

ought to love him with all your mind, and all your soul, and all your strength.

My Children.—You ought also to love your blessed Saviour, for it was he who died for you; it is he who now intercedes for you, prays to God the Father, not to punish you as you deserve, but to pardon and bless and save you. If you would love your earthly friend, who would save you from temporal evil, from temporal death, how ought you to love Christ, your Heavenly friend, who saves you from everlasting evil, from eternal death, and procures for you everlasting life and glory.

My Children.—If you love your God and Saviour, you will always seek to do what they command, what is pleasing to them. You cannot love them if you do those things which displease and offend them.

My Children.—All sin is displeasing to your God and Saviour, because sin is doing what they have forbidden, and what will render you miserable here, hereafter and for ever.

And every thing which is pious and good, is pleasing to your God and Saviour, because it is this which they have commanded, and which will make you happy here and hereafter.

You must always seek to avoid that which is evil and to do that which is good. You must avoid idleness and drunkenness and cheating, swearing, and neglect of God and his worship and service; and you must be industrious and sober, honest and pious, praying to God every day; and especially on Sunday, his holy day you must worship Him in his holy temple—But,

My Children.—You cannot do all this of yourselves. You certainly must know and feel, that you are weak and guilty, and depraved creatures, that often you are not disposed to do good, and that when you are, some evil thought or desire or passion prevents you from doing what is good, and leads you to do that which is evil.

My Children.—Your God and Saviour hath sent his Holy Spirit to enable you to avoid sin, and to do that which is good. It is his holy Spirit which secretly and in a way which you do not know, makes you holy in heart and life. It is this his Holy Spirit that makes you see and love that which is true and good, which subdues all your evil passions, which enables you to think good thoughts, to speak good words, and to do good actions.

My Children.—How necessary then it is that you should love God's Holy Spirit. God gives his Spirit to all men, to enable them to repent and believe, and serve him. But especially He gives his Spirit to his Holy Church, to all who are baptized, and thus admitted into the Society of true believers. He gives his Holy Spirit also, in the ordinance of Confirmation, to all those who sincerely take upon them the promises of baptism, and on whom his ministering servant, the Bishop, lays hands after the example of the Apostles. He gives his Holy Spirit to all those who, in the Holy Communion, eat the bread and drink the cup in remembrance of the death and passion of the Lord Jesus Christ. God gives his Spirit also, when we pray to him for it especially in this his holy temple.

My Children.—Let me then beseech you not to forsake the assembling of yourselves together to worship in this holy place. Here you will have the words of eternal life. Here you will have the true ministry and sacraments and ordinances of Christ.

Here Jesus Christ will meet with, and pardon and bless you; here God will listen to your prayers and will give to you his Holy Spirit; here by the sanctifying influence of that Spirit, you will be made fit for the kingdom of heaven.

My Children.—Never then leave the Church where you have all these blessings,—all that is necessary to make you holy and happy here and forever. Do not listen to those who would tempt you to leave it. When a man is in a safe and good path, why should he seek any other?

You are now, while you continue in the Church to which you belong, in a path which will lead you to heaven. It will be foolish, it will be wrong in you to choose any other. Worship God as you have been accustomed to worship him; hear the instructions of him who is set over you, and you will be sure of being led in the right way to heaven.

My Children.—These are my parting words—when I come again I hope I shall hear you have not neglected them. They are given to you in much love, with an earnest desire that they may do you good.

My prayer for you is, that you may be prosperous and happy in this life, and forever happy in the life which is to come. May God grant this for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The following Address was presented to the Rev. Ralph Leeming, at the Church in Barton, U. C., on Sunday the 17th of October, 1830, on his leaving the Mission, embracing Barton, Ancaster, and Hamilton.

To the Rev. Ralph Leeming, Missionary of the Church of England, Ancaster;

REVEREND SIR,

The undersigned Churchwardens, Vestry, and Congregations of Barton, Ancaster, and Hamilton, Magistrates, and other inhabitants of the District of Gore, learning with deep and sincere regret, that you are about to leave this Mission, and return to your native country, cannot permit you to depart without offering you some testimony of that respect and esteem in which we have long held your personal, as well as clerical character.

Through a period of fourteen years, during which you have discharged the duties of a missionary in this part of this diocese, we have the satisfaction of testifying to your steady and unwearied exertions to promote the cause of Christianity in the important situation of a minister of the Gospel.

In your separation from this community at large, and in particular from those of the Church, who have long been accustomed to your public services we feel a regret not easily expressed. United as we so long have been in bonds far stronger than those of any common tie—cemented by time and frequent intercourse—without one break to distract that union created by unanimity of feeling, action and worship, our separation is to us rendered doubly painful.

We have witnessed your constant attention to all those duties required of you, and we trust that we have participated in those feelings which owe their origin to our holy religion, and which ought to exist betwixt a Christian minister and his flock.

The circumstances of our expected separation leave us but small hopes of ever being reunited in that relation in which we have so long and so happily stood; but we trust that you will believe these expressions as they are spontaneously offered, that wherever in the providence of God your lot may be cast, you have our hearty prayers that you may enjoy happiness, peace, prosperity and every earthly blessing.

In leaving this country you carry with you our earnest wishes for your safe arrival with your beloved consort, and a happy welcome, in the land of your forefathers. Had your longer residence with us been consistent with your views and arrangements, the continuance of your services would have been by us duly appreciated; but as that is not to be the case, we beg to offer you an affectionate farewell.

District of Gore, July 1830.

David Kern, Thomas Hammill, Church Wardens, Barton.
Job Loder, Samuel Tisdale, Church Wardens, Ancaster,

And one hundred and fifty three others.

Gentlemen.—I thank you for your friendly and affectionate address, and believe me, no words can express the grateful feelings of my heart on receiving this last token of your regard and esteem. United as we have long been by the most sacred of all bonds, unanimity of principle and feeling, of faith and worship, I cannot view my approaching separation from you without the most painful feelings of regret. It is nevertheless truly gratifying, and will ever afford me sincere pleasure to reflect on the happy influence upon your affections and lives by the precepts of the gospel, and that, by God's help, my labours amongst you have not been altogether in vain. But however anxious I may have been to promote the service of God generally, and especially the salvation of those committed to my care, I am conscious that in the discharge of the various and important duties of an Ambassador of Christ I have fallen far short of that ardent zeal and unwearied exertion which the word of God requires, or which you might reasonably have expected of me.

I am deeply sensible of my errors and deficiencies, and how much I owe to your kind forbearance, for which, rest assured, I shall ever cherish the most grateful remembrance. In departing, I pray that God may bless you with all temporal and spiritual blessings.—That you may never forfeit his favour, nor your own peace of mind, by transgressing his laws.—That in my successor may be found united all those graces and virtues which adorn and qualify a minister of Christ to guide his flock into the way of peace. And may he the great shepherd and Bishop of Souls grant, that when this transitory scene shall have passed away, we may all be admitted into his heavenly kingdom, and be made partakers of the inheritance of the saints of light.

I am, Gentlemen, yours, &c.

Barton, 17th October 1830.

R. LEEMING.