

was represented to us that were a satisfactory arrangement made, the United body would be willing to give up their own denominational Institute at Truro, and become partners upon the broader platform provided. When we reported progress to the Synod, our diligence was approved, permission was given to go forward in the matter, the Synod reserving to itself the power to confirm or not as it should see fit any special arrangements that we might make, and empowering us to convene a special meeting of Synod, should sufficient cause arise in connection with the question either in the summer or the ensuing autumn. We had another brief meeting with part of the Committee appointed by the other body, at which it was agreed to enter into negotiation or rather into communication with the present trustees of the College, to ascertain their willingness to meet our views, and to act accordingly.

That is what has been done. We could not have done more at the time. Being in earnest in the matter, we could not have done less. Should we be successful in our aims, future generations will rise up and call us blessed. What is one of the proudest boasts of Britain and Germany? Their Universities, — comprehensive, wealthy, venerable, national. What is one of the greatest defects in the social and educational life of Nova Scotia? Our Colleges, Universities falsely so called, ill equipped, half-starved, narrow, petty and sectarian. The basis on which we propose to act can injure no existing interests nor give offence to any party. It conflicts neither with the idea of a Provincial University nor with the advocates of denominational Colleges. It is denominational in so far as it will receive the support of special religious bodies, for no University has ever been able to stand in America unless it was so supported; and it is broad and general, for any religious body or any corporation that will co-operate will receive equal rights and equal influence in the Institution. And not only will the general interests of the Province be served by its establishment, but more particularly our necessities as a denomination. Our "Young Men's Scheme" affords us an insufficient and uncertain supply of ministers; and not only so, but it leaves uncared for the great mass of our intelligent young men who are in consequence obliged to obtain their higher education at the school of one of the other more enterprising sects. I saw one day in our Synod three young ministers of the United Body sitting in one pew there as strangers and foreigners, and I well knew that if such an Institution had been established ten years ago, every one of those would now be ministers of our Church and would have sat there as members of our highest Church Court. "Tis true, and pity is, 'tis true." But there is no use repining. We have to take warning however; and now let us work. G.

Closing Address

OF THE MODERATOR OF THE SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, DELIVERED 4TH OF JUNE, AT TORONTO.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN, — I gladly avail myself of the privilege of briefly addressing you before parting. And I may be pardoned if, at the outset, I express my grateful acknowledgement of the honor you have conferred upon me, by placing me in this chair at the first meeting of Synod which I have had the opportunity of attending. I have to thank you also for the manner in which you have rendered my duties light and pleasant. I have had seldom an occasion to exercise the prerogative of the chairman in calling to order. The quiet and orderly manner in which the proceedings have been conducted rendered my interference unnecessary.

This being the first opportunity which I have enjoyed of attending the Synod, and making the acquaintance of the members of this branch of the Church of Scotland, I have observed with much gratification the evidence of attachment and reverence towards the Parent Church. It would have been a matter of no ordinary discouragement did I find any symptoms of an alien or even indifferent disposition. But it is refreshing in the extreme to find that as deep and sincere a love to the Parent Church is cherished here as in the bosom of the Church at home. Connected as I am with Queen's College, it is a matter of much satisfaction to find in this Synod many members who were educated there, and who, by their talents and accomplishments, are so well qualified to maintain the credit of the Church of Scotland. In the course of time the proportion of ministers, born and educated in this country, must greatly preponderate, so that, in future, the Church of Scotland here must bear a Canadian stamp. I am glad to have the opportunity of forming and expressing the conviction that the church has no reason to look upon such a result with apprehension. When I witnessed the leading part which the Canadian ministers have taken in this Court, their peaceful and Christian bearing, and when I found how very little they contributed to the anxiety and troubles of the Church, all doubt vanished from my mind as to the possibility of raising up a ministry in this country of which the Church of Scotland might be proud.

It cannot but be gratifying to all true sons of the Church of Scotland to find, that there is a growing desire to cultivate a closer connection with the Parent Church. At present there is no proper organic union between the daughter and the Mother Church. A minister of the church in Canada is not necessarily a minister of the Church of Scotland. If licensed and ordained here, he is not eligible