

THE REV. MR. SANSON'S SUNDAY SCHOOL ADDRESS AND REPLY.

To the Rev. Alexander Sanson, Minister of Trinity Church, Toronto.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We, the teachers of the Sunday School in connection with the Church of which, in the good Providence of God you are the Pastor, beg to tender you our grateful thanks for the manner in which you have employed those means that are in your power for the furtherance of our eternal welfare. We feel deeply the blessing of having laid before us the precious truths of the Gospel in their purity, and we rejoice that the only, yet sufficient fountain, open for sin and uncleanness—even the blood of the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world, and a free salvation through faith in Christ, have been deemed by you the only subjects of vital importance, and worthy of our constant attention. We admire your total want of that fear of man which bringeth a snare, and your constant remembrance of Him to whom you are answerable for all your actions. We pray your acceptance of the accompanying purse as a small token of our esteem and regard, with an earnest hope that you may be long spared to lay before your congregation the unsearchable riches of Christ, and that the blessed Spirit of God may be abundantly poured out upon you. We beg to subscribe ourselves as your

Very faithful friends,

S. H. Blake, Alexander Lee, Charles Armerol, Robert McKim, George Reynolds, Edward Thomas, John McKenna, Chas. McCaffroy, Alfred Medcalf, William Shutter, John Blakely, Emily Lee, Hannah Bright, Annie Gooderham, Mary Redmond, Margaret Blakely, Jane Kane, Margaret Ryan, Anne Fair, Charlotte Yalling, Louisa Jackson, Savannah Gordon.
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REPLY.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—It is with no common feelings that I rise to attempt a reply to your affecting address. The presence of so many teachers and other friends is to me a most gratifying sight. The tone and sentiments of your address go at once to my heart; while the handsome purse, with the very liberal donation of two hundred and thirty dollars, affords me a proof of the depth of those feelings to which you give expression. It has been, I confess, my constant aim to lay before you and the congregation committed to my charge the precious truths of the Gospel in their purity; to point to the fountain opened for sin and for uncleanness in the blood of the Lamb; to proclaim first of all a full and free salvation through faith in Christ Jesus; and this I have endeavoured to do uninfluenced by the fear or favour of my follow-men. But no one knows better than myself how far, in these respects, I have come short of my own earnest language, not to say of the standard of ministerial efficacy contained in the Holy Scriptures. I rejoice, however, to think that my humble efforts to preach Christ, Him first, Him midst, Him last, have received your intelligent appreciation, and I trust the sympathy and kindness which you have displayed will encourage me to press forward in the delightful and glorious course of preaching among you still the unsearchable riches of Christ. Many thanks for your presence on this occasion; many thanks for your highly valued address; many thanks for your generous gift. May the Spirit of God rest upon us both; furnish us for our work of faith and labour of love; and make us meet in Heaven for Christ's sake.

PRESENTATION AT DARLINGTON.

The following address, with its accompaniment, has been presented to the Rev. Dr. Macnab, Rector of St. John's Church, Bowmanville, by his parishioners.—“We, the undersigned, members of the congregation of St. John's Church, Darlington, have chosen this, it being the eighth anniversary of your ministry amongst us, as a fitting moment for the expression of our thankfulness to Almighty God for the preservation of your health in the discharge of your sacred duties; and since your conscientious scruples would not permit of your allowing a vote of thanks to be presented by the vestry, and we, the undersigned, considering that some special mark of the affection in which your services are held by us is due to you, for the consistent and unflinching manner in which you have at all times performed those duties, beg respectfully your acceptance of the accompanying Communion Service, an appropriate pledge, we trust, of our Christian affection towards you as a pastor, and of our sense of the gratitude we owe to the Almighty for the privilege of attending His Services under so enlightened and Christian a minister. We devoutly pray that your valued labours may be long continued to us, and that you and your family may be blessed here with all the blessings of this life, and in the world to come with life everlasting.”

THE REV. DR. MACNAB'S REPLY.

