

## ADDRESS

FROM SALTSPRINGS CONGREGATION TO  
REV'D W. McMILLAN.

On the eve of your departure, which we contemplate with sorrow, on behalf of the congregation of Saltsprings, we beg to express to you our high appreciation of your invaluable services to us, as a Minister, while you labored among us. Both in the pulpit, and out of it, you have labored with fidelity and zeal, and your faithful labors will not readily be forgotten by us.

We assure you that we shall long remember your unwearied attention to our spiritual needs, your able, earnest, and faithful discourses to us, on the Sabbath, and at the prayer meeting; and the uniform attention and sympathy shown by you in the case of the sick and the distressed.

The remembrance of your constant labor, your tact, your patience and unflagging diligence, and Christian zeal, will continue, long after the ties between us, as pastor and people, are severed.

We assure you we shall not readily forget your example in promoting every scheme for our welfare as a congregation. Since you came among us, our numbers increased, our Communion roll has been largely added to, year by year, and we have reason to believe that the blessing of Almighty God has attended your labors in our midst, that under your ministry many lives have been quickened, the weak have been strengthened, and seed has been sown, the fruit of which will be made manifest at the great day.

It is with thankfulness that we give expression to the good and kindly feeling towards you, not only among us, but also on the part of all other Christian denominations in our midst.

In parting from you, which we do with unfeigned regret, our best wishes go with you and Mrs. McMILLAN and

your family, and our earnest prayers for your future welfare and prosperity in whatever portion of the Master's vineyard you may be called to labor.

Signed on behalf of the congregation.

HENRY MUNRO, ruling Elder.

ROBT MAXWELL, Chairman of  
Trustees.

Saltsprings, Pictou, 27th April, 1875.

## REPLY.

In reply to your very kind and gratifying address, I beg very cordially to thank you for your very flattering expressions of appreciation of my services among you, during the eight years I had the honor of being your pastor.

If I have succeeded according to your wishes or expectations in the discharge of my duties as your pastor, I owe much of that success to your own generous forbearance, your hearty co-operation, and your warm sympathies.

It is both gratifying and encouraging to me, on the eve of my departure, to know that some measure of good has resulted from my ministrations among you. May he who alone giveth the increase cause the seed to spring up "a hundred fold more," for your good and his own glory. By the sickbed I loved to linger, for I oft felt that "It was good for me to be there."

Having endeavored to cultivate brotherly love with the sister churches around us, I am much pleased with your assurance of their kindly feeling towards us. "Let brotherly love long continue."

Though the official tie is now severed there are yet ties that hold, ties that time will serve but to strengthen. And although, from this date, our co-working will cease here, yet it will not altogether cease, for, though the field of labor be changed, yet the work to be done, and the Master to be served, are the same, hence, as fellow hers of the "inheritance divine," we continue our co-working,