

all executed by hand, and so accurately have the architects' plans been carried out, that the tower alone consists of one hundred and eighteen distinct pieces. The stone fence surrounding the church, and the beautiful "tree of Canada" in front of it are most correctly shown, the latter especially, proving that the silversmiths of Toronto cannot easily be excelled. The whole reflects the highest credit on Messrs. J. G. Joseph & Co., at whose establishment it was executed.

On the occasion of its presentation, the church at Thorold was filled by the parishioners, many having come from Port Robinson to assist on the occasion; and several of the neighbouring clergy graced with their presence the interesting event.

Morning prayer having been said by the Rev. Dr. McMurray, of Niagara, and the lessons having been read by the Rev. Mr. VanRensselaer, President of DeVeaux College, Western New York, the addresses from the congregation of St. John's Church, Thorold, and St. Paul's Church, Port Robinson, (presented to Dr. Fuller last fall,) were read, the former by George Keefer, Esq., and the latter by James McCoppen, Esq., churchwarden; the joint address from the two congregations was read by George Baxter, Esq., Barrister-at-Law; and the testimonial presented this Dr. Fuller replied to the addresses. During by the committee appointed for that purpose. On the reading of the addresses and reply, the whole congregation was greatly affected; and there were few present who did not shed a tear. After Dr. Fuller's reply, his old friend and classmate, the Rev. Dr. McMurray, alluded in most feeling terms to his long friendship for those whom the parish was so soon to lose, and to the many interesting scenes he had witnessed in that place. He spoke very feelingly of the long connexion that had so happily subsisted between pastor and flock, and expressed the hope that they might be spared to meet often earth, and all "meet where they will part no more." During his remarks his feelings often proved too much for his utterance, being obliged to stop for moments together before he could continue his remarks; and when he ceased, he sat down on his chair, and, covering his face with the surplice, gave free vent to his feelings. He was followed by the Rev. Dr. VanRensselaer, in a most beautiful, chaste, and feeling speech, expressing, on his own behalf, and on that of his brethren of Western New York, their deep regret at their losing one from their neighbourhood, whom they had for many years found a brother in Christ, though belonging to another nation. He alluded most beautifully to the appropriateness of the lesson in the calendar for that morning's service, and drew from the purity of the silver plate that day presented, an illustration of the purity which becomes us as Christians. His address which, like that of Dr. McMurray, was extempore, was worthy of his reputation, and was a masterpiece of its kind. Many expressed great regret that his beautiful remarks could not have been written down.

After these addresses, the congregation came forward on invitation of Dr. Fuller, to see and admire the beautiful piece of plate he and his wife had just received; and many accepted his invitation to partake once more of the hospitality of his old home.

Thus ended a day that will long be remembered in Thorold, and which, whilst it had much of sorrow, had also much of consolation.

The addresses and reply are as follows:—

To the Rev. Thomas Brock Fuller, D.D., D.C.L., Rector of Thorold, and Rural Dean.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—

When we learned a short time ago that

you were to be removed to Toronto, we could hardly bring ourselves to the belief that you were about to leave us; we could with difficulty conceive the reality of the loss we were about to sustain. For twenty-one years you had been among us, and we had hoped that you would end your days in our midst. Perhaps the hope was a selfish one; perhaps it was wrong in us to wish that instead of being removed to a larger parish, in which your powers to do good might be increased, you would continue with us; but we could not forget the long years of close and affectionate intercourse that had bound us to you; we could not forget that for nearly a quarter of a century you had been our faithful pastor; that wherever there was mourning, or affliction, there you always were, to offer consolation, and to teach resignation to the will of the Almighty; that you had never spared any efforts of mind or body, in your unceasing endeavours to do us good, that you had always been interested in our spiritual and worldly welfare. We feel that the growth of the congregation (which has been nearly quadrupled since you took charge of the parish) is owing altogether to your zeal and good works, and that to you we owe the beautiful structure in which we now worship, and which stands an ornament to the parish, and a monument of your liberality and devotion to the church. Feeling all this, it was but natural that we should have sorrowed at the contemplation of your intended departure; and we strongly desired that you should abandon such intention. If you feel convinced, however, that the best interests of the church and your family imperatively demand your removal hence, we will endeavour to bury all selfish considerations, and submit to our heavy loss; but if, on consideration, you can (as we sincerely trust you will be able to do) come to the conclusion that you can forego your intended removal to Toronto, we earnestly ask you not to leave us; but trust that you will remain with those who feel a deep interest in all that concerns you, and will hail with gladness a determination on your part to abide with them.

