

two self-sustaining congregations. Now, in this age of change, and of Athenianism, when old ties and associations are held but lightly by, this is no small evidence of success. Few, very few, alas, succeed to labour with the same amount of success for so long a time, in the same field, as he has done. And as a further evidence of his growing success and of the attachment of his people, were such evidence necessary, I am in a position to state, that during the last year or more, and up to the very close of his ministry, tokens of special regard were multiplying, alike creditable to him, and to you his people. He has been heard to say on the last day of his communion services, the last day of his life, that he never felt so happy in his work, so satisfied with the condition of this congregation, and so well pleased with his people, and it is said by those present on the last Sabbath of his ministry, his last communion on earth, that he was peculiarly happy on that solemn occasion. His remarks regarding the changes which have occurred during the twenty-five years of his ministry, the number of well-known faces that disappeared the way of all flesh, and the uncertainty as to whether all then present would be permitted to meet again at a communion table, will now be cherished with much interest.

On the Friday preceding, it was my happiness to preach to this congregation, and I then experienced a foreshadowing of that holy and happy spirit which prevailed during the whole occasion. I remarked it on the following Monday to a father in the church for whom I was preaching. But ah! before the sweet remembrance of that occasion had time to form itself into a definite shape in my mind, he who was the occasion of it passed into a holier and purer sphere!

Those trials and difficulties, which every faithful servant of Christ must occasionally meet in the honest discharge of his duty, disappeared, and as they disappeared, you, his people, more than ever appreciated his worth, for that was only serves to unfold and bring more prominently to view the good qualities of the just man.