

To the Parishioners of St. Paul's.

Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

IN complying with the wish, expressed by several among you, that I should commit these Lectures to the press, I have had many feelings to struggle with. The fear, lest the love of your approbation should weigh more with my heart than the desire of promoting the glory of God, on the one hand, and on the other, the fear lest the vanity of appearing in print should be attributed to me as my motive, had nearly decided me against publishing them. But I could not feel justified, when committing the matter in prayer to God, in refusing on this account to commit them to the press, when a good hope was set before me of being useful, in the smallest degree, to any one soul. In this hope, Brethren, I cast my bread upon the waters, and pray that the Lord may cause the seed sown to take root, and bring forth fruit to your present edification, and your everlasting blessedness.

I remain, Brethren,

Your servant for Christ's sake,

WILLIAM COGSWELL.

HALIFAX, April 11th, 1836.