

unoccupied pews, where the echoes still do linger of past Services in which you were wont to engage with those of your own kindred and friends, who have gone where they are not now dependent on a worldly Sanctuary, but where "the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple thereof."

Let me counsel the members of this Congregation not to discard, nor even disregard the principle I have been speaking of, however small may be the extent to which they may individually realize it; but rather to gather from it lessons appropriate to their present circumstances in their final departure from this old church-edifice, which nearly half a century ago was dedicated to the Worship of Almighty God, and is now in process of being withdrawn from that Sacred use. The generation which saw the foundations of this house laid must, by this time, have almost wholly disappeared—those of them at least who had then reached man's estate—and of those who took an active part in the undertaking, perhaps not one survivor is now present to witness this final withdrawal from this place where Prayer has so long been wont to be made. And probably ere long, in deference to the inexorable demands of Commerce, or other Civic need, the beams and brick-work of this Edifice may be removed and the site be given over to another use and occupancy. But amid all this mutability, notwithstanding the abandoning or dismantling of this structure, there are some things associated with this House of Prayer which do yet remain untouched by those changes which time, in its onward march, produces in all material things. The Truths which have been proclaimed here by the Lord's servants who have successively ministered from this pulpit—the exhortations which have been addressed from time to time to