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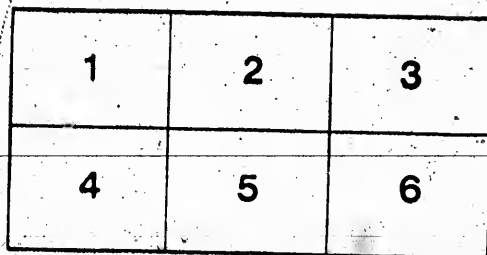
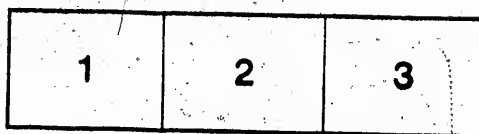
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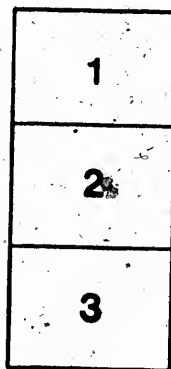
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LETTERS AND ADDRESSES,

PRESENTED TO THE

REV. W. AGAR ADAMSON, D.C.L.,

CHAPLAIN AND LIBRARIAN

TO THE

HONORABLE THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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QUEBEC, 11 Mai, 1855.

MON CHER DOCTEUR,

C'est avec bien du plaisir que je me prête à la demande que vous me fîtes l'autre jour de vous écrire quelques lignes pour exprimer l'opinion que j'ai formée de vous et de votre conduite officielle, pendant le temps que j'étais Orateur de Conseil Législatif, et que vous en étiez Chapelain et Bibliothécaire.

Je m'estime heureux, je vous assure, de rencontrer cette occasion de vous écrire que pendant plus de huit ans, que nous avons été tous deux au service de cette chambre, et en rapports constants et presque journaliers, j'ai été à même de reconnaître ce que savent parfaitement tous ceux qui ont eu l'avantage de jouir de votre intimité, que votre aménité, votre délicatesse de sentiments et de manières, votre éducation, vos connaissances et vos talents, sont du premier ordre; mais ce que d'a près ma position, j'ai été à portée de remarquer plus que les autres, c'est l'urbanité exquise, l'assiduité, l'habileté, et la bonne volonté avec lesquelles vous avez en toutes circonstances, rempli vos fonctions à la satisfaction de tous.

Je n'hésite pas à exprimer la conviction où je suis, que si votre mérite accompagné de services longs et méritoires, est convenablement reconnu, vous n'aurez rien à appréhender des changements qui pourront survenir dans votre position.

Espérant qu'il en sera ainsi, et faisant pour votre prospérité, et votre succès futur, les souhaits les plus sincères, je me soustris, avec la plus parfaite estime,

Cher Monsieur,

Votre tout dévoué serviteur et ami,

R. E. CARON.

The Rev. Dr. Adamson.

(Translation.)

QUEBEC, 11th May, 1855.

MY DEAR DOCTOR,

With much pleasure I comply with your request to write you a few lines to express the opinion I formed of you and your official conduct, during the period I was Speaker of the Legislative Council and you were Chaplain and Librarian.

I am happy, I assure you, to have this opportunity to express to you, that during more than eight years that we have been servants of the Council, and in constant and daily intercourse, I have experienced what every one who has the advantage of your acquaintance knows perfectly, that your amenity, your delicacy of sentiment and of manners, your education, your learning and your talents are of the first order. But in my position as Speaker, I have been able to remark more than others, your delicate courtesy, your assiduity, your skill and the willingness with which you have in every circumstance discharged your duties to the satisfaction of all.

I do not hesitate to express my conviction that if your merit accompanied as it has been with long and meritorious services, is suitably acknowledged, you will have nothing to fear from any change which may take place in your position.

Hoping that it will be so, and wishing most sincerely for your future prosperity and success, I subscribe myself with the most perfect regard,

Dear Sir,

Your devoted servant and friend,

R. E. CARON.

The Rev. Dr. Adamson.

May, 1855.

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MONTREAL, 9th May, 1855.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

In partial acknowledgment of your esteemed letter of the 25th ult., I have great pleasure in saying that I have known you long and intimately as a private friend, as well as in various public situations in this Province, and I can bear testimony to the high estimation in which I have ever known you held by the community among whom you resided.

