

church officers, elders, deacons, and trustees then in office who greeted me that day, only four are living, and of that number only one, Mr. Albion P. Higgins, is now a member of this congregation. I wonder how many there are this morning that gathered before my pulpit on that Easter Sunday thirty years ago. As many of you as there are present that were at that service thirty years ago, will do me a favour if you will rise in your pews. (Thirteen people here stood up.)

God bless you! If it hadn't been for you, this ark would never have been built. Ah! we had happy days in that modest chapel. The tempest of civil war was raging, with Lincoln's steady hand at the helm. We got our share of the gale, but we set our storm sails, and every one that could handle ropes stood at his or her place. Just think of the contributions that small church made during the first year of my pastorate—\$20,000, not in paper, but in gold! That little band in that chapel was not only generous in donations, but valiant in spirit, and it was under the gracious shower of a revival that we removed into this edifice on the 16th of March, 1862. The subsequent history of the church was published so fully at the notable anniversary five years ago, that I need only repeat the chief head-lines in a very few sentences. In 1863 Mr. William Wickes started a school, which afterwards grew into the Cumberland-street Church. In 1866 occurred that wonderful work of grace that resulted in the addition of 320 souls to our membership, 100 of them heads of families. As a thank-offering to God for that rich blessing, the Memorial Mission School was established, which was soon organized into the Memorial Presbyterian Church, now on Seventh avenue, under the excellent pastorate of my brother Nelson. During the winter of 1867 a conference of gentlemen was held in yonder study, which set on foot the present Classon avenue Church, where my brother Chamberlain ministers equally satisfactorily. Olivet mission was organized in 1871. It will always be fragrant with the memory of Horace B. Griffin, its first superintendent. The Cuyler Chapel was opened on Atlantic avenue in March, 1886, by our Young Peoples Association, who are maintaining it most vigorously. The little Corwin mission on Myrtle avenue was established by a member of the church, to perpetuate his name, and is largely sustained by members of this church.

Of all the efficient, successful labors of the Lafayette Avenue Temperance Society, the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, their Benevolent Society, the Cuyler Mission Band, the Daughters of the Temple, and other kindred organizations, I have no

time or place to speak this morning. But I must repeat now what I have said in past years, that the two strong arms of this church are its Sunday-school and its Young Peoples Association. The former has been well kept up to the ideal of such an institution. It is that of a training school of young hearts for this life and for a life to come. God's blessing has descended upon it like the morning dew. Of the large number of children that have been enrolled in its classes 730 have been received into membership with this church alone, and to the profession of faith in Christ, to say nothing of those who have joined elsewhere. Warmly do I thank, and heartily do I congratulate our beloved brother, Daniel W. McWilliams, and his faithful group of teachers, and the superintendent of the primary department and her group of assistants, on the seal which God has set upon their lovely work. When they contemplate the long array of children whom they have guided to Jesus, they too can exclaim "What is our joy or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the Lord?" If the Sunday-school has rendered good service, so has the well-drilled, well-weaponed Young People's Association. The fires of devotion have never gone out on the altar of their Monday evening gatherings. For length of age and number of membership combined, probably it surpasses all similar young peoples associations in our country. About three thousand names have been on its membership roll, and of this number twelve have set their faces towards the Gospel ministry. O, what a source of joy to me that I can leave that association in such a high condition of vigor and prosperity. No church can languish, no church can die while it has plenty of young blood in its veins.

What has been the outcome of these thirty years of happy pastorate? As far as the results can be tabulated the following is a brief summary: During my pastorate here I have preached about 2750 discourses, have delivered a very large number of public addresses in behalf of Sunday-schools, Young Mens Associations, the temperance reform and kindred enterprises for advancing human welfare. I have officiated at 98 marriages. I have baptized 962 children. The total number received into membership of this church during this time has been 4223. Of this number 1920 have united by confession of their faith in Jesus Christ. An army, you see, an army of nearly two thousand souls, have enlisted under the banner of King Jesus and taken their sacramentum or vow of loyalty before this pulpit. What is our crown of rejoicing? Are not even they in the presence of Christ at His coming?

It is due to you that I should commend