Whether you remove to Toronto, or remain here, be assured that you and Mrs. Fuller, (who has so zealously and unceasingly assisted you in your labours,) as well as every member of your family, will have our earnest wishes for their happiness and prosperity.

Signed, on behalf of the congregation of St. John's Church, Thorold,

GEORGE KEEFER,  
JOHN KEEFER,  
R. B. McPHERSON, } Committee.

Thorold, October 27th, 1861.

To the Rev. Thomas Brock Fuller, D.D., D.C.L., Rector of Thorold, and Rural Dean.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—

We, the congregation of St. Paul's Church, Port Robinson, beg leave to assure you of our heartfelt regret at the prospect of your removal from this parish. The breaking of the ties that have bound a faithful pastor and his flock together for years, cannot be regarded with a feeling other than that of profound sorrow. The long period during which you have been our spiritual guide and director, has been prolific evidence indeed of your devotion to your sacred calling and your anxious desire for our good; and it is a matter of the deepest regret with us, that the period of your labours among us is to be soon determined. Would that we could by any act of ours avert your departure, for we feel assured that your removal will be a great loss to the church in this part of the diocese, whilst our loss will be the gain of your new parish.

You may be removed from among us; but as years pass away, the remembrance of your unaffected piety, your unceasing labours, your numerous and generous self-sacrifices, and your over-active solicitude for our welfare, both spiritual and temporal, will always be present to our minds; and the welfare of you and your family will be a matter of the deepest interest to us.

Perhaps, in the course of events, you may feel it to be for the interest of the church to return to this parish; if such an event should occur, the congregation of St. Paul's will rejoice at the renewal of the relations that have so long and so happily existed between us; for they feel satisfied that no other clergyman can do as much good in the parish as you can, in consequence of your intimate knowledge of the people, and of the position you hold in their regards.

That God, of his infinite mercy, may bestow upon you and yours his abundant blessings, is the earnest prayer of your dearly attached parishioners.

(Signed) DILLY COLEMAN, } C'wardens.  
JAMES MCCOPPEN, }

and 67 others.

Port Robinson, Oct., 1861.

To the Rev. Thomas Brock Fuller, D.D., D.C.L., Rural Dean, and Rector of the Parish of Thorold; and to Mrs. Fuller.

We, the congregations of the parish of Thorold, desire to express our deep and heartfelt regret at the approaching departure of your and your amiable family from our midst, and our gratitude for your labours in advancing our interests, both spiritual and temporal, during a residence of upwards of twenty-one years. We feel that your removal will create a blank that cannot be readily filled up; our poor will have lost sympathising and beneficent friends; the kindly faces we were wont to see almost daily, will (tho' present in our memories) no longer be an accustomed sight; and the substantial liberality, with which you aided every pious and charitable undertaking, cannot be imitated. When we were sick you visited us; you mourned with us when we were afflicted; and when we were glad you rejoiced with us. But for you the Church of England would not occupy the exalted position in which it stands among the religious bodies of this locality; and were it not that you opened your purse with unbounded liberality, and devoted your labours without stint, the congregation of St. John's would not now be able to say that they possess one of the most beautiful churches in the Province.

To you, our rector, we are bound by all the ties that can connect a pastor and his flock. Through you, many of us received the rites of baptism and marriage, and you have performed the last sad offices when our parents, or children, or others near and dear to us, were laid in their final resting places. Long years of religious teaching, earnest interest in our welfare, simple piety, and unwearying service in the cause of Him whose faithful minister you have been, have given you a large place in our affections. We are not unmindful either of the disinterested nature—so far as the goods of this world are concerned—of your services.

To you, the partner of our beloved rector, the sharer of his pious labours, the originator and promoter of charities and good works innumerable, we desire to convey the high appreciation of all you have done, not only in the cause of the church, but in the exercise of unostentatious generosity, gentle sympathy, and active benevolence. We have admired the many amiable traits of character by which you are distinguished. We