

Eight young men, who have honorably passed their probation, having given evidence of their gifts, graces and general fitness for our work, and having witnessed a good confession before many witnesses, have been received and solemnly set apart, by prayer and the imposition of hands, to the full work of the ministry. Fourteen young men have been accepted as candidates for the same sacred office, thus enabling us to meet more fully than we had anticipated the increasing necessities of our widening field.

We cannot but express our gratitude to Almighty God who has preserved us from the affliction and distressing agitation of civil war now felt so severely in the United States. Though we have suffered commercially, and have had complaining in our streets, yet we have peace in our borders, and as brethren dwell together in unity.

The bereavement of our beloved Sovereign has not appealed in vain to our sympathies. Earnestly would we implore in her behalf the consolations of true religion, that she may be enriched with grace and heavenly wisdom, that her throne may be established in righteousness and in mercy.

"And now, beloved Brethren, we commend you to God and the Word of His grace; to the communion and fellowship of the Holy Spirit; and unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless in the presence of His glory with exceeding joy: To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty and dominion and power, both now and ever, Amen."

Signed by Order and on behalf of the Conference,

HUMPHREY PICKARD, D. D., *President*,
JOHN McMURRAY, *Secretary*.

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