riches of Christ, and yearned and laboured for the salvation of the wicked, and those who have many opportunities for like work should take advantage of them and copy the great Apostle's example, so that when the close of life approaches the faithful can look up with a glowing hope to be with the Master in glory.

At the close of the sermon the Pastor referred in feeling language to his long service in the church, and thanked God for the many blessings received by himself and the Congregation as a whole in the past twenty-five years. He trusted that he had been in some way helpful to those with whom he had been associated for such a long time, and said that he had always endeavored to preach Christ and Him crucified, and that would be his theme for the future.

He had been with his flock in seasons of sore sorrow, as well as in times of joy, and could say with thankfulness to God that no congregation could have been more kind, considerate and faithful.

Dr. Fletcher also spoke of the progress of the Presbyterian denomination in the city during the term of his pastorate. In 1872 there were three churches, now there are eight; communicants, 1,792, now there are 4,223. To the schemes of the church in the first-named year \$2,500 was the amount contributed, while in 1896 \$8,000 was given, and for all purposes the increase was from \$19,392 to \$46,900.

The programme for the celebration as finally arranged and successfully carried out was as follows:—Sunday morning, May 9th, service conducted by Rev. W. T. Herridge; Sunday afternoon, May 9th, Sunday School service in Church and addresses by present and past Superintendents; Sunday evening, May 9th, Rev. W. T. Herridge; Monday evening, May 10th, sacred concert; Tuesday evening, May 11th, Congregational meeting in Church, followed by social gathering in Sunday School and presentation of addresses.

The newspaper comments appended hereto sufficiently indicate how successfully the above programme was carried out: