

tion with the Church of Scotland, met, and was constituted with prayer by the Rev. Professor Williamson and with the election of the Rev. John B. Mowat as Clerk.

"The interests of Queen's College having been submitted for consideration, and in particular its financial resources in relation to the buildings recently acquired, 'The Commission,' *inter alia*, appointed the Rev. Dr. Skinner and Mr. J. B. Mowat a Committee to draw out and transmit to all the Congregations a Circular upon the subject of a collection for the College Buildings, urging the punctual payment of the instalments still due by those Congregations which have already subscribed, and calling the attention of such Congregations as have not yet subscribed to the imperative duty of making prompt and liberal contributions to this very important object."

(A True Extract,) J. B. MOWAT,  
Clerk of Commission.

KINGSTON, 3rd October, 1855.

DEAR BRETHREN,—In obedience to the appointment cited above, we, the undersigned, do hereby earnestly invite your immediate attention to the claims of Queen's College on your prompt and liberal contributions.

After the full information which has been laid before you, during the progress of the past two years, by means not only of the printed Acts of Synod, of the "Presbyterian," and of previous circulars, but also of the personal visits and the luminous and stirring addresses of the learned and zealous Professors themselves, as the Delegates of the Synod, there can be no necessity that we should now expatiate either on the demands of this Province for a thoroughly educated Christian Ministry, or on the success which has hitherto attended the efforts of our Church in rearing such an Institution as the University of Queen's College for the purpose of meeting those demands.

You know that Queen's College is the only Institution in British America which affords to Students for the Holy Ministry in our Church the benefit of a complete and finished ministerial education.

You are also fully aware that, in addition to the provision which already had been made in a Royal Charter of Incorporation with distinguished powers and privileges, and in a corps of accomplished Professors with a Library and Apparatus, the necessity was recently found to be imminent of securing commodious buildings, while at the same time a rare opportunity presented itself of acquiring such buildings on terms highly advantageous.

Animated by the rising prosperity and extending usefulness of the Institution, as well as fortified by the countenance of the Synod and assurances of support from many and reliable sources, the Board of College Trustees negotiated the purchase and took possession of the commodious and beautifully situated buildings, having become bound for the payment of the purchase-money in a series of periodical instalments.

The first of these instalments has been paid, and the term for the payment of the second is rapidly approaching.

The Commission of Synod has found that, in order to meet this second instalment, the Trustees are dependent entirely on the prompt liberality of the Churches in making and forwarding their collections, and on the punctual observance by individual subscribers of their stipulated terms of payment.

The Commission has also learned with great concern and regret that various congregations, some of them esteemed prosperous and wealthy, have not as yet forwarded to the Treasurer a single collection, and that not a few subscribers have hitherto failed to remit even their first instalment.

Where this is attributable to negligence or forgetfulness, either on the part of individual subscribers, or of ministers and sessions in withholding from their Congregations the proper counsels and opportunities, it is certainly without excuse; and in all cases the Commission desire

earnestly to press upon the attention of such Congregations as have not yet subscribed the imperative duty of making prompt and liberal contributions to the very important object which forms the subject of the present communication.

Suffer us then, dear Brethren, to appeal at once to your Christian sympathy and honour, and to entreat of you, for the sake of this cherished Institution and ornament of our Church, for the encouragement of its talented and laborious Professors, and for the immediate relief of its Board of Trustees, whose enterprise and efforts are above all praise, that you will forthwith and without delay use all possible diligence in transmitting to the Treasurer of the Board your anxiously expected collections, or your promised instalments.

Most faithfully yours, in Christ's bonds,

JOHN SKINNER, D. D., }  
JOHN B. MOWAT, } Committee.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE, KINGSTON, C. W.

October, 1855.

REVEREND AND DEAR SIR,—In anticipation of the time, now near at hand, when a second annual payment will be due on account of the property lately purchased for the use of QUEEN'S COLLEGE, the Board of Trustees beg to remind the Congregations and Members of our Church in Canada that, to pay this, they must depend entirely upon their liberality, as no funds at present exist for meeting the claim. Ministers and Kirk Sessions are therefore earnestly solicited to take immediate steps for the collection of the second instalment of subscriptions, which, it was intimated, would be called for early in December. The amount thus collected, it is hoped, will be remitted to the Treasurer before the close of the year, in order to save the Trustees from a position so embarrassing as that of having no funds to meet the payment when it becomes due.

