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The speaker presented many valuable statistics in regard to the legislation, growth and prosperity of Michigan, and dwelt at length on the building of the new capitol from the time the corner stone was first laid to the present. He paid a high compliment to the skill and integrity of its builders and closed with an elaborate reference to the old capitol at Rome and the new capitol of liberty.
He referred to Michigan's glorious record in the war to put down a wicked rebellion, and compared her growth with that of Arkansas, which was admitted into the union at about the same time, but which suffered for years under the accursed blight of slavery, then plunged headlong into the rebellion, and where to-day equal rights and political freedom are denied to all her citizens. In this connection he thought the sooner a solid south was made to know her place the better. If need be Michigan stands as ready now with 100,000 men to put down southern tyranny, violence and fraud, as she did to do her part in putting down the slaveholders' rebellion of 1861. She has not ratified the 15th amendment in vain. Let the south take timely warning. If there is no gratitude left among them let them at least have some sense.
On motion of S. D. Bingham it was voted to have the sermon printed in full in pamphlet form.
The speaker was applauded at various points in his plain practical sermon, and seldom has an audience showed more interest than that assembled in these union services.
AT ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
A good congregation assembled, and the rector, Rev. J. W. Clark, preached from Ephesians v: 20, "Giving thanks always for all things to God and the Father, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."
The duty of giving thanks, is a just and religious act, and conduces to man's enjoyment and advantage. In the operations of material nature, the various elements aid and help each other, or reciprocate favors. It is the general conviction of mankind that a return is due to acts of kindness, by deeds if possible, but if not by words that indicate the feeling of gratitude. It is a religious act, being expressly enjoined in the scriptures so that man may show forth the glory of God. Some receive more than others, but to all something is given, and even the most destitute may be

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