

an increase in the measure of support given to gospel work at home and abroad. To God be all the praise and glory because he enabled "the people to offer willingly." Permit me to say that this is no new thing in their history, I have been connected with this Church since January, 1861, and I have looked carefully into its history and accounts from the beginning in 1843, and feel bound to say that the people have been characterized all along by a true spirit of christian liberality.

The erection of the temporary wooden edifice on Lagauchetiere Street, where the congregation met for a time, and afterwards of the substantial and costly church in Coté Street, opened in 1847, displayed a faith and a liberality which perhaps have not yet been surpassed. The memory of the blessed services and self-sacrifices of those days is fresh and sacred in the hearts of some who are still with us, and we certainly do not wish, in this hour of gladness, to forget what was done by the sainted men and women who have gone to their reward. It is well that the present generation should emulate their example and recall what they did for the cause of missions, home and foreign, what they did in planting churches, in founding and supporting colleges and benevolent institutions.

The long succession of distinguished men of God brought from Scotland to serve in the pulpit did much to spread a true missionary spirit in our city and country. I need only mention in the succession, to make the matter obvious, such men as W. C. Burns, Dr. John Bonar, Dr. Walter MacGilvray, John MacNaughton, James C. Burns, John Lewis, James Lewis, Dr. Andrew Somerville, the world-renowned Evangelist, and others who preceded the first Pastor, Dr. Donald Fraser, of London.

Not less important was the part taken in promoting the spread of evangelical truth by our Deacons and Elders. Here are names of some who have passed away from among us that should always be had in honour: James Orr, Dr. MacNider, John Redpath, James Court, John Campbell, Joseph Mackay, Judge Torrance, James Dunbar and James Davison. With the exception of the first two, it was my privilege to be associated with all of them in christian work for years, and I do not expect to see a more devoted and exemplary company of office bearers. I could say much