

services, as well as a memento of their best wishes for his future success. The purse contained \$260, and there were eighty names attached to the list handed in. The address presented to Mr. Stewart with the purse, expressed the deep sense of esteem the donors had for him, as well as for the christian zeal with which Mrs. Stewart had invariably performed her Sunday School duties. They expressed their hope also that the Rev. Mr. Stewart would soon again have an opportunity of continuing his christian labours in some other field of usefulness, with the same zeal which had characterised them here. In a very appropriate reply, the Rev. Mr. Stewart assured those from whom he had received the gift, that he would ever remember them with pleasure and esteem; that he had laboured faithfully in connexion with the church, and believed he had left his congregation in a flourishing condition. Finally, he commended them to God, and assured them his constant prayer would be for their earthly and eternal welfare.—*British Whig.*

### CORNWALL.

The parishioners of Cornwall presented a valuable purse to their rector, previous to his departure for England. They accompanied it with an address, which received a suitable reply. We insert copies of both.

To the Venerable the Archdeacon of Ottawa, and Rector of Cornwall.

VENERABLE SIR,—The members of the congregations at Cornwall, Moulinette, and Barnhart's Island, over whom you have, for a number of years, diligently and zealously exercised the office of a faithful shepherd, desire, upon the present occasion, to present you with a substantial token of the esteem in which they hold one who has always shewn himself ready "to spend and be spent" in the cause of our Heavenly Father and His church.

We know, venerable sir, that in the fulfilment of a sacred charge, you are on the eve of your departure for the mother land, we therefore hope that we shall not be deemed intrusive should we, upon the present occasion, express to you the deep sympathy which pervades the hearts of all of us, in the mysterious dispensation of Providence which has deprived you of the presence and company of one who was in every way a help meet for you, and the congregation of one who was truly "a mother in Israel." May He "who doeth all things well" give you strength to bear your great affliction; may His Almighty arm encircle you; may His gracious assurance, "she is not dead but sleepeth," speak comfort to you, and fill you with joy and hope in believing that "them that sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."

We would now, venerable sir, turn ourselves to a more joyful duty, the weaving of a crown of myrtle to a place above the wreath of cypress. Our diocesan has inaugurated his episcopal regime by making choice of you to fill the important office of archdeacon in the newly constituted Diocese of Ontario, a post well earned by the devotion to the sacred cause of evangelical truth, which has characterised your ministrations in the church of Christ during a period of upwards of thirty years; a choice which reflects credit upon our bishop, in consequence of his appreciation of merit, a choice which is deeply gratifying to ourselves as a congregation, (united as worshippers, though separated as regards locality;) for we are aware that, in accepting the office unconditionally, you consulted not your own worldly interests, but

preferred ministering to your present flock, to a more lucrative field of ministerial labour in the metropolis. Allow us, then, to congratulate you upon your appointment, and to express the hope that "the Author and Giver of all good things" may vouchsafe you many years to enjoy the dignity, and that the time may be far distant when the connexion between us as pastor and flock shall be severed.

In conclusion, venerable sir, we beg your acceptance of the accompanying purse, as a token of our esteem, and as an assurance of our hearty wish that your contemplated visit may be attended with beneficial results to your health. Exposed to danger, as you will be, rest assured that the prayers in our beautiful liturgy will ascend to the mercy seat from every member of the congregation, and that from our family circles will be breathed the fervent prayer that He "who holds the waters of the ocean in the hollow of his hand" may be pleased to conduct you in safety to your journey's end, and restore you to those who shall welcome you on your return to the parish.

With feelings of respect and affection,

We remain, Venerable Sir,  
YOUR FAITHFUL FLOCK.

REPLY.

To S. Y. Chesley and Andrew Edgar, Esquires, Churchwardens of Trinity Church, Cornwall; John S. Baker, James Raymond, and Daniel Barnhart, on behalf of the Moulinette and Barnhart's Island congregations.

