

small for their comfort. The building of this church is prosecuted with vigor by young and old. It is, however, a matter of praise and gratification to see the energy displayed by the young men in hastening on its completion, which we hope to announce at no distant day. But, while this work of renovating old, and building of new church edifices, has been carried on, a beautiful and suitable manse has been built on the valuable glebe purchased near the village church.

Nor are there wanting other signs and evidences of congregational prosperity. The names on the Communion Roll are nearly double what they were 6 years ago. Six years ago the number of Elders was 4, there are now 8. Sabbath school work has been engaged in with a good deal of success. In two of the sections of the congregation there is a weekly prayer-meeting, while in the others there is a monthly. Contributions to the general schemes of the church have largely increased, though not so much as they should. A larger measure of liberality in this direction is earnestly wished and prayed for.

These facts are laid before the church to show what has been done in this corner of our Zion, to which she has been extending her aid. And it is humbly hoped, that, as far as it is concerned, her expenditure on it has not been altogether misapplied. For her considerate aid, which has enabled us to make so much progress, we offer our sincere gratitude. And we record our thankfulness to Almighty God, who, in His mercy, has crowned our feeble and imperfect efforts to promote the Kingdom of the Redeemer with such visible and palpable success; and we pray that the remembrance of past favours may stimulate to more consecration of ourselves and ours to the work which has been given to us as fellow-workers of the Saviour of the world.

In conclusion, the state of both congregations in the matter of general prosperity, and of local support of the ordinances of the gospel, is both encouraging and promising. The congregation of Wallace has given me bonds for \$600 per annum, exclusive of the use of manse and glebe. The congregation of Pugwash offers bonds for \$400, exclusive of the use of manse and glebe, with the promise that in a year or two the amount of the bond shall be largely increased. And should the measure of prosperity vouchsafed by the Great Head of the Church for the past few years, be the same in the next few years, the congregation will be able to more than fulfil their promise.

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II.

Chunnaic sinne 's a mhios a chaidh gu 'n d' éirich an ceud comhstri am measg bràithrean Crìosdail le bhì tagair an aghaidh cheile mu gnothachan timchìollach chreidimh. Cionnus dh' éirich roinnean am measg na Pìosbatoirianaich? Nach ann mar seo?—thuirt aon duine, “Cha bu chòir leithid seo a nì 'bhi air a chleachdadh ann an eaglais Dhé;” thuirt duine eile, “Tha an dearbh nì seo a deanamh maith agus carson a chuireas tu às é?” Thug iad car deasboireachd agus mar co-dhùnadh thuirt iad r'a cheile, “Cha-n urrainn sinne bhì 'g aoradh maille ri cheile; cha dheanamh e an gnothach idir.” Cha robh iad deanamh rioghachd Dhé ach biadh 's deoch! O mo thruaighe mise! na leig do na Gaidheil 'bhi cogadh mu nithean coltach riu seo—bu chòir nì 's mò tuigse 'bhi aca na sin! No mar thuirt Alasdair Gearr (duine urramach a bha ann an Cataobh aon uair), “Cha-n urrainn sinn an dà ghnòthach a dheanamh, bhì strì airson nithean beag an aghaidh ar bràithrean Crìosdail, agus 'bhi strì an aghaidh an diabhul airson “diadhachd fhìor-ghlan agus neo-shalach am fianais Dhé agus an Athair.”

Tha mi ceart-cinnteach dhe an nì seo gur iomadh na Crìosduidhean 'tha cull sonas ghoirmhor nan socharain prìseil a bhulaich Dia oirnn, le bhì diùltadh gràdh bràithreil a chleachdadh dhoibhsan a tha dlù-leantuinn an Uain agus a bhunas do eaglais eile. Tha é gle fhìor mar thuirt am bard Tenniostannach:—

Tha na làithean fèin aig ar doighean beag;
Tha na làithean fèin aca 's theid iad às;
Cha-n 'eil dhìu ach solus briste uat-sa fèin,
'S is tusa, Thighearn, nì 's ghoirmhor tréun.

Cha-n 'eil eòlas iomlan againne 's an t-saoghal seo, agus 's é nadur an duine 'bhi gabhail ris am mearachd agus 'bhi fàgail an nì sin a ta ceart agus fìor; 's do bhrìgh seo, an ceart am 'sa tha sinn cumail faire faicilleach air ar cèumanna fèin, bu chòir dhuinne 'bhi caoimhneil d' ar bràithrean a ta nì s laige na sinn fèin, “a toirt matheanas d'a cheile.” Ciod eile tha am Biobuill a ciallachadh anns na rannan—agus is iomadh iad—tha labhairt mu ghràdh agus co-chomunn na naoimh? “Fanadh gràdh bràithreil