

brought to bear upon the interests of the Congregation represented by us.

These have been much promoted by your exertions both in your public and private capacity, as a member of Church Courts and as a member of this Congregation, by the time you willingly devoted and the liberality with which you were always ready to contribute of your means.

We are aware that the diffusion of knowledge, the maintenance of religious ordinances and specially the interests of this Congregation are objects dear to you. We know that the performance of your religious and social duties yields present fruit in the approbation of a good conscience: but at the same time the Session feel that they owe it to themselves as well as to you to present this expression of their esteem for you as one of their number, the value they attach to your services and their best wishes for yourself and family.

Should it be the will of Providence to reunite us at any time in the bonds of Christian fellowship, it will afford unqualified pleasure to every member of Session, and, we are sure, to every member of the congregation represented by us. Meanwhile that "the Lord may bless you and keep you" is our earnest prayer.

Signed,

JAMES PATTERSON, Moderator.
GEORGE HAMILTON,
DONALD McFEE,
HUGH MERLIN,
THOMAS KYLE, } Elders.

Reply by Dr. Verity:—

To the Rev. James Patterson and the other Members of the Session of St. Andrew's Church, Hemmingford.

GENTLEMEN:—Accept my grateful acknowledgements for your kind address on the occasion of my leaving your neighbourhood, and believe me, if any thing could soothe the bitter pangs caused by the rupture of the ties which bound us so intimately together, I should find it in the tender and sympathising tone in which you address me on this painful occasion.

You have been pleased to notice the exertions I made, to promote the spiritual and temporal welfare of our Church at Hemmingford, and have indulgently overestimated the services I rendered the Congregation: certainly this work has been to me a labour of love: but I claim no higher merit in this matter than an honest and hearty endeavour to do all in my power to forward the interests of the Church and Congregation with which I was so intimately connected, conscious however of many shortcomings and much weakness in the discharge of those important duties which devolved upon me.

While thus viewing my feeble efforts as a duty, I have ever esteemed it a high Christian privilege that I have been permitted, by the Great Head of the Church, to devote my humble talents to His service in thus promoting the spiritual welfare of our Church.

Though absent in body, I hope ever to be present with you all in spirit, and shall watch your progress with the deepest interest and anxiety; sincerely rejoicing to know that the Church is flourishing, and that its members are increasing in spiritual light and knowledge. And now, my Christian friends, good bye. That God may watch over you and yours, and "establish you in every good word and work," is the prayer of

Your sincere friend,

FRED. STEELE VERITY, ELDER.

PORT HOPE CONGREGATION.

PORT HOPE, MARCH 30, 1861.

(To the Editor of the Presbyterian.)

As many of your readers have contributed to the erection of the church in Port Hope, it may be pleasing for them to hear we are progressing. On Friday evening, the 29th of March, a soiree was held in the Town Hall in aid of the building-fund of St. Andrew's Church. It was a decided success. The attendance was very large, the Town Hall being crowded to its utmost capacity. Refreshments were served at half-past 6 o'clock and it was the unanimous verdict of the assembly that the ladies had catered admirably for the occasion. The Rev. David Camelon, the pastor of the congregation, presided. The first speaker was the Rev. Mr. Hunt, minister of the Wesleyan Church. His subject was "Christian Union." His address was such as to interest and gratify the audience.

Mr. Camelon's theme was the "Present joys and future glories of Religion." The Reverend gentleman said that, whatever the world may say or think of Religion it was that which exalted the mind and raised man to the dignity, purity, and blessedness of angels. It is pure and undefiled religion that makes life a pleasure, death a gain, and eternity a feast of perpetual joy. How great the joy that these words of the apostle should impart to the believer, "He that spared not His own Son but delivered Him up to death for us all, how shall He not also with Him freely give us all things?" Language cannot express the love nor can the mind fully comprehend the magnitude of the blessings which these words unfold to men. If for our sake He gave His Son, what is there of the works of His hands that He will withhold? The universe and all that it contains would be but an insignificant pledge of His love and goodness compared with what we have in the gift of His Son. Who have the same reasons for rejoicing that the recipients of such blessings and the heirs of such precious promises have? The joy of the sinner, the laughter of the fool, may at times be loud and boisterous; but it is of short duration and leaves no pleasing influences behind. Even the penitential tears of the believer have more of real joy and gladness than the ungodly when their corn and wine do most abound.

But why should the sons of God ever be sad? It surely does not become those to be sad who are possessed of all things. "All things," says the apostle, "are yours, for ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's." Is it becoming in those to weep at whose conversion angels rejoiced, and sang their hymns of praise, making the arches of Heaven resound with their songs of gladness, and this because a soul was raised from death and made an heir of glory? Shall we envy those who are possessed of earthly honours, seeing that we belong to

the royal family of Heaven, being denominated kings and priests unto God? It surely does not become those to mourn the loss of earthly possessions who know that there is reserved in Heaven for them an inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled and that fadeth not away. Such are some of the reasons why the people of God in time should always rejoice. But, when faith penetrates the veil which conceals from the present the future joys and glories of the Redeemer, what a perpetual feast of happiness awaits us there! Not one of the least of the joys of Heaven will be the re-union of near and dear friends. The free intercourse with the ancient and modern worthies of our race will form also a principal ingredient in the happiness of Heaven. But our intercourse in Heaven will not be confined to these. We will at least be permitted to associate with angels, and it may be to learn from them the history of the universe. Mr. Camelon concluded by pathetically appealing to those who looked forward to such joys to be earnest and diligent in advancing the work of the Redeemer's kingdom.

The Rev. Mr. Baird and Professor Young also delivered suitable addresses for the occasion.

The receipts amounted to \$104. The amount delivered over to the Treasurer of the Building Committee was \$93, thus leaving a net profit of \$93.

We understand that the ladies of this congregation are also engaged in getting up a bazaar, which is to come off in June or July.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. G. McLAREN.

PRESBYTERY OF GUELPH.

The ordinary meeting of this Presbytery was held at Guelph upon the 10th ult. Sederunt. The Rev. James Thom, Moderator; George Macdonnell and John Hogg, Ministers; Messrs. Fordyce and McCrea, Ruling Elders. After having been constituted and former minutes read:

A letter from Mr. Hay, apologizing for absence on account of the state of the roads, was read. The excuse was sustained. A commission from the Kirk Session of Galt, appointing Mr. David Rintoul as representative elder, was handed in by Mr. Hogg. A letter was read from the Colonial Committee, in reply to the Presbytery's application for a missionary, to the effect that the Committee cannot promise immediate aid.

Messrs. Thom, Hogg and Macdonnell, reported that they had fulfilled their respective appointments at Galt.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Presbytery of Bathurst respecting Mr. Thomson. The Presbytery resolved to give Mr. Thomson a new appointment, so