

this is a source of sincere thankfulness. To you, sir, it must be indeed gratifying to witness thus the fruits of your labors in spiritual things. Coming here in early manhood from the old land, you brought to the work in this new country, in addition to a physical activity and resolute determination (born it may be rather of devotion to a noble purpose than to bodily strength), the energy and aid of a consecrated zeal and vigorous and well-trained intellect, and to say that by diligent use of all these gifts you have steadfastly continued during these years to carry out the purpose which you had before you then, the dissemination of Christian truth and principles, is perhaps the best possible compliment which we could pay. "It is required that a man be found faithful," and to-day we bear most willing testimony to your faithfulness in the discharge of the varied duties that pertain to the office of the Christian ministry. In addition to direct dealing with us as a people, and as individuals, you have been ever active in support of every good cause that has commended itself to you. Temperance, education, and the Bible Society have had in you a warm friend and sympathizer. Committee work, whether of Presbytery, Synod, or Assembly, has always had a liberal share of your attention, while the Home and Foreign Missions have been themes of absorbing interest and earnest prayer. In these, as in every good work, you have been ably seconded and efficiently aided by the late Mrs. Hamilton, whose memory to-day we most affectionately cherish, and whose abundant labors on our behalf we gratefully acknowledge. In view of these things, and of the many privileges and abundant favors we enjoy from the hand of that God in declaring whose will to