

its sentiments, seemed not to have a discordant voice. Our excellent friend Mr. McLennan of Belfast met us in the capital, and presided at the meeting of the congregation of St. James."

It was a great mistake that the Free Church did not act upon Dr. Burns' recommendation, and "depute a man of piety, prudence, and pulpit gifts to occupy that station." It might have been this day one of the best congregations in the American colonies. But the importance of this place was not understood by the church at home, in that day of demands from every quarter; nor were the glorious principles of the Church of Scotland—of the Free Church—the supreme and undivided Lordship of our Lord Jesus in his own house, and the spiritual liberties of his people ever rightly understood here. The assent given was not the intelligent resolution formed upon mature consideration of the nature, tendency, and value of those principles for which so many of our forefathers prayed, testified, and cheerfully laid down their lives. Accordingly, the congregation of St. James' have drawn back. Dr. Burns, on his last visit, was not welcomed to St. James'. He, however, still saw and pressed on the attention of our Presbytery, the claims of this town as a most important station. The Rev. Mr. Stewart of New Glasgow made an effort some five years ago, but it did not succeed. Little else was, or could be done, while our numbers were so few. Our attached friends were, however, becoming more and more numerous.

On my removal to the Island in November last, I was urged to render a portion of services there; and, though it would withdraw from the very scanty supplies of the other stations, and entail so much more labour on myself, I agreed. Those on the spot, and who, of course, would be better acquainted with their grounds of encouragement, felt warranted to call a public meeting, and to prepare for more effective operations. The meeting was accordingly held on the 18th April. Mr. Mungo McFarlane being called to the chair, and the meeting opened with prayer, the following Resolutions were most cordially passed:

Resolved First, That there are in Charlotte Town and the adjacent country many who adhere to the principles and fellowship of the Free Church, but who are as yet without ecclesiastical organization or regular supply of gospel ordinances, and for whose spiritual ne-

cessities there is a call in Providence to provide.

Resolved Secondly, To form ourselves into a congregation in Charlotte Town, in connexion with the Free Synod of Nova Scotia; elect Messrs. Kenneth Henderson, and George Henderson, for the office of the Eldership; Messrs. Donald McLeod and Niel Campbell, for deacons, to be set apart in due form; and to contribute for the support of gospel ordinances.

Resolved Thirdly, To appoint William McGill, Esq., and Messrs. K and G. Henderson, with power to add to their number, an acting committee to ascertain the number of adherents, to obtain subscriptions, and to make preparations with the view of commencing to erect a suitable place of worship as soon as practicable.

Resolved Fourthly, To submit these Resolutions to the Free Presbytery of Pictou for their formal sanction; asking such other aid as may be competent to the Presbytery to render, and a regular supply of gospel ordinances.

One of our elect elders is Sergeant-Major Henderson, late of the 93rd, now retired, and settled down not far from the Town. The subscription list was opened on the spot, and £80 subscribed. I trust as much more will be subscribed by our own professed friends properly belonging to the Station. The Free Church people in the other stations will not fail to give support; and, besides these, there are many warm hearted to the cause of Christ from whom aid may be expected.

One thing most vitally important is the aid in divine services that may be given in town. I am giving the fourth Sabbath here. The other stations feel this to be a great draw back upon the scanty share that falls to each of themselves, yet aware of the importance of the place, and having sympathy with the destitute, they are willing to bear it in the mean time; but more frequent and more efficient services must be given than it is in my power to render in present disadvantageous circumstances. We hope that during the summer vacation you, and other brethren from Halifax, will have it in your power to pay the Island a visit, and bestow as much of your attention on Charlotte Town as may be practicable. Mr. McLeod of Cape Breton has raised expectations which remain to be gratified. I trust his arrangements