

Institution. It is intended and as much calculated for the *general good*, as any Institution of the kind can be, under similar circumstances." "The circumstances that the Academy possesses the means of affording a scientific education, gives a peculiar claim on the support of Presbyterians. On account of the known and acknowledged tendency of Science above all other branches of Education, to enlarge the mind, invigorate its powers, and free it from the influence of bigotry and superstition." "Now if Pictou Academy be not kept, we must either lay aside one of the most useful preparations for the ministry, or be contented to depend on other countries for religious instructions." "In the endowment of nature, the youth of the Province are not inferior to those of the mother country; and, *with education*, equally qualified to occupy every useful and honorable station; and viewing the matter in this light, *we wish the youth of our communion to possess the means of preparing themselves for every office, either sacred or civil*, to which others may aspire." This document is worthy of most serious consideration, because it is addressed "*in the name of the Synod which has always taken a deep and lively interest in the prosperity of the Academy*," to the CONGREGATIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA by the ministers of a sect to their flocks. I have never read an address *more liberal, less sectarian*—; is an address, worthy of enlightened men, in an enlightened age, and affords a pleasing contrast to certain publications of the present day.

Let me sum up. I have proved;

1st. By the draft of the original bill in the handwriting of Mr. Mortimer, that Pictou Academy was not intended by its founders to be *Sectarian*.

2nd. By the drafts of the petitions of the Trustees in the handwriting of Dr. McCulloch; by the declarations of the Revds. Dr. McCulloch and Duncan Ross, and of Messrs. Archibald, Smith, Fairbanks and Haliburton; by the memorial presented by Mr. Blanchard to the King. That its *Presbyterianism*, was stamped upon it by the Act of Incorporation, and by the Charter, *in defiance of their most strenuous opposition*.

3rd. By the original subscription lists, as well as by the statement of Dr. McCulloch in reference to subscriptions collected in Scotland—that the *diver sums of money*, were not subscribed by Presbyterians for the education of their children in the Presbyterian Religion, but by persons of *all Religious Denominations, and for the general purposes of Education*—and that even that portion of it which was subscribed by the friends of Dr. McCulloch in Scotland, *who were members of his own Church*, is proved by the certificate furnished to Mr. Wm. McCulloch, to have been for *these same*

purposes, and only *interfalia* to fit young men for the study of Theology.

4th. By the Petitions of the Trustees, annually presented from the very passage of the Act, up to 1832; and couched in the strongest language, it is apparent that they viewed the Religious restrictions, as *invidious, disreputable, irreligious*, and highly injurious to the prosperity of the Institution.

5th. By the Address of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, to the Congregations in their connexion, issued in 1833—That after the removal of the Restrictions, and opening up of the Trust to "persons of the several different Religious Denominations;"—*after the introduction of the Lower Branches, and the enacting of the Restrictive Clause in reference to the Teaching of Theology by the Act of 1832*—The Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, recommended Pictou Academy to their Congregations, as most worthy of their support.

Having now proved the correctness of every statement, advanced by me in the letters of "Onc Concerned;" having also, I think, made it clear that the statements of the Rev. James Ross, are at variance with those made by his father and the other friends of the Academy. in reference to that Institution, both under the first Act, and that of 1832, I shall in my next, show that he has equally misrepresented the Academy under the operation of the Law of 1845.

I remain very faithfully,
Pictou, 1850. WM. JAS. ANTERSON.

LETTER 4.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

The Revd. Jas. Ross, in his third letter in the "Novascotian" of March 18th, has thus written in reference to the communication of the Revd. Wm. McCulloch, published in the Missionary Record, in March 1849.

"[That letter contains the following statement:]—Formerly we were in a more favourable position, when there existed in connexion with our Church, and to a certain extent under its control, an Institution, the Pictou Academy, from which a steady supply of well qualified Ministers might be obtained." For this statement, he has been publicly denounced, as asserting what he and every member of the Synod knew to be untrue, and as endeavouring to obtain from simple-minded Scotchmen, funds for our Seminary, by falsehood, fraud and deception. Persons who attempt to instruct the ignorant, and who betray such unaccountable ignorance, or which is far worse, who wilfully misrepresent the facts of the case, soon find their proper level in public estimation, and soon lose their power to injure."

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