

## The Presbyterian Witness

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SPACE FORBIDS US THIS WEEK to say anything in regard to much that deserves attention in the proceedings of our Synods. Upwards of 50 Presbyterian Ministers were in Halifax at the beginning of this week. The proceedings of the Synods were conducted in an amicable, and most becoming spirit. It was particularly gratifying to us to see the fine friendly feeling, with which the Deputations of the one Synod were received by the other; and the cordiality with which they respectively pledged co-operation.—And we have little fear that this will be allowed to pass for mere compliment.—Two strong Committees have been appointed to confer on the subjects of co-operation; and these Committees met on Thursday evening in Poplar Grove Church. At this meeting there were present Professors King and Ross, Rev. Messrs Bain, Duff, McGregor, and MacKnight. Their deliberations, we are happy to learn, were of such a nature as to promise well for the future. There is every prospect now, that on all the most important questions of the day, the hearty and vigorous co-operation of these powerful and influential Christian bodies will be secured. It is time for the people of God to rejoice, and for the enemy to tremble when such men as Professors King and Ross sit side by side in counsel for the advancement of the cause of Christ, and for stemming the flood of ungodliness and error. This is what many a child of God has longed for and prayed for—let them give glory to the HEARER OF PRAYER, and be thankful for these first fruits.

SYNOD OF THE ESTABLISHED CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN NOVA SCOTIA.—This Court met in St. Matthew's Church in this city on Tuesday morning last. Rev. Mr. McGillivray, the retiring Moderator, preached the opening sermon from Mark 8: 14.—Twelve members were present—nine ministers and three elders: Reverends Messrs Martin, Scott, Spott, McGillivray, Herdman, Follock, McLean, McKay, Snodgrass, and Dr. Avery, Messrs Little and McKenzie. Rev. J. Martin was elected Moderator for this year.

A Deputation from the Church of Scotland in Canada, visited the Synod, consisting of Rev. A. McKid, and Rev. Dr. Mathewson. We hope to be furnished with a detailed account of the proceedings of this Court for our next.

WE WOULD DIRECT PARTICULAR ATTENTION to the letter from a Protestant Pastor in France on our first page. It was put on the first page in consequence of the press of Synodical matter and news by the *America*. We tender our best thanks to the Rev. William McCulloch of Turro for his kindness in supplying us with so valuable a communication.

THE LETTER OF "SENEX," from Wilnot, exposing the pseudo-benevolence of those who would propose to run the Railway Cars on Sabbath mornings on pretence of bringing the labourers to the various places of worship in the city, is in point, and deserves attention. We trust there is enough Christianity in Nova Scotia to prevent any such public desecration of the Sabbath. It is wise however, to be watchful, and check the beginnings of evil.—nip them in the bud.

WE HAVE TO DEFER THE NOTICE of some valuable book which we have received per Messrs. McKinlay, from Carter and Brothers till next week. Among others a neat little volume on the "Prophecy of the Bible" or sketches in Cryon of the life and times of Jonah, by the Rev. A. S. Muir, Boston.

THE WIFE OF DR. MERRILL D'ARNOIS, died 12th of June. The last words she uttered were "Lord come, come quickly!"

THE MASSACRE AT HANGO merits the last degree of execration. It is the most cold-blooded, savage and horrible episode in civilized warfare in modern times. Sixteen men unarmed under a flag of truce went to land ten Russian Prisoners in order to give them freedom, and, just as they landed the prisoners, a large body of Russian soldiers rushed out of concealment and murdered them! In both Houses of Parliament the cruel act was denounced in the strongest terms and with the warmest indignation. Lord Malmesbury said, "I have ransacked English history and I cannot find an instance of a similar atrocious act." Earl of Clarendon called it "an outrage horrible and unparalleled." Lord Brougham called "for punishment on the perpetrators of a deed so extraordinary and so cruel. If ever the land called for blood it was now." It must be on a momentous occasion that such feeling would be expressed by such a body. It is reported that but five have been killed and the rest taken prisoners. But even this would not in the least extenuate the crime of the murderers.

## Free Church Synod.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29TH.

EVENING SEDERUNT.

The proceedings were commenced in the usual form.

REV. A. FORRESTER brought in the Report of the Committee of the *Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record*. He explained the position of the *Record*. Since its price was reduced to 1s. 10d. the circulation has risen to four times the previous amount. Should all the subscriptions be promptly and regularly paid, the *Record* would now be self-sustaining.

After some remarks from various members, the MODERATOR conveyed the thanks of the Synod to the Committee for their labors.

Mr. Forrester having resigned his share of the editorship of the *Record*, and Professor Lyall being absent in Scotland, a Special Committee was appointed to make arrangements with regard to its future editorship.

REV. PROFESSOR KING submitted the Report of the Synod Fund Committee. Received, £62 14s. 2d.; paid, £58 15s. 3d.; balance, £3 18s. 11d. Greater promptitude and regularity required in forwarding collections to the Treasurer.

A petition was read from the Presbytery of Pictou, asking leave to take Mr. Stewart, now at Earlton, on trials for license. Rev. John Stewart and Mr. Sutherland were heard at great length in support of the petition. After considerable discussion the prayer of the petition was granted.—Rev. Professor King not seeing his way clear to support the motion to that effect.

Relative to the case of Mr. John Sutherland of the Glasgow City Mission, it was resolved:—"That the Presbytery of Pictou be instructed to correspond with the Colonial Committee with a view to their sending Mr. Sutherland out there as an itinerating missionary."

SATURDAY, JUNE 30TH.

MORNING SEDERUNT.

The CLERK read a minute of the Presbytery of Pictou in reference to Messrs. K. McKenzie and N. McKay—reporting them as fit to be taken on trials for license.

REV. A. FORRESTER read the Report of Home Missions. The distribution of Students as Catechists is as follows:—Two to Cape Breton; two to P. E. Island; one to Pictou; one to Halifax. The annual collection is entirely inadequate to meet the demands of the Home Mission. Some new agency must be set on foot and vigorously worked.

The Report was sustained, and the thanks of the Synod given to Mr. Forrester for the faithful manner in which he discharged the duties of Convener.

An Overture was brought forward by the Presbytery of Pictou anent the Home Mission.—Mr. M. Sutherland speaking in support of it. After much consideration the subject was referred to a select Committee.—Rev. Professor King, Convener.

The Report of the College Board was read by J. H. LIDDELL, Esq., containing the financial statement of receipts and expenditures. The thanks of the Synod were conveyed to Mr. Liddell for his invaluable Report. It was thought desirable to print and circulate an abstract of the financial statement. Several members also urged the necessity of employing an active agency for the ingathering of the various funds of the Church.

Mr. G. SUTHERLAND gave in a Report of his Mission to New Brunswick in behalf of the Professorial Endowment Fund. Mr. Stewart had been prevented from accompanying him by ill health.

PROFESSOR KING read a draft of Charter for incorporation of the College and Academy Board.

A communication was received from the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia respecting measures to be taken to secure the co-operation of the two Churches in matters in which they have a common interest.

MR. FORRESTER suggested that a public Missionary meeting of the two bodies might be held on Monday evening next; but owing to great pressure of business this could not be agreed to.

MONDAY, JUNE 2ND.

MORNING SEDERUNT.

Report of the Committee on Popish Missions was given in by Rev. G. Sutherland. The Report was sustained and the Committee re-appointed with suggestions to procure books for circulation from the Presbyterian Board of Publication and from the Edinburgh Bible Society.

The CLERK then introduced to the Synod the Rev. Messrs. Sedgewick and Bain, and Charles Robson, Esq., as a deputation from the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

REV. MR. SEDGEWICK addressed the Synod with great eloquence and fervor—showing the numerous and important points of agreement between the two Synods, the common aims they have in view, the common enemies with whom they have to struggle,—and the comparative unimportance of the points on which the two Synods are disagreed. He urged, therefore, the practicability and necessity of cordial co-operation for the present, with a view to ultimate incorporation.

REV. MR. BAIN also addressed the Synod. He did not think it desirable to leap at once into a union. We want co-operation, not incorporation. The two bodies already co-operate in the town of Pictou, and in many other places. They might well co-operate in foreign missionary work. Mr. Geddie had suggested something of this nature.

MR. ROBSON dwelt on the importance of

co-operation and union in a political point of view. Presbyterianism in Nova Scotia is the natural counterpoise of Popery.

