

given to him. The Rev. Mr. Herdman then addressed the young Pastor in a most impressive manner, and the Moderator the people, after which the solemn and interesting services of the day were closed with prayer by Mr. McAnn, and the singing of part of the 122nd Psalm. On retiring, the congregation had an opportunity of welcoming their pastor-elect at the Church door.

In the afternoon the members of Presbytery were handsomely entertained at dinner by Mr. McLeod, a venerable and much esteemed member of the congregation.

The following is the address delivered by Mr. Galbraith, Moderator of Presbytery, to the congregation:

ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE OF SALT-  
SPRINGS' CONGREGATION AT THE OR-  
DINATION AND INDUCTION OF THE REV.  
JAMES FITZPATRICK, 4TH FEBRUARY,  
1879.

My Dear Friends: the duty has now devolved upon me of addressing to you a few words as to your duty towards him who has now been set over you as your Pastor. Now were I assured that you would act towards him as you have done to your ministers in the past, and especially to your last settled minister, who laboured so faithfully amongst you for a good many years, I would also feel assured of the comfort and happiness of your newly-appointed minister, so far as you, as a congregation, are concerned. Your unwearied kindness to your last settled minister, your deep affection for him, your punctuality in payment of his stipend, and your hearty appreciation of his unwearied labours amongst you, are well known throughout the church, and have earned for you the honorable title of "a live congregation," and one "never weary in well-doing."

But it is with deep pain that I have noticed in this country that when a congregation has been deprived of a favourite and much loved pastor, who has been called to another sphere of usefulness, as in your case; or when another congregation has been brought into pecuniary difficulties through their very generosity to their minister, who yet has deserted them, there is frequently an unreasonable

inclination in the one case to give vent to their feelings of disappointment, and in the other case to their feelings of indignation, upon the devoted head of the next minister; the one congregation saying:—"We did so much for our last minister and yet he left us; we won't do so much for another;" and the other saying:—"We spoiled one minister, we're not going to spoil an 'her';" and so keeping almost or entirely aloof from him, and caring nothing for his or his family's comfort and welfare. I feel, my friends, that I cannot speak too strongly about the injustice and unreasonableness of such treatment. Ah! did members of such congregations only know the unhappiness and anxiety which such treatment causes the innocent object of it; how it disheartens and discourages him in his ministerial work amongst them, and causes feelings of estrangement in him towards them, even when his great desire is to be affectionately disposed towards them as the flock entrusted to his care, surely they would relent in their unjust treatment towards him, and feel more kindly disposed towards him in the future.

I do not anticipate any such change of feeling in you towards your pastor-elect. Your kind and handsome treatment towards him who laboured temporarily amongst you during the vacancy, even at the very first, when he was nothing whatever to you, is a sure guarantee that your hearts will go forth warmly towards your new minister, and that your attention to his comfort and happiness will be no less than in the case of his predecessor. I congratulate him upon having his lot cast amongst a people proverbial for their kindness to their ministers, for that is what I have always heard of Saltsprings congregation; and I would exhort you to give him your confidence from the very first, for by virtue of his office, as a minister of the Gospel, he has a right to it from the first, and as long as he shows himself deserving of it.

Another thing in this country which has greatly surprised and pained me, as well as others coming from the old country, is the injury often done to the minister by disputes at congregational meetings about matters with which he has nothing whatever to do. Let a question arise at such a meeting say about the