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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—Ps. 137: 5.

ADDRESS BY REV. A. MACLEAN,

AT THE INDUCTION OF THE REV. JAMES MCCOLL, AT DESABLE, P. E. ISLAND.

Dear Brother,—You have now been formally inducted into the pastoral charge of this congregation, and the duty has been imposed upon me to address you, as is usual in our Church on all such solemn occasions. I do not presume to think that I can present any new features of the great work in which you are about to engage, that have not already occupied your own serious thoughts, nor do I suppose that I can speak of duties which are not deeply impressed on your heart, with the earnest resolve faithfully to fulfil them. But, well and clearly as our duty may be known, and earnest as we feel assured our determination is most faithfully to discharge it, we still need—we need it much—to have it frequently impressed anew upon our minds; otherwise there is danger, from the many difficulties to be encountered, that zeal, however earnest at starting, may ere long become cold and languid. It is therefore with good reason that our Church has ordained that every pastor, on his induction to the charge of a congregation, be solemnly reminded of the duties and responsibilities which are now his,—and although an address, on such an occasion, can but imperfectly represent the nature of the relationship implied in the words, "Pastor and people," or do little more than hint at the unspeakable consequences for weal or woe which must be the result, it is yet fitted, with God's blessing, to produce a salutary impression, and leave on the mind an influence for good that may remain. If such an address has the effect to deepen the sense of solemn responsibility already impressed by the Spirit of God on the minister's heart, and if it gives increased fervency to the prayer for continual guidance and teaching, and for larger measures of the Heavenly unction, which alone can enable Him to walk and act and speak to His people as the anointed of God and the ambassador of Christ should do—if it serves in any measure to effect this, then great indeed is the benefit resulting, and most valuable and lasting will be the fruits.

In every work or enterprise in which man may engage, we know that much depends on the manner and on the spirit in which that work is entered