The Deputation having been heard, several members of the Synod spoke.

REV. H. McLEOD thought this a most auspicious moment. He listened to the deputation with great pleasure. Nothing is more desirable than brotherly love, affection, and union. He moved that a Committee be appointed to confer with any Committee that the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia may appoint for that purpose.

Mr. Stewart hails this deputation as a token for good. He has lived 17 years in close neighborhood with Mr. Roy; they have acted cordially together, and never once quarrelled. He seconded Mr. McLeod's motion.

The MODERATOR, while feeling deep gratitude for what has now happened, trusts that before long we may be united. We must pray for one another, and show acts of kindness, that we may make our way into one another's hearts.

PROFESSOR KING rejoices to meet with Christian brethren of other denominations.—The Colonies owed much to the Secession Church. While the Church of Scotland forgot her expatriated children, the Secession nobly did their duty. The memories of the fathers of the Secession should be embalmed in every Christian heart. He regretted that their successors forsook some of the principles for which their fathers struggled so nobly. He hoped that the Free Church would be able to help them up to their original standard. He cordially approved of appointing the Committee to secure the co-operation of the two Churches.

MR. DUFF moved that a deputation be sent by this Synod to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia. The following deputation was then appointed (to serve also as a Committee for conference):—Professor King, Revs. H. McLeod, J. Stewart, A. Sutherland, Wm. Duff, ministers; and Mr. Newcomb, elder.

The Deputation of the Presbyterian Synod then took their leave amid the cordial greetings of their brethren of the Free Church; and the Synod adjourned.

EVENING SEDERUNT.

REV. A. SUTHERLAND submitted the Report of the Committee on Temperance. He knew a district in P. E. Island where £700 were spent in intoxicating drinks, and only £75 contributed to support the gospel. Almost all cases requiring discipline and litigation have arisen from drinking. In the last three years the consumption in P. E. Island has increased 40,000 gallons! Tavern keepers are generally the lowest of the people—almost beneath the reach of the law. An immense amount of drunkenness prevails during elections. The Report recommended that efforts should be put forth to put a stop to the traffic in ardent spirits—that the means of drunkenness should be removed beyond the reach of the vile.

After some remarks from various members, Mr. A. Sutherland made a most convincing and eloquent justification of the Report and in favor of the Temperance movement on proper scriptural grounds. The Report was adopted and the Committee re-appointed.

REV. J. STEWART moved an Overture on the subject of Foreign Missions.

DR. THOMPSON of New York supported this Overture in a long and eloquent speech; after which the Synod adjourned.

TUESDAY, JULY 3RD.

MORNING SEDERUNT.

The Synod granted leave to license the Students whose College curriculum was finished.

The Report of Committee appointed by the Synod to consider and determine the field to be occupied, and the duties to be performed, by the Synod's Home Mission, was given in by Professor King, and adopted. The following are the Home Mission Committee for the current year:—The Professor of the College, Minister of Chalmers' Church, P. McNab, William Anderson, and J. McIntosh; Corresponding members—Rev. J. Stewart, Rev. H. McLeod, and Rev. A. Sutherland.

Rev. William Murray was appointed Agent for the Church; and leave was granted to ordain him forthwith.

AFTERNOON SEDERUNT.

Further arrangements were made relative to the Agent of the Church.

REV. M. SUTHERLAND read an Overture from the Presbytery of Pictou on the Sustentation of the Ministry.

After much deliberation, it was resolved that the minimum of ministerial salary be fixed at £150—with the addition of a manse.

REV. H. McLEOD was appointed a deputy to visit the Presbyteries of Pictou and P. E. Island with the view to stir them up to the duty of more effectually sustaining the ministry.

PROFESSOR KING submitted some more particulars in reference to the Academy.—There are now 4 teachers and upwards of 60 pupils in regular attendance. Additional apparatus has been received from Scotland.

PROFESSOR KING, in absence of Professor Lyall, read the list of names of Students attending the Literary and Philosophical Departments of the College.—also a list of his own Students. The Colonial Committee has conferred a great boon on us by sending out the Rev. Mr. McKnight as teacher of Hebrew. His services cannot fail to be of the greatest utility to the Students. It is to be hoped that means will be found to keep him permanently

in his present situation. The smallness of the number of Students attending College is a matter of great regret. Christian parents must be taught to look upon the ministry as a most honorable office for their children. New Brunswick has not yet sent us her proportion of Students.

