

absence. Difficult as it is to reconcile ourselves to an event which causes us so much regret as your removal from amongst us, we submit to the conviction that it is the will of an all wise Providence, and we receive some consolation from the hope that returning robust health will enable you to labour in some other sphere, where your talents and acquirements may be as conducive to God's glory as they have hitherto been.

Permit us in conclusion to offer for your acceptance the accompanying testimonial of our regard and esteem, and to assure you that for Mrs. Denroche and your family we shall humbly and fervently pray that every blessing temporal and eternal may attend them; and for you, that you may be still spared to labour in the vineyard of Christ, that you may be placed among a people who will appreciate you as you deserve, and as we now do, and that finally you may partake of everlasting joy with those to whom you shall have been made, by God's grace, the instrument of salvation.

(Signed) ALEX. GRIFFITH, } Church  
Wm. FISHER, } Wardens,  
and 78 others.

Subjoined is a copy of the reverend gentleman's reply.

To Alexander Griffith, Esq., William Fisher, Esq., Church Wardens, and seventy-eight others, members of the congregation of Christ's Church, Sydenham, Dundas St., Toronto Township, County of Peel:

*Beloved Brethren and kind friends:*

Accept my best and warmest thanks for the testimony you bear to my largely over-estimated efforts on your behalf. Accept also this expression of gratitude for your prayers for the temporal and eternal happiness of my wife, my children and myself. Suffer me to add to these, my obligation for the beautiful and costly free-will-offering that accompanies your address.

Parochial valedictions are oftentimes regarded as mere matters of courtesy, where clergymen resigning parishes or missions, have conducted themselves with common ministerial faithfulness. And without doubt such proofs of respect have their use and their value.

But a thoroughly cordial farewell coming from a people, who, at all times and on all occasions, have manifested (without one individual exception) the utmost kindness and filial respect for him, who had been set over them in the Lord, is most encouraging and most comforting. Material gifts however beautiful and costly in themselves, appear, in comparison, as well nigh valueless, as they are superfluous between true friends. Mutual christian love, converting these goodly gifts into tokens of its own benign existence, can alone render them precious to the christian.

The record of such a people's regard, graven on vessels of silver, may seem suited to preserve the heart-memory of the receiver. But there are associations connected with the congregation you represent, and with its consecutive church officers, that make forgetfulness impossible while the Lord leaves in their integrity my faculties and affections.

Almost unspeakable is my satisfaction that, through God's help, I have been enabled in little more than two years so to gain your good opinion and esteem, as to be accounted worthy of your highest commendation. Nevertheless, I look forward to things unspeakably better than this. How much greater, think you, will be the satisfaction of your resigning pastor, and that also of those, his worthy predecessors, the fruit of whose labours he has reaped, if, from time to time, they hear of your steadfastness in the faith, your earnestness in the cause of "Christ and the

Church," and your still increasing consistency of life in the Holy Jesus? Then shall we His poor unworthy ministers, feel certain that we "have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain." Then shall we "rejoice with joy unspeakable" in the Lord's own work: even in this abundant blessing on our toils. For then, ye, yourselves shall be our glorious testimony—vessels "made to honour"—inscribed on by the finger of the living God—"known and read of all men." Ye, yourselves shall be to us that exquisitely wrought testimonial which we shall humbly present unto God, through Christ, our free-will-offering "right near in the sight of the Lord."

Most welcome is the assurance that you will not fail to remember both me and mine at the footstool of that "Father of lights, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift." "As for me and my house," we heartily reciprocate the feelings that dictated the determination—even a love that leads us to pray, that the protecting Hand, the guiding Eye, and the soul sustaining Spirit of our God may ever be upon you for good.

That you may be fully impressed with the importance of faithfulness to your special pledge of prayer for God's blessing on my future ministerial labours, I now conclude with the earnest and solemnly impressive words of the Apostle—"Brethren pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified."

I remain, your attached brother  
and fellow servant in Christ,

EDWARD DENROCHE.

