

Miscellaneous.

FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT. CHANGE OF BASE—DEDICATION.

By one of these sudden transitions so easily accomplished in our day we find ourselves somewhere about three hundred miles south of Rochester, in a milder climate, with vegetation more advanced, and yet among a people so like some of the noblest specimens in western New York, that it is hard to realize that we have made any change.

His house of worship is an admirable specimen of church architecture, said to be one of the finest in the State. But the best part of the church is the people. And here are families of great wealth and cultivation; liberally supporting the institutions of the gospel among themselves, generously and handsomely caring for their beloved minister, and giving largely to the various causes of benevolence.

The building is of brick, to correspond with the church, about 70x40 feet in size, and cost about \$20,000. It stands upon a side street, about fifty feet from the rear of the church. It is cruciform on one side, furnishing a side entrance to the Sunday School rooms, while the main entrance to the Lecture Room is in front.

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And now comes the dedication on Sabbath afternoon. That gifted young minister, Dr. Duryea of Brooklyn, is present, and has occupied the church pulpit, to the highest gratification of all in the morning.

We have not room to speak of the separate services as we could wish; the anthem by the choir, singing by the school, and Historical sketch by the model Superintendent, Dr. J. W. Kerr. The latter has held his position a long time, much esteemed and beloved in this relation, as the order and success of the school abundantly testifies.

A single thought, incidentally thrown out by the latter, occasioned a considerable and unexpected change of the programme. There was a debt of about \$2000 settled upon the building about to be given to religious uses. Dr. Duryea had spoken of the blessedness of doing good, the rewards of benevolence the right use of money, how much better to expend it for such ends than to hoard it,

and the like. The pastor, in a few graceful words, said that a little more money was necessary in order to dedicate the building just as it should be given to the Lord, and proposed to go through with all the rest of the services, but reserve the prayer of dedication for another meeting in the evening. Between the afternoon and evening meetings, about \$4000 were easily raised, more than enough to cancel the indebtedness, and then the house was given entirely to the Lord.

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