

earnest services, for nearly half a century, of the several Ministers of Christ who from this pulpit have expounded the Word of God with more or less force and fuiness, should not have been instrumental, under the aid of His heavenly grace, in savingly impressing some hearts, and comforting others, and helping poor fellow-sinners in the way to Heaven. And thus, possibly, of more than appeared to human eye, it may come at last to be told, concerning the two generations of worshippers who have sat in these pews, of "this man and of that man that he was born here"—that here he entered on the Spiritual life, or was here advanced a stage in his journey Zionward.

It is not wise for one to be too confident in assertions respecting results which only eternity will fully disclose. The day shall at length declare it. But one thing at least is certain even now, that in the record of the history of every worshipper who ever sat in these pews, there is a silent witness in these now deserted walls, whose testimony can never be set aside, as to the use to which have been put the long aggregate of Sabbath Services—the sermons and the prayers—the praises and the exhortations—all the work and all the aims of which this house has been the scene.

And this is true both of Speakers and of Hearers, from first to last of this Church's history ! The full meaning and force of that record may not be realized now, for our present lot is to see darkly as through a glass ; but its testimony is now sealed against that day, and it shall all be read in the light of eternity when the Lord cometh to take account of stewardships—whether of the public Teacher, or of the private member—when the humble Christian who has been true to his faith in the unseen shall enter on the enduring