REV. G. SUTHERLAND brought forward an Overture anent the piety of candidates for the Ministry.

REV. PROFESSOR KING said that the constitution, standards, and statutes of the Church provided for this—and that therefore the Overture was unnecessary.

The Committee on Incorporation with the Synod of New Brunswick reported that owing to various conditions and reservations (specified and commented upon in the Report) they could not see the practicability of an immediate incorporation.

REV. MR. GLASS, the deputy from the Synod of New Brunswick, made some friendly observations and explanations, and the Report was adopted.

REV. A. SUTHERLAND, as Convener of the Sabbath Observance Committee, stated that being in circumstances in which he could not call a meeting of the Committee, he had no Report to give. Several cases of flagrant Sabbath desecration had come before the attention of some members of the Committee.—Still, on the whole, there is improvement, through the instrumentality of Sabbath Schools, &c. Drunkenness is the great source of Sabbath breaking. The Committee was re-appointed.—Rev. J. Stewart, Convener. The Synod then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH, 10 o'clock.

LAST SEDERUNT.

The Special Committee on the *Record* reported, recommending the following arrangements for its management: Committee—Professors King and Lyall, Rev. Mr. McKnight, Messrs Munro and Steele, and Rev. W. Murray.—Mr. Murray to be editor. Mr. McKnight, Convener of the Committee.

PROFESSOR KING, in the absence of Professor Lyall, reported from the Bursary Committee. The severe and prolonged sickness of some of the students, caused extraordinary demands on the fund. Mrs. Liddell's exertions on behalf of the sick students were indefatigable. Some ladies made a special effort on behalf of the Bursary Fund lately by the sale of needle-work—realizing the sum of £37 1s. 0d. Last spring, Mr. Liddell, in connexion with some other gentlemen, by a special effort, raised a considerable sum for bursaries; £8 7s. 1d. of which still remain. This makes the amount now in hand £45 8s. 1d.

PROFESSOR KING also reported that through the exertions of Mr. Bonar, the Convener of the Colonial Committee, the books belonging to Rev. W. C. Burns, minister of Glasgow, and additional books from Glasgow, have been secured for the Library. They amount to several volumes, most of them very valuable works.

REV. H. McLEOD moved that the warmest thanks of the Synod be conveyed to Mr. Burns, to the Convener of the Colonial Committee, and to the Presbytery of Glasgow, for this very handsome donation to our College Library.

The College Board was re-appointed with some additional members.

After singing part of the 123rd Psalm, and pronouncing the Apostolic Benediction by the Moderator, the Synod separated to meet again on the second Wednesday of June, 1856, at New Glasgow.

## Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

FRIDAY, JUNE 29TH.

The afternoon Sederunt was chiefly occupied in receiving the Reports of the Home and Foreign Mission Board.

From the Report of the Home Mission Board it appeared that the labors of 238 Sabbaths had been expended in the home field during the year;—that in addition to stations formerly supplied, several new stations had been visited by preachers and probationers;—that the services of preachers have been generally well received and highly appreciated;—and that in many of the stations there are now fair prospects of forming self-sustaining congregations.

The whole sum collected during the year is £299 7s. 0d.; £199 18s. had been expended on mission stations; £22 10s. in aiding weak congregations; £20 in church building; and £86 for miscellaneous purposes. Total expenditure during the year, £288 17s. 7d.—The Board report that new doors of usefulness are opening on every side, that new and pressing calls are being made for additional labor, and that the prospects of enlargement are most promising.

REPORT OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

This Report shows that the good work is advancing in the most prosperous manner, not only in Anicéum, but also in the neighboring islands of Funu and Fortuna. Several natives have been admitted to the ordinances of Baptism and of the Lord's Supper, and continued to live in a manner worthy of their profession.