During the time I had the honor to be Speaker of the Legislative Council, you performed your duties as Chaplain and Librarian of that Honorable House to the entire satisfaction of its members, myself included, and should your situation become detrimentally affected by the changes now in progress, I do hope your position will be duly and liberally considered and a pension commensurate with the value and length of your services be granted to you. I fervently pray that the contingencies you apprehend will never happen, and with sincere regard, I remain, Rev. and dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

PETER MCGILL.

The Rev. Dr. Adamson, A.L.D.

BROCKVILLE, 22d June, 1855.

MY DEAR DOCTOR,

I do not participate in the fears which you appear to entertain regarding the permanency of the offices which you hold in the Legislative Council of the Province; on the contrary, happen what may, I believe that your interests will be properly protected, so that in the decline of life your days may not be embittered or even clouded by harassing cares about the means of a temporal support becoming your position and merits.

I know that you stand high in the estimation of the Members of the Council, to whom you have at all times sought for opportunities to make yourself useful, and with the hold which you have on their affections, consequent on your untiring efforts to serve them, you have, I think, no cause to apprehend that any niggardly spirit will be exhibited in making provision for your comfortable support whether as an active or retired officer of the Council.

I take this opportunity of thanking you for the many acts of kindness which I have received at your hands during the period that I have been a member of the Council, extending now to more than ten years, and more particularly for the solicitude you manifested to aid me by your kind offices during the time that I presided over the deliberations of the Council.

I remain, my dear Doctor,

Very sincerely yours,

J. MOURIS.

The Rev. Doctor Adamson,
Legislative Council, Quebec.

QUEBEC, 17th November, 1855.

MY DEAR DR. ADAMSON,

I cannot leave Canada without repeating what I have often had occasion to say, that you are one of those friends who stand very high in my esteem.

I can assure you that I have been much distressed at the peculiar hardship of your case connected with the removal of the seat of Government. I hardly know any one who has suffered so much as yourself from the present system. I have often wished that the Government had more means at its disposal for satisfying claims sim-

ilar to your own. I regret very much that I can see no way in which I can serve you. All I can say is that no one more appreciates your merits or would be more sincerely rejoiced than myself at any change that may be advantageous to you.

Believe me, with kind regards to Mrs. Adamson, in which Mrs. Hincks joins,

Yours very truly,

FRAS. HINCKS.

YORKVILLE, 28th January, 1856.

MY DEAR DOCTOR,

I have read with much interest and great satisfaction the letters you have kindly permitted me to see; for although they refer to your services with the Legislature for a long period during which I have not been in attendance with the Legislative Council, it is most gratifying to observe, that they bear the fullest testimony to your faithful and unwearied services, which commenced at a much earlier period, during the governments of Lord Sydenham, Sir Charles Bagot, and Sir C. Metcalfe, and, during the whole of which time, I had abundant opportunity to witness in you the same undeviating and zealous discharge of duties, united to an urbanity of demeanor towards every one, which then obtained for you the affectionate esteem and regard of both Branches of the Legislature; sentiments which it is most gratifying to observe have still been preserved in the more extended scene of your labors in the Lower Province.

I cannot but express a sincere wish, that the close of your life may be passed free from the inconveniences and trials to which you, perhaps more than any other person, have been already exposed in the discharge of your most

arduous duties, and I will only add, that at the close of my own career it is in every way a source of unmixed satisfaction to me to have been permitted again to renew your society and friendship.

Believe me to be, my dear Doctor,

Yours most sincerely,

P. B. DE BLAQUIERE,

The Rev. W. Agar Adamson, D. C. L.

ADDRESSES.

We have much pleasure in being able to inform our readers that the address adopted by the Congregation of Christ Church Cathedral, on Easter Monday, to the Rev. W. Agar Adamson, D. C. L., was, with a silver salver and purse, presented to the Rev. Gentleman, on Saturday last. The salver, which was of solid silver, bore the following inscription:—

PRESENTED TO THE

REV. W. AGAR ADAMSON, D. C. L.,

By the Rector and Congregation of Christ Church Cathedral, and others, his friends, with a purse of

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS,

on the occasion of his separation from them,

1ST MAY, 1852.

Below we give a copy of the address, and Dr. Adamson's reply; also a copy of a letter from Dr. Bethune to him.

We understand the Rev. Gentleman has gone down to Quebec, to attend to his duties as Chaplain to the Legislative Council, and we are sure he carries with him the best wishes of a very large circle of acquaintances.

