

revered it as the Sanctuary of God. Had not God put it into their hearts thus to act, how different would have been our position on this consecrated day! In the language of the Prophet we should have had to exclaim, "Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised Thee, is burnt up with fire, and all our pleasant things are laid waste." The loss would have been severe, in the present circumstances of our community; and to many, the trial of feeling would have been more than the loss of money. Another building you might have had, but not the building where your fathers had worshipped; another structure, more stately perhaps, more spacious, and more ornamented, but not the structure which reared its head amid the trees of the forest, and first invited the loyal sons of the infant Colony to worship within its walls. No doubt there are hearts here this evening, to which these recollections are dear; aye, dearer far than the pillars and the dome, and the turrets of the most splendid edifice that could have occupied the place where OLD TRINITY CHURCH had stood. As then, your ordinances, and the blessings which attend them, and your holy House where your fathers have worshipped, are still preserved to you, lift up your hands in the Sanctuary and bless the Lord; yea, say with the Psalmist, "We have thought of thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy Temple!"

But lastly. While we think of the loving-kindness of our God, let us not forget the duties that devolve upon ourselves. We have admired the love of Christ, but let that love constrain us to live to Him who died for us! We have lauded the zeal of those who laboured to preserve our Sanctuary—let us remember that it behoves all of us to labour that we may enter into the rest of God. We have all a work to perform—an arduous and difficult work. We have to work out our own salvation; we have to work for the honour of God. Let us be zealous in this work; zealous to accomplish it *at all hazards*; zealous to accomplish it in *due time*.—While the flames encompassed the Tower of our Church,