BELOVED BRETHREN—For yourselves personally, and for those whom you have been deputed to represent upon this occasion, accept my most grateful thanks for the very kind feeling, and affectionate address which you have presented, and for the substantial token of your esteem, by which it has been accompanied.

Such manifestations of love and confidence tend greatly to strengthen the ties which unite a minister of the gospel to the flock, over whom God's providence may have made him the spiritual overseer. For though our duty is to preach the gospel "whether men will hear, or whether they will forbear," and that without regard to the approval or disapproval of man; yet we confess that it is most grateful to our feelings, and tends to cheer us in the discharge of the duties of our sacred profession, when we receive at least occasional proofs that our ministry is not only owned and blessed of God, but is also, in some degree at least, acceptable to those amongst whom we labour.

The purse which accompanies your address is valuable in itself, but its value is enhanced tenfold in my estimation, by the kindly feelings which I am assured prompted the gift.

It is as you most truly state, in fulfilment of a sacred duty, that I am about to part with you for a time; and I trust in God's providence it may be only for a time. Your feeling allusion to that most mysterious and afflictive dispensation, which deprived your pastor of a most affectionate and devoted partner, his children of a loving mother, and the parish of one, whose delight it was, in humble imitation of her divine master, to "go about doing good," while it opens afresh the deep fountains of my grief, recalls also to my grateful recollection the profound sympathy which my beloved flock manifested towards me and mine during that season of deep affliction. Nor will it, I trust, be deemed irrelevant to the present occasion, to allude with grateful feelings to the universal sympathy which pervaded our whole community. "High and low, rich and poor, one with another," all vied in expressions of deep commiseration and profound regret. While mourning the loss of one so universally esteemed, and

so dear to me and mine, I do, nevertheless, rejoice in the blest assurance that "she is not dead, but sleepeth," and that "them who sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him."

You have been pleased to allude (though with far too flattering an estimate of my imperfect services in the cause of Christ and His church) to my recent elevation to the office and dignity of an archdeacon. The office brings with it much additional labour and responsibility, yet as a mark of esteem and confidence on the part of my diocesan, who conferred the office in the kindest and most considerate manner possible, as an advancement to a higher position in the church, and thereby to a position of increased usefulness, as by God's blessing I trust it may prove, I may justly esteem it as an honourable distinction.

Be assured, my beloved brethren, that for no light or mere worldly motives shall the ties which at present so happily unite us be severed by me. "I dwell among mine own people," and I am content so to dwell, as long as God's providence shall continue to indicate that such is my duty; yet must we all remember that occasions may arise when our own personal feelings must yield to higher considerations. If, therefore, in the orderings of Him "who doeth all things well," a change of relative position should at any time hereafter seem needful for the further advancement of the cause of Christ and His church, our own feelings and predilections must yield to a higher sense of duty. In my past conduct I trust you have, dear brethren, a sufficient guaranty of my sincerity in saying, that I earnestly hope such contingency may never arise.

Beloved in the Lord, I do most heartily thank you for the assurance that while bowing at the domestic altar, and when, while assembled in the Lord's house, you intercede for all "that travel by land or by water," your absent minister shall be remembered in your prayers.

"Brethren, pray for us," was the heartfelt utterance of an inspired apostle. Brethren, pray for me, in my earnest entreaty to you. Pray that I may be preserved in my "going out and coming in," until at length, "if the Lord will," I may be restored to you again, refreshed in mind, and recruited in body, "to spend, and be spent among you."

"And now, brethren, I commend you and yours, even all who are dear unto you, unto God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

"May the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore."

I remain, dear brethren,

Your affectionate friend and pastor

HENRY PATTON, D.C.L.,

Archdeacon, of Ottawa and

Rector of Cornwall.

Cornwall Parsonage, May 10th, 1862.

### English Ecclesiastical Intelligence.

#### CONVOCATION OF THE PROVINCE OF CANTERBURY.

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The Rev. Dr. Jenn continued—Then, again, the dissenting preachers did not go from house to house as the clergy did. Some of them were engaged in the trade all the week, and they came on Sunday and preached to the people. He spoke it not invidiously, but they