

chapter of 1st Kings, and prayer by the Rev. James Byers, the pastor of the congregation, the Rev. George P. Peterson preached an appropriate sermon from Zeck. 6: 13, "He shall build the temple of the Lord and he shall bear the glory," and again in the evening from Psalm 84: 1, 2. Notwithstand-

ing the unfavorable weather, a respectable congregation assembled on both occasions, who seemed to feel a deep interest in the services of the day. The church is built in the Gothic style of architecture, and is one of the neatest specimens we have yet seen in this Province.

Theological Education.

We design giving from time to time articles bearing upon this portion of the church's operations. We begin by inserting in the present No. an address by the late Dr. McGregor to the United Secession Church. It will show the enlarged views of the fathers of our church, and also the identity of the principles on which the Synod is now acting with those by which they were influenced. In fact there is scarcely a thought in this appeal which is not as applicable to the present efforts of the Synod as the past.

Address of the Rev. James McGregor to the United Secession Church in behalf of the Literary Institution at Pictou.

Fathers and brethren, among the various claims presented to you for the exercise of your liberality, I hope that none will appear more just or pressing than mine. It becomes on behalf of a portion of the church nearly allied to yourselves, and whose opening prospects are very extensive. It comes for your assistance to enlarge a seminary of education which we have founded in Pictou, for the advancement of literature in general, but especially for providing ministers of the Gospel for a growing church in this extensive wilderness. Permit me then to lay before you a plain and unvarnished statement of some of our facts and prospects, to show you the justice and urgency of my claim.

It is now about thirty-eight years since I was missioned by the Associate Synod to Pictou, where my situation for some years was so discouraging, that I believe an angel from heaven could not have persuaded me that in any day there would be occasion for the application I am now making. Pictou,

equal in extent to a large county, contained then nearly ninety families, of various religious denominations, but chiefly Presbyterians, and so scattered that nowhere was one house to be found near another. They had no school, no church, no mill, no road, no bridge; indeed they had scarcely any convenience. I could view myself in no other light than that of an exile from social enjoyments, not only for a while, but all my life; but my despair of earthly comforts occasioned a more active application for those that were spiritual. I have, however, enjoyed a good share of both. Pictou prospered far beyond my expectation. It prospered more than any other part of the Province, for the Highland emigrants hither gave notice to their connexions at home that they had the Gospel, and these notices were the occasion of turning the current of emigration towards Pictou, and it has continued in that direction till almost every convenient spot is occupied. My congregation is now multiplied to nine, three of which however are not under the inspection of our Synod, as we could not supply them with ministers. The district of Pictou now contains fifteen or sixteen thousand people. We have a town, a good harbor, a court house and jail, schools, churches, mills, roads, bridges, and all the other conveniences which these imply. We have been at great toil and expense in providing these establishments, but they are useful and necessary; and though we must confess that such of them as belong to this life have occupied an undue portion of attention and means, yet we have not wholly neglected them which are more excellent and durable; for beside our schools and churches we have seven years ago founded the above