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ADDRESS.

FROM THE CLERGYMEN OF THE RURAL DEANERY OF NIAGARA, TO THE REV. T. B. FULLER, ON HIS REMOVAL FROM THE PARISH OF THOROLD, TO TORONTO.

To the Rev. T. B. Fuller, D.D., D.C.L., Rural Dean of the Niagara District, &c., &c.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,

We, the clergy of the Niagara Rural Deanery, cannot allow you to take your departure from amongst us without expressing our sincere sorrow at the severance of the connexion which has, now for many years, subsisted between us as clergymen of the district, and fellow labourers in this portion of the Lord's vineyard.

Deprived, as we shall be, by your leaving Thorold, of the example afforded us by your earnest devotion to pastoral duty, as well as of the valuable assistance which your official position has enabled you to render us in our own parochial work, we shall, however, still cherish the recollection of the agreeable and useful intercourse we have for a long time been permitted to enjoy, especially on those frequent occasions on which we have shared the hospitality of your late home.

And whilst we cannot but regret the loss which the church in this district, and especially the District Branch of the Church Society, as well as the Clerical Association of the Rural Deanery, must sustain in your removal to Toronto, we nevertheless confidently trust that in the important sphere of duty to which you have now been called, your labours may be as largely blessed, and as fully appreciated, as they have been heretofore.

With our best wishes for the continued health and happiness of yourself and your family, we remain,

Reverend and dear Sir,

Your faithful brethren in Christ,

W. M. LEEMING, Rector of Chippawa.
A. F. ATKINSON, D. C. L., Rector of St. Catharines.
ALEX. DIXON, B. A., Rector of Lowth.
Wm. McMURRAY, D. D., D. C. L., Rector of Niagara.
HENRY HOLLAND, B. A., Rector of Fort Erie.
JOHN FLOOD, Incumbent of Dunnville.
C. L. INGLIS, B. A., Drummondville and Stamford.
T. T. ROBERTS, M. A., assist. min., St. Catharines.
D. MACLEOD, M. A., Missionary at Welland.

To the Reverend William Leeming, and other clergymen of the Niagara Rural Deanery.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,

The address which you have just been kind enough to present to me, in consequence of my removal from amongst you, is most grateful to my feelings. The addresses from my late flock afforded me great gratification, but, as this

was most unlooked for, and proceeds from those with whom it has been my high privilege to associate for so many years in works and labours of love, as well as in the intercourse of christian brotherhood, it affords me, if possible, greater gratification than even they did.

Receive my most cordial thanks for your too kind appreciation of what I have been enabled, by Almighty God, to do amongst you—would that it had been more. It was always a privilege to work with you, for we were a united body, bound together in the best of bonds, I trust that you will continue equally united, and I pray God Almighty, for the sake of his dear Son, to prosper the work entrusted to you, whilst I earnestly ask a continuance of your prayers on my behalf in my new sphere of labour.

Thanking you most cordially for your good wishes on behalf of myself and family, and reciprocating the same for you and yours,

I am, my dear brethren,

Your brother in Christ Jesus, our Lord,
T. B. FULLER,

Toronto, 18th June, 1862.

MANITOWANING, MANITOULIN ISLAND.

May 7th, 1862.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

It is with great pleasure that I take up my pen once more to write my annual report. During the past year two services were held every Sunday at this place. I held two services every other Sunday at the Little Current, a fortnightly service at Shegwaindot Bay, and a monthly service at Laclouche. These three places are respectively 37 miles, 25 miles, and 17 miles from this place. In winter I travel with a horse and sleigh; in summer I travel by water, using a small boat.

I have to thank the Church Society for their liberal grant of \$600, which they gave towards paying for the printing of the Indian hymn book, which I prepared last year; the Colonial and Continental Church Society gave £10 sterling, and a friend of mine gave \$10 00 for the same purpose.

The Indians are in a tolerably prosperous condition. Most of them under my charge live in houses. They dress like the whites; they live principally on fish, Indian corn, and potatoes. A few keep horses, oxen, cows, pigs, and poultry. All are chiefly employed in cultivating the ground.

Whenever I am at home, I teach the Indian children each day of the week, except Saturday, for an hour and three quarters. I teach them to read English and Indian. Some of them are now able to read the Ojibwa New Testament.

The Bishop of Toronto held a confirmation at the Little Current, on the 6th of August last year. The candidates for confirmation that I had here went to that village, as it was the Bishop's wish that all the candidates I had in my mission should be confirmed in one place. Ten persons were confirmed, of these seven belong to this place, and the others to the Little Current.

On the 5th and 7th of October, a council was held here by two gentlemen, who were sent by Government to speak to the Indians about the Manitoulin Island. About 120 Indians were present. They were told that the Island would be surveyed, that each family would get 25 acres of land and a deed, and that the remaining portion would be settled by whites, and they were asked to acquiesce in the wishes of their great father, the Governor-General. Most of the chiefs rejected the proposition that was laid before them. The mission of the two gentlemen was therefore a failure. For my part I should be glad if the island was surveyed, and if a part of it was settled by whites. The Indians would derive several advantages from the whites living among them, but each family should get a great deal more than 25 acres, which is plainly insufficient. They should also be offered ample remuneration for the land they are asked to surrender.

We held our annual missionary meeting on the evening of the 4th of March. The attendance was good, considering that the weather was very inclement. Four speeches were made. A subscription list was then made out, and the names of all who wished to subscribe were taken down; what was subscribed amounted to \$52.93½. The Indians said that as they had no money they would give maple sugar, when the sugar season arrived. They have since brought their sugar. The total amount that has been collected is \$56 29, of this sum \$37.39 have been spent in the mission, the balance, viz., \$18.92, I now enclose to you—in this is included my annual subscription of \$5.00.

In looking back on the past year, and in thinking of the missionary work here, I rejoice and am thankful. God has been pleased to bless my work in some measure. Some of the members of my congregation, who before appeared indifferent about religion, are now awake to a sense of their duty, and are endeavouring to serve God in truth. Some who before came very seldom to church, now come more regularly.

Sometimes I feel discouraged while labouring in this part of the Lord's vineyard. The work does not make that progress which I should be glad to see, the field is large, but the labourers are few. Will not the society do more for the Indians? Let greater efforts be made to promote their spiritual well-being, let greater assistance be rendered them, let missionary stations be established in different parts of this lake where are heathen Indians, and let catechists and schoolmasters be appointed to take charge of these places, and to labour for the evangelization of the Indians. Other denominations of christians have many agents who labour among the Indians, and we have only a few. Is this state of things to last longer, or will there not be rather a change for the better? We should have a schoolmaster at the Little Current, and another at Shegwaindot Bay. A travelling missionary might be appointed to labour among the heathen Indians at Maple Point, Spanish River, and