MONTREAL, 12th April, 1852.

MY DEAR SIR,

As the time is fast approaching when the relationship which has subsisted between us, for eight years, is to be dissolved, I feel it to be my duty to express to you my sense of your services as Assistant Minister in my Parish.

Those services, I am glad to say, have always been willingly and effectually rendered on all occasions; and I would more especially advert to your fearless though perilous ministrations in the Immigrants' Hospital during the fearful prevalence of the ship fever in 1847.

To Mrs. Adamson I beg you will convey my sincere thanks for the active, untiring zeal she has always manifested in support of the different charities connected with the Church in this Parish.

Wishing you and your family health and happiness, and commending you to the care of God, in the remainder of your journey through life.

I remain, my dear Sir,

Your faithful brother in Christ,

JOHN BETHUNE.

Rev. Dr. Adamson.

TO THE REV. W. AGAR ADAMSON, D. C. L.
REV. AND DEAR SIR,

Separation between a pastor and a people, for whose interests he has labored, who have been for years the objects of his care, and who appreciate his devotion to them, must ever be attended with painful feelings.

When we remember the constant and various labors of your mind and of your pen in the cause of Religion and Virtue, in the defence of the doctrines of our Holy and beloved Church, and in the furtherance of the sacred

cause of Charity. When we recollect the kindly and affectionate character of your private admonitions, and the faithful eloquence of your public preaching—when we remember your kind and constant attention to the sick, the aged, the poor, the afflicted, and the bereaved—when we bring to mind your heroic devotedness and untiring zeal at a time when pestilence ravaged this City, and so many of your clerical brethren fell victims of it—when, Rev. and dear Sir, we reflect on these circumstances, we feel deeply and keenly the loss we are about to sustain.

Difficult as it is to reconcile ourselves to an event which causes us so much regret, we submit to the conviction, that it is ruled by an all-wise Providence, and we receive some consolation in the hope, that you may be called to a sphere of labor where your talents and acquirements may be as conducive to God's glory and your own eternal happiness, as they have hitherto been; and as a slight token of our regard and esteem, permit us in the name of the Rector and Congregation of Christ Church Cathedral, and others, your friends, to offer for your acceptance this small Salver and Parse.

We cannot, Rev. and dear Sir, bring these few but sincere expressions of our feelings to a close, without alluding to the zeal, charity, and untiring efforts of your amiable partner, Mrs. Adamson, in support of those Institutions established for the relief of our afflicted and poor fellow citizens. For Mrs. Adamson and your family we shall humbly and fervently pray, that every blessing temporal and eternal may attend them; and for you, that while you are spared to labor in the Vineyard of Christ, you may be placed amongst a people who will appreciate you as you deserve, and as we now do; and that finally you may partake of everlasting joy, with those

to whom you shall have been made by God's Grace the instrument of salvation.

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MY DEAR FRIENDS,

I receive your affectionate and flattering address with mingled emotions of gratification and regret. Deficient, indeed, should I be in the best qualities of human nature, were I not gratified by the assurance it contains of your esteem and regard, and if I felt no regret at the separation which has given rise to your expressions of respect and attachment.

During the eight years in which I have endeavored to discharge the duties of my sacred office in Montreal, I have been constantly cheered and encouraged by all classes of the people, and your kind farewell, proceeding from so many intelligent men, holding various religious opinions, is a pleasing evidence that it was possible to conciliate their good-will and friendship without compromising that fidelity which I especially owe to the Church of which I am a Minister.

Happy, indeed, should I be could I apply to myself, in their simple meaning, the expressions of approbation which you have embodied in your affectionate address; but a consciousness of those frailties and infirmities common to humanity, constrains me to fear that your sympathies have thrown a veil over my manifold imperfections, and have prompted you to take a far too partial view of my ministrations among you.

It is scarcely necessary to remind you, my friends, who were more immediately under my pastoral care, that the Church teaches us to look rather to the existence of a Divine authority to minister in holy things than to the individual men who may be entrusted with a part of

that administration; may I not then be permitted to suspect that the warmth of your regard for me personally has induced a temporary forgetfulness of this? And may I not venture to hope that your fears that the interests of religion in the Parish may suffer by the removal of a particular Minister shall prove unfounded? In the separate Episcopal supervision enjoyed by the Diocese of Montreal, you have an earnest that the work prospers, that new energy will be infused into ministerial efforts, and that the fruit will be the dissemination of sound principles—the furtherance of comprehensive charity—the cultivation of personal piety—and the extension of pure and undefiled religion.

