

morrow's sun will greet your approach, as you exclaim hopefully, with reference to another temple, "Let us go up to the House of the Lord." And amid all the freshness of the new start then to be made on the unknown future of your congregational history, the thoughtful and devout mind will not refuse to bear along with it into to-morrow's work of dedicating a new temple to the Service of Almighty God, the old memories and associations which yet survive and circle still around this House of Prayer, now being closed, to be opened no more for your Sabbath assemblies.

In all likelihood there may not be one—assuredly there cannot be many here this evening who saw the foundation of this building laid! Well nigh fifty years have passed away since your predecessors erected this then goodly edifice in which the Worship of the God of their Fathers might be established according to the forms their Fathers taught them. I can well imagine that it was a day of rejoicing among her Children here, when this Church was opened in full sympathy and direct connection with the Church of Scotland—the venerable mother of Presbyterian Churches throughout the world! Although, for this Congregation, recent occurrences have made formal connection with that Church less direct than it was wont to be, yet I was glad to learn from yourself, Mr. Chairman, some months ago when we stood around the corner-stone of the new church then being laid, that your Congregation still retained a warm attachment to the Church of Scotland from which they sprung; and although your People are now leaving this site which was honored by that connection for so many years, they are not withdrawing from the System of doctrines, nor abandoning the Associations and Sympathies with which this spot is connected; but that you