

stained glass. And as a guarantee that the new Church will be completed to the satisfaction of all concerned, the names of the Building Committee need only be given:—John Hibbert, Robert Armour, Thos. C. Sutton, Charles C. Neville, Nathaniel Wilson, Robert S. Manning, James B. Spence, Frederick Cubitt, and George H. Low, Esquires.

## DONATION.

The following address, accompanied by a purse containing £49 5s. 3d., was presented to the Rector of Woodhouse, Simcoe, on the 31st ult. It speaks volumes, and requires no comment:

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We beg your acceptance of the enclosed, which has been collected from your parishioners, in Simcoe, Vittoria, and Port Dover, for the express purpose of enabling both Mrs. Evans and yourself to spend the ensuing month at the sea shore, where we hope you will derive so much benefit from the bracing air, together with that entire rest of mind and body which you have so long required, that you will return to us greatly restored in health.

In justice we must say, that the business of collecting has been a pleasure, from the warm interest felt by everybody in the object, in many instances the donations having been accompanied with kind thanks for the undertaking. That God may bless the means used for your recovery is, dear Sir, the sincere prayer of

Yours affectionately and respectfully,  
CLARA CAMPBELL,  
GEORGIANA S. WATERS.

Simcoe, July 31st, 1855.

Simcoe, August 1, 1855.

MY DEAR AND KIND FRIENDS.—Though past experience has taught me not to be surprised, I can truly say I am most deeply affected by the valuable and well timed present which you have been the instruments in collecting from my beloved and considerate parishioners, in Simcoe, Vittoria and Port Dover, in order to enable Mrs. Evans and myself to spend a month at the sea side.

I am indeed rejoiced to learn from you that your labor of love was lightened by the admirable spirit in which your applications were met. If I may not say I am proud of, at least, I am most thankful for each parishioner, and doubly so when I bear in mind that your thoughtful care extends to my beloved wife, whose health, equally with my own, stands in need of the restorative effects which we have reason to hope our visit to the sea will produce.

I thank you for your prayers; let me enjoy a continuance of them, not only that my bodily health and strength may be improved, but that, by the blessings of God's Holy Spirit, vouchsafed to me, I may be made far more than ever an instrument, in His hands for the promotion of the best interests of all my dear and valuable parishioners.

Believe me,

My dear and kind Friends,  
Your faithful and attached  
Pastor and Servant for Jesus' sake,  
FRANCIS EVANS.

## ADDRESS TO THE REV. J. G. GEDDES.

On Friday last, the following address was presented to the Rev. J. G. Geddes, on the occasion of his leaving the city for a few months to visit the mother country.

To the Rev. John Gamble Geddes, M.A., Rector of Hamilton.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We, the churchwar-

dens and members of the congregation of Christ's Church, having learned that you purpose visiting Europe for a few months, avail ourselves of such an occurrence to assure you of our warm sympathy in the immediate cause of your departure, and trust that the health of Mrs. Geddes will derive so much benefit from the voyage you are about to take, that she may, under Providence, be enabled to continue her career of usefulness in behalf of our Church which is so well known and appreciated.

We desire also to express the hope that it will please God to guard and protect you, and that you will return to your parish in all health and happiness.

We seize this opportunity of assuring you of our heartfelt satisfaction with your ministry during the long period of over twenty years, and, while we congratulate you, it is most peculiarly gratifying to your feelings to witness the increase of your congregation from a very few members to several thousands, and that our beloved Church has advanced so rapidly and with so much prosperity.

Hoping that the Almighty, in his infinite mercy, will watch over you and yours, and that it may be His will to restore you to us with renewed vigor, for a long life, and continued success in the cause of our Redeemer.

We remain,

Reverend and Dear Sir,

Your Friends and Parishioners.

Hamilton, April 19, 1855.

The Address was signed by the churchwardens and a large number of the members of the congregation.

