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ADDRESS TO REV. D. E. BLAKE.

(This address was sent to us at the time it was presented, but was by accident overlooked. —Ed. Eccl. Gaz.)

OAK RIDGES, 13th Dec., 1858.

REV. AND DEAR SIR.—We the Churchwardens and other parishioners of the Church of St. John Baptist, Oak Ridges, beg to wait on and to address you, for the purpose of testifying our sincere and grateful feelings for the great obligations under which you have laid us, by your efficient and successful exertions in organising our congregation.

Time cannot efface the recollections of the pleasure, happiness, and we hope benefit, that we have received under your ministrations, nor of your most regular attendance, with a seriously impaired constitution braving the severest vicissitudes of the weather.

Often when the thermometer was many degrees below zero have you arrived at our church, with your person and horse covered with ice, having left your home long before sunrise, travelling so many miles in a direction almost due north.

Not only we, but others, must appreciate your efforts when we state that they were performed and endured under the most disinterested temporal motives, having devoted to the fund for building the church sums which of right ought to be your property.

Although these were not individually great, yet their accumulation for about ten years has materially assisted us, with the blessing of God, to finish the building without its being encumbered by any debt.

We cannot conclude without acknowledging our admiration of the truly christian spirit with which you discharged towards us the different duties of your sacred office, and of the high abilities and attainments that enabled you to convey your valuable teachings, in such pleasing strong and acceptable terms.

We pray that every good may attend on you and on your family. We have the pleasure to subscribe ourselves your attached humble Servants. (Signed by the Churchwardens, all the heads of families, and others of the congregation.)

REPLY.

MY DEAR AND VALUED FRIENDS,—I thank you very sincerely for the kind and affectionate Address you have just presented to me, and regret that I am not prepared, in consequence of its having come so unexpectedly upon me, to reply to it as I could wish. Even had I had time for reflection, I should have been quite at a loss for terms adequately to express my deep sense of obligation for the kind and indulgent estimate you have formed of the value of my humble services amongst you for the last ten years.

I am not, however, so vain or presumptuous, as to appropriate to myself, as the just measure of

my desert, the high encomiums your kind partiality has bestowed upon me; yet this I can truly say, that in the discharge of the duties I undertook amongst you. I was actuated by a sincere desire to perform them with as little intermission and as great punctuality as possible. To accomplish this, no doubt, involved a considerable amount of personal labour and expense; but I am amply repaid by the assurance, that my feeble efforts have met with your approval, and been attended with some measure of success.

I needed not, however, this kind expression of your appreciation of my humble services to be convinced that those of you who take an interest in church matters are well disposed to regard with grateful feelings the slightest efforts of their clergyman; for I have on many occasions observed a hearty earnestness of purpose, and a faithful adherence to engagements voluntarily imposed upon themselves, which afforded me a practical and most convincing proof of the sincerity of their professions. I hailed this as a token for good, and felt, as I believe I have often before expressed, that it only required the active services of a clergyman resident amongst you, more largely to develop and expand this germ of goodness for the benefit of the community in which you reside.

The separation between a pastor and his people must always be attended with more or less of painful emotion; but after twenty-five years of incessant labour, I found that three services, with twenty miles to travel each Sunday, was more than I could longer accomplish with satisfaction to myself. I therefore was compelled to apply to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese to be relieved from serving your Church, to which his Lordship very kindly assented. Thus have my ministrations amongst you terminated, and while this is to me a subject of regret, it is to me also no small satisfaction to know that you have been able to secure the services of a clergyman so able and experienced as your present pastor; and allow me here to assure you, that if by reason of important engagements elsewhere your clergyman should at any time be prevented from attending upon any sudden emergency, I shall be most happy, with his permission, to render any assistance in my power.

Again thanking you for the kind expressions with which you have requited my humble services,

I remain,

Your faithful and obedient sc. vant,
R. E. BLAKE.

To the Churchwardens
and Congregation of St. John
the Baptist Church, Oak Ridges.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. WM.
BLEASDELL.

On New Year's Day, last, the ladies of the congregation of St. George's Church, Trenton, presented their Pastor, the Rev. Wm. Bleasdel, M.A., with a policy on his life, for £200 sterling with profits, accompanied with the following address, which with the reply we append to this. About the same time his congregation at Cold

We have read with much pleasure the lecture delivered by Professor E. K. Kendall, of Trinity College, Toronto, before the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada, at Montreal, on the 20th December last, on the connexion between experiment and theory in the progress of scientific discovery. The matter is both scientific and instructive. We are indebted to the Society for requesting the Rev. gentleman to consent to its publication, and we think he showed his taste in publishing it as it was delivered. The following paragraph from the preface of the pamphlet offers sufficient explanation of the reason which induced the writer to retain the style of the lecture rather than of the Philosophical Treatise.

"In complying with the request that I would allow the following lecture, delivered before the Board of Arts and Manufactures for Lower Canada, to be printed for more general circulation, I have but to remark that it was prepared in answer to a call from the Society for a Lecture in Physical Science or Mechanics at a time when my professional duties left but small leisure at my command. If my object had been to prepare a treatise for publication the form would have been very different, but I have preferred printing the lecture, with but a few verbal alterations, as it was delivered, to making extensive changes either in arrangement or illustration."

The Guardian says that Vicountess Newry, who seceded to the Roman communion some seven or eight years since, has returned to the English Church, and been received again at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge. The Bishop of Oxford is said to have been instrumental in bringing back the wanderer home.

The Senatus Academicus of the University of Edinburgh, at their meeting of Saturday conferred the degree of LL.D., on C. Macdonall, Esq., Professor of Greek in Queen's College, Belfast.

Mr. Robert Chambers has positively denied the statement that he is the author of the "Vestiges of Creation." The rumour appears to have arisen from the fact of some of the proof sheets having been sent to him in the first instance.

It has been announced that the Dean and Chapter of the Exeter Cathedral have resolved to hold Divine service on Sunday afternoons in the nave, instead of in the choir, of the cathedral. One of the members of the chapter will, it is said, defray the whole of the cost of the alteration (upwards of £600.) and when it is effected accommodation will be afforded for 1,200 or 1,300 persons.