

quhart, of Cornwall, on the occasion of the presentation to him of a pulpit gown. We also find place for his reply. Such tokens of respect and esteem are cheering and encouraging.

To the Rev. Dr. Urquhart, Minister of St. John's Church, Cornwall.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Your Congregation request your acceptance of the accompanying Gown as a slight token of their appreciation of your long and faithful services; and that you may be long spared to come in and go out among them, and finally receive the reward of the faithful servant, is the fervent desire of all.

Cornwall, 3rd Oct., 1861.

To which Dr. Urquhart replied in the following terms:—

DEAR FRIENDS,—Permit me to offer you my warmest thanks for this token of your goodwill and of your appreciation of my poor services among you for so many years past. But, while I prize this as a token of good-will to my person—lamenting only that I deserve it no better,—I prize it still more as a token of regard and respect to my office,—which I am willing to believe it is chiefly intended to be: for, while I desire to abase myself in the sight of God as an unprofitable servant, yet I would magnify my office: and what office can be placed higher than that of being an ambassador of the King of kings, and a minister in the great ministry of reconciliation which a God of mercy has established on the earth. A token of regard to the Christian ministry I highly appreciate wherever I see it; for I look upon the growing want of reverence to the ministry, as an Institution of Christ, as one of the most unfavourable symptoms of degeneracy connected with the age in which we live. For, while there are many in these days, as there were in the days of Paul, who say—"I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas,"—there are but few, I fear, who place the great Master above all His servants, or place His Divine and glorious institution above the poor accomplishments of fallible men. Let me then ask your regard and respect, not for my own sake, but chiefly for Christ's sake and the Gospel's sake.

My first gown, the gift of my esteemed predecessor, now gone to his reward, I wore for 15 years,—my second, presented by the Trustees of the congregation, for 20 years, and this, my third, the gift of the whole congregation—solemn thought!—shall see the end of my ministry, and it was most probably, though not intended, meant to be for my burial.

#### PARTING ADDRESS OF THE CONGREGATION OF OXFORD, COUNTY GLENVILE, TO REV. JOSEPH EVANS, A. M.

DEAR PASTOR.—We thus embrace the earliest opportunity after your translation to another field of labour of expressing to you our feelings. We regret you have seen it to be your duty to leave us, but we will ever look back to the days of your sojourn amongst us with pleasure and gratitude, and we trust you have left behind you fruits to the glory of God that will remain with us forever. By vigorous and unwearied efforts you have left our Church in a finished state besides procuring for us a commodious Manse and Glebe. Your labours in our Sabbath Schools, our families and in the cause of Total Abstinence, not to mention your labours in the pulpit, will never be forgotten. That the blessing of God may still continue to attend you and your partner wherever you go, and that

your labours may be abundantly blessed in your new field, is the earnest prayer

Of your sincere friends,

JOHN McAVOY, } Elders, in  
JAMES GOCHRAN, } name of the  
MATTHEW JONSTON, } Congregation.  
HENRY STEWART, }

#### THE ANSWER.

DEAR FRIENDS.—It is with very sincere feelings I have listened to the address which has now been presented. I cannot but feel gratified to know that my labours, though so imperfect in many respects, have yet been appreciated and have not been in vain, and to hear your expressions of affection and respect, while I cannot but deeply regret that I am leaving all this kindness forever. It is unnecessary for me to say I have ever felt a deep interest in the welfare, in time and throughout eternity, of each and every one of you. It was this, I trust, that actuated me when I settled among you, and that impelled me through all my labours; and, though convinced that duty calls me to another field, I shall ever take a lively interest in your prosperity. Truer, firmer friends than some of you I never expect to meet. An eldership as devoted to the interests of Christ, of the congregation over which they are placed, and of the pastor to whom they are assistants, is rarely to be met with. Toward many of you I feel a very deep and tender regard, as the friends of my youth and the first fruits of my ministerial labours. But, as I cast my eye over the congregation now assembled, I am deeply pained to think how few comparatively out of the many present have yet enrolled themselves under the banner of Jesus. From most, if not all of you, I have experienced much kindness. Oh that you were kind to yourselves and faithful to God. Praying that the great Head of the Church will soon send among you some faithful labourer who will gather in an abundant harvest,

I remain, as ever,

Your affectionate friend,

JOSEPH EVANS.