SPRINGFIELD, MAY 12th, 1858.

#### REPORT OF PAROCHIAL COMMITTEE OF CHURCH SOCIETY OF ORILLIA, FOR PAST YEAR.

Orillia, February, 1858.

The Orillia Parochial Committee of Church Society have again to record a grateful acknowledgment to Almighty God, for the many blessings which have followed the course of the past year. When the local undertakings of this parish are considered, it is a cause of satisfaction that the contributions for the past year were as large in amount as the year previous; and this also affords good reason to hope that, when the pressure of local objects is lessened, the sums collected for the Church Society will be greatly increased. The Committee have to report the sum of £15, collected in 1857, £6 of which was sent to the Parent Society at Toronto, and the remainder applied to interest on debentures issued for erection of St. James' Church. In this appropriation, the same principle has been followed as in previous years, viz., that although the total amount has been smaller since the building of the new church was commenced, the same amount has been sent to Toronto as on the year previous to that undertaking.

The securing the Parsonage House and building of the Church were works which required all the energies of the congregation. It has therefore been regarded as a duty simply to keep the Church Society in existence till more could be done for its important objects. The Parsonage is now entirely free from debt, which has been principally accomplished by the Ladies' Industrial Society, and a balance of £30 has this year been paid from this fund to the interest on the church debt.

The opening of St. James' Church, during the past summer, is an event at which every member of the Church here must heartily rejoice, as also

that so large a portion of the expense has been satisfactorily met, and it is confidently hoped that past success will stimulate the whole congregation to renewed and liberal efforts to remove all incumbrances from the building as early as possible. It is also a subject of congratulation that, during the past summer, a small church has been built in the township of Marr, which has just been opened for Divine Service. In this building a Sunday school will be held, and, for the present, occasional services performed, which will prepare the way for more regular ministrations when they can be obtained.

Collections have been made quarterly in St. George's, Medonte; St. Luke's, C. W. R.; St. Mark's, Oro, and St. James', Orillia.

The Committee greatly rejoice to learn that a County Branch of the Church Society has just been formed, and that an effort is contemplated to obtain one or more travelling missionaries, who will carry the cheering ministrations of the Church to the destitute places of the county.

All which is submitted with the earnest prayer that God, in His infinite goodness, may lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes of our Zion in every corner of the Province, and may leave professing Christians to behold, in the present depression, a just rebuke of prevailing worldliness, and may incline their hearts to contribute more freely of their temporal goods, for the promotion of His glory and the salvation of immortal souls.

#### SIMCOE COUNTY, BRANCH OF CHURCH SOCIETY.

At a meeting held in Barrie, on the 20th June, 1858, it was determined to organize a County Branch of the Church Society. The officers and managing committee were accordingly appointed, the several parishes were requested to concur in its formation, and resolutions were subsequently passed at the various annual parochial meetings approving of the county organization, and promising to co-operate with it. The managing committee has since met and determined that after deducting the fourth for the Parent Society, the county fund should be appropriated to the support of a travelling missionary, and the Parent Society having liberally granted the sum of £75 for that object, the Simcoe County Committee will propose to meet alike some as soon as the Lord Bishop can send a missionary.

J. BOLTON READ.

Sec. S. C. B. C. S.

Orillia, County of Simcoe, 25th May, 1858.

#### PERTH PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION OF THE CHURCH SOCIETY.

The Committee of the Perth Parochial Association of the Church Society have much pleasure in being able to state that although there has been a greater scarcity of money during the past year in this part of the country, than has been known for years; yet that the contributions to the objects of the Society are in excess of those of last year, by the sum of £11 10s. 7½d. The entire sum subscribed (including the Rector's subscription of £1 5s 0) being £19 0s. 7½d.

Such a contribution as this to the many and varied objects of the Church Society from such an extensive parish as Perth may seem to be, as in reality it is, a very trifling sum—but then the calls on the members of the Church during the past year both for diocesan and local purposes have been very great. They are engaged in the erection of a church which, when completed, will