

## Presentation to Rev. Mr. Philip.

*To the Rev. William M. Philip, A. M., Pastor of St. Paul's Church, Truro, in connection with the Established Church of Scotland:*

We, the undersigned, on behalf of the congregation over which you have presided for the last two and a half years, and others in the vicinity who have from time to time waited on your ministry, cannot allow you to leave us without availing ourselves of this opportunity of expressing our feelings of attachment and regard.

We have seen you, during the period of your ministrations amongst us, devote yourself, with great zeal and assiduity, to the duties of your sacred calling. These labors have been crowned with great success, and we have much pleasure in assuring you that whilst this success has enlarged the number of your own congregation, these exertions have been conducted in such a spirit of kindness and charity as to insure you the respect and esteem of all classes in this community.

In your removal to a wider sphere of usefulness, you will be followed by our most earnest prayers for your future prosperity and welfare.

We beg to assure your amiable partner in life, that the memory of her kindly disposition and gentle manners will be long fondly cherished by all who have the privilege of her acquaintance.

We respectfully beg your acceptance of the accompanying purse containing Sixty Dollars; and now, with our best wishes for the welfare, here and hereafter, of Mrs. Philip, yourself, and your little one, we subscribe ourselves, dear sir,

Most sincerely yours,

JOHN MURRAY, *Elder*,  
WILLIAM MCLEOD, *Elder*,  
JOHN A. MCLEAN, *Elder*,  
J. F. BLANCHARD, *Elder Truro Pres. Cong.*

Truro, Nov. 27, 1865.

P. S. ARCHIBALD,  
*Clerk of Congregation.*

## REPLY.

*To the Members of St. Paul's Church, Truro, in connection with the Church of Scotland, and others who have been accustomed to worship with them:*

DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS.—I have listened, with feelings of great gratitude and satisfaction, to the expression of those kindly sentiments which you entertain and have always exhibited towards me as your Pastor. For the substantial token with which that expression is accompanied, I can only return you my sincere thanks. Considering the extreme weakness of the Church in Truro and vicinity, I have great reason to be gratified with the zealous and successful exertions which you have all along made to discharge every duty belonging to you as a congregation. If I have endeavored, according to my ability, to acquit myself as your servant in Jesus Christ, I have been stimulated and encouraged by the warm and friendly reception which I have uniformly experienced from you, and from the members of every denomination in Truro and its vicinity. My humble and earnest prayer in parting from you is, that the labors of the past may be blest by God for the well-being of your souls, and that in future you may be enriched with every blessing of His providence and of His grace.

Please to accept Mrs. Philip's acknowledgment of the kindly mention you have made of her and of our little one.

I am, your affectionate servant,  
WM. M. PHILIP.

Truro, 27th Nov., 1865.

## Religious Intelligence.

**GREAT BRITAIN.**—From late numbers of the *Revival*, we cull the following:—The Theatre at Derby is a building capable of holding 1000 persons. It has been purchased and repaired by friends of evangelical effort, and converted into a Gospel Hall. A visitor writes to the *Revival* of August 31st as follows:—"To see numbers of the roughest of the children, without shoes or stockings, collected together, receiving spiritual instruction twice on the Sabbath, and several hundred people, including many of the lowest and most abandoned characters, assembled three times on the Sabbath to hear the Gospel in this hall (but for which many of them would never be brought under the word of God,) is indeed truly pleasing, and calls forth our warmest thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for leading his servants to purchase this large building, that his name might be glorified in the conversion of immortal souls to Christ, whose command to his Church is, 'Go ye into the streets and lanes, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.' It is hoped that at least 250 precious souls have been converted to God through the use of the means thus employed, many of whom are connected with Christian Churches, while others remain with the theatre mission."

Successes of evangelists and open air preachers are recorded in many towns, in the Penitentiary of Newcastle, in Ipswich,—where the Corn Exchange, holding over a thousand persons, is regularly crowded, and where 800 conversions, mostly among the young, are reported; in Dover and other places.

There has been a separate mission among the cabmen of Bristol for ten years. Mr. Darling visits all the drivers, horse-keepers, etc., and lends them tracts and religious periodicals. Three rooms have been opened in different parts of the town, where the men are gathered together three times a week to hear the gospel, and one of the rooms, provided by the kindness of the Great Western Railway Company, answers the purpose of a reading and dining room.

At Aberdeen there were open air services, August 13th, on the "Links." The evangelists Ord, Hambleton, Cunningham, and others, were present, with about 6000 persons in attendance.

At Hounslow Heath, a feeble woman, lately converted to Christ, commenced house to house efforts among the poorer women and the soldiers, and was the means of establishing quite an extensive mission among the neglected classes there.

**CHINA.**—A missionary of the English Presbyterian Church writes as follows:—"It is fearful to contemplate the vast array of agents which the Church of Rome has at work all over China. Their successes are also very great, and it will never do to pooh pooh it. It is one of the most formidable facts with which Protestant missions have to grapple. The self-denial, patience, energy, laboriousness of Romish missionaries are fitted to make one blush. Whatever else of Bible teaching Rome has laid aside, she has learned the wisdom of the serpent. Would that Christians were more alive to the claims of this vast empire. A few missionaries, settled down mostly with families at the treaty ports, are no match for men who live and labor among the native population all throughout the interior. China is the greatest heathen empire in the world, and are we to expect it to be won without a gigantic struggle, and that struggle must be one of self-denial on our part. Would that more men of the right stamp were raised up for this great work, and glorious privilege."