

impressive, and was listened to with much marked attention. Thereafter Mr. Anderson explained the nature and object of the Lord's Supper, and administered that Ordinance to a goodly number of communicants. This is the second Church which has been built under the pastoral care of Mr. Anderson within the last two years, in connection with the Church of Scotland. It speaks well for the members of this new Church that they have it opened, and clear of debt, and mostly through their own sources.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

ADDRESS TO REV. JAMES GEORGE ON HIS INDUCTION TO HIS FORMER CHARGE IN SCARBOROUGH—*May, 1848.*

MY DEAR SIR,—In the estimation of him who gives himself up to do the will of God it is comparatively of little moment what the opinion of man is. His great inquiry is, what is the will of Him, whose will determines what is right and what is wrong, and whose sentence is final and absolutely just.

Amid all the wrestlings and intense emotions of your spirit, and amid all the steps you have taken in the matters relating to Scarborough and Belleville, we feel assured that you looked up to God, and onward to the day of judgement; and that your absorbing wish has been, that the pure light of Heaven might shine around you, and that you might receive Divine approbation and favour; and that, in coming to the conclusions at which you have arrived, you were actuated by the purest motives, and by no worldly and selfish considerations.

We too looked to the glory of God and the good of His Church; but we could not see that the field of labour in Belleville equalled the more than interesting and important field you occupied in Scarborough. We knew that in Scarborough there were very many to whom God blessed your labours, whom you regarded with Christian esteem and respect, and who esteemed you in no common measure. We believed that we clearly saw the path of duty; and our Presbytery Records attest the extreme reluctance with which we consented to your translation. Be assured that our deep conviction is, that you have done right in returning, that we welcome you with no common measure of welcome, and that your return affords us great encouragement.

The past is registered by God in His book of remembrance, and, though past with us, is present with Him; and in looking to it, we require to lean on the everlasting Covenant, and through it to obtain acceptance with God.

We now look to the future; and the duty of addressing you regarding it has been devolved upon me. And I do say that to me the duty is pleasant, very pleasant; for I have long witnessed and admired your high intellectual powers, high moral worth,

and powerful eloquence; and I have long witnessed and admired your entire devotedness to your Saviour, your energy, ardour, earnestness, perseverance, and fidelity in His service.

Addressing you regarding the future, I need not say one word. You know your field of labour, you know your duty. You love your work, you have experience. I simply state that the Spirit has chosen you to impart Divine light, peace, love, purity, and blessedness to the human soul. I do not say one word regarding the nature of these blessings. They will afford you ample and happy employment to the very close of your journey in time, and in Heaven for ever. In your private retirement, in your family, in the House of God, in the families of your people, and in the chambers of the sick and dying, they will afford ample scope for your ministry. In communicating these blessings you prepare the immortal spirit for the full light, love, purity, and blessedness of Heaven.

Your work is a work on which time cannot impress marks of decay. It will require the utmost exertion of those high powers that God has given you. No human work can equal it in real usefulness and importance, or in moral beauty and sublimity. It commands the admiration of the Holy Angels. To judge of it aright, all its effects and consequences must be seen. Oh! Sir, it is a most glorious sight to good Angels to contemplate the present, the future, and the eternal benefits that are to result from the impressions you are to make upon the human soul; the glory to God, and happiness to man that may result from your faithful ministerial labours.

Those to whom you impart the blessings of the Gospel will soon be removed to Heaven, where they shall possess them in full perfection. But, before they go hence, they will communicate them to others; parents will communicate them to their children; their children will communicate them to *their* children: and thus the Divine light, purity, and blessedness which you communicate, may be found in the descendants of these people, generation after generation, to the close of time.

But, notwithstanding the vast importance of your work; its moral grandeur and sublimity; its eternal duration; and its unspeakable benefits; you are not to suppose that your path is to be smooth, pleasant, and strowed with flowers, or that you will find it like the garden of Eden. You are not to suppose that all will see the vast importance of your work, and admire it, or that all will be anxious to become partakers of the Divine nature, and to take part in its angelic employments. You may hope and believe that those, whose minds are enlightened, and whose hearts are converted by the Spirit, will receive you as a messenger from the Lord with tidings to their souls; will encourage and strengthen you; will

defend you, and co-operate with you; will feel and take a deep interest in your comfort and success; and that their prayers for you will daily ascend to Heaven. But you are not to expect perfection in them. They have received Divine light, peace, love, purity and blessedness only in part, and require to be furnished with additional supplies. Some you will require to address in the language of exhortation and comfort; some in the language of warning and reproof; some in the language of clear and profound argumentation. You are to declare to them the whole counsel of God whether they will hear or forbear.

But there is a different class with whom you have to deal—those who are in a state of hostility to God. You will strive with the utmost earnestness to conduct them to the pure doctrines and precepts of Revelation: but they have no relish for them. Instead of regarding them as green pastures, on which their souls may recline and be satisfied, they regard them as the heath of the desert. You will strive to lead them to Him who bled on Calvary, and to enthrone Him in their hearts: but they can see no beauty in Him. You will strive to conduct them to regions of perfect light, purity, and blessedness: but they will show themselves determined to settle down in regions of pure and unmixed darkness, of deep moral pollution, and of increasing misery. In proportion to your earnestness will their dislike to your instructions arise. Some of these may avowedly hate, oppose, and speak against you. One after another, they may forsake you. Dealing with these, you will feel your insufficiency, that your success must come from the Lord, and that the entire structure of the Spiritual Temple is begun, carried on, and completed by Him. Dealing with these, you will find that "The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." You will meet with difficulties and trials; but you will receive support and encouragement. The armies of Hell are opposed to you; but the armies of Heaven are on your side. What! though the legions of Hell array themselves against you, and exert themselves to the utmost to throw difficulties and temptations in your way. What! though, every time you assemble in the House of God, a spirit of darkness from the bottomless pit should be present, exerting himself to prevent the seed of the Kingdom from taking root in the human soul! an Angel of light is also present to help you, and to co-operate with you. Of those holy angels who are employed by God around His throne, some, for a time, will leave the regions of glory, take up their abode with you, and take part with you in your work. When the servant of Elisha trembled for his own and master's safety, Elisha answered "Fear not, for they that be with us are more than they that be with them." And