

Reverend and Beloved Sir,

Mingled emotions of affection, gratitude, and deep felt regret, stimulate us thus to breathe our farewell to you, prior to your speedy embarkation for your native land.

Our affection for you is based upon your extreme kindness, as an individual, as well as upon your faithful watchfulness over your flock of which we were members; we cannot look back upon your seventeen years' labour of love amongst us, and call to memory those of our departed relatives and friends, whose bed-side was enlivened by your presence, and whose souls were cheered by your earnest and affectionate prayer, without feeling that gratitude which will call forth our prayerful remembrance of you, when the mighty Atlantic shall roll between us. Be assured that we part with you not as a matter of choice, but as one of deep regret, and that your leaving has caused us sorrowful hearts.

We are disposed to look at the painful event which separates us, as one sent to chasten us, and to arouse us to greater activity in the cause of our Redeemer; at the same time we trust that the Great Shepherd of the sheep is about to enlarge the sphere of your pastoral usefulness elsewhere.

In tendering you these expressions of our sympathy and regard, we would not forget your worthy and amiable partner in life, by whose unceasing exertions of benevolence and charity so many hearts have been made glad;—we would likewise assure her of our heartfelt sorrow at our approaching separation.

Farewell, dear pastor; may the God of peace go with, comfort, and bless you and your family, and at last cause us to be permanently re-united by receiving us into those happy regions, where never-ending joy and felicity uninterruptedly reign.

Accompanying this address, is a token of regard which we beg you will accept from your warm hearted friends.

Quebec, 27th May, 1848.

Alex. Hadden,	David Bell,
John Munn,	William Bell,
Thomas Rae,	Thomas Parkhill,
Matthew Harbison,	John Parkhill,
Fredk. Petry,	John M'Cormick,
Elisha Lane,	R. M'Riecnan,
Edward A. Henderson.	Hugh M'Leer,
Edward Henderson,	Jas. Morrison,
Robert Young,	Hugh Waterson,
James Bankier,	John Dodds,
Edwin Jackson.	William Moore,
John Campbell,	Robert M'Lord.
Jas. Scott,	David Bass,
Murd. Mackenzie,	John Waterson,
D. Robertson,	William Waterson,
Jas. Hewitt,	Andrew Todd,
William Thom,	Henry Balwin,
F. W. Blaiklock,	Matthew Miller,
James Thom,	James B. Stewart,
John Douglas,	A. Skillen,
Wm. Clark,	Abraham Cacer,
D. M'Cowan,	Alex. M'Donald,
George Thompson,	John Dunleys,
James Waddell,	John Munn,
A. M'Cowan,	D. Harrower,
James Douglas,	Alex. Bellhouse,
Wm. Henry,	John Provan,
Wm. Lane,	Robert Provan,
Thomas Doherty,	William Devlin,

And by a large number of Ladies, members of St. John's Church.

Quebec, 1st June, 1848.

My Dear and Valued Friends,

Your affectionate address is eminently fitted to call forth the expression of sentiments and affections which I have fondly cherished, and which warmly reciprocate your own.

Though you estimate my labours too highly, you do not over-estimate the affectionate interest which I have ever taken in your spiritual welfare. I mean not to compare myself to the great apostle of the Gentiles, but I may in my humble measure say with him—"being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted into you, not the

Gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us."

You recal to my mind many scenes of a solemn and affecting character, which, in separating, it is well for us to remember, and to seek to have the lessons which they teach indelibly engraven on our hearts. It has been my anxious desire and effort, in all my public and private ministrations, amid many sins and shortcomings, to gain your attention to the one thing needful, that you might be prepared for an event which awaits us all, and which has carried home many dear to you and to me.

I part from you, and the other attached members of my beloved flock, with feelings of sorrow, which I will not attempt to express. Had I been left to my own choice, this separation, in such circumstances, would not have taken place; for I had hoped to spend the rest of my days in going in and out among you, labouring to instruct the young, to build up believers in their most holy faith, and in Christ's stead to beseech sinners to be reconciled unto God. It is the will of the Great Head of the Church, that I should not be permitted to do so. But it is consolatory to me, amid the grief which I experience in separating from you, to know that you desire to improve this dispensation, and to be excited by it to greater activity in the service of our Lord and Redeemer. Should this, by His grace, be the blessed result, and should the seed which I have for so many years been sowing among you, yield such fruit, then may I, in the land to which I go, have my heart cheered and my hands strengthened by the hope that we shall for ever rejoice, together in the house of our Heavenly Father. Be assured that no distance will diminish my affection for you. It will still be my prayer that Christ may be formed in you the hope of glory.

Your expressions of sympathy to me and also to Mrs. Clugston, are as highly valued and much needed by her as by myself, for she too feels deeply at parting with friends so dear and attached.

The token of your regard, you may rest assured, I highly prize.

