

ity ; my coming seemed to be regarded like the visit of an angel ; and all considered it as a striking answer to the prayers they had offered for a Pastor.

I must be pardoned, Christian friends, if I ask you now to read some " Testimonials." I hope I am not presenting them to you from any feeling of vain glory. They were, in each case, given without solicitation, and indicate, in my humble judgment, the confidence my honoured brethren in England and the United States reposed in me. I would not have intruded them on your attention now, but that I have been told by a Reverend Brother in my own Study, that I never could co-operate with my Brethren in England, or in the States, and therefore was compelled to come to Nova-Scotia ; while another Reverend Brother in the Country is reported to have described me as a " despicable creature, utterly unfit for Christian fellowship."

The first document I shall lay before you is the dismissal of myself and Mrs. B. from the 2nd Church at Greenwich.

To any baptized Church of Jesus Christ meeting in the United States of North America, or elsewhere, the Church of Christ meeting in Bunyan Chapel School and Lecture Room, Greenwich, England, sendeth Christian salutation.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

This is not the first time we have been called to lessen our numbers by dismissing dear friends to churches in your happy land, but we have never done it with feelings so painfully oppressive as now.

Our beloved friend, the Rev. Joseph Belcher, D. D., has, after a faithful, affectionate, and disinterested discharge of the pastorate among us, from the commencement of our church in April, 1838, resigned his pastoral charge, and has requested with his beloved wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Belcher, a dismissal from our communion. With unfeigned grief we accede to the request.—Our heavenly Father calls to the duty, and we therefore obey. May the step conduce to the glory of God, and the comfort of our friends.

We rejoice that our beloved brother needs not " letters of commendation from us." His standing in our denomination is known to not a few of the most eminent brethren of your country, nor is our sister less entitled to our Christian esteem ; and we need therefore only say that no event connected with this separation lessens the confidence we have ever reposed in our valued friends. Long may they live among you to enjoy and to diffuse many blessings.

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