

cannot permit you to leave these shores without some testimony of the spirit with which we hailed your arrival, and the painfulness and regret with which we now feel penetrated at the announcement of your departure. When, impelled by the solicitude of turning to a faithful account those resources which Providence, in the dispensations of its blessings, has placed at our command—when we first besought His Grace the Most Rev. Doctor Murray, to bestow his sympathies upon our condition, and to cast his care upon the requirements of this Parish—no other consideration but an earnest and undissembled regard for the spiritual interests of our children and ourselves, constituted the motive of our conduct. We saw around us a community diversified by the various castes of creed and of country, exemplifying in their several relations of their intercourse with us, a spirit of kindliness, good will, and Christian charity—a characteristic of society in Nova Scotia, eminently and long prevalent. We felt that if we were ever the objects of a sinister or ungracious reflection, it was rather in the form of a slur upon our own apathy, and a stricture upon the luke-warmness we evinced in the legitimate furtherance of our own cause. The zeal and exertions made by others, for literary and religious improvements, became not only as stimulants to our zeal, but as reproaches upon our apathy; and a sense of duty to ourselves—to those who craved for the means of further instruction—and to that Church, whose doctrines must solace us in this, and cheer us in our progress to a better world—directed our thoughts to the metropolitan of Ireland, enlightened by the talents of its hierarchy, and consecrated by the sanctities of our Faith. The hope which the attention of that Reverend Dignitary to our appeals sanguinely excited, derived animation and strength from the arrival of your Reverend Colleague and yourself in the crowded scene of your ministry,—the prompt