

and doing in support of these most laudable objects. The Rev. Mr. Grant has placed the Church under a deep debt of gratitude, by his untiring energy and great success in building up our ruined walls in various parts of the Island, more especially at Georgetown, St. Peters, and Brackley Point Roads.

We are sure we need not urge zeal and effort in behalf of all these noble objects, for we are confident that they have the best wishes of the whole Church. If we might venture to recommend any particular course, we would say to each who is disposed to contribute, avoid anything like favouritism or partiality, but rather let each try to do a little for all, so that the circle of mutual friendship may be extended, and each may be able to say we have been indebted to the kindness of all our congregations. Each congregation has appointed a committee to receive contributions. We have not room for all their names, but if any party is at a loss to whom to send any article let them just address it to the care of the respective ministers, and it will be sure to reach its destination.

We wish abundant success to all.

FROM THE COLONIAL STANDARD.

Presentation.

The congregation of St. Paul's Church East River, have recently presented their Pastor, the Rev. S. McGregor, M. A. with a very valuable Sleigh, accompanied with an address.

The young men of St. Columba's Church, West Branch, at the same time presented him with a large and beautiful Buffalo Robe.

A few weeks ago the young Ladies of East Branch Congregation presented the same gentleman with a very elegant Tea-service.

The following is the Address referred to ;—

ADDRESS.

To the Rev. S. McGregor, M. A.

Rev. and Dear Sir.—In behalf of the congregation of St. Paul's Church, we desire to present you with a tangible expression of our respect for you as our minister, our appreciation of your efficient public services as a preacher of the Gospel, as well as of your private zeal in labouring to impart to us in our families a knowledge of the truth of Salvation.

We wish to express our sense of your regard for our individual interests without the slightest respect of persons, and to assure you that such conduct can scarcely fail of endearing a minister in the eyes of his congregation.

Prompted by these sentiments, we procured this Sleigh, which we now beg to present to you, trusting that you will be pleased to accept of it as a token of our good will towards you.

In behalf of the congregation,
SIMON THOMPSON,
JOHN FORBES,
DUNCAN McDONALD,
JAMES CUMMING,
JAMES CAMPBELL,
East River, April 10, 1862.

REPLY.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

Let me very cordially thank you, and through you the congregation you represent, for your kind address, as well as for your very valuable and handsome sleigh; and permit me to assure you that both are highly prized, and that they shall always hold a place in my recollection side by side with the many other tokens of good will which I have from time to time received from my Congregation since I became your Minister.

I assure you it was with no ordinary anxiety I at first came among you. I considered the great extent and importance of the charge to which I was invited. I called to mind the distinguished abilities and great experience of your first talented ministry—the zeal and energy of his no less talented son and successor. I felt the sudden transition from the life and duties of the student to those of the minister, and could wish the charge less important and the field of labor more circumscribed. But twelve months have now passed since I have accepted your invitation—twelve months, as might have been expected in so large a congregation, of considerable labor, but by no means of labor unattended by pleasure. In both branches of the congregation have I found much encouragement in the sympathy and general kindness of the whole congregation. Without that sympathy, the labours would have been much greater, and the burden to be borne far heavier than it has really been.

In conclusion, let me ask a continued interest in your prayers—praying that the Great Head of the Church will enable us to devise and execute for His own glory.

S. MCGREGOR,
Minister of the Church of Scotland,
East and West Branch, East River.

SELECTIONS.

Old Families.

THERE are few things pertaining to the flesh of which men in this country are more proud than that of being members of "an old family." Many a worthy tradesman who has passed with great credit through all the stages of message-boy, shop-boy, salesman, traveller, partner, fortunate speculator, until, realizing a fortune, he at last becomes a *laird* or "country gentleman," with a large mansion-