

ed a sermon on this text, and I have thought that I could not better discharge my duty to-day than by setting before you in a revised and fuller form my views as to the great truths it is designed to teach. I have seen no reason to change my conviction of the paramount importance of these precious truths. The longer I live the longer am I disposed to cleave to them as the sum and substance of "the faith once delivered to the saints," and with all earnestness to exhort you to do so also, and not to suffer yourself to be tossed to and fro with every varying wind of doctrine. Hold fast, I entreat you, the profession of your faith without wavering, and be not moved away from the hope of your calling. I am sure that these truths will be faithfully, resolutely, and lovingly proclaimed by the new pastor whom I now introduce to you, and earnestly commend to your affectionate regards. I have known him long and intimately, and from the first been warmly attached to him. Indeed, I should not hesitate to say of him more unreservedly than almost any other whom I have known, "Behold an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile," a man deserving to be held in honour even more for his transparent simplicity of character, his deep piety and earnest devotedness to the work of his profession, than for his scholarship, abilities, and attainments. His lot for many years has been cast in a distant part of the colonial field, where by much faithful service and patient self-denying labours, he proved himself a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, and succeeded in a remarkable degree in attaching to himself the numerous and intelligent congregation to whom he ministered, and from whom before his departure he received the most touching proofs of their affection and their gratitude for the benefits they had received through his ministry. He has returned to the home of his childhood on your call and invitation, and has already received from you a cordial welcome. I congratulate you on having secured such a pastor, who, I am confident, will make full proof of his ministry among you, doing the work of an evangelist zealously and successfully, labouring in season and out of season for your good, warning every man and teaching every man that he may present every

man faultless in Christ Jesus; visiting the sick, comforting the sorrowful, instructing the young, and doing all he can by example as well as by precept to commend to you his Master and his message. He is eminently worthy of your confidence, your esteem, your hearty sympathy and earnest prayers; and I cannot doubt that you will esteem him very highly in love for his work's sake, that you will attend regularly on his ministrations and strive to profit by them, that you will bear him on your spirits at a throne of grace, and that in every possible way you will do your utmost to strengthen his hands and encourage his heart in the work on which he this day enters. God grant that he may be long spared to go in and out among you, and may prove an instrumental of richest blessing to your souls. And in that dread day, when he and you shall appear before the great white throne may you be enabled to give in your account with joy; yea, without one lacking, may you be presented before the presence of the Master's glory with exceeding joy, and brought to those blessed abodes where the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne shall himself feed you and lead you to living fountains of water, and God shall wipe away all tears from your eyes.

In the afternoon, the Rev. Mr. Herdman occupied the pulpit and preached from Romans i. 16; "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." The large church was crowded to overflowing, for besides every inch of standing room being occupied, a great many had to go away, being unable to gain admission within the walls.

Mr. Herdman concluded his discourse, which was at least eloquent and impressive, as follows:—"Through your kindness, and in God's good providence, called to discharge my ministry in my native parish after a lengthened absence, let me in the first place acknowledge Him who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will, and who orders the goings of his servants, and who smooths their way. It would be but small comfort were not I able, in the events of the last six months, to perceive that guiding hand that orders all for the best, and whose tender mercies are over all His works. Recognizing Him