

ed a reunion of our connexion, which has been so happy and harmonious from its commencement; and, should our anticipations be realized, need we affirm that we consider ourselves in duty bound to do our endeavors to alleviate your labours, secure your comfort and promote your happiness.

And now, dear sir, in bidding you farewell, be pleased to accept the accompanying tribute of our esteem. We freely admit the donation is in itself unworthy of your acceptance, and quite inadequate to your merits, still, we are confident your generous mind will appreciate the motive that prompted it.

Finally, our fervent prayer is that Almighty God may convey you in safety to your native land, and enable you, by His grace, to spend a long life of usefulness in the service of your Divine Master and Redeemer.

Signed in behalf of the congregation of St. David's Church, Cape John, N. S.

PETER GRANT.

#### REPLY.

DEAR FRIENDS :

I accept, with sincere gratification and thankfulness, both the address and the accompanying purse of money, which you have done me the honor to present to me.

Of my labors among you in connection with the Redeemer's cause, you have, I fear, formed too high an estimation, conducted, as they have often been, in the midst of weakness and other depressing influences. The only commendation which I can receive, without any hesitation, is that which has reference to my motives in preaching among you the unsearchable riches of Christ. I have earnestly sought your spiritual welfare, and often felt the awful magnitude of the work and insignificance of the instrument. If any good has been done, as the result of my labors among you, to God alone be the praise ascribed.

Dear friends,—An address conveyed in such earnest terms as yours, demands what I am at present unable to render, a suitable reply. Allow me, however, to bear testimony to the uniform kindness and cooperation which I have experienced at your hands, and your great desire, at all times, to diminish my labors. It is with great pleasure, also, that I now and always will remember the comparative freedom from immorality, observable throughout the bounds of the congregation of Cape John—a character which, thank God, is not uncommon in surrounding congregations also, and which, I pray, may grow in all which is pure, and holy, and of good report.

Your ardent desire that I should return to you has, I must confess, shaken my resolution henceforward to remain in Scotland; but, whether I return or not, my thoughts and my most fervent prayers will be with you, in the hope of meeting (if not here again, in a tabernacle in which we groan, being burdened), in the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Finally, farewell—and may grace, and peace be with you all.

JOHN SINCLAIR

*Roger's Hill Manse, Jan. 5, 1864.*

#### ADDRESS FROM ROGER'S HILL CONGREGATION

*To the Rev. John Sinclair :*

We, the Elders and other members of Roger's Hill congregation, in connection with the Church of Scotland, in parting with you to-day, after so short, but so satisfactory, experience of your labours amongst us as pastor, are desirous of expressing the regret with which this parting has filled the mind, and the undiminished attachment which we cherish towards you still.

We trust that the fruit of your labors amongst us has not been small, and sure we are, that if this fruit is at all in proportion to the zeal and diligence of him who sowed the seed, it will indeed be abundant and enduring.

Our prayer, this day, is that you may be guided in safety back to your native land, and that others may long enjoy the services which we so much miss.

In name of the other elders and members of Roger's Hill congregation.

(Signed), JOHN MCKENZIE, Elder.  
Jan. 5, 1864.

#### REPLY.

DEAR FRIENDS :

I accept, with sincere gratitude, the address and the accompanying present in money which you have kindly handed to me. I have experienced much kindness at your hands at various times past, and therefore this parting presentation was the more unnecessary and unlooked for. I am, at present, too much worn out by preparations, necessary before departure, to be able to return an adequate reply to the flattering address just read. But, not willing that the opportunity should be allowed to pass unimproved, or, at all events, unembraced, allow me to thank you for, not only this address and this purse, the concluding friendly presentation of a long series of presents, secretly and deliberately given. I thank you for these; but above all, for the moral support you have invariably given me, for the deep interest you have taken in the welfare of our Zion, for the internal harmony of the congregation, even in the midst of very inflammable materials, for these and many other qualities which I will not at present enumerate, I return my best thanks.

In Nova Scotia, I have witnessed much piety and met God-fearing men, some of whom are now removed by death. I thank the Great Head of the Church for the evidence which their mature faith presented, of the truth of the religion of Christ, and of the gratifying fact also, that salvation is still within the walls of our Zion.

Now, unto Him who is able to keep you