While thanking you for your acknowledgments of what you are pleased to regard as my "zeal at a time when pestilence ravaged the Province," I am proud and happy to say that the melancholy duties which that sad season imposed were shared equally by my brethren, the clergy, many of whom, as you truly remark, fell victims to their charitable and hazardous endeavors to bring comfort to the afflicted, and consolation to the dying.

Your allusion to the aged, the sick, the poor, and the bereaved, is suggestive of emotions which sadden the spirit while they improve the heart. It turns our thoughts to the peaceful graves of the departed, to the desolate homes of the survivors, and to the wretched abodes of those who still depend upon our Christian charity. It touches the cords of love and affection, and reminds us of our own trials, for of sorrow and bereavement we have all had bitter experience.

I pray that experience, through grace, may so operate upon our minds and hearts as to fit us to meet the loved ones who have gone before us, in Christ's glorious kingdom, where change, separation, and estrangement, shall have no place for ever.

I am grateful for your kind mention of Mrs. Adamson, and of her untiring efforts in behalf of those Institutions which have been benevolently established for the relief of our poor and afflicted fellow citizens. I may truly venture to say that neither bodily weakness, mental suffering, nor domestic affliction have ever induced her to intermit her exertions to render them efficient. Hers has indeed been a labor of love, encouraged by all, and shared by many whose good deeds were chiefly done in secret.

Finally, my dear friends, permit me to return you my unfeigned and heartfelt thanks for the sympathy and friendship which you have so kindly and constantly manifested towards me during my residence among you, and which you now so feelingly evince by your flattering address and your costly gifts, on the eve of my departure.

God bless you for the promise of your prayers, and continued solicitude for my welfare. May He take you and yours into His holy keeping, and so carry on the work of grace in your hearts, that "at the last" you and your Pastors may be raised to the life immortal, and made participators in the worship of the Heavenly Temple which is beautified by the presence of Christ, who "ever liveth to make intercession for us."

W. AGAR ADAMSON.

On Saturday last, just after the presentation of the Plate and Purse by the Cathedral Congregation, a Committee of St. Ann's Congregation waited upon Dr. Adamson, and presented him with a Silver Salver, with the following inscription:

PRESENTED ON THE 1ST MAY, 1852,
BY THE CONGREGATION OF ST. ANN'S CHURCH, MONTREAL,
TO
THE REV. W. AGAR ADAMSON, D. C. L.,
AS A SMALL TOKEN OF THEIR
ESTEEM, REGARD, AND GRATITUDE.

And accompanied by the following address :

TO THE REV. W. A. ADAMSON, D. C. L.,

REV. AND DEAR SIR,

We, the Congregation of St. Ann's Church, cannot permit your departure from this City, so long the scene of your labors in the Ministry, without testifying the deep sense of gratitude we owe to you, and the regret which, as Churchmen, we feel at the separation.

In reviewing the history of our Church, since its erection in 1843 to the present, your name has ever been interwoven therewith. We call to remembrance your eloquent discourse, delivered on the day it was first opened for Divine Service, to a crowded audience of our fellow-Christians, many of whom have since gone to "the House not made with hands," and among them that great and good man who then ruled the affairs of this Province.

When our Church was destroyed by fire, we were again compelled to solicit donations from the public. You, ever zealous in promoting your Redeemer's Kingdom, and our welfare, immediately took the cause in hand; and by your powerful and heart-stirring appeals, obtained a considerable sum of money from our brethren in Western Canada and the United States, which, with that collected by the untiring energy of our own beloved Pastor and many other Christian friends, have enabled us to cancel all our liabilities, and the edifice may now be dedicated by consecration to the perpetual service of the Triune Jehovah.

And now, Reverend Sir, in behalf of the gentlemen present and the Congregation of St. Ann's Church, we beg your acceptance of this small token of our sincere regard, ever praying that the "Great Head" of the Church may bless you, your amiable Lady and family while on

earth, and that hereafter we may all meet in the Realms above, where separation will be unknown.

