

the articles, he was graciously dismissed without further reproof or punishment. We learn these particulars from the history of the action, styled "Articuli Lambethani," and bearing the imprimatur of Oxendon, Montague, Beaumont and Johnson. Wall tells us of an English Socinian Anabaptist, who made this dependence on the Queen the subject of censure:—

"He tells 'em in a laughing way, that to make any canon without the Queen's licence, is a Præmunire. Which is I suppose, brought in to insult and triumph over the convocation of the Church of England, for its being under such restraint."—*Hist. of Infant. Bapt.* p. 2, ch. viii.

It is requested that all who fling up the Catholic, and their concern for the progress of their religion, will only send back the last number they receive, marked **REFUSED**; which will prevent the unnecessary expense of receiving their letters and our answers to their communications.

From the Montreal Transcript.

The Roman Catholic inhabitants of this city, and indeed the community generally, have experienced a heavy loss in the removal to Bytown of the Rev. P. Phelan, for the last 16 years officiating Clergyman at the Recollect Church, and pastor, in a more especial manner, to the Irish Roman Catholics in Montreal. The unostentatious zeal, and exalted virtues of this esteemed Gentleman, have been rewarded by his unsought for, and we believe undesired, promotion as Vicar General, preparatory to his advancement as coadjutor Bishop to His Lordship the Roman Catholic Bishop of Kingston, Canada West. Mr. Phelan's distinguished zeal and philanthropy were universally acknowledged, among all classes of Christians in this community—by all of whom his departure will be regarded with regret. His influence with his congregation was unbounded, and has long been favourably felt in the community.

The address was read by J. P. Sexton, Esq. City Clerk, as Secretary to the Committee, and elicited from Mr. Phelan, a most feeling and eloquent response; which being necessarily extemporaneous, is but feebly, though we believe, accurately conveyed in the subjoined reply, reported from notes taken by a gentleman present.

The Address expresses, in suitable terms, the obligations and feelings of these from whom it emanated; and the answer as it is given, reflects credit alike on the head and heart of its benevolent author.

ADDRESS TO THE REV. P. PHELAN.  
REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,

It was only this morning we learnt of your being immediately about to be removed from among us, with whom you have dwelt in the most affectionate and unremitting intercourse, for the last sixteen years; and although the brief period intervening, between the late hour, when we received intimation of our intended bereavement, and the time fixed for your departure, precluded the possibility of any appropriate or sufficient manifestation of the deep emotions of respect, admiration, and reverence, with which we regard you; still we could not permit you unrecordedly and silently to depart, in the manner desired, and contemplated by your too diffident humility and unassuming worth.

We seek not, Reverend and Dear Sir, by any expression of the feelings, saddened and subdued, which now agitate and nearly overwhelm us, to acknowledge the vast and incalculable debt of gratitude and love we owe you. We feel and confess, that your services to us have been indeed

invaluable, and above any earthly compensation or human acknowledgement. In our daily supplications to the Throne of Grace, we will implore Our Father who is in Heaven, to requite your manifold services to us; and, as in the exhaustless treasures of His Divine Grace may also be found your adequate remuneration: we will humbly but fervently beseech of Him to repay you the untiring zeal, the boundless charity, and enduring love, so lavishly expended on us, not only in our spiritual, but even in our temporal advancement.

It would be equally vain and impossible did we endeavor to enumerate the happy, the blessed results and achievements of your apostolic mission and exertions in this city and province. In the depth of our present affliction, it is consoling to know, that their reputation has been long and loudly proclaimed; that it has extended beyond the limits of Canada; and that it will precede and bless you, when severed from us, in the new home of your more extended duties and exalted sphere.

Sixteen years since you found us a divided—and now you leave us an united—people.—Distinguished then for a prodigal liberality often degenerating into wasteful profusion and not unfrequently liable to the charge of immoderate indulgence, leading, in but too many cases, to habits of debasing intemperance—we are now pre-eminent for those industrious habits, and that self-denying abstinence, which raise and enable man in the social and moral scale.

Our former extensive and oftentimes distressing wants, have been superseded by more than relative independence, amounting in many instances to wealth if not to opulence. And while on the one hand, your unremitting labors have tended to repress and diminish the multitude of those disorderly haunts, whence the juvenile mind imbibed the seeds of licentiousness and crime—you failed not, on the other, to encourage & augment among us the number of Educational Establishments, where rising generations are enabled to acquire those instructive and moral lessons which will hereafter exalt them into useful Citizens and honorable men.

You have, indeed, been unto us, a friend and counsellor in our adversities; a guide and comforter in our reverses; and a kind and indulgent father and benefactor at all times.—And well and aptly are you entitled to say to us, in the language of St. Paul to the Corinthians—"Who (among you) was weak and I was not weak? who was scandalized and I was not on fire?"

In contemplating the success of your spiritual labors for our moral regeneration and spiritual advancement, it could not escape our observation, nor can we avoid declaring, how remarkably applicable to your present position, surrendering up your charge, are the words imputed by St. John to the Saviour himself—"What I was with them, I kept them in thy name.—Those whom thou gavest me, I have kept, and none of them I lost—Because the words which thou gavest me, I have given to them, and they have received them, and have believed that thou didst send me."

Advanced, according to your distinguished merit, in the ranks of that holy and

Apostolic Church, of which you are and have long been so eminently useful and ornamental a pillar; and about to be removed to a more extensive field, for the exercises of your transcendent zeal, ability, and benevolence, perhaps we should rejoice at what we can hardly yet regard, but as a great and afflicting personal calamity; but the blow has fallen too unexpectedly and suddenly upon us, and we are yet too insufficiently recovered from its prostrating & stunning influence, to be enabled to exhibit the disinterestedness and magnanimity, which unmixed satisfaction would at this moment imply.

