

gregations of Beechridge and Norvaltown to the Presbytery of Montreal, in order that steps may be taken to fill up said vacancy with as little delay as possible. Mr. McLaurin, being asked whether he had any objection to said decision, replied, that he acquiesced in the decision come to by the Presbytery.

Mr. McLaurin laid a Call on the Table of the Presbytery with a letter from Mr. Greg, a member of the Congregation of Woodstock in the Presbytery of Hamilton. In consequence of said Documents not coming in the regular form through the Presbytery of Hamilton, this Presbytery can take no action in the case, and direct the Documents to be returned accordingly.

Messrs. McLaurin, MacLean, Mackenzie, MacPherson, Monro, and Purkis, were appointed to preach at Cornwall during Mr. Urquhart's temporary removal to Kingston as Professor of Biblical Criticism and Church History.

At a meeting of this Presbytery on 10th December last a Deputation, consisting of Messrs. David Johnston and James Irvine from the Congregation of North Williamsburgh, handed in to the Presbytery a Call from said Congregation in favour of the Rev. Thos. Scott, of Camden East, in the bounds of the Presbytery of Kingston; also a Bond for stipend. The Presbytery, after hearing the Deputation in favour of said Bond and Call, and both being authenticated by said Deputation, considered the same. It was unanimously agreed to, to sanction it, and to transmit it to the Presbytery of Kingston with the request that they proceed in this matter with as little delay as possible.

The following appointments were made; Mr. McLaurin to preach at Lochiel, Mr. MacPherson at Williamsburgh, M. Urquhart at Longueuil, and Mr. MacLean at Coteau du Lac. It was left to those Brethren to select whatever Sabbath might be most convenient to themselves, and to give due intimation to the People.

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#### VALEDICTORY ADDRESS TO CONGREGATION AT RICHMOND.

The following Address was delivered by the Rev. David Evans to his Congregation at Richmond on the Sabbath previous to his removal to Kitley, where he now labours.

MY DEAR FRIENDS AND CHRISTIAN BRETHREN,—Being about to remove from you, among whom I have laboured during the last ten years, to another portion of God's Heritage, I feel it my duty to address you on the present occasion.

I hope that, from the first day I came among you, it has been my highest aim to hold up to your view the grand discoveries of Divine Revelation, to proclaim salvation through Christ, to represent the glorious truths of Christianity in their native simplicity, infinite importance, and holy tendency, and to impress your minds with a sense of the necessity of holiness of heart and life, and a conformity to the image of Christ.

The serious and attentive among you are aware that I have laboured to enforce upon you the infinite value of your immortal souls, the awfulness of eternity, and the importance of attention without delay to your best, your highest, your everlasting interests.

I trust my labours have not been altogether without success; yet I fear the instances are very few. But, if God has made me the humble instrument of sowing the seed, and another to reap in *his day*, I will be fully satisfied, as I believe "that *he that soweth, and he that reapeth shall rejoice together.*" I have had you upon my spirit at the mercy-seat of God, both in public and private. My earnest desire and prayer to God for each of you is, that you may be saved.

Impressed with the weight of these considerations, and sensible of the infinite value of the blessings of salvation, the rapid flight of time, the shortness and frailty of human life, and that we are all hastening to the great *tribunal* where we must render an account to the searcher of hearts, I have felt myself constrained to offer to you this very humble, but truly affectionate address; most fervently praying that the God of all grace may smile upon this attempt, and render it profitable to your souls.

The glare of life dazzles too much the eyes of some, and the fascinating influence of worldly pleasures and enjoyments has alienated the hearts of others from the chief object they should hold in view, the glory of God and the salvation of the soul. But in the full prospect of eternity, and at the judgement-seat of Christ, you will be deeply convinced, that the blessings of salvation are infinitely more precious than all the possessions in this world, and that you will then deem those, who from the heart embrace the Gospel, and whose lives were conformed to the image and example of Christ, to be truly *rich*, truly happy, and truly honourable.

