

to unite in celebrating the praises of the Lamb, who is exalted to bestow repentance and remission of sins, and prepare mansions for his faithful followers. And I am not without hope but that in the mysterious providence of God, my separation and the cause of it, shall ultimately serve the rather to promote this most desirable consummation.

I would take this opportunity of expressing my sincere and grateful acknowledgements for the many kind and friendly receptions experienced in your midst during my pastoral visitations, and especially to all who gave their support and encouragement in the maintenance of the order, the discipline and honor of God's house, and to those who sustained me while seeking to contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints. Be assured that neither time nor distance can efface the strong affection which binds me to those who steadily and perseveringly encouraged me in seeking to maintain the honor of God's cause, and to disseminate pure and undefiled religion. And that God may be glorified by you as a Church of Christ, and that you may secure His blessing, let me once more affectionately and earnestly urge two things upon you: 1st.—That those who would be guides and rulers among you in sacred matters, first make a faithful surrender of their individual souls to the Lord, and cherish the highest regard for His glory and the spiritual interests of His people—let nothing take the precedence of these in your estimation and your most strenuous efforts. 2nd.—That the truth of God be maintained, and the purity of his worship asserted in the face of every opposing influence. And that these all important ends be manifestly promoted, it is my anxious and earnest prayer, that you may have a pastor placed over you after God's own heart, one more capable of discharging all the duties of the sacred office, more zealous in seeking your temporal, spiritual and eternal welfare than hitherto set over you.

It is to me a source of strong consolation and much encouragement to be well assured of having the prayers of God's people. To have an interest in their prayers is of unspeakable value. And I am confident that the prayers of every humble and pious soul of my extensive charge, and of many beyond accompany me. For these, I can only assure you that it is my strong desire and persevering effort, to have my prayers on your account ascend to the divine mercy seat, commingled with those of the good of all times, and perfumed and rendered efficacious through the meritorious sacrifice and the all prevailing intercession of the great High Priest, until we shall meet where all true friends in Jesus shall meet to part no more.

I do feel that I have expended the strength and vigor of my years in God's service among you; and it is my earnest and anxious purpose to devote whatever strength may be con-

tinued to me in seeking to advance the cause of our gracious Master where I may think His unerring wisdom lends me. Nor do I expect to escape difficulties while labouring in Christ's militant Church. If enabled to prove faithful, *it is impossible but that offences shall come; but none unto him through whom they come*, are the solemn lessons of the Great Teacher.

I desire to return my hearty thanks for your kind expressions towards Mrs. McKay and family.

The handsome gift of 43½ Sovereigns—22 from Salt Springs congregation and 21½ from Gairloch, raised in a few days, with many kind and considerate gifts in a private form, are strong and tangible proofs of your earnest desire for our comfort and welfare, in parting. May all be returned seven-fold, by the Bestower of every good and perfect gift.

And may grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be the heritage of you all, is my earnest and frequent prayer. Farewell.

ALEXANDER MCKAY.

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IN MEMORIAM.

Not a few of our readers were personally acquainted with the late John Duffus, Esq., of Halifax, and many more knew him by reputation. He was a warm hearted man himself, and so had many warm friends both in the city and country, some of whom travelled more than a hundred miles to be present at his funeral, and pay their last tribute of affection and respect to all that remained of him on earth. We, too, desire to pay our tribute of esteem to his memory in the pages of the *Record* of the Church of which he was a loyal and worthy member.

Mr. Duffus' character was really known only to those who were very intimate with him. All knew him to be an honorable, and reliable man of business, but few knew his real worth as a man. In everything connected with the relief of the poor and suffering, there was a tenderness, a delicacy and a considerateness about him that none but men of the largest and truest sympathies ever display. He was treasurer of the Deaf and Dumb Institution, and as such often stood in the gap when its funds were low, and never did he show more genuine delight than in witnessing the mental development and growing intelligence of any of the inmates. There was one thing about him especially attractive—no matter how poor any of his relations or friends became, he never deserted them, but always backed them with words of cheer and substantial help. As a Churchman, he was true, liberal, and sincere. A thorough Presbyterian by conviction, he