

INDUCTION AT WESTMINSTER.

The Presbytery of Hamilton met at Westminster for the induction of the Rev. James McEwen, A. M., on the 12th of Oct. Mr. McEwen signed in the presence of the Presbytery the Bond for the annual payment of three pounds to the Ministers' Widows' and Orphans' Fund. The congregation, having been assembled *apud acta*, were cited to state if they had any objection to the life and doctrine of Mr. McEwen, and, no compearance having been made, the Rev. Robert Burnet commenced the solemn services of the day, taking for his text 1. Cor. iii. 9. "For we are labourers together with God; ye are God's husbandry; ye are God's building." He then put to Mr. McEwen the questions appointed to be put to ministers at their ordination by Act 10, Ass. 1711, and, Mr. McEwen having returned satisfactory answers to the same, Mr. Burnet read over to him and received his assent to the Act of Synod, 1844, anent the spiritual independence of this Church. Whereupon Mr. McEwen was by solemn prayer and imposition of the hands of the Presbytery ordained to the office of the holy Ministry. He then received the right hand of fellowship from the brethren present, and was inducted to the pastoral charge of the congregation of Westminster. The Rev. William McEwen, father of the young Minister, afterwards addressed him and the Rev. Mr. Mackid addressed the people on their respective duties. Divine service being concluded, Mr. McEwen expressed his willingness to subscribe the formula when judicially called on so to do, and his name was ordered to be added to the Presbytery Roll.

Mr. McEwen, who is an alumnus of Queen's College, was licensed soon after the last meeting of Synod, and has since been engaged in missionary work in the Western part of the Presbytery of Hamilton. His settlement in Westminster, which is a few miles from London, was harmonious, and his lot has been cast among a people who have long anxiously desired and will highly appreciate the labours of a faithful Minister, and among whom there are some godly persons who will encourage and support the young Minister by their prayers, prudent counsels and zealous exertions.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON.

For the Presbyterian.

WATERDOWN, FLAMBORO EAST. C. W.,  
October 3rd, 1854.

The Hon. JOHN HAMILTON,  
Chairman of Trustees, Queen's College,  
Kingston.

DEAR SIR,

Yesterday afternoon I arrived at home from Nova Scotia after an absence of nearly six weeks. My object in at present addressing you is to render an ac-

count of my stewardship in acting upon the commission sent to me by the Trustees of the College. That commission authorised me to appeal to the friends of the Church of Scotland in the Lower Provinces on behalf of the debt incurred by the Trustees in the purchase of College buildings and grounds.

First I may mention that the circumstances in which I was placed prevented my doing nearly as much for the College as an Agent, specially delegated for this object, could have done. I had agreed to exchange pulpits with the Rev. Andrew Herdman, of Pictou, Nova Scotia, for the Sabbaths of the month of September. I was therefore bound in Christian honour and obligation to implement, as far as possible, this engagement. This consideration, as well as other reasons, prevented my visiting various localities where, I am persuaded, the appeal of the College would have been well responded-to.

With a view to try if anything could be effected in New Brunswick, I went to Pictou by way of St. John, N. B. Unhappily for my purpose the Rev. Mr. Donald, the Minister of our Church in St. John, was absent at Fredericton. The Hon. John Robertson, an excellent friend of our Church, at whose residence I called, was also from home. I wrote Mr. Donald from Pictou after my arrival there, fully submitting the claims and importance of Queen's College. I received from him a prompt and friendly reply, in which he says, "I shall show your letter to a few friends here, and, if I obtain any contributions, I shall forward them as directed. Our Presbytery also meets two weeks hence, when I shall bring the matter before them. I fear, however, that little can be done here, as we are making an effort to get such alterations made in the Fredericton College as will give confidence in sending our young men there for their education, which we hope to get effected by having connected with the College a Professor of Divinity of our own denomination. We are also endeavouring to raise a bursary-fund for the encouragement and aid of young men prosecuting their studies towards the Ministry.

With these objects on hand, and our people, hitherto, little accustomed to give for such purposes, it is my opinion that we can do little for foreign objects in the mean time. I shall, however," &c.

I likewise addressed an epistolary communication of a similar nature to the Rev. Mr. Snodgrass, of Charlottetown, Prince Edward's Island. I have not as yet received an answer.

The Presbytery of Pictou met at New Glasgow on the 12th, and I took occasion to be present. The brethren there received me in the kindest manner, manifested a lively interest in the success of our College, listened favourably to my statements and advocacy, and recorded a very friendly Resolution in the Minutes of the Pres-

bytery in respect of Queen's College. They are, however, at present required to struggle vigorously for their own department of the field. Our Church in the County of Pictou is only recovering from that state of extreme depression in which, 10 years ago, it was left. The excellent young Ministers, who have been lately settled there, are experiencing considerable difficulties, which will, I trust, in due time by their pious perseverance be obviated. The District, ecclesiastically speaking, is a noble one. The highest praise is due to the Rev. Mr. Mc Gillvray, who for several years, with the infinitely sufficient aid and grace of our Divine Master, stood alone, the only Minister of the Church of Scotland remaining in that centre of Presbyterianism, and of our Church, in Nova Scotia. A better day, however, has now dawned for the honour of our Lord and of His cause among us there; new and beautiful churches are being built, the faithful pastors and preachers are well sustained by the spontaneous liberality of our people, and the Presbytery have sent 4 young men to the University of Glasgow to study for the Colonial Church, pledging themselves to afford them whatever assistance may be needful. The spiritual improvement and salvation of many among the flocks, the end and aim ever to be kept in view, are undoubted and animating.

But it is high time that I should come to details and figures as to the work actually accomplished in my agency. In Pictou and New Glasgow I received the following sums: viz., From

Wm. Gordon,.....	£2 10 0
Peter Crerar,.....	1 5 0
Rod'k Mc.Kenzie,.....	1 5 0
John Crerar,.....	1 10 0
James Fraser, Jr.....	1 5 0
James Crichton,.....	1 5 0
Robert Doull,.....	1 5 0
Robert Harper,.....	1 5 0
J. F. Mc Donald,.....	0 10 0
Duncan Weir,.....	0 5 0
Basil Bell,.....	1 5 0
James Fraser Downe,.....	1 5 0
Wm. Fraser,.....	0 10 0
James McDonald,.....	1 0 0
James Hislop,.....	1 0 0
A Friend,.....	1 0 0
Donald Munroe,.....	0 7 6
Congregational collection in St. Andrew's Church, Pictou.....	7 2 6

Amounting to.....25 15 0

While in Halifax on my way to Pictou, I saw the Rev. Mr. Martin and the Rev. Mr. Spratt, who together supply the pulpit of the Rev. Mr. Scott, at present absent in Scotland in consequence of the severe affliction of Mrs. Scott. I also met with Archd. Scott, Esq., an active member of Mr. Scott's session. They all cordially encouraged me to prosecute the business of the College in Halifax. Thursday, the 21st September, was appointed by the Provincial Government as a day of public thanksgiving to Almighty God for the merciful preservation experienced by Nova Scotia from the Cholera. In ac-