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It has often been a satisfaction to me to ascertain that I have not been aware of the special religious opinions of students during their residence amongst us; for, while I desire to act the part of a faithful and honest instructor, I am little disposed to assume the *role* of an inquisitor.

I am very thankful, for your sake and for my own, to tell you that there is a prospect of a speedy addition to our staff of professors.

With many thanks for your kind wishes for my wife and myself in view of our proposed visit to England, I bid you a hearty farewell, looking forward to a pleasant meeting when the College shall again assemble.

Hon. G. W. Allan then said that it was his pleasant duty to present to Archdeacon Whitaker an address from a large number of warm and attached friends, not only of the College but throughout the Province. He read the address as follows:—

To the Ven. George Whitaker, M. A., Provost of Trinity College, Toronto, and Archdeacon of York:

"We, the undersigned, have learned with much satisfaction that you have been able so to arrange your important duties as to secure for yourself that change, rest, and relaxation which will result from a visit to England.

We need hardly assure you how deeply we appreciate the toil and anxiety which for so many years you have undergone, and the zeal and ability which you have displayed in striving to further the cause of true religion in the Diocese; and here we cannot fail to allude to a disquieting rumour which has become current through the newspapers, that your return to England may possibly prove a permanent one. It would be difficult to express to you our strong sense of the personal loss which such a step would be to each of us individually, as well as to the Church in Canada in these trying and anxious days. We are thankful to be assured that this report is without foundation, and that we shall soon be permitted to welcome you back to that position in Trinity College, which you have honoured by your acquirements and abilities, and adorned by a Christian spirit and blameless life.

We feel assured that as in past years of painful misrepresentation you have never shrunk from upholding, in the institution over which you have so worthily presided, "the faith once delivered to the Saints," so in the future you will be found firmly maintaining within its walls the doctrines of the Church of England as set forth in her formularies, and we beg to assure you of our hearty sympathy and support in the discharge of your important duties.

There has often been expressed the desire (with which you have cordially concurred) that steps might be taken as soon as circumstances would justify them, by which the influence of Trinity College might be extended, and the facilities for the instruction of its students increased; and we earnestly hope that the authorities will take advantage of your visit to England to accomplish this much desired end.

We sincerely trust that both Mrs. Whitaker and yourself may derive every possible pleasure and benefit from your proposed visit, and we pray that our Heavenly Father will take you into His holy keeping, and in His own good time restore you to us with renewed health and strength."

Appended to this address were the signatures of many clergymen and laymen in this and other dioceses.

Archdeacon Whitaker, responded in the following words:—

Mr. Chancellor and Gentlemen,—I receive with lively satisfaction your affectionate address, recognizing in it alike an ample recompense for all past exertions, and a most cheering augury for the future. I have, with you, observed with much surprise the rumors, so widely and industriously circulated, respecting the state of my health, the lamentable causes which have induced it, and the

consequences which it may probably involve. It was somewhat startling at first to discern this spectral projection of myself upon the columns of a newspaper: but I am happy to assure you that I recognize no identity between the melancholy image and myself; while the strange interest which has been discovered by the authors of these rumors, in matters which are strictly of a personal and domestic character, leads me to infer that they would, not unwillingly, address me in the valedictory language of the poet:—

"Fare thee well, and, if forever,  
Still forever fare thee well."

It cannot but be to me a matter of deep thankfulness and great encouragement that so large a number of tried and faithful friends earnestly desire that I should continue to serve in my present office. I can assure you that I do not fail to recognize in this desire a strong indication of my duty, while that duty seems also to rest, independently of your kind wishes, on very grave considerations, suggested by the existing condition of our Church. Were the times calm and hopeful, and could my work be assumed by a successor in whom you could repose full confidence, I might, not unreasonably, desire a release from onerous duties. But, as matters now stand, I must keep before my eyes a wholesome dread of the designation frequently given, even to clergymen of eminence, on retiring from the Colonies; and at all events, refuse to class myself among the "returned," till you are fully prepared to furnish me with an honest certificate as an "empty."

You refer in very kind terms to the character of my past teaching. I can assure you that what it has been it shall be, by God's help, to the end. I see, indeed, in the times in which our lot is now cast—in the strange and mournful departure from old beliefs and old standards of action—I see in the appalling chaos of opinion and of practice, more reason than ever for holding fast to the form of sound words which God has so graciously given us in the formularies of the Church of England; I see more reason than ever for admonishing young men who are seeking holy orders in that Church by no means to assume the responsibility, except they can assent, with all their heart and soul, to the professions to which they will be compelled, in the exercise of their holy office, to pledge both themselves and the people committed to their charge, in solemn prayers and thanksgivings addressed to Almighty God, and in exhortations and declarations no less solemn, since they are made in His name, and on the authority of His Word. I cannot doubt that our Church would have been far stronger at this moment, far more at unity with herself, had all her ministers without exception hitherto faithfully and fearlessly instructed the people to understand, and to embrace with a loving faith, the teaching of her services.

