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Opened March 4th, 1847.

Familiar walls! — that long have stood
Where grows the rugged pine.
From kindred trees our fathers hewed
Their forest homes "Lang Syne".

Each day with blows the welkin rang!
Blazed clear their fires by night!
At work, at rest, they stoutly sang
Of Faith, and Truth, and Right.

On sacred days from far and near,
They gathered at this spot
To worship God, in honest fear
That glowed, and wavered not.

True builders! May our work endure,
Like theirs, through regions broad;
And may our hopes in Thee be sure,
O Living Son of God!

By Rev. J. H. MacVicar.

Written on the occasion of leaving The Old Church.