Commending "you to God and the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified," I am, My dear and valued Friends, Yours affectionately,

JOHN CLUGSTON.

LAY ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA.—We have traced the progress, observed the movements, and witnessed the exertions of this excellent Institution with no ordinary degree of satisfaction since its commencement in this Colony. Established at a critical and trying period for the avowed and express purpose of advocating the interests, and supporting the Colonial Institutions of the Church of Scotland, it formed at once a strong bond of union among all her true and steadfast friends, and opened up a regular, agreeable, and profitable mode of intercourse and correspondence with the Parent Church, and with her numerous adherents throughout the Province. Although the funds of the Association have been hitherto very limited, and a great number of the members of the Church have not yet joined its ranks, during the short period of its existence it has been enabled to accomplish a greater amount of good than could have been anticipated, and it has a wide and promising field of usefulness, inviting attention and requiring many additional labourers. In the midst of the unusual and violent excitement which lately prevailed in the religious world, when contradictory, injurious, and erroneous statements were openly and industriously propagated, the Association has rendered great assistance to the Church by procuring and circulating many useful instructive tracts, pamphlets and magazines on all the disputed points in the Church question, and it still continues to circulate a large number of the Home and Foreign Missionary Records of the Church of Scotland, as well as copies of M'Phail's Monthly Ecclesiastical Journal, and of the Montreal Presbyterian. As the Lay representative of the Church it welcomed and encouraged the two Deputations sent out to the North American Provinces

whose praise is yet in the Churches. Although we have not as yet reaped the fruits which we were led to anticipate from these missions, no visits, certainly, could be more acceptable than those made by the late Deputations from the Parent Church. Few persons could be found better qualified for the delicate, arduous, and important duties they were called to perform, nor could any agents have fulfilled those difficult duties with greater ability, diligence and fidelity than these distinguished Clergymen, who have taken so deep an interest in our spiritual welfare. The Lay Associations of Halifax and Montreal, the Church Courts throughout the North American Provinces, and the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland herself, have all tendered to them with one consent their warmest thanks for the very valuable and patriotic services which they have rendered by their mission. We are happy to find that the Association has also begun to move in support of the noble cause of Education. An excellent teacher was obtained a few months ago from the Mother Country, and a Commercial, Classical and Mathematical Academy opened in this city, with encouraging prospects of success, which, judiciously conducted, and liberally patronized and supported, cannot fail to prove an inestimable blessing to the youth at Halifax, combining moral and religious instruction with secular learning, and exhibiting and illustrating many of the latest improvements in mental training and discipline. Anxious to afford the Church all the assistance in their power, the members of the Association, we are informed, are now turning their attention to the cause of Missions and to the claims of the numerous destitute portions of our Colonial vineyard for ministerial aid. We can scarcely conceive any interest more deserving of their attention at the present moment, and we have no doubt that such statements and representations as they may think fit to make to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland on this very important subject, will meet with immediate and friendly notice and deliberation. Until the Church Councils are again fully and completely organized, the Lay Association forms an authorized body to represent their sentiments and wants; and it will require the constant and vigorous efforts of all its member, in order to raise depressed Congregations to their former state of efficiency and prosperity, and to place the Church in that favourable position which for the amount of her numbers, the value of her labours, and the intelligence and moral worth of her members she ought to occupy in this portion of Her Majesty's dominions.—[Halifax Guardian.]

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, GALT.—The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, at their late meeting at Edinburgh, announced that the Colonial Committee of that body had made arrangements with the Rev. Mr. Smith, of Gairloch-head, to proceed during the summer to Canada, and take the pastoral charge of St. Andrew's Church, Galt. Dr. Liddell, in proposing Mr. Smith for that office, described him as a gentleman of sincere piety, great learning, and amiable manners, and that he would be a valuable addition to the Church in Canada. The appointment was unanimously sustained; and the Colonial Committee announced that they had set apart a sum of £80 for Mr. Smith's outfit, and £50 a year for the first three years of his residence in Canada, in addition to the handsome stipend offered by the Congregation in Galt. Mr. Smith is to sail from Scotland in course of the present month.—[Galt Reporter.]

[The arrival at New York of the Rev. J. M. and Mrs. Smith has been since announced.]

INDUCTION.—On Friday last the Rev. Mr. Hownam was inducted by the Presbytery of Ohirnside into the charge of the Presbyterian Congregation of Lowick in connection with the Church of Scotland. The Rev. Mr. Goldie of Coldstream presided, and delivered the addresses to Mr. Hownam and the Congregation. The Rev. Dr. Lee, Professor of Biblical Criticism in the University of Edinburgh, and several other ministers, besides the members of Presbytery, were present on the occasion. On the following Sabbath Mr. Hownam was introduced to the Congregation by the Rev. Professor Lee, and