

izens in their worship of God in the beauty of holiness. All praise to those who have from time to time given, as God has prospered them, of their estates for the continuance of those services and for priestly support. All honor to those who, in their faith and by their self-denial, substituted for the humble Church of brick, which the apostolic Kemper consecrated and which I recall a score of years ago. All praise to the living, all honor to the dead, who, with zeal and in faith, built this glorious shrine, which it was my privilege, after years of continued effort to free it from lien or encumbrance, to consecrate to the worship and glory of Almighty God. Ah, beloved, these stones are for a memorial, and the names of the good and true men and women who made it possible to build this splendid sanctuary and to give it a free-will offering to God, may well be held in lasting remembrance.

There have been faithful and devoted priests of God who have labored here in the days of small things and have prepared, and are still preparing the way, for the coming change of this noble Parish church to a fitting Cathedral and the naming of Dubuque as a see city of the true Catholic Church of these United States. Men — laymen of singular devotion, some of them of national fame, have labored and worshipped here, and their works follow them. Faithful women not a few, are here to be remembered, and revered for all time