You speak in terms far too flattering of the ability which I have displayed in the discharge of my duties. It is a matter of deep satisfaction to me that in entering on those duties more than 27 years ago I used these words:—"If I look to those ancient institutions of the Mother Country, after the model of which we desire to form our own, and observe how the duties which belong to my office are there distributed among many teachers of the highest attainments in their respective departments; I cannot refrain from feeling and expressing the conviction that the necessity of the case alone justifies an individual in the attempt to labour in so wide a field; and I trust that the time may not be very far distant when an addition to the number of those who bear office in our body may enable each instructor, not to labour less, or more to consult his own ease, but to labour with greater profit and success, in a department suited to his peculiar capabilities, and more nearly commensurate with his powers." What I felt and expressed then, I feel yet more strongly now, conscious as advancing years have made me, not of less interest in my work, but of less ability to sustain the burden of it; conscious, however, that the deficiency in our staff which I deplored at the first, is subjecting us to most unfriendly criticism, and is exposing us to the imputation of estimating far too lightly the important work of preparing young men for the ministry of the Church. I most cordially respond then, for my own sake, and yet more for the sake of the College, to the

expression of your earnest hope that steps may be taken, with all promptitude, to associate with me in my work some man whose abilities, acquirements, and personal character may infuse fresh vigour into our system, and stimulate those who are committed to our care to devote themselves with increased interest and earnestness to the great work of preparation for the life-long service of their Lord. I am most thankful to be able to assure you that at a meeting of the Corporation of Trinity College, held this day, such steps were taken, with the unanimous approval of the large number of members present.

It would, however, ill become me, in thus confessing the disabilities under which the College has laboured, to abstain from making also a grateful confession of the results which, by the blessing of Almighty God, have followed upon the past endeavours of those to whom the work of instruction has been here entrusted. There are very many who, I am assured, look back with deep thankfulness to the days which they spent here; there are very many of our former students, both among the clergy and laity, on whose course we may look, thank God, with unmingled satisfaction and gratitude. The warm acknowledgements which I have not unfrequently received from those who have pursued their studies here, while I feel that I individually have most imperfectly deserved those acknowledgements, are yet a most valuable testimony to work which has been done, to lasting impressions which have been made on honest and good hearts. For myself, I find in these an over-payment for all past exertions and anxieties, and I will venture to say that the College may also discern in them an ample recompense for all the liberality and fostering care which have been discovered by its founders, and by those who have succeeded them in its government. I would not forget, standing where I now do, that I am very largely indebted for this most gratifying assemblage of the friends of the College to many who cannot formally share in the address which you have so kindly presented to me. While, then, I most gratefully acknowledge your brotherly love, I must also be allowed to express my deep sense of the warm unselfish kindness of those whom I must venture to designate as my sisters in Christ. We were informed in the public prints some months ago that I was "the most phlegmatic man in Canada." I by no means venture to impugn the *dictum* of one who seems to know me far better than I know myself, but I will venture to say to those many Christian women who have so frequently, and in so marked a manner, discovered their lively heartfelt sympathy with this "phlegmatic man," that he has, contrary though it may be to all appearances, a heart most keenly to appreciate and most gratefully to reciprocate the affectionate interest which they have so often discovered in his welfare. A modern poet has been so presumptuous as to describe women as "that unreasoning sex." Their retort, I think, might very justly be, that they have something far better than mere "reasoning"—an intuitive perception of what is noble, just, and generous; and that, while we men are spelling out the right word for the occasion, or "reasoning," very wisely no doubt, as to what the right word may be, they speak it courageously and lovingly with decisive and most happy effect.

I thank you most heartily, my dear friends, in my wife's name, and my own, for your good wishes and prayers for us on the journey which lies before us. We trust that, through God's good providence, we may return to you in health and peace, and we pray that His rich blessing may rest on you and yours, not only while we are absent from one another, but from henceforth and for evermore.

The presentation of the addresses having been concluded, the company spent two pleasant hours in conversation and in saying good-bye to the Provost. The entertainment of the evening was varied by vocal and instrumental music, kindly contributed by several ladies, and by the choir of Holy Trinity Church and All Saints Church Glee Club. Refreshments in the shape of ice cream, strawberries and cake were served in abundance during the evening. The company dispersed about eleven o'clock.