

their studies, were some support and instructions forwarded to the presbytery of Pictou to that effect.

But how is the money requisite to be raised in these distressing times? I confess this is a difficult matter, if there is not a willing mind. But there are two favourable things in this case. Little money will do, and I hope it will not long be needful. That country is yet in the weak, helpless, and sickly state of infancy, and needs the fostering hand of a parent to be lent it yet for a little. But if its spiritual health were restored, temporal prosperity may be expected to follow in its train. And this once attained, I hope the inhabitants would soon be able, not only to do for themselves, but to return the kindness that had been shown them in the days of their youth by the mother country. But to return to the subject of raising the money for this purpose. I would have it understood that I do not wish it to be drained from those supplies that are at present appropriated to the support of missions among the heathen. I wish to get upon new ground, and is there not plenty of it? Are there not many parishes in Scotland, who have hitherto given nothing to the support of Bible or Missionary societies? Is this the fault of the people or their pastors? Have the pastors pled with the people in behalf of this object like men in earnest, and could get nothing? or have they pled at all? I believe some have not.

Reverend gentlemen, let me expostulate this matter seriously with you. What are the reasons which have induced you to stand by idle, and not put your shoulder to the work that has been going on these thirty years? I mean, the endeavours that have been made by Christians of every name to spread the light of divine truth over the dark places of the earth. Do you say it is not the Lord's work that has been going on? Can you prove this from his own word? Can you find a proof there to your