The Board of Trustees would also take this opportunity of appealing to the Congregations in which nothing has been done in behalf of a scheme so necessary to the vital interests of our beloved Church. Due provision for the education of young men intended for the Ministry is so important, and the duty of contributing to this so plain, that it is believed lengthened arguments need not be adduced.

The position of this country, distinguished for the wonderful prosperity with which she has been blessed, may well be urged as a reason for enlarged liberality. So rapidly is Canada now increasing that, unless our contribution are now greatly augmented, the Church cannot keep pace with the population. Nay—she has scarcely been able to provide Ministers for comparatively long established congregations. A vast field, already white unto the harvest, is thus presented for our Christian efforts, in which the labourers are but few; and no other agency, under the Divine blessing, is more important in providing those who will enter the field than that afforded by the Institution on whose behalf we now address you.

Needs more be said to those who love the Saviour, and who have at heart the interests of that Branch of His Church which has been planted among us? "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give, not grudgingly, or of necessity, for God loveth a cheerful giver."

I remain,

Rev. and Dear Sir,

Respectfully yours,

JOHN PATON,

Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

## THE CHURCH IN THE LOWER PROVINCES.

### PRESBYTERY OF HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, October 3rd, 1855.

Which day the Presbytery of Halifax met and was constituted with prayer.

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The Rev. G. W. Sprott, B. A., Clerk of the Presbytery, then intimated that his engagement with the Colonial Committee expired in the month of November, and that it was his intention at that time to return to Scotland. Mr. S. took occasion to thank the members of Presbytery for the great kindness and forbearance which he had always experienced at their hands; and, after alluding to the perfect harmony and goodwill which had existed throughout between him and the clergymen whom he had assisted—and to the satisfaction with which he looked back upon his intercourse with them—asked for a Presbyterial certificate. After some conversation it was resolved that the Moderator and Mr. Scott be appointed a committee to draw up a testimonial in his favour, to be submitted to a *pro re nata* meeting of Presbytery to be held on the first Wednesday of November.

The Moderator was further instructed to draw up and submit to next meeting a letter to be sent to the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland, asking them to send one or more Missionaries to the Presbytery of Halifax as soon as possible.

The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet at Halifax on the 1st Wednesday of November.

### PRESBYTERY OF P. E. ISLAND.

A meeting of this Court was held in St. James' Church, Charlottetown, on the 3rd ult., the Rev. A. McKay, Moderator.

There appeared Messrs. Morpeth, Anderson and McNeill in behalf of the trustees and congregation of St. James' in the City of Charlottetown—and laid on the table an invitation to the Rev. William Snodgrass to be minister of that church, now vacant in consequence of the completion of an engagement for a limited period which Mr. Snodgrass had, in absence of church courts, entered into with the congregation. Mr. Snodgrass's letter of acceptance was also laid on the table. These documents were read and sustained. It was agreed that the Presbytery meet on Friday, the 19th inst., at 2 p.m. to moderate in a call to Mr. Snodgrass; and that the Rev. A. Pollok, of New Glasgow, N.S., be invited to conduct Divine Service on that day, and, in case of his not being able to accept this invitation, Mr. McKay was appointed to preside. It was further agreed that Mr. McKay preach in St. James' Church on Sabbath, the 7th inst. and give intimation of this appointment.

The Court met again, according to adjournment, on the 19th ult. The Rev. A. Pollok was received as an associate member. The edict intimating the appointment of Presbytery to meet this day to moderate in a call in favour of the Rev. W. Snodgrass to be minister of St. James Church, was returned, duly executed. The Rev. A. Pollok then went to the pulpit and preached from these words of Math. ch. 22, v. 42: "What think ye of Christ?" and at the conclusion of the services intimated that the Presbytery were now to proceed to discharge the duty for which they had specially met. A form of call was thereupon produced and read by the presiding minister, and then signed by the trustees, elders, members and adherents of the congregation, who were present. Intimation was then given that the Presbytery were now ready to receive objections to Mr. Snodgrass, but none were offered.

Whereupon the Presbytery agreed to sustain the call, as also a bond submitted by the trustees, stipulating the amount of stipend and the mode of payment. The call was then put into the hands of Mr. Snodgrass, and he was asked whether he accepted of the same. Mr. Snodgrass gave reasons why this question should not be urged at present, and craved the Presbytery to allow the call to lie open for a few days that it might be more fully signed. The call was then lodged in