

self-sacrificing labors of your honored Head, the Bishop of the Diocese, let that emotion of gratitude and that feeling of sympathy find their just and appropriate expression in abundant offerings of your earthly substance laid upon the Altar of your God; and let this solemn Consecration of a Temple to His service be accompanied by the renewed offering of yourselves, your souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto Him. The day will come when we who are now assembled here, in God's Name, to consecrate this material edifice to His honor and glory, shall be gathered into a more august assembly, in His more glorious presence, for a more sublime, a more momentous purpose. It will then be asked of us, whether we who have builded temples of wood and stone to His praise on earth, have raised the superstructure of our own hope upon the Rock of Ages. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." He is the sure Corner-Stone, on which our choicest works must rise, based upon which alone they will surely abide. He is the Eternal Rock, upon which the Church, with her beautiful array of Sacrament, and Prayer,