

CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.

Pictou, Nova Scotia.—The following Address signed by one thousand seven hundred individuals was presented to the Deputation from the Church of Scotland, on the 15th July, at Pictou.

To the Reverend Doctor Simpson, the Reverend Doctor McLeod, and the Reverend Norman McLeod, Members of the Deputation of the Established Church of Scotland, to the British American Colonies.

REVEREND SIRS,—We the undersigned Members of the Venerable Church of which you are Ministers, residing in the County of Pictou, beg to congratulate you on your safe arrival in this Province, on the important mission entrusted to you.

Expressed as we are from our Fatherland, and bringing to recollection recent afflictions in our holy Zion, we cannot but view the objects of your visit, at this particular juncture, as a strong proof of the desire of our venerable Church to be made truly acquainted with the state of our spiritual condition.

We feel sincerely grateful to you for having administered the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the Sabbath just passed, by which an opportunity was afforded to the thousands who attended, flocking from every quarter and from great distances, to hear the word of everlasting life, and to discharge the solemn duty and to participate in the high and holy privilege of sitting down at the table of the Lord.

To you, as the ambassadors of the great Head of the Church, we wish health, happiness, every spiritual blessing, and a safe return to your respective Parishes, and we earnestly pray, in behalf of the Church here to you, that you may be within her walls, and prosper with her Palaces.

We remain, Reverend Sirs, Yours faithfully and sincerely, The Rev. Dr. Simpson, in behalf of himself and the 1,700 members of the Deputation, replied as follows:—

GENTLEMEN,—We receive with no ordinary feelings of interest and satisfaction, the congratulations now tendered to us from a large number of persons residing in the County of Pictou, and the members of the Church of Scotland, and expressing in terms so strong, their sense of the importance and benefit of the mission which you have undertaken.

matter, we beg to return our best thanks. Our sense of its importance, and with this I must be allowed to add, our conviction, that we are enabled to execute it, are becoming stronger and more impressive day by day, and by all that we witness.

Our dependence for the right discharge of our duty, we have placed in the hands of our Heavenly Father, and we desire to strengthen the hands and encourage the hearts of all who love the Lord Jesus by every means in our power.

We desire and will cordially fill and strengthen, ourselves to preach the Gospel in these places, alas! that they should be so numerous, when the visits of such messengers are rare, and far between, and that they may prove to be day and thirty, and that of refreshing in the presence of the Lord.

We desire to draw closer bonds of Christian sympathy, which unite the Colonials with the Parent Church, and we sincerely trust that the happy consequences anticipated by our mutual efforts to this effect may be abundantly realized.

Gentlemen, you are pleased to say that you are sincerely grateful to us for having administered among you the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.—I might say, that I am equally and justly indebted to you for the happy consequences anticipated by our mutual efforts to this effect may be abundantly realized.

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THE OBSERVER.

St. John, Tuesday, August 12, 1845.

DEPARTURE FROM THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, IN SAINT JOHN.—The Deputation from the Church of Scotland, consisting of the Rev. Dr. Simpson, the Rev. Dr. McLeod, and the Rev. Norman McLeod, arrived in this city last week, from Fredericton, after having previously visited Miramichi and other places in the North Eastern section of the Province. They were, on arrival, met by the Rev. Dr. Simpson, who accompanied them to the City.

On Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Simpson and the Rev. Norman McLeod, Members of the Rev. Dr. Simpson's Church, morning and evening, alternately, to large, respectable, attentive, and we may add, delighted congregations. Their sermons were eloquent and full of rich abundance.

Yesterday the Deputation were waited on by the Trustees of St. Stephen's Church, for the purpose of presenting the enclosed Address, to which was returned the reply that will be found below:—

To the Rev. Dr. Simpson, the Rev. Dr. McLeod, and the Rev. Norman McLeod, Members of the Deputation appointed by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland to visit the North American Colonies.

We the Minister, Elders, and Trustees of St. Stephen's Church, St. John, beg to extend respectfully to you our sincere congratulations on your arrival in this City, appreciating, as we do, the excellent motives which impel you to this mission, and the spirit of kindness and forbearance in which your instructions have been framed, the sentiments of charity and peace, to which, as we have already said, we are fully and cordially attached.

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