I affectionately and most earnestly entreat you by the worth of your souls, by the shortness of time, by the speedy approach of death, and by the solemnities of a future judgement, to attend with more seriousness and diligence, than ever you have done, to the great concerns of Religion, and of your precious souls; which will make you happy in time and eternity. Let it be the first and principal object of your regard to understand and believe the Gospel of Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believes. I beg you will remember that the foundation of true and practical Christianity rests upon the Saviour, as unfolded to us in the glorious Gospel. "For other foundation can no man lay but that which is laid."

I would particularly recommend to you to study the Holy Scriptures with unwearied diligence and attention, and with earnest prayer for the light and direction of the Holy Spirit. Do not suppose that you have done with your *Bible* when you have read it a few times, and have acquired some knowledge of its fundamental doctrines, or that by such attainment you have arrived at the summit of perfection and that you require no more instruction by the Ministry of the Word. Although you may have entered upon a Christian life, you are to recollect that you are still in an enemy's country, and that you require Divine support and direction. Take for example the noble Bereans, who searched the Scriptures daily. "Search the Scriptures for in them ye think, &c., &c."

The life of true Religion cannot be maintained without a careful attention to the motions of your own hearts, and a due regard to the duties of the closet. Watchfulness and circumspection are absolutely necessary in the Christian character, with holiness of heart and of life, "without which no man shall see the Lord." In these delightful exercises you shall experience growth in grace, and your path shall be as the shining light which shineth more and more unto the perfect day. Take heed that your closets and Bibles do not witness against you for your neglect of those known and commanded duties, especially of secret prayer. Forget not the obligation, which is so strongly implied in our Lord's exhortation against ostentatious devotion, wherein it is said, "And thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and, when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father, who seeth in secret, and thy Father, who seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly." Be not unmindful of the example of the true Christian in every age. The royal psalmist declares, "At evening, morning, and at noon, will I pray and cry aloud;" and Daniel at the risk of his life, and of all that was dear to him as a man, kneeled down upon his knees *three times a day* and prayed and gave thanks before his God.

Above all be careful that ye forget not the perfect pattern of our Blessed Saviour Himself, of whom we are told, that in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out into a solitary place and prayed. If He found the necessity of such retirement and of prayer, with what energy should this consideration enforce the duty upon us! In the exercise and use of the Divinely appointed means you are to seek daily supply from your Heavenly Father, who is more willing to communicate His favours and blessings than you are to ask them. "Ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you." It is because I wish you to prosper in the Divine life, and to enjoy the most exalted pleasures of Religion, that I endeavour to press these duties with so much solicitude.

But those of you, whom God has blessed with families, have a weighty responsibility; you are bound to bring them up in the fear, nurture, and admonition of the Lord. To discharge this duty aright, the most unremitting care and attention are absolutely necessary. There is an awful and solemn responsibility upon Ministers of the Gospel, who are required to watch for your souls as they that must give an account; and surely there is as weighty a responsibility upon Christian Parents for their tender offspring. If they should perish through your negligence, how terrible the weight of guilt you will incur thereby! I would therefore earnestly recommend to you to maintain the worship of God in your families, and to those, who may have neglected it hitherto, to commence it without delay, and let the offerings of family praise and thanksgiving ascend daily to the Author of all your blessings; and, whilst you carefully and conscientiously perform these duties, you will not omit the further religious instruction of your children as you may have opportunity, especially on the Lord's Day, in catechising and instructing them in the plain, fundamental doctrines of the Gospel. The performance of these duties regularly and seasonably will be very little interruption to your worldly business or avocations. It will be the most likely way to entail the Divine blessing upon all your lawful efforts and industry. "Godliness is profitable for all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." The most happy effects may be hoped for, if we persevere seriously and zealously in these duties. Although we live in a very enlightened age, yet it is not free from depravity and sinful practices, which have spread a degree of their influence among some of the professors of Christianity. But that conduct which subverts the good order of domestic life, which disqualifies and indisposes for the duties of Religion, which robs the family altar, at least of