

Copy of an answer to a note from the Chairman of the Committee of the Church.

*Tuesday, November 28th.*

My dear Sir,—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your note of yesterday, communicating to me, the request of the Committee of St. Matthew's Church, that I would furnish them with a Copy of the Sermon I preached on Thursday last, for the purpose of publication.

As I regard this call, as an evidence, that the sermon was approved of, by the Committee, and as intended to mark their regard for me as their Pastor, the circumstance is gratifying to my feelings; and I am desirous to express my thanks for the compliment paid me.

At the same time, I must acknowledge, that being sensible that my compositions are wholly destitute of literary merit, I feel that it would be very painful to myself to have *any* of them submitted to the public eye,—but very particularly a *Sermon* which, having been written two years ago, without my having the most remote thought that it would ever be desired for publication, I could not now send to the press, but under a peculiar disadvantage.

I hope therefore that the Committee, in the present instance, will hold me excused from furnishing a copy of the sermon as requested;—and believe, that my declining to avail myself of the opportunity which they now so kindly offer, of coming before the public, in print, arises entirely from a sense of what is due to myself, and not from any want of respect to them.—

I am, my dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN SCOTT.