Mr. Gordon has been received as a colleague to Mr. Geddie, and, in the meantime, has been directed to visit the congregations in P. E. Island. The sum of £324, after meeting the expenses of the year, still remain in fund. The Canadian Church manifests an increasing interest in this mission, and are adopting means to contribute systematically to its support. It is suggested that as no other missionary

as the *John Williams* sails from England only once every three years, that some means should be employed to secure an associate for Mr. Gordon, if not in this Province, from the Church in Scotland. The Board also suggests the propriety, if it could be accomplished, of sending out to relieve the missionaries of much manual labor, one or two competent tradesmen,—and also, if possible, one or more female missionaries.

The Sederunt of the evening was occupied in the Synod's Missionary Meeting. Rev. George Patterson referred to such parts of the Report of the Home Mission Board as were likely to interest the audience. These have been already given. Rev. James Bayne gave a similar statement of the affairs of the Foreign Mission. From this it appeared that it had prospered to an extent scarcely paralleled in the annals of missionary enterprise.—Seven years only had elapsed since Mr. Geddie commenced his labors, and only two and a half years had passed away since a Church had been formed, which now contains fifty members, of whom four are themselves engaged in the missionary work; and one had exhibited a most delightful confidence in the hour of death. In a Church composed of such materials many irregularities might have been anticipated, but of its fifty members only three had been suspended, and of these, one had been restored. At the date of Mr. Geddie's last letter, twenty additional members were about to be received by baptism.

REV. H. CRAWFORD then addressed the meeting on the claims of our kindred and country on the Church. He said that the Church is the light of the world. Before Christ came, men in vain asked, what is Truth? To answer this question was his great object, and this also is the mission of the Church. While the whole world should see the light, its rays should be most numerous and brilliant in our own neighborhood. The family, neighbors, and countrymen of the Christian should receive his special care. A fair consideration of the destitute state of parts of this Province and the adjacent islands may well produce strong emotion, and stir us up to active exertion.—Even patriotism, which leads us to contend for national rights, should stimulate us to guard the spiritual rights of others. The citizens of Halifax, favored by the constant services of twelve Protestant clergymen, may be slow to believe and appreciate the destitution of religious ordinances existing in some parts of the country. In one county, some time ago, but one Protestant minister was to be found. The conduct of Esther, Nehemiah, and others, to their suffering and destitute countrymen, shows us how we ought to act in view of these things, and above all, the bright example of Paul, who was ready even to be esteemed according to the flesh, should lead us to a deeper sense of our responsibility. It was to destitute Scotland that John Knox yearned to preach the gospel; and when the light of the Secession arose on the same land, the Erskines went forth to its most neglected parts.

REV. JOHN McLEOD next spoke on the numerous and urgent claims on the Church of God, at this present day, to persevere in the evangelization of the world, and particularly the isles of Western Polynesia. While it is always imperative on the Church, the call to this duty is sometimes especially loud. Such is now the case. Doors are opening over the whole world for the preaching of the gospel. India, in the vastness of its extent and of its population, in the darkness and the degradation which overwhelm its people, and in its increasing accessibility to Christian influence, cries more and more loudly for our aid. From no country has the human race received so much, while for no country has it done so little. Many Schools and Churches, indeed, are there, and the Bible has been translated into 13, and the New Testament into 24 languages; but in comparison with the millions of its people, all this is nothing. There are no hindrances to justify or to extenuate the supineness of the Church, and the circumstances of India therefore constitute a special appeal to exertion. Turkey, also, is now claiming the sympathy of the Church more than at any former period. Among its population a universal thirst for information exists, and late political changes have laid its territories completely open to the missionaries of the Cross. These are but specimens of the new and pressing claims which the times are making on the Church. The old superstitions are becoming effete, and are ready to pass away before the light of the gospel. Let the Church bestir herself, then, to substitute, in the room of the crumbling idols of heathenism, the worship of the true God. Our success in the islands of Western Polynesia was only an additional reason for increased exertion. All these islands, except that occupied by our missionary, are wholly given to idolatry; and if we come not to the rescue of their miserable inhabitants, how terrible will be their final condition. Our missionary is calling to us,—the heathen of these isles are crying, "come over and help us;" and can any heart animated by the love of Jesus listen unmoved? Is it possible that in the whole Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, one missionary alone can be found to answer to the cry?

