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LEAVES FROM A CENTURY PLANT.

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It was pleasant to have this eminent divine of the Episcopal Church with us, and listen to his kind and Christian words.

HON. W. C. ALEXANDER.

After the singing of the old anthem "Strike the Cymbal," by the choir, the Hon. W. C. ALEXANDER, of New York, another son of Rev. ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER, D.D., was introduced to the audience, and made one of his happiest off-hand addresses, of which we are sorry there is no full report. He had come here, he said, through the invitation of the present pastor, and had desired to be a silent auditor and witness of the festivities of this joyous occasion. He had come from the busy whirl and hum of the great metropolis to this sacred place, where he so often heard his father preach, and where he once knew every face. He looked about this vast assemblage for some familiar face, but in vain. He distinctly remembered this old church and its people, but not as they now are. In a familiar and pleasant style he then described the church as it was when he was a boy and attended here,

and distinctly remembered how "awfully long" the sermons were, and how delighted he was when the preacher said "Amen." The old sexton, David Allen, was vividly before his mind, who was every Sabbath seen with his cowhide in hand, which he not unfrequently made use of on dogs and unruly boys. He then described many of the families of the olden times, how they dressed, and where they sat in the church. In concluding, he said, as his friend, Dr. Duffield, had this morning presented to the church a valuable paper, in the first and original call made by this congregation for a pastor, he could not do any better than to present the one he held in his hand—the original call extended by this church to his father, Rev. Archibald Alexander, in the year 1806. Here the speaker read the call and the names subscribed to it, and closed with an eloquent exhortation to the present members of the church to sustain the good work so nobly commenced and carried on to this its hundredth birth-day, and expressed, in earnest language, his hopes and prayers for the future prosperity of the church.

The afternoon services closed with the chorus "Glory be to God on High," and the Benediction.





ARCHIBALD ALEXANDER, D. D.  
1806-1812.