

"The exclusive clauses were unjust, unnecessary, impolitic and irreligious; but he knew there was a sufficiency of sense and liberality among the trustees and he hoped their application to government would enable them to exterminate such blots from the otherwise fair standing of the institution."

I request you in the meantime to reflect on this; in my next letter I will show from the same authorities, by whom the subscriptions were raised."

I remain faithfully Yours,

WM. JAS. ANDERSON.

Pictou, 16th March 1850.

## LETTER 2.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NOVA SCOTIA.

From this preamble, says Mr. Ross, "It is evident beyond dispute, THAT THE PARTIES WHO PAID AND CONTRIBUTED divers sums of money, were PRESBYTERIANS residing in Pictou, and that one and the principal object which they contemplated by its establishment, was to provide the means of educating their children in the PRESBYTERIAN RELIGION."—In a previous part of his letter, Mr. Ross had cited Haliburton, to shew that Pictou Academy was projected as early as 1804, for "the purpose of affording to the children of Dissenters, who were excluded from the honours of King's College, those LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC acquirements, which might qualify them for the LEARNED PROFESSIONS," but the scheme was not carried out till 1816, when Mr. Ross again tells us, "on this condition subscriptions were raised, and a petition presented to the Legislature for a charter which was obtained."

As the above statements of Mr. Ross, appear contradictory, I shall endeavour to solve the problem, by reference to less doubtful authority. On turning to the Journals of the House of Assembly, for Friday, 31st March, 1815, it will be found that Mr. Archibald introduced the First Pictou Academy Bill, which was postponed till next Session. On the 17th April, 1816, Mr. Wells again brought in the Bill, which passed its third reading, and was sent to the Council on the 1st May, 1816.

"The Bill (says Mr. Blanchard in his Memorial to the King, presented in 1831) was passed, without any allusion to Religious peculiarities." How the peculiarities were introduced have been already explained.

On the 11th March, 1818, Lord Dalhousie sent down to the House of Assembly a Message, recommending a Grant to the Academy as it appeared to him, "to promise advantages of Education, highly valuable to the whole Eastern part of the Province." The Charter alluded to by Mr. Ross, was not obtained till the 26th March, 1820.

In the year 1818, Mr. Edward Mortimer, delivered a speech to the first students of the Pictou Academy, in presence of many of its friends. He detailed the steps taken by the Trustees to bring the Academy into operation. He alluded to the subscription then being raised in the District of Pictou. His recorded speech is now before me; from it I extract as follows:—"I spent two days in Halifax after the Assembly was prorogued, during which very short time, accompanied and cheerfully assisted by a brother Trustee, Jas. Forman, Esq., we obtained in the most handsome and liberal manner, from our friends in the capital, donations amounting to nearly £1000."

On referring to the two original subscription lists, containing the subscriptions mentioned by Mr. Mortimer, I find the Pictou one shews subscriptions amounting to £779; the subscribers with three or four exceptions, being members of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia. Of this sum, there were collected but £538 12s. 2d. as under:

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| From 1 Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, | £500 2 2 |
| From 2 Kirk of Scotland,                   | 30 0 0   |
| 3 Church of England,                       | 5 0 0    |
| 4 " " Rome,                                | 3 10 0   |

Total, £538 12 2

The Halifax list amounted to £637 10s. 0d.—of which there were collected £597 12s. 0d. as follows: from the Governor and Council, £52 10s. 0d.—from the residents of the Town £538 3s. 2d.—and the balance from strangers. The different Religious Denominations contributed as under:

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| 1 Church of Scotland,          | £277 3 0 |
| 2 " " England,                 | 255 10 0 |
| 3 " " Rome,                    | 26 10 0  |
| 4 Methodists,                  | 16 10 0  |
| 5 Presbyterian Church of N. S. | 13 10 0  |
| 6 Baptists " "                 | 5 10 0   |
| 7 Quakers " "                  | 2 0 0    |
| 8 Sandimanians " "             | 1 0 0    |

Total, £597 13 0

The analyses of the lists, was made by the aid of a gentleman to whom the parties subscribing are well known. With the money thus subscribed and collected and with an additional sum of £500 granted by the Legislature in 1819. The Trustees were enabled to proceed with the Building, and to import through the agency of Mr. G. Smith, Philosophical apparatus to the amount of £200 0s. 0d.—Of the seven members of Council who subscribed, five were members of the Church of England, and two of the Kirk of Scotland. Lord Dalhousie himself was peculiarly attached to the Kirk of Scotland; his motive for subscribing, will be best understood by an

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