

tions, unceasingly manifested by you, for our eternal welfare; as well as for the disinterested and friendly intercourse you have constantly kept up with us, during your residence at this place.

With fearless intrepidity you have explained to us the Gospel truths, its threats, and promises, the blessings and necessities of religion, and you have well enforced these admonitions, by the consistency of your own practice. You have indeed been "a lantern to our feet, and a light to our path." The sincere and deep regret we feel at being separated from you, is however in some measure alleviated by the hope that your active exertions and exemplary conduct on the extended field to which you have been appointed, may through the Divine Grace be productive of a harvest, equal to your warmest wishes.

*Fare-you-well*—is the earnest wish and ardent prayer of every one amongst us, and may the blessing of Almighty God rest upon you and your's both in time and eternity.

Chambly, 9th July, 1828.

Signed by 94.

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ANSWER.

/ Chambly, 12th July, 1828.

MY CHRISTIAN BRETHREN AND DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I receive with great satisfaction your very kind valedictory Address. Without being a "man-pleaser" (in the exceptionable meaning of the term) I trust it has been my uniform endeavour, during my ministry amongst you, to "study to please my neighbour for his good unto edification;" and it is, I can assure you, no small consolation to me, in leaving a people endeared to me by a Pastoral connexion of so many years' standing, to find that my conduct has met your approbation. It is, however, a still higher source of satisfaction to me, to be enabled to look back upon the scene of my past labours with the humble hope that I have not altogether "laboured in vain, neither spent my strength for nought." Would God that I had been more faithful, more zealous, more diligent—in the discharge of my duties, and that *you* had profited *more* by my ministry! To the blessing and protection of "the great Shepherd and Bishop of souls" I now commend you, confidently trusting that you will find in my worthy successor every thing you can desire in the office he is shortly to assume amongst you. May Almighty God bless both you and him, and make you mutually a blessing to each other!—So prays

Your affectionate friend and late Pastor,

EDWARD PARKIN.