M. H. GAULT, *Chairman,*
 HENRY WESTON, *Secretary,*
 JOHN S. HALL, *Churchwarden,*
 B. CHAMHELLIN, *do.*
 C. DORWIN, *Committee,*
 A. SMITH, *do.*
 JAS. D. BLACK, *do.*

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

While I participate with sincerity in the regret which you express at our approaching separation, I receive with pleasure your kind and cordial address.

With an interest increasing year by year, from the time when first I joined in your worship—then you were a “little flock” “assembled together in an upper room”—I have watched your progress as a Congregation, and admired the energy by which you were enabled to remove many obstacles which tended to impede the erection of your first Church, and after its destruction, to build up your present beautiful “House of Prayer.”

To the unobtrusive zeal, pious energy and discreet exertions of your amiable Pastor you owe a deep debt of gratitude in this matter, and on his account as well as your own, I heartily congratulate you that your Church is free from pecuniary liability.

I congratulate you for his sake, because I have observed that wherever—in this country—a debt remains due upon a Church for any length of time—the amount is invariably drawn, if paid at all, in some shape or other from the scanty income of the Minister. And I rejoice for your sakes, because you will have secured to yourselves and to your children the perpetual preaching of the Gospel of Christ, and the administration of the ordinances

of His Church, when you are enabled to have your Temple consecrated to the worship of the "Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity."

Greatly indeed does your kind partiality overrate my feeble exertions in your behalf in Upper Canada and Buffalo, for in both places, I am happy to state, that I was received by those who felt the binding tie of "the Communion of Saints, and who remembered the words of the Lord Jesus Christ how He said "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

To Him alone are your praises due who puts into our minds good desires, suggests all just works, and who by His continual help renders our efforts effectual.

I thank you heartily for your beautiful present, enhanced as it is in value by being presented as a token of your sincere regard, and assure you cordially that Mrs. Adamson, myself, and my family, are deeply grateful for your blessing and your prayers. We unite sincerely in your aspiration to the Throne of Grace, that when the changes and chances of this mortal life are over, we may meet in those happy mansions in Heaven, which our Divine Redeemer has prepared for them that love and obey him upon earth.

W. AGAR ADAMSON.

MONTREAL, 1st. May, 1852.

TO THE REV. W. AGAR ADAMSON, D. C. L.,
CHAPLAIN TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

DEAR AND REV. BROTHER,

At a time when by your removal to Quebec, we are about to experience the loss of that willing and efficient aid which during your residence for so long a period, you have ever been ready to afford in all things connected with the welfare and advancement of the Church of God in this Diocese, and when we are about to be separated

from one, who by his kind offices and friendly co-operation, has endeared himself to so many of us, we, your Brethren in the Ministry, should not do justice to our feelings did we suffer you to depart without bidding you an affectionate farewell, and expressing the hope that the good Providence of God may call you to labor in some other sphere of usefulness where your talents and acquirements may be made conducive to His Glory and your own temporal and eternal happiness.

Commending your dear family and yourself to the Heavenly guidance and protection,

We remain,

Your affectionate Brethren in Christ,

- Rev. W. T. LEACH, D. C. L., St. George's,
 Rev. W. BOND, Assistant, St. George's,
 Rev. J. IRWIN, St. Thomas,
 Rev. A. D. CAMPBELL, Trinity,
 Rev. J. ELLEGOOD, St. Anne's,
 Rev. E. J. ROGERS, St. Mary's,
 Rev. D. ROBERTSON, Military Chaplain,
 Rev. W. ANDERSON, Sorel,
 Rev. J. BRAITHWAITE, Chambly,
 Rev. W. BRETHER, Ormstown,
 Rev. J. CONSTANTINE, Stanbridge East,
 Rev. E. DUVERNET, Henrysville,
 Rev. J. FLANAGAN, Lachine,
 Rev. C. FOREST, Grenville and Chatham,
 Rev. J. FULTON, Russelltown and Manningville,
 Rev. DANIEL GAVIN, Sabrevois,
 Rev. JOSEPH GRIFFIN, Gore,
 Rev. N. GUEROUT, Bérthier,
 Rev. H. HAZARD, Sherrington,
 Rev. J. JONES, Bedford,
 Rev. D. LINDSAY, Frost Village,
 Rev. R. LINDSAY, Brome and Sutton,

