

HALIFAX, 16th July, 1872.

Dear Sir, —I am directed by the Forrester Memorial Committee to invite your presence and aid in the Inauguration of the Monument in Truro, on Tuesday, 23rd inst., beginning at half-past 1, p. m.

The Committee would like you to offer the dedicatory prayer, and also to make some remarks on the occasion.

Awaiting a reply.

I remain, yours obediently,

J. PARSONS, Sec'y., F. M. C.

To this letter Mr. Hunt sent the following reply:—

EDUCATION OFFICE. HALIFAX, July 22nd., 1872.

J. PARSONS, ESQ.,—

Dear Sir,—Your note of the 18th inst., was received this morning. It was mailed on the 20th.

In the purchase of this monument about to be erected, the Committee of which you are a member acted, I think, in violation of their instructions from the Teachers' Association.

It should have been the aim of the Monument Committee to keep this work altogether free from party strife. I have to regret that you have not done so, and, therefore, must decline taking any part in the ceremonies of tomorrow, or in any way identifying myself with what is evidently an infraction of the Resolution of the Teachers' Association.

Yours truly,

A. S. HUNT.

At this stage the Rev. A. S. Hunt so far forgot official propriety and his sacred profession as a Minister of the Gospel, as to publish in the columns of the *Morning Chronicle* a violent attack on the Forrester Memorial Committee, marked by misrepresentation and personal abuse, for the purpose of damaging their cause in public estimation. He also exerted his private influence to the utmost to thwart the Committee in their plans, and prevent the erection of the Monument on the site selected. In both these objects he signally failed. The large and interested assemblage that gathered at Truro on the morning of Tuesday the 23rd of July 1872, to witness the unveiling of the Monument, and the triumphant vindication of the Memorial Committee in the subsequent meeting of the Educational Association,—whose "instructions" Mr. Hunt charged them with "violating," and to which he so confidently appealed for their condemnation,—afforded unmistakeable evidence that the Rev. Gentleman had "reckoned without his host," and that his imprudent intermeddling with a matter beyond his jurisdiction found no favour either with the Teachers of the Province, or the community at large.