

Recd May 49

Parsonage of Ch: Ascension
New York April 25th 1849.

Rev: & Dear Brother,

The inclosed resolutions
of the Vestry afford me the
opportunity of repeating my acknowledgments
for your kindness, in supplying
the pulpit of the Church of the
Ascension, during my late absence.
I need not assure you that these
resolutions embody the unanimous
feeling of the Vestry, and express
the sentiment of the congregation,
which they represent. I am
sure it will please you to
Rev: P. P. Irving.

know, that all whom I have met, and who have enjoyed the privilege of your ministry during the past year, speak with gratitude of your faithfulness and wisdom, and with admiration of the ^{perpetuality} ~~fidelity~~ with which you have discharged the duties of the public ministration, notwithstanding your fidelity to the responsible office, which the Church has committed to you.

But they do not all know, as I do, that it has been at great sacrifice of personal and domestic comfort, and because, through God's blessing, you were

able to bring to the discharge of the duty, great ability, and a more than usual share of Pastoral experience. My congregation have only regretted, that your official duties have prevented their more general personal acquaintance with yourself. I thank you, most of all, for your willing sacrifice of hours of relaxation, in visiting those who have endured the chastening of the Lord. It will gratify you to have the assurance, my dear Brother, that during my absence you have entirely relieved my mind from anxiety on account of the Parish, and, that, on my

return, I find every department
of it in perfect order and
flourishing.

Under Divine Providence, we do
all feel deeply indebted for
your kindness: and you have my
earnest prayers ^{the success of} for all your
future Pastoral labors, for which
God has so eminently fitted you.

With sincere esteem and
affection, I am, Your
friend and brother,
G. T. Bedew.

Recd May 14th 49

A copy of the resolutions
passed at a meeting of Vestry
on Monday evening April 23^d
1849.

"Resolved - That the Vestry of
the Church of the Ascension
desire to express to the Rev:
Pierre P. Irving, their
grateful sense, and entire
approbation of the faithfulness
and zeal with which he
has discharged the
ministerial functions connected
with this parish, during the

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absence of their beloved
Rector: the more appreciated
as these were performed in
addition to his proper
official duties, for the
ability and fidelity in the
discharge of which he is
alike distinguished."

"Resolved that the Rector be
requested to communicate to
the Rev: P. P. Irving, a copy
of these resolutions."

"An extract from the minutes.
J. T. Adams,
Clerk."

absence of their letters

letter: the same opportunity

as there were persons in

relation to the papers

official notes for the

edit and printed in the

reprints of which he is

able distinguished

letter that the letter

repeated to communicate to

the Rev. B. B. May, a copy

of the same is sent

in respect from the printer

J. B. May

Wend.