## REPLY.

MY DEAR FRIENDS AND PARISHIONERS,—I feel truly gratified at this kind expression of your sympathy and good wishes on the eve of our departure for Europe. The notice you have taken of Mrs. Geddes's services on behalf of the Church and parish are peculiarly gratifying. Over tasked energies, both of mind and body, require to be relaxed and recruited; and I trust the benefits we anticipate from our travels may be fully experienced, and that she may be enabled, by God's blessing, to resume and continue that course of usefulness which you so kindly acknowledge and appreciate.

For myself, I feel thankful to that gracious Providence which has enabled me to exercise my ministry among you, without any intermission, for a period of more than twenty years; and although I know that my beloved flock are taking an indulgent view of my labors, and overlooking numberless errors and imperfections, when they express their heartfelt satisfaction with them; yet, I should be ungrateful did I not acknowledge that much fruit had been vouchsafed to my feeble labours, and that this portion of the Lord's kingdom has not been cultivated in vain.

The rapid growth and increasing prosperity of the Church are indeed a subject of congratulation (cibn, li s a v sid tew a ho

## PRESENTATION OF PLATE

To the Rev. W. A. Johnson, late Curate of St. Peter's Church, Cobourg.

We have much pleasure in recording the following handsome testimonial to the above rev. gentleman from his late congregation, for the particulars of which we are indebted to the *Hamilton Gazette*:—

"On the 23rd instant the above gentleman was presented with an elegant Tea Service and Tray, and £50 in gold."

A very handsome address on the occasion was read by A. A. Burnham, Esq., late M.P. for the county, and responded to with much appropriate feeling.

In further testimony of the good will cherished by the flock of the worthy pastor, Mr. H. J. Ruttan, on the part of the ladies, presented a massive Silver Inkstand, having a figure of "Time," whose scythe encircled a golden globe, which opened in the centre and displayed a very handsome inkstand of colored stone. Beside "old Time" was his hour glass, and in his hand he held a silver pen.

To the Rev. W. A. Johnson, late Curate of St. Peter's Church, Cobourg.

"REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—Very many of the members of St. Peter's Church, in this parish, on the occasion of your departure from amongst them, desire to give expression to their feelings of respect and affectionate esteem for you by requesting your acceptance of the accompanying plate, as a small but sincere tribute of their attachment and regard.

"During the period of your residence in this parish you have, Reverend sir, in the various ministrations of the Church, in your friendly and social intercourse, and by your courteous and Christian deportment, endeared yourself to many of this congregation.

"You have not shunned to declare the whole counsel of God, in the discharge of the onerous and important duties of visiting the numerous members of the Church, of attending to the sick, and of caring for the poor and needy, your exertions have been faithful and unremitting.

"The seed you have sown will, we believe, not be without fruit. For ourselves we assure you that not only shall we endeavor, with the divine assistance, to follow the counsel which you have given us, but also bring up those committed to our care in the faith and practice of the Gospel—a faith and practice which have been well and forcibly expounded to us, not only by your doctrine, but also in your life and conversation. This assurance we give you because we feel assured that it will be far more acceptable than anything else that we could offer.

"We would request you to convey to Mrs. Johnson the assurance of our sincere esteem and regard; and, whatever sphere of duty may be allotted to you, our earnest prayer for yourself and every member of your family is, that every blessing, temporal and spiritual, may attend you.

"With this inadequate expression of our feelings we now bid you a heartfelt and affectionate farewell."

To which the Reverend gentleman replied as follows:

"MY DEAR FRIENDS,—It is my difficult, yet pleasurable duty to acknowledge your handsome and most generous gift.

"Pleasurable, my dear friends, I may most safely say it is, for the well-known countenances of you who are here present assure me that that generous offering is not to be viewed by me as the reward of popularity alone, but as the expression of your sincere Christian love.

"Blessed be God, who has put into your hearts to add this to your numerous and unceasing gifts to me, His unworthy servant.

"The little I have done among you can never of itself have called forth such an expression of gratitude; but I may be allowed with pleasure to reflect that, while you are aware of my personal deficiencies and shortcomings, you are desirous to offer largely of what you possess to an appointed ambassador of your Saviour and your God.