

mourn over the injury done the cause of God and of religion, and the deep reproach brought upon this community. If we enquire into the design or object of this act, whom was it to benefit? Whom to injure? I can imagine no real benefit to the originator, and none to the perpetrator, excepting as he may have gained by the reward or wages of crime.

But was the blow aimed at me? So say the reports which come from one section of the Parish, erroneously attaching to it the loss of my salary. So says the language of one of the instruments or agents, expressed in a written paper put into our hands purposely to aggravate the crime, and to point out its origin and object. Although the threatened loss of my gown is accomplished, it is but temporary, because it appears that through the kindness and good feeling of Christian females, who are ever most forward and ready in seasons of distress, who were last at the SAVIOUR'S cross, and first at his tomb. A single Sabbath is not permitted to pass without providing the means of replacing it with a better. While with the old one, many endearing associations of earlier days, and of the commencement of my ministry are connected, yet the new will have a still higher value attached to it; I allude to these apparently trifling matters to show the existing feeling, in whom we are to repose confidence, where to look for our friends. The description of condolence and sympathy we are to expect from some is not suited to "strengthen the feeble knees, or to lift up the hands that hang down." "It is the hour of adversity that tries our friends." It is reported from the same source, that this deed of darkness will be the means of extinguishing your spiritual light, that the Church will not be rebuilt, and the result will be my removal. It is known to many of you, that for some reasons, I would have removed from this Parish some time since could my place have been supplied, and many of you may remember my declaring from that pulpit which is now nought but ashes that I would never force my services upon an unwilling people, a "living" shall never induce me to continue in a Parish to which I may be unacceptable.

And if I am to understand the fearful transactions of last Wednesday night, (never to be effaced from vivid recollection) as an expression of the feelings of the parish, either that they wish me to make room for another, or that they have no further desire for a Church, I will soon find another field for labor, therefore as respect the future, all depends upon yourselves, much depends upon the decision of the day; it is evident the minister can accomplish but little, unless sustained, countenanced and supported by his people.

And should it be made manifest, that the feelings displayed in