

being with us in our wanderings, which is henceforth to find a habitation and a resting place.

“It is pleasing also to reflect that—as in the erection of the first Temple, and in the more memorable foundation of the Christian Church—the period chosen for our solemn dedication is one of universal peace—our country, in the full career of her high and honourable destiny, respected amongst the nations of the world for her piety and her charity, as she has been in the day of trial, with the blessing of God, in her martial achievements.

“It has been said, that the sun never rises nor sets upon Englishmen ; and wherever it shines upon them, whether in the temperate or the torrid zone, by sea or by land, may they never forget the hand that has hitherto conducted them through perils ; or, that they are engaged in the service of Him, who has promised to those who faithfully serve Him, to be with and sustain them always, and to build his temple in their hearts.

“It has been my lot to visit many regions where Englishmen have lived and died, far remote from the sepulchres of their country ; and from the sense of desolation to which the impression has often given rise, it is to me an especial consolation to witness in the latter part of my life, the growing expansion in the East and in the West of our ancient and venerable Church, destined, as I believe, by the Providence which watches over us, and sanctifies our labours, to sustain her part in the spread of the Gospel, the herald of ‘peace on earth, and good will towards men.’