

to the discussion of the questions coming up there, for decision, that calmness of judgment and clearness of apprehension, which his professional training had helped to develop—and which he uniformly employed with a single eye to the promotion of the Church's efficiency and prosperity. In recent years, his growing infirmities prevented him from taking the same active part in Ecclesiastical matters, which, in former times, was his wont. But, to the last, his interest had not abated, in whatever tended to promote the prosperity of the Church, with which he had been so long connected—and in whose welfare, from its first institution in this country, he took so lively concern. One circumstance may be mentioned as illustrative of this, and which, from its relation to this Church where we are now assembled, may be the more interesting to you. Long ago, when the deceased was merely a temporary resident of this city, as a member of the Legislature, he had often been concerned that, notwithstanding the number of adherents of the Church of Scotland in this place was considerable, there was no Church-edifice in connection with the Church of their Fathers to receive them. To see this state of things remedied was his ardent desire. It had often been a subject