

on referring to the list of names handed in by Dr. McCulloch at the public meeting, I find it contains the names of the most distinguished Clergymen and laymen, of the Kirk of Scotland, the Episcopal Church, the Congregationalists &c., &c., and I have no doubt that if I were to apply to them, they would like Mr. McCulloch's friends, Certify, that they subscribed with "the desire to advance liberal education in the Province and to furnish a course of CLASSICAL and PHILOSOPHICAL instruction to fit youths *inter alia* for the study of THEOLOGY."

I remain very faithfully

WM. JAS. ANDERSON.

LETTER 3.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

In 1827, when Judge Chipman held his enquiry into the affairs of the Academy, a specific question (No. 3) was put to the Trustees, in reference to the connection of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia with the Academy, and the Education of Theological Students. The reply is in the hand-writing of Dr. McCulloch, as follows:

"The Trustees would further observe, that the Education of these, is so conducted, as to prevent all interference with the funds and general business of the Institution. For this branch of instruction, the Teacher's emoluments are derived from those among whom the students are preparing to labour as preachers of the Gospel. Even the Theological Library, which has been provided for their improvement, is the result of donations expressly appropriated by the donors to this use. The Trustees therefore, aware of the charge of perverting the Academy to Sectarian purposes, which has been against them, would be understood as expressly, stating that no part of the funds intrusted to their management, has ever been devoted to the benefit of any individual sect or party."

At the memorable debate, on the 1st March, 1832, reported in the "Novascotian" 15th March, 1832, page 87. Dr. McCulloch stated before the House of Assembly, that "there was no Theological Class taught under the direction of the Trustees, ~~and~~ at the public expense—there is no mention of Theology made in the Statutes." Some young men who had been studying at the Academy, wished to become qualified for the ministry—they applied to the Synod of the Presbyterian Church—he was requested to instruct them. He did so gratuitously at his leisure.

In 1838, it was proposed to translate Dr. McCulloch to Halifax, and take with him ~~some~~ of the grant to Pictou Academy. Dr. McCulloch and his friends were in favor of the proposition; it was opposed by Mr. McKenzie and his friends—in order to insure the passage of the Bill. Dr. McCulloch and his friends, met at the house of Mr. Robert Me-

Kay, in Pictou, on the 24th March, and delegated Mr. A. P. Ross, to proceed, to Halifax as their advocate before the Council. Mr. Ross was furnished with a brief, which among others, memorandums for his guidance, contained one to this effect: "The Rev. D. A. Fraser, having on the previous Session, presented a petition to the Assembly, affirming that it was a conscientious belief, "that the anxiety of the Old Trustees, originated chiefly in a desire to have it converted into a *Sectarian Institution for the purpose of training up young men to the duties and calling of Antiburgher Clergymen*—that this was its original design, and was openly avowed by the Rev. Dr. McCulloch, the Principal of the Academy." In denial and explanation, Mr. Ross is requested to produce to the Council, the statements of Dr. McCulloch, as reported in the *Novascotian*, and as I have given them above.

After the passage of the Bill of 1832, which was for the benefit of "persons of all denominations of Christians, without distinction of sect," and which introduced, in addition to the Higher Branches formerly taught, "all the elementary branches usually taught in Grammar Schools," and in which, was introduced the restrictive clause in reference to the teaching of Divinity, the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, took the subject of the Academy into their consideration, and appointed the Reverends John Waddell, Thomas Trotter, Robert Douglas, and John McCurdy, a committee to propose an address "to the Congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia." The address was printed under the authority of the Synod and widely circulated; from it I make the following selections.

"The Academy is NOT NOR EVER WAS A SECTARIAN INSTITUTION, as its opponents have sometime affirmed; for it is alike open to all denominations, and is conducted on the most liberal and conciliatory principles; and it is for this very reason that we have patronised; and for this very reason we patronise it still. We would be unworthy of the name of Presbyterians, and of having the interests of Presbyterians entrusted to us, did we not endeavour to place Education on a liberal and respectable footing; and diffuse a taste as extensively as possible through that community of which Presbyterians form an important part." "A liberal education is becoming indispensable for all those offices of power and trust, which our continually increasing population and advancing wealth, are daily multiplying and calling into existence; and if such an Education is slighted or despised by any denomination, that denomination whatever may be its numbers, must soon take its station in the rear; and permit others to seize on the front, together with the honour and advantage attached to it." "It is altogether a false idea that the Academy is only a local