We learn also that the pupils of the Female Bible Class presented Mrs Evans with a token of their esteem and affectionate regards on the occasion of her leaving Oxford.

#### PRESBYTERY OF GLENGARY.

Induction at Côte St. George.

The Presbytery of Glengary met at Côte St. George on Tuesday the 22nd October. The members present were the Rev. Peter Watson, Moderator *pro tem.*, Robert Dobie and John Darroch, Ministers; Messrs. John McCuaig and John Fraser, Elders. Mr. Watson conducted Divine service in Gaelic, preaching from the text, I Cor. II. 2.—"For I determined to know nothing among them save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." After which a call was signed by the Elders and male communicants in favor of Mr. Archibald Currie, Preacher of the Gospel.

A Bond for the minimum stipend (£400) was also signed by certain members of the Church, both of which the Presbytery agreed to sustain, as also the trial discourses read by Mr. Currie. The Edict having been served, the Presbytery resolved to meet the following day for the purpose of ordaining Mr. C. to the office of the holy ministry, and including him to

the pastoral charge of the Congregation, should no relevant objections be offered.

According to appointment the Presbytery met on Wednesday the 23rd, the Rev. John Darroch presiding. In addition to the members present on the previous day there was also the Rev. Jas. Mair.

Mr. Darroch conducted Divine service in Gaelic, preaching from the words, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God" (II Cor. v. 20) and afterwards put to Mr. Currie the questions appointed to be put to all Ministers previous to ordination, and Mr. C., having returned satisfactory answers, was by solemn prayer and imposition of the hands of the Presbytery set apart to the office of the holy ministry. He then received the right hand of fellowship from the Brethren present, and was admitted to the pastoral charge of the Congregation. Thereafter suitable addresses were delivered by Mr. Dobie and Mr. Watson to the minister and the people respectively, and at the close of the solemn services the minister received a cordial greeting from his flock.

ROBERT DOBIE,

Presb. Clerk.

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#### TEA-MEETING AT ST. JOHN'S HILL, WEST GWILLIMBURY.

On Friday, the 26th Sept., a Sabbath School Tea-meeting was held at the above place in the St. John's Presbyterian Church in connection with the Church of Scotland. The day was exceedingly wet and unfavourable, a heavy rain having continued to fall during nearly the whole of it; but notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather large numbers of people had assembled at the appointed hour. The house was quite filled with a respectable audience; and the proceedings throughout were of a most pleasing and harmonious nature. The Rev. Mr. Carmichael travelled all the way from King through the rain in order to be present on the occasion. Special thanks are due to Mr. James Wilson and the other gentlemen composing the committee of arrangements for the manner in which they fulfilled their parts in promoting the success and the comfort of the meeting. The Divine blessing was asked by the Rev. Mr. Carmichael, and, after all had partaken of the refreshments provided, thanks were returned by the Rev. Mr. Bain, of Scarborough. It was then moved by Mr. James Wilson, and seconded by Mr. A. Neilly, that the Rev. Mr. McKee, the Pastor of the congregation, do take the chair on the present occasion.

Having taken the chair, Mr. McKee rose and said:—

My Christian Friends,—In assuming the position you have assigned me this evening, I have first to say that I am sorry our meeting should have happened to be on a day so wet and unfavourable; but we must remember the weather is sovereign and in the hands of Him who "doeth all things well." I have next to express the great pleasure which I feel at seeing so large and respectable an assemblage convened on the present occasion. Taking into consideration the inclemency of the day, I believe I am stating only the literal fact when I say that on no previous occasion of a similar kind have I witnessed so successful a meeting.