“My dear Brethren,—Most heartily do I thank you and the numerous and various heads of families whom on this occasion you represent, for the encouraging sentiments of approbation and affection that are expressed in your truly Christian address, and for the very appropriate and useful present of the accompanying beautiful pocket Communion Service. An assurance on your part, of respectful and affectionate regard, was not wanting, for the consistent and steady support which you have at all times rendered me, in important parochial matters, has long since fully convinced me alike of your attachment to the Church of your choice, and of your faithfulness to me as one of Her duly accredited ministers. For myself, I may say, however imperfectly I may have discharged the functions of my

high and holy calling, I have the satisfaction of knowing that, during the eight years of my ministry among you, it has always been my most sincere and earnest endeavour to perform those sacred duties consistently with my ordination vow—in accordance with the teaching of our beloved Church. And as the result, I trust, my humble labours, under the Divine blessing, have not been altogether in vain. Indeed, notwithstanding the obstacles that have been thrown in the way of Her progress, I am persuaded that at no previous period of Her history, in this neighborhood, did the Church, in relation to its various interests, in a thoroughly commend her principles and discipline to the understanding, confidence, and support of all her truly enlightened members. That this may be increasingly the case, in the future, let me urge upon you, as well as upon myself, importance of greater spirituality of mind, holiness of life, and unity of effort in promoting the salvation of our own souls and that of those by whom we are surrounded. As you are pleased to allude, in your address, to my family, allow me, on their account, to thank you for this sympathetic interest in their welfare, as well as for your prayers for our continued health and happiness. Wishing you, my dear friends, one and all, with each and every member of your respective families, every needed temporal and spiritual blessing in this world, with a blissful immortality in that which is to come.

“I remain ever your devoted Pastor,

“A. MACNAB.

“To A. Dixon and R. Manning, Esqs., and forty others.”

St. Paul's Church, Fort Erie, which has lately been closed for alterations, was re-opened on the afternoon of Sunday the 2nd inst. Prayers were read by the Rev. H. G. Wood, Rector of Grace Church, Black Rock, and a sermon for the occasion was preached by the Rev. Provost Whitaker. The interior of the church has been re-arranged, open seats having been substituted for the former inconvenient and unsightly pews, and additional accommodation has thus been provided for about fifty persons. The Rector begs to offer his best acknowledgments to those Christian people in the diocese of Toronto, and the neighbouring city of Buffalo, to whose kindness and liberality the congregation is indebted for the improvement of their church.

GREAT BRITAIN.

ENGLAND.—The revival of the Convocation of the Province of York is to take place at the opening of Parliament. The Commissioner at the late prorogation said: “As the present meeting was for the purpose of prorogation, it was the wish of the President that no business, beyond that of presenting petitions, if there were any, should be entered upon. Her Majesty having signified her consent that the convocation should deliberate with the view of enacting a new canon, the time will soon arrive when it will become its duty to discuss the matter which then will be laid before it.”

The Bishop of Ripon has addressed a letter to an incumbent in his diocese, complaining of a professional singer having been advertised as an attraction at the reopening of his church. His Lordship's observations are most pertinent, and among other things he says: “I consider such an announcement as this highly objectionable, nor can I refrain from marking my strong disapproval of it. The Church of God is not the place to which crowds of persons ought to be attracted to hear professional singing. Performances of this kind belong to other places altogether, and it is a profanation of a church to convert it into a place of attraction for the lovers of fine music to attend for the purpose of hearing select pieces of music by eminent musical performers. I delight in good music. I often hear in the churches of the diocese congregational singing which is scarcely equalled in any portion of the kingdom; but the talent for music and the love of singing which are so peculiar to the West Riding only render it the less necessary to invoke any foreign aid in the conduct of this portion of our public worship.”

The friends of the Mission to Central Africa must exert themselves in order to counteract the mischievous representations of some parties respecting it. A letter against it appeared in Wednesday's *Record*, indorsed by the following editorial comment: “We are desirous to advert to the letter which appears in our correspondence department, with reference to the High Church Mission to Central Africa. We have already called attention to the abuse of Dr. Livingstone's name in furtherance of this scheme, in the sacramental theology and ultraritualism of whose supporters we know that he has not the least sympathy. It has been distinctly stated that the great African pioneer looks to the Church Missionary Society to enter on the fields which he may open up to missionary enterprise. The assumption that the new mission has been established to fulfil the wishes and views of one who, till lately, was an agent of the London Missionary Society, is, therefore, most unwarrantable. In confirmation of this view, we may point to the fact that both Dr. McNeill and Canon Stowell have felt it needful to warn their congregations as to the unfounded pretensions and ambiguous constitution of the so-called Universities' Central African Mission.”

FROME, SELWOOD (SOMERSET).—The Rev. W. J. E. Bennett, Vicar of Frome Selwood, has already raised the sum of £2050, in part of the £4000 required for the restoration of the nave of the parish church. It is expected that the works will be commenced in the spring. The church, when restored to its ancient glory, will be a noble and lasting memorial of the good Bishop Ken, who lies interred beneath its walls.