

Thanksgiving be reverentially and devoutly observed by all our loving subjects in this Province.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused these our letters to be made patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto affixed: Witness, our right trusty and right well-beloved cousin, James Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle, Governor General of British North America, and Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over our Provinces of Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and the Island of Prince Edward, and Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. At our Government House, in our City of Toronto, in our said Province, this Fourteenth day of December, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and in the Thirteenth year of our Reign.

By Command,  
J LESLIE,  
Secretary.

#### WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND

ERRATUM.—In our list of congregational collections in aid of the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' fund, the sum contributed by the congregation at Bytown, under the pastoral care of the Rev. A. Spence, was stated at three pounds, whereas the sum received was four pounds.

JOHN GREENSHIELDS,  
Treasurer.

#### POETRY.

##### RESIGNATION.

BY HENRY W. LONGFELLOW.

There is no flock however watched and tended,  
But one dead lamb is there!  
There is no fireside, howsoever defended,  
But has one vacant chair!

The air is full of farewells to the dying,  
And mournings for the dead:  
The heart of Rachel, for her children crying,  
Will not be comforted!

Let us be patient! these severe afflictions  
Not from the ground arise;  
But often-times celestial benedictions  
Assume this dark disguise.

We see but dimly through the mists and vapors!  
Amid these earthly damps,  
What seem to us, but dim, funereal tapers  
May be heaven's distant lamps.

"She is not dead"—the child of our affection—  
But gone into that school  
Where she no longer needs our poor protection,  
And Christ himself doth rule.

In that great cloister's stillness and seclusion  
By guardian angels led,  
Safe from tempta'tion, safe from sin's pollution,  
She lives, whom we call dead.

Day after day we think what she is doing  
In those bright realms of air:  
Year after year her tender steps pursuing,  
Behold her grown more fair.

Thus do we walk with her, and keep unbroken  
The bond which nature gives,  
Thinking that our remembrance, though unspoken,  
May reach her where she lives.

Not as a child shall we again behold her;  
For when with rapture wild,  
In our embraces we again enfold her,  
She will not be a child.

But a fair maiden in her father's mansion,  
Clothed with celestial grace:  
And beautiful with all the soul's expansion  
Shall we behold her face.

And though at times, impetuous with emotion

And anguish long suppressed,  
The swelling heart heaves moaning like the ocean  
That cannot be at rest.

We will be patient! and assuage the feeling  
We cannot wholly stay;  
By silence sanctifying, not concealing  
The grief that must have way.

#### REMEMBERING ZION.

Dear Scotia's Zion! Church of my fatherland!  
Thee can I ne'er forget, while in these veins  
Courses along the blood of those who bled  
In thy most holy cause. No! by God's grace  
I never will forget thee, at whose font  
A parent first presented me to God!  
In whatsoever land my lot be cast—  
Even should the home that God shall grant to me  
Be some far clime—still, graven in my palms  
The Zion of my fatherland shall be!  
Her simple service, her sweet psalmody,  
Her peaceful Sabbaths, and her holy fasts  
And high communion days, I will remember!  
Though many a league of ocean separate  
The blue hills of my kindred soil from me,  
I still shall fondly hear her Sabbath-bell  
Die softly on mine ear—as it was wont,  
Down the deep glen, where stood the House of  
Prayer.

Nor, while remembering thee, my Zion loved,  
Shall any stranger altar me invite,  
Thy worship to forsake or to contemn!  
But where my tent is, there shall I erect  
An altar, like my fathers, to my God.

T. A.

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