

In the name and behalf of the Trustees and
Managers of St. Andrew's Church,
(Signed) JOHN GIBSON, *Chairman*.
PHILIP THOMPSON, *Sec'y*.

TO THE TRUSTEES AND MANAGERS OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, HALIFAX.—

Gentlemen,—I could not but know somewhat of that regret and reluctance to which you allude as existing among you, in reference to my contemplated removal from the pastoral charge of your church and congregation. I assure you that, on this occasion, similar feelings have no small place with myself; all the more, as this is my first charge in the ministry of the gospel.

I have had not a few reasons and instances for being assured of that friendship and esteem, and respect toward me, of which you speak in that gratifying address, and now herewith so substantially conveyed to me.

I cannot but feel much pleased at the terms of approbation embodied in this address, and at receiving at your hands its handsome and acceptable accompaniment, so thoughtfully and generously provided by you and the warm-hearted people you represent,—for which I desire to return, to all concerned, my most grateful and lasting thanks.

For whatever of success and good may have attended my ministerial work, let us thank God, and rejoice in the power and glory of the word of life.

For the feeling terms in which the departure of myself and family is spoken of, and for the kind and prayerful wishes recorded for our future welfare, be pleased to accept Mrs. Boyd's and my own heartfelt acknowledgments.

Commending you, and all to whom I have been privileged to minister, to the love of God in Christ,

I remain, Gentlemen,
Yours most faithfully and affectionately.
(Signed) GEORGE BOYD.

The following is a copy of the Certificate presented to Mr. Boyd, at the same time, by the Elders:—

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, APRIL 17, 1865.

TO THE REV. GEORGE BOYD, A. M.:

Rev. and Dear Sir,—On the occasion of your vacating the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, which you have so acceptably filled for upwards of eight years,—we, members of the Session, desire to express to you our deep regret, and that of all the congregation, at parting with you, and losing your earnest and evangelical ministrations.

It is very gratifying to us to record that, during your pastorate, uniform cordiality and harmony have ruled our Session meetings and proceedings; marked unanimity and peace have prevailed in the congregation; and feelings of friendship and respect increasingly cherished towards yourselves our minister.

We assure you that we have had much pleasure, and we trust, derived not a little moral and spiritual profit, in co-operating with you in the pastoral oversight of the people; and we believe that lasting edification results from your diligent and successful labors of the pulpit, the Sabbath School and the Bible Class.

That the great Head of the Church may long spare and favour you in the ministry of His word, and at length bestow upon you the reward of the faithful servant, is the fervent prayer of your sincere friends and brethren.

(Sd) JAMES MACLEOD, WILLIAM HAY,
ROBT. MACDONALD, JAMES THOMPSON,
JAMES MARSHALL, JOHN TAYLOR,
PHILIP THOMPSON.
Elders of St. Andrew's Church.

A committee of the ladies of the congregation also waited upon Mrs. Boyd, and presented her with a purse, made by one of the young ladies of the congregation, and containing \$200, (two hundred dollars,) which was most feelingly and suitably acknowledged by the recipient.

Juvenile Foreign Missionary Correspondence.

Few of our readers will be otherwise than delighted after a perusal of the communications which we publish below, in connection with the Orphan School at Calcutta,—with the operations of which scheme all are already pretty well acquainted. We will merely say that this institution affords the means of sound religious instruction to the orphans of India; and all who attend it are entirely supported by Sabbath Schools, or through the liberality of individual members of our Church. To the Sabbath School of St. Andrew's Church in this town belongs the honor of being the only one in Nova Scotia which sustains an orphan, and we hope its example may be copied by many others. The receipt of a letter of thanks from "Lydia"—the orphan thus supported—addressed to the pupils of the above school, through their pastor, has brought this subject more particularly to our notice. Here it is:—

MY DEAR SIR,—

I am writing to you this first letter. Although I am a little girl, I want to see you, because you support me. I think you will be pleased with me. One day Nero's birthday, and our head-mistress gave us some sweetmeats. I am living in a large house with a tank. My dear Sir, I pray for you, and I hope God will bless you. In this school there are many little ones, our head-mistress and our matron very careful for them, and our teacher very patiently learned me, and we give her so much trouble, and I love her very much because she our teacher.

I am your grateful servant.

LYDIA.

The efficient character of the school may be judged of, to a certain extent, by the above, which is given in all its artless simplicity. The orthography and penmanship are exceedingly creditable for a child 8 or 9 years of age; and the quarterly returns report very favorably concerning her progress in reading, sewing, &c., and general good behaviour.

After reading it to the scholars of St. Andrew's, a general invitation was extended to them to prepare a reply. A number were handed in; but it proved a difficult matter to select one, as all were good, though greatly varied in the expression of sentiment. So they were handed over to an advanced pupil, who extracted the essence of each, and embodied it in the following answer:—

PIETOU, N. S., March, 1865.

DEAR LYDIA,—

We were much pleased to have so nice a letter from you, as well as to mark, from the Quarterly