

loving tribute to your memory, and to extend my personal and ecclesiastical greetings to the grand old historic church of West Flamboro. I feel a special interest in your prosperity. It was the church of my first choice and my first love. It has been cherished in an affectionate remembrance. Its name and memory will always be dear to me. A third of a century has passed since my labors among you. A whole generation of the worthy men and women who then constituted its membership, some of whom were founders of the church, have entered into rest. The names of those grand elders, Henderson, Gray and Martin, whose witness is in Heaven, whose record is on high, have long since passed from the earthly roll call—but forgotten, never! They were men of culture and strength, with modesty and sweetness of manner, under which there was a hiding of divine power. As I write this I look down over the congregation as it was at that time, and see the dear faces of loved ones in the pews they occupied, so rarely vacant! I see their heads bent forward, eager to catch the words of the Divine truth as they came from the lips of their young servant. And how grandly and loyally they sustained him in his pastorate! And when sickness came, and the shadows fell, and the uncertainties of life hung in the balance, they were never wanting in love and loyalty. The impress of their benign influence and work may be seen in all around you. Your anniversary is a recognition of the work done by the fathers and mothers who have preceded you. Seventy-five years of faith, prayer and labor on the part of the men and women who have worshipped here, have made this church what it is today! This fact is made prominent in all the exercises of this occasion. Every reference to the virtues and deeds of the past is your tribute to those "into whose labors you have entered." The heir should fondly cherish the memory of the testator. The heritage of righteousness is the best that can be conveyed. True sainthood leaves sacred influence to successors.

As a congregation and people you have much reason for encouragement. The past seventy-five years have been characterized by a marked unanimity of sentiment and action. In