

Dearly Beloved, let the Church, the grandest, the most glorious and important enterprise of time, be through all changes, the one object and interest that shall enlist your first, your deepest and most constant thoughts, for which you will ever be ready to make the greatest sacrifices; to which you will give your most willing, hearty and devoted service.

"Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever! Amen."

REV. A. W. BENSON.

Letters of congratulation and Christian greetings to pastor and people were received from Rev. Drs. Fletcher and Lyle, and Rev. Messrs. Gray and Webster, and from Mr. Robert Christie, a son of the founder of the congregation, who had fully intended to be present, but was prevented from coming on account of enfeebled health.

And also from Rev. A. W. Benson, of Carver, Minnesota, a former pastor of the congregation, conveying greetings in a letter full of kindest remembrances of the past, and of earnest prayer and good wishes for the future prosperity of the congregation. The letter is herewith enclosed in full.

On Sabbath, November 8th, the pastor preached in both congregations from Psalm 116:12, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me," in which he reviewed the past history of the congregation, and the many benefits temporal and spiritual, with which the Lord had crowned the years of their pilgrimage and the boundless blessings which he had bestowed upon them and their children, thus laying them under a debt of adoring gratitude and thankfulness for all his benefits, urging all to bring themselves as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto God which was their reasonable service.