

inheritance, and they who have turned many to righteousness shall "shine as the stars for ever and ever."

Giving utterance, as I now do, to these closing sentences on the eve of the final separation from this Old Church, the picture presents itself to my mind's vision, of a little group of five—myself among the number, who during the years of its existence have ministered from this Pulpit. Of these I happen to occupy the central position, with, on the one hand, two predecessors in the Ministry of this Church—of whom the former has years ago finished his earthly career, leaving behind him the record of an earnest and devoted ministry, both here and elsewhere; and the latter, following the convictions of his own mind, though it involved a marked change of views on important points of belief and of Church organization, afterwards cast in his lot with another section of the Christian Church! Whilst on the other hand, of my two Successors in this Church, it is enough for me in their presence to say that they have already proved themselves able Ministers of the New Testament; and to utter as I do with all sincerity the prayer for each that his "bow may long abide in strength," and that among the People to whom they so acceptably minister, they may both have many Seals of their Ministry.