

Elora 20th October 1857.

To

The Rev^d John Smithurst

Elora ---- Dear Sir

We the undersigned, Churchwardens and Members of the Congregation of St. John's Church, Elora, having heard read your resignation as our Minister, on the ground of ~~ill~~ ~~health,~~ and your incapacity any longer to perform the duties of your office, beg leave to express our regret that such a cause should unfortunately exist as to break off a connection between us which has now lasted for five years –

It will not we hope be considered out of place to allude to your position as our Clergyman, and as a resident of Elora, during that period, ~~but~~ and we cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing our feelings of respect for you as one who has laboured for the interests of the Church, as also for your uniform and constant desire to forward the general improvement of our Schools and other useful public institutions.

Altho' your residence is now in another part of the County, and somewhat distant, we cherish the hope that the same kindly feelings between us may still subsist, and that when an opportunity occurs, we may yet be allowed an interchange of the same.

~~And~~ In conclusion, we have only to say, that our earnest wishes are for your comfort and happiness in your new abode –

William Reynolds. Ch.W.

John S. Crossman Ch. Warden

Edwn Henry Kertland

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Andrew Geddes

Richard Newman

Jn Burke

David Smith

Thomas Farrow

Thomas Greathead

David Smith Jr.

John M. McLean

Henry Smith

George Crane

William Carter

Robert M. Newman

Philip Pepler

Geo W. Kirkendall

John J. Marten

D. Henderroll(?)

James L. Ross

F Dalby

James Reynolds

W^m Reynolds

Hugh Roberts

Richard P ?

Edw H. Newman

Walter P. Newman

Valentine McKenzie