

Their usefulness has been the first subject of my prayer on their behalf, and it has been a delight to me whenever my poor exertions for their comfort have been blessed with any measure of success.

Their usefulness and their comfort have cheered me among many toils and anxieties; but well knowing the feebleness and insufficiency of my own endeavours, I have been carried with a thankful heart to Him from whom and through whom, and by whom alone, any success has been obtained. It has been subject of much regret to me that I have been wholly unable, in my very weak state, to address you as I would wish on several important topics before quitting these shores. My daily prayers however, shall be continued for your right guidance in all things, and for blessings without number to yourselves, your families, and your flocks.

Whether we shall be permitted to meet again in this world of uncertainties, is known only to Him with whom are the issues of life and death. At my time of life it is reasonable to believe that my day is past, the shadows of the evening surround me, and the darker cloud of night is not far distant; but how delightful it is to *know* that there is a bow in that cloud, and "a window beyond it which looks into Heaven."

Let it be our prayer, while humbly endeavouring to fulfil our task to the last of our time, that, entirely through Him, whose we are, and whom we desire to serve, we may be found near the Heavenly Shore on the day when the Jewels of his Crown shall be made up. To Him, beloved Brethren, I fervently commit and commend you, with an heart which while it beats, will be most deeply interested in your welfare, and above all, in your spiritual advancement and happiness.

(Signed)

JOHN NOVA SCOTIA.