

labours of faith and love belonging to your office as a Minister of our beloved Church amongst us. When we call to remembrance your punctuality in attendance on this distant point of your mission, your untiring zeal in the service of your heavenly master, and the cordial and sincere sympathy felt by you for us in all our trials and temptations, we cannot refrain from feeling more than unusually cast down in spirit, at the severance of that bond of love and affection which made us one with you in the cause of truth and love for the faith once delivered to the Saints, so eloquently and forcibly explained and enforced upon our minds from time to time, both in your public ministrations and pastoral visits through the members of each of our respective Churches.

We fervently pray, that whatever our loss may be, (and at present we believe it to be severe) the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ may sustain and reward you with all spiritual and temporal blessings, and may he sustain and strengthen you abundantly to preach Christ and him crucified as you have hitherto done, faithfully and fearlessly among that portion of the Lost Vineyard to which you may be called, by his mysterious dispensations to labour. And may we at last meet as Pastor and People in that place of rest and peace which God has prepared for them that love him, where there shall be no more sorrow, no more pain, and no more separation; but the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall lead his redeemed people unto living fountains of water, and God himself shall wipe away all tears from their eyes. May God grant these our petitions on your behalf. May every blessing, both spiritual and temporal attend yourself, and Mrs. Pyne, and family—and to his name be all the praise now and forever.

Signed on the behalf of the Congregations of St. Paul's Church, Lanark, and St. John's Church, Balderson's Corners.

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Lanark, July, 1857.

REPLY to Addresses from St. James' Church, Perth, St. Paul's Church, Lanark, and St. John's Church, Balderson's Corners.

MY DEAR BRETHREN,—I cannot but feel grateful to you, for your kind expressions towards myself and family on the present occasion. Our parting has indeed circumstances connected with it, which mutually evoke our sympathies, and, although, the world cannot know the depth of our sorrow, yet it is some relief to our poor hearts on this occasion, to give expression to our feelings.

During my short residence amongst you, I have passed through various trying circumstances, and family bereavements, and recently a serious illness seemed likely to threaten a cessation of my labours; but these things are light, in comparison to the anxiety which our present separation causes. I tremble for the prosperity of the Church amongst you, and the reason I do so is best known to you all. However, there is no cloud, be it ever so dark but, may be penetrated by the midday sun, and so, the Sun of Righteousness may arise upon you, and cause the very things which you most dread, to be the forerunners of approaching day.

I have come out to this country as an emigrant, I now return home—this is a fair emblem of the Christian life. We are all emigrants from Heaven, and from God. Oh! may our return home ever occupy our minds, until the Good Shepherd celebrates our return, amidst the countless number of the redeemed.

"Finally, Brethren, farewell;" truly, this moment of our lives, though fleeting, as all others will not soon be forgotten; but, will be thought over frequently as a sort of *Bocchim* in the wilderness. There are friendships, which cause no regrets at parting, because, the feelings upon which they are founded are earthly and selfish; but, the friendship which binds us is not of earth. It is a higher, and a holier feeling, which binds a Christian people to their minister, and Providence seems never to strike so harshly, as when he sees fit to sever their connection. Your prayers, Brethren: for me, and mine, I shall ever value, and though, the waves of the Atlantic may separate us, yet, my thought will ever be with you—and what is better still—my heart felt prayers, that, the God of all grace may overrule all our changes, and vicissitudes to our good and his glory.

I beg leave to subscribe myself ever, Dear Brethren, Yours in Christ and His Church,
ALEXANDER PYNE.

Perth, July, 1857.