

manded amidst the terrible glories of Mount Sinai!

It has also been the aim of your committee to retain *intact* those parochial relations between the pastor and his flock, the value of which can scarcely be over-rated; and yet without subjecting him to that dependence upon the favor of individuals, which is one of the great objections to the voluntary system, as now in operation amongst us, and is of necessity so perilous to the holy freedom and personal faithfulness of clerical ministrations.

Your committee beg leave to make one other statement, namely, that they have special reason for believing that many persons who evade the conviction that it is their duty to render more largely, and in fixed proportions, of their incomes to the service of God, when only pressed upon them by individual Clergymen, would at once feel a vastly increased responsibility were the same duty urged under the holy authority and earnest sanction of the Bishop and Synod. Yea, your committee feel deeply and solemnly assured that, if only the Church, in her corporate capacity, will not fear to teach as her Lord directs, ("whether men will hear, or whether they will forbear," then He will see that she suffers no lack.

Finally, it is not to be supposed that the suggestions offered in this report, will at once remove the evils under which our Diocese, in common with so many others, is suffering, but your committee repeat the conviction that "the seed of the Church is within herself," and that if the principle which they have been so earnestly advocating—of *setting apart* a certain portion of their incomes for *holy uses*—be once general amongst God's faithful people, not only will our Parochial Clergy be suitably maintained and their numbers rapidly multiplied, but ere long, also, "The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ADAM TOWNLEY, D.D., *Chairman*.  
CHAS. C. BROUGH, A.M.  
FRED. FAUQUIER.

Diocese of Huron, C. W., Jan. 2nd, 1860.  
J. WALKER MARSH, M.A., *Clerical Sec. of Synod*.  
L. LAWRASON, *Lay Secretary of the Synod*.  
London, June 1, 1860.

ADDRESS TO THE REV. W. M. ROSS, M.A.  
PORT ROBINSON, May, 1860.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—We, the ladies of St. Paul's Church, Port Robinson, in view of your being removed from us to another field of labour, feel it to be our duty, as it is to us, under the circumstances, a melancholy pleasure, to accord to you with as little formality as possible—yet with the truthful accents of unassumed regard,—our grateful appreciation of your gentlemanly, intelligent, consistent and christian intercourse with us. In doing so to you, we think we cannot more acceptably express ourselves than by saying, that we desire from Him from whom all blessings come, that measure of the inspiration of his Holy Spirit, by whose agency the holy truths you have taught us may be brought to our remembrance, and our affection and desires so influenced that we shall lead such holy, devotional and blameless lives as shall accord with the example of Him—the great Lord of the vineyard by whom, as the labourer therein, you have been commissioned and sent. We feel, Sir, that partings are not pleasant; yet we cannot but be reminded that as we are the members of that one mystical body, there remains for us the same condition,—so, too, are found in Christ without spot or blemish. We may not meet again upon earth, but our prayer is, that we may meet there, "where the weary are at rest."

In parting with you, as our spiritual pastor, we cannot desire you any thing greater than that you may be a successful minister of the Grace of God, winning many souls to Christ your Master, who has purchased them at so dear a price; and thus be privileged to take to yourself the promise that they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever.

In presenting you herewith this Salver, as a token of our esteem, you will, we trust, look rather to the motive which has prompted it than the gift itself.

In conclusion, permit us to unite our prayers that our Heavenly Father may lift upon you and your beloved wife the light of his countenance, and bless you, and give you peace now and forever, for the Redeemer's sake.

#### REPLY.

MY DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS,—Any words that I could employ would fail to convey to you my sense of gratitude for the munificent testimonial which you have so generously presented. If there be one occasion in life which more than any other calls forth feelings of pain, it is when the ties which bind man to man are about to be severed by the rude hand of necessity. Such, at least, are my own feelings on the present occasion. While saying FAREWELL, I would, in the first place, assure you, wherever it may please the good Providence of God to cast my future lot, I shall never cease to entertain a grateful remembrance of the many kindnesses received at your hands, during the brief period of my sojourn amongst you; and I would earnestly pray, that if in any wise you have been benefitted by my feeble services, you may go on abounding in the work of the Lord, seeking above all things his glory and the salvation of your own immortal souls.—And may He watch over you for good; lead you through the wholesome influences of his Divine Spirit in the paths of righteousness and true holiness, that so an abundant entrance may be ministered unto you, into the kingdom of his dear Son.

