

which, with that of the rev. gentleman's reply, we have much pleasure in publishing:—

Antigonish, 20th March, 1860.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—

We, the members of your male Bible Class, beg leave to congratulate you on the success that has attended your efforts, as Pastor of the Presbyterian Congregation at Antigonish.

Allow us to express our unanimous satisfaction at your faithful, clear, and convincing exposition of Holy Writ, and to thank you for the useful and interesting information, relative to scriptural matters, you impart to us at the meetings of our own class. We beg you to accept as a small token of esteem and gratitude, the article now presented.

Permit us to congratulate you on your marriage; may the Divine Blessing make that event productive of much happiness to yourself and your partner.

That God may be pleased long to spare you to lead a life of usefulness in our midst, is the heartfelt prayer of the members in your Bible Class.

Signed,

JOHN BISHOP,
A. M. CUNNINGHAM,
A. KIRK,
W. R. IRISH,
J. E. MORTON.

REPLY.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,—In reply to the address which has now been read, and in acknowledgement of the handsome testimonial which you have conferred upon me, allow me to give expression to the feelings of gratitude which fill my bosom. The gift which lies before me is intrinsically valuable, but, coming as it does, from the members of my Bible class, in seeking to promote whose moral and spiritual welfare, I have spent some of my happiest hours during my short ministry in this place, it is in my estimation possessed of incalculable worth. As my eye rests upon it from day to day when I go from my house to visit the members of my flock, I shall be stimulated to discharge the duties of my office with increasing zeal, because I shall regard it as a token that my past labors, however imperfectly performed, have not been altogether unattended with success.

It is not yet twelve months since I left the country of my father and landed

on the western side of the Atlantic, but since I took up my residence in Nova Scotia I have met with an amount of kindness, which has already endeared to me the land of my adoption. I have truly found that though men may be separated from each other by intervening oceans, Divine grace exerted on their hearts, brings out in them the same lineaments of character. As the geologist finds, in every variety of claim, and beneath the diversified rocks that lie imbedded in the bowels of the earth, the solid schist, basalt, and granite, so, in difference of country, and beneath the conventionalities of society, I have ever found as the basis of all that is fair and attractive in character, love to God, and allied with that, generosity to man. But while in different parts of this Province which I visited, my mind rests on many sunny spots to which the eye of memory shall ever with fondness revert, it is to my present sphere of labor that my dearest associations cling. The people of my charge are, I may truly say, linked to my heart by many endearing ties.

The position which I am called to occupy, as pastor of this congregation, is one which, for obvious reasons, requires the exercise of no small amount of fidelity and prudence. But when I consider that I have the sympathies of those among whom I labour; when I remember the tokens of kindness which from time to time I have received; when I look on the valuable present which lies before me, I may well, like the apostle, thank God and take courage.

You have been pleased, in the address which you have now presented, to refer to my marriage. That event will, I trust, not only conduce to happiness and comfort, but tend to further the responsible work in which I am engaged. Allow me in behalf of my partner, to thank you for the kind wishes you express for our welfare. I again return my sincere thanks for the valuable gift you have now conferred upon me. My earnest prayer for all of you is, that the chief shepherd will watch over you through life, make you ornaments of his church below, and at last place you, as bright gems, in his mediatorial crown in heaven.—*Eastern Chronicle.*

Mr. Robert Laird, Preacher of the Gospel, has received a unanimous Call