

privileges; and that His abundant blessing may rest upon your Excellency's person, family, and administration.

Signed, in name and by appointment of Synod, at Pictou, this Thirtieth day of June, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Three, by

D. MACRAE, A. M., *Moderator.*

PETER KEAY, *Clerk of Synod.*

*St. Andrew's, New Brunswick.*

#### REPLY.

*To the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces, in connection with the Church of Scotland.*

GENTLEMEN,—

It has been my fortune on many previous occasions to have the honor of receiving deputations from the Presbyterian Churches in this country. From all these deputations I have heard with deep satisfaction expressions of loyalty to the Crown, and contentment with the political constitution under which they live.

Owing to the fortunate circumstances of my life, I have passed many years in the midst of a Presbyterian population, and I can only repeat what I have said on other occasions, that I have had frequent opportunities of observing the beneficial influences which the Presbyterian Church exercised on its congregations, and of remembering to how great an extent industry, Christian charity, and other virtues which adorn high civilization flourish under the effects of its teaching. I feel certain that similar good influences will be found to exist in the Churches of Halifax and the Maritime Provinces generally.

I thank you, as Her Majesty's Representative, for your expressions of attachment to the Crown, with which I feel that all sections of religious denominations will cordially concur with you, although I may, without any prejudice to other communities, repeat that among none do loyal sentiments show themselves in a more satisfactory manner than among those who have had the benefit of belonging to the Presbyterian Church.

In conclusion I beg to return you my sincere acknowledgments on behalf of Lady Dufferin and myself for the cordial welcome you have accorded us, and to assure you of the pleasure we both feel in visiting so important a city as Halifax, and of becoming acquainted with the people of Nova Scotia.

*Halifax, N. S., August 6th, 1873.*

#### REPORT OF REV. MR. SUTHERLAND'S LABOURS FROM FEB. 9th TO JULY 10th, 1873.

*Friday, February 7th*—Went to Musquodoboit, where I was appointed to labour for three months. Within the bounds of our congregation there, there are three places in which their Pastor was accustomed to preach, viz., (1) Little River, which is the central district and has a nice church; (2) New Antrim where there is a small church; and (3) South School house section, where Divine Services are conducted in the school room. During my stay there I preached once each Sabbath in the central church at Little River, and once a fortnight in each of the other two sections. The last two Sabbaths I preached in each of the three sections—in Antrim in the forenoon, Little River in the afternoon, and South School house in the evening.

By the advice of the Session I preached one Sabbath day for Revd. Mr. Selgwick.

I revived a Bible Class which the former minister had conducted. It met twice a week and was well attended. Besides these services I was enabled by the kindness of the Elders and other members of the congregation in driving me round to visit and get acquainted with nearly all the people connected with the congregation. During my stay, there happened to be much illness among them. I visited those who were ill, frequently, and officiated at six funerals.