

The Rev. A. McPhee spoke briefly on

OUR DUTY AMID CHANGES.

In human experience there is nothing but change. In human knowledge none is unchangeable "save one, that is God."

Man calls the rocks "everlasting." He names his "towers and temples eternal." In both cases he uses a mere figure of speech. For science shows that the settled earth is not steadfast in her seat; that the mountain peak whose very hue we deem the palpable sign of persistent endurance; that the ocean upon whose brow the poet has declared it to be beyond the power of time to "write a wrinkle;"—are all undergoing functional changes as continually as the light sand of the desert, or the ambient air which now sleeps in the solemn stillness of a calm, only to be roused into fury by the mad howling of a tempest.

It is generally correct to say that we know changes in all things. It is more precise to say that we know all things by changes. For what we know of ourselves, and of beings created like ourselves, we know because we and they are changeable. We know a little—a something childish in its littleness—of our Father who is in Heaven. That little we know because his Spirit works changes in us and around us, teaching us that He is unchangeable, "the father of lights with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning."

Poets in all ages have struck a wailing note, and mourning sung, that the "*glory of the world changes.*" We would rejoice that changes are possible; for *good changes are the glory of the world.* The glory of the world is, that in spite of the fall, it should still be blessed by the mercy of God to such an extent, as not to be chained down to the spot to which it has fallen; but that it has been seized by the hand "mighty to save" to be snatched as a brand from the burning. As the years roll changes are taking place showing that this mighty hand still widens its grasp, and lengthens its saving strength.

Between the wings of the winds, an ever-increasing burden of Good News to sinners dark and degraded beneath ignorance, superstition, and idolatry sweeps

"O'er the glad waters of the dark blue sea,"

"To turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive remission of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified." From hand to