



## Address of the Session.

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Doubtless the thought uppermost in the mind of all connected with the congregation at present is the vacancy in the pastorate.

When our late pastor, Rev. Dr. Kellogg, came among us, it was hoped that the settlement would be for many years. In the good and wise providence of God it is was otherwise determined.

Since the formation of the congregation—now forty years ago—the rich blessing of a faithful ministry has not been withheld. In sending his servants Dr. Taylor, Dr. Burns, Dr. King and Dr. Kellogg among us, the Head of the Church gave proof that His loving kindness has been great towards us as a people, and the happy influence of our earlier pastors as well as our later continues with us till this day. Their noble, self-sacrificing and sympathetic spirit did much to advance the growth of the congregation and deepen the Christian character of those who statedly waited on their ministry.

No unimportant events in the history of the congregation were Dr. Kellogg's acceptance of its charge, and, in a few years, his return to the field in which he had so faithfully laboured for upwards of eleven years.

He came to us, it is true, from another land, almost a stranger here, but the fellowship of Christian faith and Christian service at once made him one with us by close and tender ties. Very deeply engraved in our hearts is the record of his ministrations in our pulpit, at our weekly prayer meetings and in our homes ; we shall