

plighted mutual friendship and plighted the reign of virtue and religion in your breasts, and amidst prayers and blessings for your future happiness, I undertook to become the centre of your communication, and what more happy result could the most sanguine have anticipated, than to find so many spared in health and prosperity by our merciful Creator, to meet together on this happy occasion.

Accept, my dear friends, the warm acknowledgments of a heart totally unable to give utterance to the emotions with which it is agitated; deep and lasting as my existence will this proof of your sincere friendship be retained, it tells me by sweet experience, that there are moments of virtuous enjoyments which would be cheaply purchased by the longest life of honorable and laborious exertion, moments which are granted to very few in this transitory world, and for one of the most exquisite of which I am this day indebted to your abiding affection.

APPENDIX E. p. 24.

The Vase presented on this occasion was composed of solid silver, 18 inches high. On the tripod was the following inscription:—

THIS VASE WAS PRESENTED

TO THE HONOURABLE AND VENERABLE

ARCHDEACON STRACHAN, D.D.,

BY A NUMER OF THE INHABITANTS OF

THE CITY OF TORONTO;

As a memorial of their respect and gratitude for his fearless and humane devotion to his pastoral duties during the season of great danger and distress, from the visitation of an appalling pestilence.

“For he that in these things serveth Christ, is acceptable to God, and approved of men.”—Rom. xiv. 18.