Rev. A. D. LOCKHART, New Glasgow and Kilkenny
 Rev. R. LONSDALE, Laprairie,
 Rev. C. MAURICE, Lacolle,
 Rev. J. MOUNTAIN, Coteau du Lac,
 Rev. FRED. S. NEVE, Chandon,
 Rev. GERALD DE COURCY O'GRADY, Hemmingford,
 Rev. FRED. ROBINSON, Abbotsford and Rougemont,
 Rev. C. ROLLIT, Rawdon and Kildare,
 Rev. J. SCOTT, Dunham,
 Rev. RICHARD L. STEPHENSON, Buckingham,
 Rev. E. G. TETTON, St. Remi,
 Rev. MICHAEL TOWNSEND, Clarenceville,
 Rev. J. P. WHITE, Chambly,
 Rev. A. H. WHITEN, Shellford and Waterloo,
 Rev. R. WHITWELL, St. Armand West,
 Rev. T. A. YOUNG, St. Martin's and St. Therese.

The following is Dr. Adamson's very appropriate and feeling answer :

MONTREAL, April, 1852.

DEAR AND REVEREND BRETHREN,

To part from sincere and attached friends, is ever a most painful passage in human experience, and he has reason to bless God, who amid the changes and chances of this mortal life, is permitted to retain among his companions and counsellors of his age, some at least of the dear and cherished associates of his youth.

But, "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps,"—much less is it for the Minister of Christ to prescribe his own field of labor, his course may lie "through paths that he knows not, and in ways that he has not known," yet, should it be his joy, if in following the guidance of Providence he is enabled to preserve the way in which the Lord our God hath appointed him to walk, and thus in leaving one people for another must he be accounted

happy, the sorrows of whose parting is alleviated by the sympathies of kind and constant friends who can forget whatever may have momentarily dimmed—like the shadow of a passing breath—the bright mirror of Brotherly Love; and remember only that which constitutes the bliss of friendship, a community of labors and of sufferings, a desire to “bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.”

In leaving with a remnant of my family, a City in which we have resided for eight years, permit me in their name, and in my own, to return our unfeigned thanks, for all your past kindnesses, as well as for the expression of your interest in our welfare; above all let me express our gratitude for the assurance of your continued prayers that we may be preserved by the guidance and protection of “Our Father which is in heaven.”

Wheresoever may be my sphere of future labor, with whomsoever I may be associated in ministerial duty, I shall recur in memory to my residence in Montreal with feelings of affection and gratitude towards you, my dear and Reverend Brethren, not only for all those kind and friendly services which you have so considerately and constantly rendered me, but also for this last mark of your friendship and regard, for this parting assurance of your blessing and your prayers.

And now, my Dear and Reverend Brethren—Farewell! May every good gift that cometh from above rest upon you and your families, now and for evermore.

W. AGAR ADAMSON.

ADDRESS AND DONATION TO THE REVEREND WILLIAM
AGAR ADAMSON, D.C.L.

The following address was presented on the 20th inst., to the Rev. William Agar Adamson, in acknowledgment of his valuable ministrations at Yorkville during the brief period of scarcely three months. The address was read by J. T. Brondgeest, Esq., Churchwarden of St. Paul's Church, and was responded to in terms, which will be found below. At the conclusion of the Reverend gentleman's reply, a donation, consisting of an elegant piece of silver plate and a sum of money was handed to him—the gift amounting in the whole to sixty pounds.

TO THE REVEREND WILLIAM AGAR ADAMSON, D.C.L.

REV AND DEAR SIR,

Your brief ministrations in charge of St. Paul's Church having most unexpectedly come to a close, it becomes the duty of a congregation deeply indebted to you, to record their grateful sense of the able and successful services with which they have been favored during a period of peculiar difficulty.

The undersigned members of the congregation of St. Paul's, therefore, avail themselves of the occasion of your separation from them to express their deep regret at the loss of your zealous and efficient labors, and to assure you of the high estimation in which they hold you as a Christian Minister and a warm-hearted friend. Nor can they take leave of you without remembering, in their sorrowful adieus, the affectionate partner, whose sympathies and services have aided you in the discharge of

duties, which not only demanded the most faithful spiritual care, but also a social intercourse marked by the most impartial urbanity.

That Almighty God may bless your earthly career, and perfect it in the joys of salvation, is the fervent prayer of,

Reverend and dear Sir,

Your faithful friends and late parishioners,

J. T. BRONDGEEST,

Churchwarden,

and fifty-two others.

