

most fitting that I should make grateful mention of that aged and venerable member of our Church without whose munificent gift of \$4000 it is very doubtful whether at this moment this good work would have been accomplished. That noble donation powerfully stimulated others, and thus secured success.

It is to be hoped that this respected individual, now verging to a century of years, while yet his eye is not dim, nor his natural force abated—may yet be spared for the further exercise of Christian liberality—and to see the fruit of his works. I had hoped to have seen him among us to-day, but he would not leave the Table of his Lord, which is spread at this time in his Parish Church. But his heart is with us, and he has taken a deep interest in this Church from the beginning, and is very thankful that his life has been prolonged to see its completion.

In this connexion let us not forget that two other individuals gave each \$2,000, others \$800 and \$400, there being only 41 names in a list of \$16,000—let us remember too that in our own congregation, numbering none of the rich ones of the land, between £500 and £600 have been subscribed, and I hope will be paid ere long, nor should we omit to mention that in our Lord's estimation the willing offerings of the poorest are as acceptable as the largest gifts of the richest. If there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what a man hath.

Perhaps it may be necessary to mention here, for the information of some who may wonder why the ceremony of consecration is not performed to-day, that, according to custom, that ceremony is not used until the building is free from debt, or nearly so. But this Church is virtually consecrated to-day, by our united prayers and by the thankful aspirations of many hearts before me, which have ascended up on high. It is actually set apart now, from all unholy and profane uses, dedicated to the worship of the Holy, Blessed and glorious *Trinity*. Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth, has resounded for the first time to-day, through the arches of this House of Prayer, together with those other glorious ascriptions of praise which the holy Church throughout the world has been offering from age to age in every land. "*Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ,*" which has gone up in such pleasing melody on this blessed morning, we trust will be echoed by the voices of future generations, long after we have gone to our rest. And the Gospel of that same blessed Saviour, which it falls to my happy lot to be the first to proclaim from this place, we trust and pray may never cease to be heard while this house shall stand. That pure Gospel, which as our Saviour declared, is to be preached to the poor forever—the good news that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; that God was in Christ re-