

which you were mainly instrumental in effecting, have rendered it confessedly one of the neatest and most comfortable places of worship in the Diocese.

The warm interest you have ever manifested in our Christian Association, and other kindred institutions, has elicited universal remark, and we are firmly convinced that the improved tone of morals, and the increase of quiet and order in our community, so remarkable of late, has in a great measure been brought about by these instrumentalities.

We learn with pleasure, and congratulate you that the position which you have been invited to assume, is in a material point of view, in every way superior to that which you are about to resign, and beg to assure you that we shall always feel a deep interest in your welfare, and shall hear with pleasure of your continued happiness and prosperity.

It is in no cold conformity to custom, that we thus address you at this time, but with unaffected grief for our impending loss, that words cannot adequately express, and with a deep appreciation of the fact that we are about to be deprived of the counsel and advice of one for whom we ever feel the most hearty and sincere respect and esteem, and we doubt not that you will continue to invoke the blessing of God upon us, and be assured Rev. and Dear Sir, that we will not fail to remember you at the Throne of Grace. Hoping that you may long be spared to be a blessing to the people amongst whom in the Providence of God, you may be called to minister,

We remain,

Your Sincere and faithful friends,

(Signed) JAMES F. COCHRAN, } Church wardens. ✓
SAMUEL MARTIN, }

AND FORTY OTHERS.

NEWPORT, April 8th., 1867.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

In answering your very kind address, words cannot altogether express what I should like to convey to your minds; and I trust that such words as I may use, may not give you the idea of formality, nor indeed any other idea than one of my sincere appreciation of all that you have so very kindly said.

I cannot but feel the severance of that tie which has bound us together for so long a time; especially as our connection as Pastor and Parishioners has subsisted for nearly nine years as a happy and agreeable relationship, unmarred by discord, and characterised by undeviating kindness on your part.

That my public and private ministrations have met your approval, must necessarily afford me much personal gratification; and above all things this feature in my past career, causes a feeling of deep gratitude to God, that he has pleased to accompany with his blessing the work done in His Name.

I shall carry away with me, I assure you a most gratified remembrance of the too high value you have been pleased to set upon my influence in the temporal and moral advancement of our community, whilst it affords me very sincere gratification that our united efforts have met so favourable an issue.

In thanking you for your very kindly interest in my future well-being, I most cordially hope that your wishes may be realized in the new field of work, in which I am about to enter, and as earnestly do I pray and trust that the coming years may bring with them more of prosperity and happiness in our social and religious life, than has ever yet been your lot.

In bidding you farewell, I would ask you to remember me in your prayers; whilst for you, one and all, I would express that your future may be eminently progressive and happy, and may the God of all grace take you under His special care in all the events of this life, and when your pilgrimage is over, may your home be above with Him, who, at the sacrifice of Himself, has purchased it for us.

Believe me your affectionate,

Friend and Brother in Christ,

JAMES J. HILL.

To the signers of the address.