

be long remembered with pleasure. May your goodness and piety be more conspicuous than ever.

To you, my trusty handmaid, Faith, I allot the office of Teacher of the youth of Nova Scotia, on the subject of our annual visit, that they may be prepared to meet us in each succeeding year with a full measure of joy.

It is true indeed, as some have asserted, that christians should endeavour to be at all times alive to the kindest feelings, and be ever mindful of Him whose birth is celebrated at this season. It is also true, that the human heart, like a harp of many strings, is not always attuned to harmony. The damp days of adversity and the hand of care operate to destroy the tone—the dry gales of prosperity are too apt to cause harshness of expression; and it is by appointing set times to throw away worldly care, and forget worldly distinctions, that humility and love can be most successfully set forth.

You, my dear Hope, will attend on Faith; and while she points to the Babe of Bethlehem, you can show to youth, that by following the example He set them on earth, they may, through heavenly guidance, realise a full assurance of blessedness hereafter.

And you Charity, of heavenly parentage—do as you ever have done—follow your sisters Faith and Hope—and as they enlighten and inspire the youth of Nova Scotia, leading them into the only sure path to happiness—do you gently teach them to harmonize in sentiment, or, to agree while they differ; and while “one says I am of Paul, and another, I am of Apolos,” do you point to the Babe of Bethlehem, who came for the good of all. Show them that Christian love is the fulfilling of the law; and may they, by your influence, at this season and at all seasons, give a portion to the needy, attend to the sick, comfort the distressed, and make the heart of the widow and orphan to rejoice.

Friends and children, farewell! may you all enjoy a merry Christmas.

National Anthem.

God save our Gracious Queen,
 Long live our noble Queen,
 God save the Queen;
 Send her victorious,
 Happy and glorious,
 Long to reign over us—
 God save the Queen.