

are encouraged by the great things the Lord hath done through us during the last seven years. The membership has doubled. A new church, manse, stable, sheds have been built, and various other improvements made. It would be unreasonable to expect that a somewhat small, and only moderately wealthy congregation should do so much in such a short time without incurring some debt. The liabilities, however, are by no means heavy, and when the present monetary stringency is removed there will be no difficulty in wiping out all encumbrances. Not in the spirit of pride or of boastfulness, but with sincere gratitude to Almighty God, do we make mention of all His mercies."

Most heartily, then, do I congratulate you and your people upon the removal of the last vestige of debt from your church property. Set free from this incubus, you shall, no doubt, with greater comfort and satisfaction do larger and better service for Christ and His church in the years to come. That you may long be spared to labor together for the welfare of the gospel in the bonds of Christ, is my ardent prayer, in which Mrs. McLeod heartily joins. Though in the good providence of God, we have now other and congenial work to do, yet we shall ever cherish a deep interest in the material and spiritual welfare of our first charge. That was our first common home, a place that has been endeared to us by many pleasant memories, sanctified to us by the purest joys, and solemnized by the keenest sorrows



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