

National than denominational in our aims and attitude, and there is truth, I never deny it, in the statement often made that, as Notre Dame is the French Cathedral and Christ Church is the English Cathedral and St. Patrick's Church is the Irish Cathedral, so St. Andrew's Church is the Scottish Cathedral. At no Church, whether at morning or evening Service, should we feel so much at home as in our own.

But I must draw this Pastoral Address to a close. In it, the Past and Present have been reviewed at greater length than, when I began, I intended. It only remains for me to testify that, with the usual admixture of trial and discipline, my Ministry of the last ten years has been full of mercies, for which I thank God and at the remembrance of which I would take courage. When I came here it was with a retrospect of nearly seven happy years spent in the Pastorate of two of the sweetest of Parishes in Scotland, and now that is greatly enlarged and enhanced. What complexion the future may take, I am not careful to inquire, and, though I did, the horoscope would likely be little more than mere conjecture. There have been times during these ten years that, from strain of work or worry or both, I thought the bow, too tightly strung, would break. These times may come again and again, until the last puts its period to a life of less service to either God or man than it might be. My heart's desire and prayer to heaven is, that when that "ending which breedeth an infinite beginning" comes, it may find me so acceptable to God, in the midst of even human imperfections, as to justify the inscription on my tombstone of that grandest of epitaphs which the great British General in India caused to be placed upon his, "here lies one who tried to do his duty." Meanwhile, naturally buoyant and hopeful, I purpose to "go forward," rejoicing in the many proofs of Divine favour and your sympathy which I have received, and taking these as earnest of still greater blessings in store for both you and me in what of our pilgrimage we may yet travel together. May it please the Head of the Church to daily impart unto us, as a Congregation, His promised Holy Spirit's help, and ever to use us all for His own glory!

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! My love be with you all in Christ Jesus!" Amen.