—YORKVILLE, 20th February, 1856.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

It was, as you say, during a period of peculiar difficulty, that I was requested to labor among you, and though my ministrations have been brief, and unexpectedly determined, still there is reason to bless God that I have not been disappointed of my hope, and I leave you comforted by the assurance that, for His dear sake—our Great Exemplar—who came to promote peace on earth, and good will amongst men—you will seek more and more to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

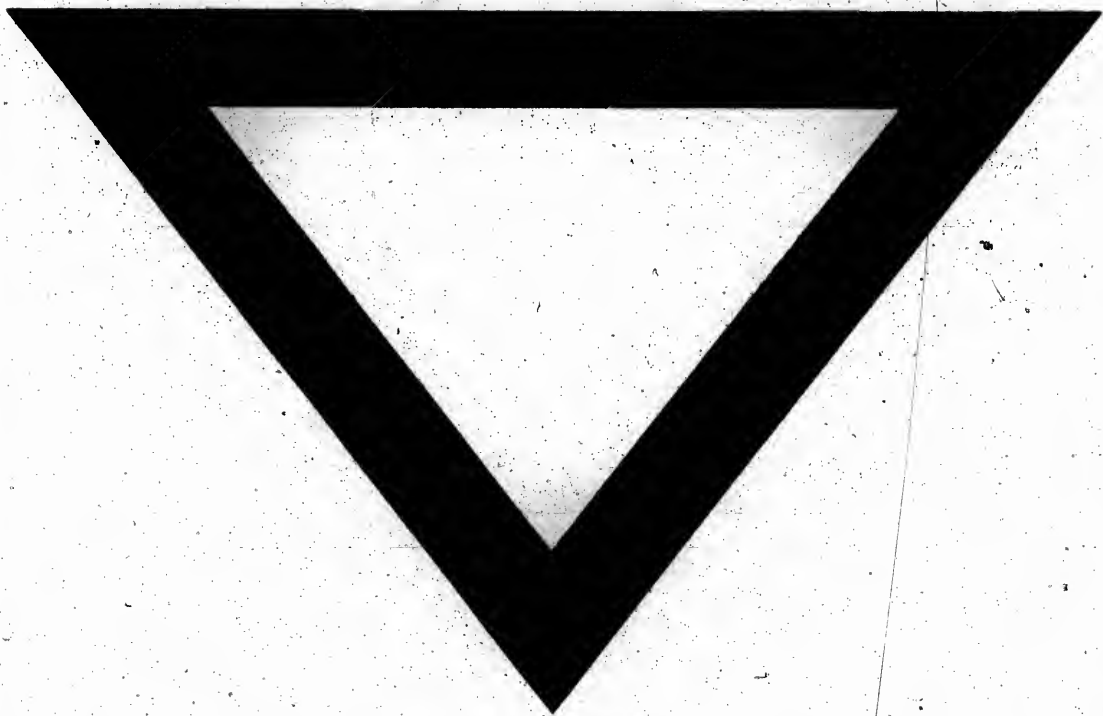
I thank you most sincerely for this affecting mark of your good will and kindly feeling. They are no idle words which express your regrets, for they awaken in my own breast the sense of a real sorrow. Thus, it may be, that our acquaintance commencing in trouble and unhappiness, has—like the experience of a common danger—disposed our hearts to sympathy and abiding friendship. I am sensibly touched by your kind mention of Mrs. Adamson; and, while I thank you in her name and my own for this mark of your thought, I should desire to be regarded as one of yourselves in ascribing to her a merit which my own experience tells me is deserved. For thirty-three years my wife has indeed been “a help meet

for me." In prosperity and adversity, in distress and affliction—of which we have had more than the common lot—she has ever hastened to strengthen, advise, and console me. And, my friends, be well assured that whatever may be the changes and chances which await us, one of the sunny memories of our lives will spring from the recollection of your friendship, and of this proof of your affection.

I thank you for the promise of your prayers. Let us unite our supplications for the prosperity of our Zion, and prove by our exertions to strengthen the hands of the experienced and exemplary Clergyman who has been appointed to labor amongst us—that all contention has ceased, that every cloud has passed away from our thoughts, and that henceforth, sinking personal predilections, and ignoring individual preferences, we will strive more and more that Christ and His Church shall be all in all.

W. AGAR ADAMSON,
Clerk, D.C.L.

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