REPLY

TO HEADS OF FIFTY FAMILIES REQUESTING COPY OF SERMON FOR PUBLICATION.

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant, just received by me on my return from Missionary duty, requesting me to allow you to publish my sermon, delivered by me last Sunday in Thorold Church, I beg to say that though it was not prepared with the most distant idea that it would be of any service beyond our more immediate neighbourhood, and although I can claim for it little originality; yet, since the heads of almost every family have united in the request so kindly transmitted by you, and have expressed their opinion that its publication will be serviceable to the cause of truth, I hesitate not to comply with your request—with what judgment, time will shew. It has been with no reluctance. My object in allowing its publication, as in its preparation, has not been fame; but utility. I believe that the cause of truth requires error to be honestly and fearlessly exposed. I believe that we are surrounded with error. Believing thus, I should be the veriest coward in the world, and utterly unworthy of my calling, were I afraid to preach and to publish what I solemnly believe to be true, lest, by combatting the errors, I should be exposed to the censures of those who differ so widely from us.

That the Giver of every good and perfect gift may guide you into all truth—may enable you, through His grace, to live godly righteous and sober lives here, and, for the merits of Jesus Christ, bestow upon you eternal life hereafter,—is the earnest prayer of,

My Friends and Parishioners,

Your affectionate Pastor,

T. B. FULLER.

NIAGARA FALLS, *February* 21st, 1842.

This Sermon being out of print, and its republication having been urged upon me by several of my brethren in the Ministry, I have consented to republish it.

T. B. FULLER.

THOROLD, *4th June,* 1856.

This sermon being again out of print, I have deemed it my duty to publish a fourth edition of it.

T. B. FULLER.

TORONTO, *27th November,* 1872.