

their many acts of kindness to me, personally, in the discharge of my public duties to the congregation, and especially, for the attention and time given in accompanying me in the few domiciliary visits which I was able to make to the members of the congregation. May the Lord reward them for their labor of love in the Church here, and give them an inheritance hereafter, which is incorruptible and enduring for ever.

Be pleased, then, Gentlemen, to convey to the congregation in general my grateful remembrance for these tokens of their kindness which I now hold in my hands, and for all the courtesies which I received from those with whom I met in private. And to you, Gentlemen, individually, I cannot but add my meed of gratitude for your personal hospitality, and other marks of attention given to me, holding, as you do, an official office in connection with the congregation. I hope that its exchequer may always be solvent and full, and that great wisdom and success may always be manifested by you, as the able financiers of St. Andrew's Church, Newfoundland. Remember me, with feelings of gratitude, to the members of your respective families.

My visit to Newfoundland, though short (a matter over which I had no control), has been to me very agreeable. I can assure you most pleasant: it has, indeed, unlocked many early reminiscences of dear old Scotland, in meeting with countrymen from localities which will be ever dear to me, where I spent my youthful and happy days, never to return. Ever since I landed in British North America, never did I meet with so much of the Scottish element, and of individuals—than in your Island—who knew me when I exercised the functions of the "Domine," and "passing rich on forty pounds a year." May they—my countrymen—ever manifest in this, the land of their adoption, the sterling character of the land of their nativity, famous for integrity, honor, honesty, industry and religion.

Gentlemen, I must now bid you farewell.—With the Apostle Paul I may say: "Silver and gold I cannot give you"—and which I know you do not require—in return for the many and never to be forgotten kindnesses to me during my sojourn amongst you; yet I trust that you and your's may experience this blessing of Israel of old: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine on you, and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace."

I remain, Gentlemen,

Yours ever sincerely,

GEO. W. STEWART.

ADDRESS.

ST. JOHN'S, August 11th, 1864.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—

On the eve of your leaving St. John's, we, the members of the Sabbath School in connexion with St. Andrew's Church, beg your acceptance of the accompanying parcel, not for its value, but merely as a token of remembrance. We regret that your stay amongst us has been so short. Should we part to meet no more in this world, may we meet in that world where partings are unknown. May He who said to the raging sea: "Peace be still," protect you when on the water, and bring you in safety to your congregation.

With earnest wishes for your future happiness and welfare, believe us, Rev'd and Dear Sir, yours very sincerely,

E. COWAN,

M. MATTHEW,

E. BROWNING,

H. J. LAIRD,

On behalf of the Sabbath School;
Teachers of St. Andrew's Sabbath
School, St. John's, Newfoundland.

REPLY.

LITTLE RIVER, MUSQUODONUIT, }
NOVA SCOTIA, Sept. 1864. }

Messrs. Laird, Matthew, Browning and Cowan

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

I have received your very kind letter, accompanied by two Boxes, containing very necessary and useful things to a clergyman. I, with great gratification, accept of this as "a token of your remembrance" of my ministerial visit to Newfoundland, and as a tangible expression, on your behalf, of my superintendence of the Sabbath School of St. Andrew's Church, during the absence of your worthy pastor. Rest assured, I did not expect, and I confidently feel that my services did not merit, this gift of your benevolence and appreciation. The Sabbath School meetings with you and the scholars will ever be fresh in my recollection. In all of them, I could not but admire the regularity of your attendance (which is a very important matter in a Sabbath School Teacher, as affording an example of punctuality to the scholars), the care and assiduity evinced in your instructions and discipline of your classes, as well as the uniform and general good behaviour and attention of the scholars. May these meetings and hours spent together in training the young in religious and saving knowledge be both to you and me an "oasis" in our pilgrimage. Yours, my young friends, is not only a noble work, and though sometimes not at all agreeable, received with ingratitude very often yet it is a very important one, a work and a labor that requires much patience and wisdom to do it well and effectively. May He who said: "Suffer little children to come unto Me," fit and prepare you with all the necessary qualifications for the difficult work of the Sabbath School, and own you as successful teachers in his vineyard. And amidst the manifold impediments with which your labor of love is surrounded, such as the carelessness, the frivolity and apathy which is often manifested in the character of the young, may our blessed Lord, at whose gracious command you have felt it your duty to "Go and labor in His vineyard," so strengthen you in these duties of the Sabbath School, and crown your labors with abundant success. Continue and persevere in this ennobling work of love, leading the youthful mind to Jesus as their best and only friend, that He will never leave nor forsake them, and under His safe guidance, they will not stumble in their youthful career. He will be to them a good shepherd, leading them to pastures green and enduring. May this be continually your aim, in all your instructions, and you will be cheered in doing so, keeping in remembrance that refreshing and invigorating promise: "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and you shall find it after many days."

My dear young friends, your kind wishes and prayers have been answered in my safe arrival in the midst of my congregation. Our voyage, though long and stormy, never displaced my safety and confidence in Him whose rule is over both sea and land, and by His kind blessing, our vessel, the commodious and swift "Delta," guided and governed by a skilled and careful navigator, carried us, in due course, to the Land of the Mayflower. Remember me, with grateful affection, to the other teachers and to all the dear scholars. May all spiritual and temporal blessings be given to you all.

I am yours truly and sincerely,

GEORGE W. STEWART.