

BRICK CHURCH MEMORIAL

CONTAINING

THE DISCOURSES DELIVERED BY DR. SPRING ON THE
CLOSING OF THE OLD CHURCH IN BEEKMAN
ST., AND THE OPENING OF THE NEW
CHURCH ON MURRAY HILL;

THE DISCOURSE DELIVERED

ON THE

Fiftieth Anniversary

OF HIS INSTALLATION AS PASTOR OF THE BRICK CHURCH;

WITH

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE

MEMORIAL MEETING,

AND

THE DISCOURSE PREACHED ON THE OCCASION

OF

MRS. SPRING'S DECEASE.

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The REV. DR. KREBS then presented and read an Address from the Presbytery of New York, prefacing it with the following remarks :

ADDRESS OF THE REV. DR. KREBS.

DR. SPRING :—My dear Sir, my honored Friend and Father : I think myself happy in having been selected by your Co-Presbyters and mine to be the organ of their communication with you upon this interesting occasion. But it would ill become me to occupy this time with the expression of my personal feelings. I am charged with the presentation to you of the sentiments of your brethren in the ministry of Jesus Christ. When it was made known to them, about the beginning of July, that the people of this congregation designed this commemorative service, which was at first appointed for the sixth of August, they immediately arranged to be represented in it. And, although the appointment was necessarily postponed by the affecting event which, when we call to mind its circumstances and coincidences, we cannot help regarding as an EUTHANASIA, it has not been thought proper to make any alteration of the Address which had been prepared. I have now the happiness

of presenting it to you in the name of the Presbytery

Dr. Krebs then read the Address as follows :

ADDRESS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.

TO THE REV. GARDINER SPRING, D.D., LL.D.,

Our Venerable Co-Presbyter and Beloved Bro. in the Gospel Ministry :

The Presbytery of New York, having learned with great satisfaction that it is proposed by the congregation of the Brick Presbyterian Church in this city to commemorate, on the sixth day of August, the fiftieth anniversary of your ordination and instalment as their pastor, unanimously agreed to avail themselves of the occasion to present to you, through the undersigned, their affectionate salutations and recognition of the interesting event.

During this period of your active life, you have been a spectator of the wonderful progress which has marked the history of the world and of our own country, recorded within this interval. You have seen the equally wonderful progress of the church of God, and of our own church, widely extended through this land, and spreading with missionary enterprise among the heathen. You have seen this great city growing from a few score

thousands to nearly a million of inhabitants, and enriched and adorned with wealth, with institutions of religion, learning, and art, and achieving mighty influence, until it has already become the third among the capitals of Christendom, and is aspiring to be the commercial capital of the world. You have seen the churches of our Order, from less than half a score in number, multiplied tenfold, and strengthened with many tokens of gracious revival and divine blessing; and you have borne a favored part therein. You have seen many of them—including the Old Brick itself, venerable with sacred and historic associations—removed with the advance of population and prosperity from the sites where they were originally established, to better positions, and more convenient and beautiful edifices.

It has pleased him who appoints the number of our months and determines the bounds of our habitation, to prolong your days with vigor, and your ministry with abundant usefulness,—while you have seen all who in this city were your contemporaries in the ministry at the commencement of your own, passing away. The fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever? The aged members of this congregation who, then here, solicited and witnessed your ordination, are all gone. Even that younger band, who stood around you and welcomed you as their pastor while

yet the dew of your youth was upon you, and they too were blossoming with promise, are represented by a few hoary heads. The names of the rest of them have been transferred from the registries of this church to monumental stone. Their enduring record is on high.

Of the members of the Presbytery at the time of your ordination, not one survives among us. Of all who succeeded them, and compose it now, every one admitted with your consent, no small proportion has come into human life within the period of your prolonged pastorate.

We salute you as the Father of the Presbytery. We hail, with you, this day, the completion of half a century spent in the ministry of our adorable Lord and Saviour, and in your first and only pastorate laboriously and happily devoted to the edification of one congregation,—surpassing even the prolonged service of the sainted Rodgers in the same field,—an example, the first in our history as a Presbytery and in this city, and any where as rare as it is beautiful and touching, especially in these times of restlessness and change.

We are glad to acknowledge the dignity, courtesy, and kindness which have impressed upon your younger brethren the wise counsels by which our conferences and deliberations have been assisted,—the encouragement we have derived from your coöperation in works and labors of love,—

the comfort of your sympathy in trials,—and the force of your personal example and unstained character, and of all the grace of God that was with you,—whereby the common salvation has been promoted, our intercourse with you and with each other has been so harmonious and so happy, and our love and veneration for your person and ministry have been continually enlarged.

We rejoice with you in the long and beautiful attachment of the people among whom you have passed your ministry in all good prosperity and honor,—in their recent consideration and care to lighten the labors of your declining years by giving to you a colleague in your pastoral office,—and in this present demonstration of their continued affection and respect.

Our prayers are joined with them that your days to come may yet be long,—like the palm-tree planted in the house of the Lord, and flourishing in the courts of our God, and bringing forth fruit in old age. And when all your work is done, may your last look on the world be cheered with the sight of the Redeemer's kingdom advancing, and your peaceful departure be followed with an abundant entrance into that glorious kingdom, where they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

We subscribe ourselves, your brethren in the

gospel of our Lord, on behalf of the Presbytery of New York,

JOHN M. KREBS,

Pastor of the Rutgers Street Church.

W. W. PHILLIPS,

Pastor of the 1st Pres. Ch. in New York.

R. McCARTEE,

Pastor Westminster Church, New York.

EBENEZER PLATT,

Ruling Elder in Rutgers Street Church.

WM. WALKER,

Ruling Elder Pres. Ch., 5th Av. & 19th St.

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At its conclusion, Dr. Spring replied by a bow. He then said that a beloved brother, Rev. Dr. Samuel Spring, of Hartford, had expected to be present on this occasion, but as he had been detained by sickness, he had kindly sent his address in manuscript. Dr. Spring, therefore, moved that his son, GARDINER SPRING, Jr., Esq., should be requested to read it in behalf of his uncle. The motion was adopted, and Mr. Spring then read the address, as follows:

ADDRESS OF REV. SAMUEL SPRING, D. D.

MR. CHAIRMAN:—With no design of throwing a shade of pensiveness over a most joyous proceed-