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My dear Dr Dawson

I have just received your letter of yesterday & am very grateful for the confidence & kind feeling which it expresses toward me. I had heard when in Montreal of the probability of Dr Baxter's resignation so I am not altogether surprised that it has been actually tendered. I would gladly do any thing in my power to help the congregation of Stanley St were I without a charge but for the reasons which I will proceed to mention I feel that it is quite out of my power. The congregation here is one of the largest

I have a very high opinion of who has been remarkably successful in  
his work since his settlement within our bounds. He is Rev J J Fotheringham  
of Rowood. He is a good, solid, earnest preacher & an admirable  
organizer. one who was also a very successful student at North.  
The Bell my neighbor in Petalona is also a good man in every way  
& has done a good work during the year of his partrate here.  
I cannot think of any other just now.

I will now close, with kind regards & with the hope that your  
congregation may soon be able to receive a partrite

Yours very sincerely

E J Lawrence.

in the Church, numbering some 230 families  
& 480 members & some 400 children in  
the different Sabbath Schools. During the  
two years of my pastorate there have been  
clear tokens of blessing. many young people  
specially having been led to unite with the  
Church. There has also sprung up a very  
strong attachment between the congregation  
myself & I feel that it would be a most  
difficult matter to separate from them.

Under these circumstances I could not  
feel justified in leaving Peterboro unless  
I was going to a field of much greater usefulness  
& I do not at present know of any congregation  
in the Church, which present such a  
field.

There is a minister in our Parish of whom



Dr E. F. Tupper

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