

in our midst; and you have become endeared to us by the strongest ties of love and Christian fellowship. In all that concerned the welfare of the school you have ever manifested a warm and active interest, and by your devoted attention the school has largely increased, not only in numbers, but also in efficiency; and we shall ever entertain for you the liveliest feelings of affection wherever, in the providence of God, your future lot may be cast.

Although it is no ordinary regret which we entertain at your departure, yet we feel that you have been called by your heavenly Master to a higher and greater work—to a life of more self-devotion to His service, and to carry the glorious light of the Gospel of Peace to a land full of heathen superstition and pagan idolatry. In His name, then, we bid you “God-speed” in your great work; and, before bidding you a final farewell, we desire to give you some tangible token of our love and esteem for you, not only as our pastor, but as our kind and loving friend, instructor and guide in heavenly things. We now beg to present you with this CHAIN, of native gold and manufacture. May it ever be to you a chain of remembrance, to recall to your mind, when far away from your native land, the teachers and scholars of St. Andrew’s Sabbath School, who will always retain a pleasing remembrance of your counsel and companionship.

In conclusion, we now reluctantly bid you farewell—it may be, forever; but, dear sir, rest assured that our prayers for your safety and welfare shall follow you to the distant scene of your future labours; and that the God of all grace may bless and prosper you, and give unto you many souls for your hire, is the prayer of each and all of us. We now bid you a kind and affectionate farewell.

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REPLY.

My Dear Friends,—I thank you, more than words can tell, for this expression of your feeling and sympathy. You have filled up that which was wanting. A decision such as that to which I have arrived ought not rashly or prayerlessly be come to by any man. It certainly has not been in the present case. But even after that the path of duty is opened up, and we think we can see as Christ would direct, we turn round to those who are in Christ with us, and crave for their fellowship and sympathy. This expression of yours comes to me with freshness and fullness because I know it to be *real*. I think you understand and appreciate the feelings that have prompted me, and the motives by which I have been led. I have tried to place the matter in the Master’s hands, and often on my knees have besought His guidance, and I now feel that the conclusion has been His, and not mine. When I review the way by which He has led me, I am struck by the various influences which He has brought to work upon me to bring me to this consecration. He kindled the flame by leading me, for the instruction of my Bible Class, carefully to study the life of the *Great Missionary* to the Gentiles. He fed it by placing in my way, by what