

Lt.-Col: TYLEE then read as follows :—

To the Venerable the Archdeacon of Montreal, Assistant Minister of Christ Church Cathedral.

Reverend and Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned members of the Congregation of Christ Church Cathedral in this city, are anxious to assure you that we have learned with deep regret that you have resigned your office as one of the ministers of that Church, and that you are very shortly to leave Canada on your return to England. During the seven years that you have officiated in this Diocese, we have had full opportunity of witnessing and experiencing the zeal and ability with which you have discharged your several duties. And we only bear a just testimony to your character, when we declare our belief that very much of the efficiency and success of the services of the Church amongst our population, during that period, has been the consequence of your able and judicious exertions. We may especially instance your labours in connection with the Sunday School and the Teachers, your attention to the numerous candidates for confirmation and your very efficient superintendence of the district Visitors. However successful may be the arrangements for supplying your place, we cannot but feel great sorrow at any interruption in the parochial work which is now being so energetically and harmoniously carried out; and we regret it the more on account of the reason which has led you to resign your connection with this Parish.

As a slight proof of the sincerity of these our professions of regard, we hope you will allow us to present you with this Salver and the accompanying sum of money; and should circumstances ever permit you to resume your place amongst the Clergy of this Diocese, we shall rejoice to welcome you back among us; and while we venture to hope you will kindly keep us in your remembrance, we pray that wherever your lot may be cast, you may long continue to be the means of communicating to others, and receive for yourself a full measure of the blessings of the Gospel of Christ.

We beg respectfully to remain,
&c., &c., &c.,

G. Smith, and T. W. Jones, M. D., Church Wardens; and Jas. Parkin, Geo. Simpson, R. Taylor, F. Penn, C. Tuggey, S. C. Bagg, and D. M. Paterson, Select Vestry; R. S. Tylee, Chairman of Committee; and on behalf of the subscribers, G. Moffatt, T. B. Anderson, W. F. Williams, Duncan Robertson, and H. A. Howe, M. A.

After reading the above, he handed to the Archdeacon a handsome Silver Salver with two hundred sovereigns. The Salver bore this inscription :—

“ This salver, with 200 sovereigns, was presented on the fourth of July, 1861, to the Venerable Samuel Gilson, M. A., Archdeacon of Montreal, and Senior Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, on his resigning those offices, as a mark of esteem and affection from the members of the Cathedral, and other friends, who have known and valued his faithful labors in this Diocese, during the last seven years.”