Whithersoever you may be removed, our fervent prayers shall ascend to the most High for your temporal welfare and eternal happiness; and we shall ever gratefully cherish the remembrance of your piety, your fervour, and your worth, with the most hallowed feelings of our existence.

With hearts overflowing with gratitude, esteem, veneration and anguish, Reverend and Dear Sir,

We most reluctantly say to you,  
FAREWELL.

REPLY OF THE REV. MR. PHELAN.

My dearly beloved Brethren and Friends, I accept with satisfaction this warm and obvious sincere testimony of your approval and regard. Its presentation has taken me somewhat by surprise: and I am consequently unprepared to express, in suitable terms, my thanks for your unexpected kindness.—Your unpremeditated and generous recollection of me, in this exceedingly painful and trying hour of my separation from the beloved flock of whom I have so long been the lowly and feeble, tho' I trust not either the unzealous or inefficient Shepherd.

I had intended silently, almost secretly to have withdrawn from you—not because I was wanting either in affection or esteem for you; but because I was apprehensive my departure would occasion you pain; and from the anguish I have experienced, and have been unable wholly to conceal, ever since my removal was determined on, I justly deemed myself unequal to the effect of a formal leave-taking from friends so unspeakably beloved and so fondly attached. My feelings even now overpower me and hinder me from attempting much that I would fain say to you, and that at a moment like the present, it would be proper, if indeed it be not obligatory, to have stated.

Believe me, dear brethren, it is not in the spirit of affected humility, I am disposed to deprecate the praises you have so lavishly and ingeniously bestowed on me: for my desire to serve you, and my solicitude for your spiritual and eternal welfare I would fain hope, have been all that your too generous partiality has supposed; but if I have even in any respect of service to you—if I have succeeded in amending your character, or improving your social condition—the praise is not due to, and should not be bestowed on me, but on those by whose wise and steady counsels, I have been all along directed in my efforts, as well for your temporal welfare, as your eternal happiness—I mean the Reverend Gentlemen of this House, (the Ecclesiastics of St. Sulpice) and more especially, their zealous and benevolent Superior; whose affectionate and constant interest, in all that concerns either your spiritual or secular advancement, has ever been most solacing and cheering to me, and of the most essential service to you. Believe me, the pain of my approaching departure is greatly mitigated by my knowledge of the lively regard and paternal concern cherished for you by the inmates of this House generally, and by the revered head of it in particular; and I trust and intreat, my beloved brethren, that in my absence their solicitude in your welfare may be re-

paid by an increase of that respect, confidence, and attachment, by which all your relations with them have been hitherto marked.

You have referred, with justifiable exultation, to the multiplied and increasing benefits proceeding from the diffusion of Temperance principles among yourselves and fellow countrymen in this city and District; and have imputed to my humble exertions, the distinguished merit of having originated the holy cause, from whence these and countless other blessings derived their birth.

My dearest brethren, if it were permitted to frail and erring men to indulge in such emotions, I would feel prouder of having established the Temperance Society, which now embraces among its members nearly the whole of my late flock, than if I were the founder of an imperial dynasty; and most earnestly, and from my inmost heart, do I exhort you all, my beloved friends, on this solemn occasion of our mutual leave-taking, by the regard you entertain for me, your respect for yourselves, your attachment to your country, and above all your love and duty to your Creator, never to withdraw from its honored rank—never to waver in steadfast and rigid adherence to its saving precepts—and never to withhold from its support and extension, your warmest advocacy and most zealous energy. In the prosperity of that institution, your own is deeply involved, and not yours alone, but your children's children—and perhaps I am not too sanguine in asserting, the welfare and advancement of all of Irish origin or descent in this city and Province. You will best evince the attachment you bear for me and prove in the most gratifying manner the esteem you have shown me, in the support and extension of that benevolent and surpassingly useful institution; and I feel assured my expectations in its behalf will be more than realized by your perseverance, unity, and self-denial.

Much more that naturally springs out of the affectionate Address just read to me, I would fain add, for exclusively of other and weightier reasons, I am weak enough to fain protract the moment of our approaching and final separation, as Pastor and Flock; but I feel unequal to the task, and will defer to a future and more propitious occasion, many topics not yet adverted to, which under existing circumstances manifestly possess a melancholy interest both for you and me.

Removed by a mandate which it is my duty as it ought to be my pleasure cheerfully to obey, it is most gratifying to reflect that my future lot will not be cast at a great distance from this city, or where I shall be prevented from often, and at no distant intervals, visiting you, for whom I still feel, and shall always entertain, even to the latest moment of my life, the most fervent and spiritual regard and esteem.

Remember me, I beseech you, as you have promised, in our prayers to the Great Fountain of Mercy and Truth, our Heavenly and indulgent Father, to whom no supplications, addressed in the spirit of humility and faith, is ever offered in vain; and rest assured I shall never cease to invoke him on your behalf, nor omit daily, in the most solemn rite of our sacred faith—the holy and dread sacrifice of the Mass—to fervently beseech He may pour down upon you all the sanctifying grace of his atoning mercy and redeeming love.

Finally, my beloved brethren, I say unto you, in the language of the Apostle of nations, "Farewell—rejoice, be perfect, take exhortation, be of one mind, have peace, and the God of love shall be with you."

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the charity of God, and the communication of the Holy Ghost be with you all. Amen."

At the solemn and touching conclusion of the Rev. Gentleman's Answer, all present knelt and received his fervent and pious benediction, after which the Deputation individually took an affectionate farewell of their Reverend Friend and Instructor, and separated, it may be added without great exaggeration, in silence and tears.