

TO REV. ROBERT BURNS, PAISLEY.

WINDSOR, N.S., 20th Nov.

I know that many ministers of the Scottish Church take a deep interest in the welfare of other countries, and would gladly do anything in their power to promote Messiah's kingdom in foreign lands. We are labouring to extend the limits of that kingdom in this country. I sincerely hope that amid our labours and trials we have your good wishes and ardent prayers. It is long since the banners of the Cross were unfurled on the rugged shores of Nova Scotia, and, compared with some regions in the great Republic of the West, it may be regarded a moral and religious country, but compared with our dear native land it is a moral wilderness. Many new settlements have scarcely yet been visited with the divine light of Christianity, and the settlers are sunk in ignorance and depravity. Some of them are without Christian Sabbaths, or Christian ordinances of any kind. Much indeed has been done of late to promote schools and domestic missions. Sinners have been converted and new gems have been added to Messiah's crown. The Bible Society has conferred many substantial blessings on this colony.

There is scarcely a family in the county of Hants that has not a copy of the Holy Scriptures. Our little branch society has sent into circulation nearly 100 copies in the last year. I had the pleasure of distributing most of them with my own hand. But in general men pay little attention to the Bible unless they have ministers to explain it and force it upon their attention. When men have no public worship they seldom have any religion. The Sabbath is spent in idleness and dissipation, and unless the Gospel is sent unto them free of expense, they must live and

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