

## Address and Presentation.

TO THE REV. THOMAS DUNCAN, MINISTER  
OF ST. JAMES', CHARLOTTETOWN:

REVEREND AND DEAR BROTHER:—In view of your approaching departure from among us to visit your paternal home, I have been deputed by the members of this Congregation to offer you an expression of their affectionate regard.

It is now some twelve years since you undertook the duties of our pastor, during all which time your exemplary deportment, and the high tone of Christian propriety which has so eminently characterized your conduct, have been such as renders it a most pleasing office to myself to be the instrument for carrying out the wishes of so many of your friends.

Our united prayers to Almighty God will be offered at His throne of grace that you may safely reach your fatherland, and after enjoying for a season the society of those so very dear to you. He will enable you to return to us in renewed health and strength to resume your honored position in our midst.

I am also desirous to ask your acceptance of this purse of one hundred pounds as a slight mark of our heartfelt gratitude for the many obligations you have placed us under, individually and collectively, during the period of our intercourse.

J. HAMILTON GRAY, Colonel,  
Chairman of Congregation Meeting St. James', April 13, 1868.

## REPLY:

TO THE HON. J. HAMILTON GRAY, COLONEL, &C., &C., &C.

DEAR SIR:—It affords me the greatest pleasure to acknowledge this very handsome gift, as well as the Address with which, as Chairman of this meeting you have honored me.

The assurance of the affectionate regard of the congregation whom I serve, gives me the greatest comfort, while it deepens the consciousness of my own unworthiness. It is with sincere gratitude I now remember the first hearty welcome extended to me, and the continued interest shown by this people in every Christian work.

To you, my dear Sir, for this expression of your personal esteem, I gladly record my indebtedness, as well as the obligation under which the congregation in general have laid me by their generous reception of my most humble and imperfect services.

The united prayers and cordial sympathy of all my Christian friends, will alike render more happy this brief sojourn in my native land, and help to solace me while absent from my present duty.

While the liberal gift of one hundred pounds enables me to perform my visit with ease and comfort, it gives me the assurance

that the kindness which has consoled as charitably my past imperfections, will render pleasant any prolonged residence here with which the Master may be pleased to favour me. And may the God of peace keep us through His grace, and prepare us for the enjoyment of that blessed intercourse which never ends.

With much respect, yours, &c.,  
THOMAS DUNCAN.

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## Death of the Rev. John Taylor.

LATE OF SEALKOTE.

Died at Alton, by Monkton, Ayrshire, on 18th March, 1868, the Rev. John Taylor, late of Seal-kote, aged 30.

It is due to the memory of this young servant of God, and to the friends of Christian missions, to sketch, in a few sentences, his history. He was a native of the parish of Dreghorn in Ayrshire, and educated at the Academy of Kilmarnock, whither he was removed in childhood. The writer of these lines can vividly recall his docility and diligence as a scholar, and how faithfully the boy foreshadowed the man. By no means unsocial, or indisposed to take part in boyish amusements, he was ever remarkable for conscientiousness in the discharge of school-work. The playground was frequented only when his tasks were completed; and while no one enjoyed better than he did the merry laugh, or clever joke, or innocent game, he ever discouraged and avoided all trifling with honesty and truth and the feelings of others. He became a student of Glasgow University in session 1851-52, where he continued till he was qualified to enter the Church.—Throughout his college curriculum the same qualities that characterized him as a school-boy were prominent; perseverance, combined with excellent natural abilities, made him not only take a good position in all his classes, but in some of them enabled him to carry off high honours. It was during his third session at college that he first began to think seriously of Indian work. During the following winter his mind was fully made up, and with that decision and promptitude with which he ever carried out his convictions, he began all necessary preparations. He opened communication with some of the members of the Indian Committee, and carefully studied any work he could find that treated of the climate, customs, and missions of India.

In September 1859, Mr. Taylor and his colleague Mr. Paterson, still at Seal-kote, sailed from England, and reached their appointed place of labour in April of the following year. The warm welcome and invaluable aid which they received from Captain Ross and others, whose interest in the mission is still unabated, made them enter on their duties in the most energetic and en-