

And now, Sir, we would request your acceptance of these volumes, as a slightly more enduring manifestation of our feelings and a memento of pleasant intercourse enjoyed in days gone by.

REPLY BY MR. McFAUL.

MY DEAR BRETHREN AND FELLOW-STUDENTS.

I scarcely know how to thank you sufficiently for the present of these excellent volumes. I am well aware how unworthy I am of such a mark of your esteem; and can only attribute it rather to your kindly feeling toward me than to any merit of my own.

I shall always look back with pleasure to the time when I was privileged to enjoy along with you the instructions of our revered Professor, and its delights me much to find that the pleasant intercourse and brotherly feeling which was invariably maintained among us, is remembered by you, as it ever will be by me. May the same affection ever be maintained among the students of our Church and may the Great Head of the Church render yet more efficient our beloved school of the prophets.

Although I enter on the discharge of the duties to which providence has called me, with considerable fear and trembling; yet the consideration that your best wishes and fervent prayers are offered up in my behalf, will afford me no small degree of consolation and I trust that this, among the other kindness I have thus far received, will spur me on to yet greater exertions in the cause of our common Lord and Master.

I can only again thank you for this noble gift, which I hope faithfully to preserve and carefully to study, and my prayer is that He "from whom all blessings flow," may make us all workmen who need not be ashamed, and honour us all in turning many to righteousness.

#### WESTMINSTER.

Some time ago, we noticed approvingly, the efforts made by the lately formed United Presbyterian Congregation, Westminster, for the maintenance of ordinances and the improvement of their church property. In the notice then printed, it was said that there was every prospect of the church property, including church and manse, being entirely free from debt, by the month of February, 1858. From the hard times and other causes, which need not be mentioned, these have not been quite accomplished, yet the amount of debt remaining is so trifling, that we may safely say that those who have done so much already, will have no difficulty in wiping it all off very speedily. The membership in Westminster is not eighty, yet during the year 1857, there were raised the following sums:

For maintenance of Ordinances.....	£126	0	2½
" Church Property.....	220	2	4
" Missionary and Benevolent purposes.....	34	4	3
	£380	6	9½

Amount of Debt.....	£ 95	0	0
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It must be a matter of devout thankfulness to all concerned, that the burden on the Church property has been reduced so speedily to such a manageable amount. We trust that we may have, very soon, the pleasure of reporting its entire removal; and that our friends in Westminster, by having helped themselves so promptly, may only feel more induced, from the pleasure and profit they have thereby enjoyed, to lend a helping hand to other congregations, still struggling with the difficulties of a new location, and the very occasional administration of word and doctrine.

We have no means of very accurately ascertaining the amount of debt upon the property of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada. It is not such, we are convinced, but that it might all be removed by an energetic and combined effort, in the course of a few years. Ought we not, in this matter at any rate, to outdo the church at home? Bad times may be pleaded at present, but that instead of