

with no more acceptable sacrifice can they for the first time approach this altar than the joy and gratitude which they feel. The edifice which they have raised stands, in its chaste beauty, a monument of their exertions to secure for themselves and afford to others the opportunities of a Scriptural worship ; as they have indicated in the reference to the sacred volume which they have placed over its entrance. And now what remains but that we dedicate this house to the purposes contemplated by its builders ? To religion and its uses we dedicate it — to the worship and glory of the one living and true God. To Christianity and its influences we dedicate it—to the exposition and enforcement of that Gospel which is the rule of life and the charter of salvation. To the well-being of man we dedicate it—in his preparation for the duties of this life and the enjoyment of the life to come. To truth and love and peace we dedicate it, and invite them to dwell within its walls as the guardians of its sanctity. To holy prayer we dedicate it ; to religious instruction we dedicate it ; to sacred song we dedicate it. Here may devotion breathe its sublimest hopes, and wisdom utter its choicest counsels, and music pour forth its sweetest strains. Here may our friend long be permitted to refresh his spirit in the labors of the sanctuary. Long may this memorial of Christian zeal stand, to gather many into the sympathies of fraternal union. As in tranquil dignity it looks down upon the crowded ways of life at its feet, may it seem to speak of a higher and calmer existence. Here may an influence begin, that shall be extended through the city, the neighborhood, the province, in which, in