Believe me, with much esteem,

Your friend and serv't in Christ,  
W. M. ROSS.

ADDRESS TO REV. WM. M. ROSS, M.A., THOROLD.

DEAR AND REV. SIR,—We, the lady members of St. John's Church, learn with regret, that you are about to retire from the Curacy of this Parish, to another field destined for your future labors; and before you take your final leave, we avail ourselves of this opportunity of making a simple expression of that regard and high esteem which we entertain for you—an esteem deservedly gained by you, in the discharge of your duties as a faithful minister, a sincere and confiding friend, and wholesome adviser; which expression we signify to you as an earnest thereof, in the presenting to you of this Tea Service. Simple though it is, we trust it will not be held cheaply by you, when you know it to be the spontaneous expression of the entire congregation, over which you have for some time past presided, and exerted yourself so satisfactorily and zealously in your labours of love and Christian culture, in connection with our long-tried and invaluable friend and adviser, the Rev. Dr. Fuller.

It may be gratifying to you, to know, on this occasion, that this is not the expression of a few; but that almost every member of your congregation applied to, seemed anxious to take part in the making of this expression, and cheerfully contributed their mite to make up the amount necessary for its purchase.

And we now take this opportunity of assuring you, that wherever, or in whatever channel, chance or circumstance shall direct your future career, you take with you our best wishes for your future and continual welfare. And that

wherever your labors may be extended, there too, may be found the Tree of Life, springing up, and bringing forth fruit in abundance.

And permit us also to associate with you in our best wishes, the name of your dear lady, Mr. Ross, who, though but a short time with us, yet it sufficed to so endear her to us, that her name will ever remain enshrined on the tablets of our hearts, never to be erased.

And finally, (as we all must.) when you are called upon to render up your Stewardship, to your great Lord and Master, may he have cause to say, "well done thou good and faithful servant."

On behalf of the Ladies, yours, &c.,

MRS. PETER H. BALL,  
MRS. L. A. BALL,

*Committee.*

The Rev. Mr. Ross then replied as follows:

To Mrs. P. H. and L. A. Ball:

MY DEAR CHRISTIAN FRIENDS.—It is with feelings of a no ordinary kind that I received your address, accompanied as it is by so substantial a testimonial of esteem and regard.

Believe me when I say that the simple assurance of your friendship and good-will is in itself a sufficient recompense for past services, and that while I thank you most cordially for your indulgent estimate of my official ministrations, I cannot but feel how little I have merited this valuable token at your hands.

The period of our connection, though short, has, nevertheless, been marked by such acts of kindness and indulgence on your part, as can never be effaced from the tablet of memory, but will live there a constant memorial of those who although absent, will ever be present in heart.

I must not omit to tender you my sincere thanks, for your kind mention of Mrs. Ross; and, likewise, to assure you that the knowledge of your good wishes respecting her, will be duly appreciated and valued.

In conclusion, while wishing you an affectionate good-bye, permit me to remind you (in reference especially to the concluding sentence of your address,) that we all are "stewards" in a greater or less degree, "of the manifold grace of God," and that an account will hereafter be demanded of the trust committed to your care.

Oh, seek then, beloved friends to improve the talents intrusted to your keeping, that you may at the last render up your account with joy, and not with grief; and wherever your several lots in life may be cast, you will enjoy the consciousness of that communion with Heaven, which alone can afford a solid basis of hope and joy and peace, in time and in eternity.

And may the blessings of Almighty God rest upon your endeavours, and "I pray God that your whole spirit and soul and body may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Believe me to remain,

Dear Christian Friends,

Your sincere well-wisher

and Servant in Christ,

W. M. ROSS.

#### QUEBEC SYNOD.

The Synod of the Diocese of Quebec will be held in the National School House at Quebec, on Wednesday, the fourth of July next, at the hour of two P.M.

There will be daily prayers in All Saints' Chapel, at half-past nine A.M., during the Session, except on the first day, on which the service, commencing at half-past ten A.M., and including the administration of the Holy Communion, will be held in the Cathedral Church.

EDWARD C. PARKIN, *Clerical Secretary*.  
GEORGE S. CARTER, *Lay Secretary*.

Quebec, May 30, 1860.