

all essentials to church life and work you have acted as one man. A cardinal principle with you has been, "United we stand; divided we fall." Your appreciation of the means of grace, your loyalty to the Scriptures and sound doctrines as contained in the doctrinal standards of our church, has been most conspicuous. It could not well have been otherwise after such indoctrinating as you received from that reverend and eminent servant of God, Thomas Christie—an indoctrinating certain to find its way to succeeding generations and to lay the foundations for a safe and abiding theology. This church cannot feel too thankful that early in its history it had for so long a period such an able expounder of the pure Word of God. This always impressed me in my connections with this church and I have no doubt it has my successors also. When we think of the seventy-five years of continuous Gospel preaching in this place, of the many who have been safely gathered into the fold of the Great Shepherd of the young converted to God and sent out into the world to lives of usefulness in a variety of occupations, of the sorrows that have been assuaged, and the burdens that have been lifted, of the impetus to reform work in society and the commonwealth, to which you have contributed, and the lives of virtue and Godliness which have been lived, and which are an example to coming generations, there is abundant cause for delight and thankfulness on this Anniversary occasion. I rejoice with you that God, in His goodness, gave your predecessors a place in the ranks, and permitted them to serve, some for so many years with honor, and you to succeed them in that service.

Two of the four pastors who have served you in the period you commemorate, have entered into rest. They had honorable careers. They will be long remembered by those who were benefitted and blessed by their lives. Time goes on, and the ranks are diminished. Men do, men must grow old, but the Church of Jesus Christ must ever remain young. Generations pass away but the Church of the living God endures. And this is according to a divine law. The Church does not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the