REV. MR. WYLLIE addressed the meeting on the duty of the strong to help the weak.—It might perhaps be considered strange that but one missionary had offered for the foreign field; but when we remember that we have twenty-three home stations, and but six missionaries to supply them, our wonder ought to cease. He was glad that he had been called

on to advocate the Home Mission, and to enforce on the strong the duty of helping the weak. In Nova Scotia both these classes existed. The relation of the strong to the weak is a relation of oneness. Every individual who is converted becomes a member of the whole Church, and in reference to the maintenance of spiritual ordinances, as in every thing else, all are one. The members of the Church should bear to each other a love in word and in tongue, but in deed and in truth; but what love can exist in the heart of him who suffers his brother to faint for lack of spiritual food. Remember, also, the express command, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ." Remember, also, that naked justice demands that the strong should help the weak. In the city congregations of Scotland, the removal of those who have been received from weak country congregations would leave nothing but a mere nucleus, both as to numbers and activity; and this is probably the case in Nova Scotia.

The assistance required of us is of a peculiar kind—not all pecuniary, but to a large extent, aid in working out the resources of the weak congregations. Instruction and training are necessary, as well as money. Thus it is that the Free Church of Scotland has occupied a position so prominent, and it is also the secret of the prosperity of our own Mother Church.

Unavoidable absence during the latter part of the meeting precludes us from giving an outline of the remainder of the Rev. gentleman's address, which, we are informed, was animated and interesting.

REV. GEORGE CLARK was the last speaker on Missions. We regret that the same cause prevents us from gratifying the Church with a sketch of his remarks. At the close of the more formal business of the evening, Rev. Mr. Harris, Baptist minister from St. John, N. B., delivered an eloquent address on the subject of a Bethel Union, for the benefit of Seamen.

Remainder of Synod business next week.

## The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of New Brunswick.

We gave a short sketch of the proceedings of this Court last week. We continue a few items which we did not then overtake.

A new Presbytery was formed within the bounds of the Synod called the Presbytery of York.—At present it is to be made up of the Ministers of Harvey, Prince William, and Salmon River with their respective elders.—There are now four Presbyteries in the Synod.

On Monday, the Synod took into consideration their duty in regard to Popery. It was agreed that every Minister of the Synod should preach once a year on the Subject of Popery—its aims, its destiny, &c.

It was resolved that a Pastoral Letter, on the subject of personal and family religion—referring to the duties of the eldership, in visiting the sick &c., be addressed to all the several congregations within the bounds of the Synod. Rev. Messrs Glass and Smith were appointed a Committee to prepare the said letter.

The thanks of the Synod were given to Mr. Elder, for the able manner in which he conducted the *Colonial Presbyterian*.

For matters of detail and some important reports of Committees, we must look to the next issue of the *Colonial Presbyterian*.

Altogether, the Meeting of the Synod of New Brunswick was a most interesting one. We have seldom witnessed a body of men, more determined—more eagerly set to do the work given them to do. It is not surprising that the good work of the Lord is prospering in their hands. They are fresh, and young, and vigorous, and their grand aim is the evangelizing of the Province where their lot is cast. Their Home Mission is in a very healthful condition, and they resolved also to enter upon some foreign field. The time is not far distant when this Christian body, sound in principle and high in morality, will be felt a power in the land, which the rulers of New Brunswick will be compelled to treat at least with more respect than they have done of late.

The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada (Free Church), met in Cote Street Church, Montreal, on Thursday, 14th June. The attendance of Ministers and Elders was large. When the roll of ordained Ministers was made up it was found to number 104.—The Moderator, Rev. Henry Gordon, preached from Joshua xiii. 1. The thanks of the Synod were voted to Mr. Gordon for his discourse, which he was requested to publish in the *Record*. Then Rev. Thomas Lowry, of Bradford, was then chosen Moderator for the year.

To the Editor of the Presbyterian Witness.

Sir, The substance of what I said in the Synod, in reference to the Brown's Creek congregation P. B. I. was, that the population less or more connected with the congregation is upwards of 1200; that there is a monthly prayer meeting as well as weekly prayer meetings; and that there are within the bounds of the congregation four Sabbath Schools. I also stated that the congregation is engaged in building a new church, that the people are poor and require help, and that, as well as myself would feel thankful could the Synod devise any plan for procuring funds for building the church which has been proposed. By inserting the above you will give Sir, your obedient servant,

ALEXANDER

Halifax July 4th, 1855.