

The following is the address which was read when the presentation above referred to was made :

"MISS ROBERTSON :

"DEAR TEACHER,—In behalf of every household in this community we now present you with a commentary on the Holy Scriptures by Matthew Henry, as a very slight token of our appreciation of your unwearied labors for our welfare, during your four years' sojourn in our midst. We do so with mingled feelings of satisfaction and regret—satisfaction that the gift is so completely deserved and regret that it is not more worthy of the recipient. You will please not regard it simply for its intrinsic worth, but as a reminder that your memory and the remembrance of your self-denying labors for our intellectual and spiritual development are carefully enshrined in our most grateful recollections.

"As your pupils, we desire to express our sorrow for the pain that oftentimes our thoughtlessness has caused you, trusting that you may be pleased to seal our penitence with your forgiveness. From our inmost being we thank you for your unremitting exertions on our behalf, not only by your patiently leading us in the, to us, unexplored regions of the intellectual world, but most of all, for the prayers you taught us and daily offered for us in our midst.

"As parents, we desire to express our gratitude not only for your toilsome labors in the school-room in behalf of those we hold most dear to us, and for the wholesome moral influence your example has had upon them, but also for that moral oversight you have constantly exercised over them, both in the school and out of it.

"As representatives of the different churches, we feel we are very largely your debtors. Your labors in our Sabbath schools, so freely given, have been highly appreciated, and will assuredly not go unrewarded.

"We are satisfied that we echo the universal sentiment of this school section when we express our deep regret that you are now about to leave us. It comforts us to know, however, that what is loss to us will be gain to others. We follow you with our best wishes. May the sunlight of heaven ever shine around your pathway, and its abundant blessings ever rest upon your labors. If ever it please Providence that you revisit us again, with one voice we bid you welcome as a partaker of our kindest hospitalities. We desire to close with the heartfelt prayer that you may long be spared to labor for the good of others, and that your way may be directed and blessed in those labors. That when you shall have taken your sojourn to that land that lies beyond the west, numbers shall arise and call you blessed.

"There may we meet you at the end of days in that great school-room not circumscribed by wall, to learn divinest lessons through all coming ages in presence of the Prince of Teachers.

"Cajstor, 20th December, 1882."