

"The want of men, earnest holy, self-sacrificing men is the want of the Church, There is a materialism abroad which offers wealth and honorable position. Religion alone can overcome this. The faith that sees the invisible and says this is not my dwelling place, my hope, my reward; my home is vnder, and when offered more lucrative places says no, I will give myself to Christ; I am his and he is mine. Ministers should preach more on calls to the Gospel ministry, and the honour of the office, instead of preaching so much philosophy.

"But over all our great want is the presence of the Holy Ghost. Our Church is grand in her towers, splendid in her buttresses, magnificent in her palaces, and imperial in her wealth, but she greatly needs a universal awakening throughout all the churches and among all the ministers and people—the Holy Ghost to convince of sin and take of the things of Christ, and show them unto us. We need the Holy Ghost to work upon our ministers, to teach our elders, to improve our deacons, and to sanctify the trustees many of us have. We want a great baptism upon the people, that they may have faith increased, that the Kingdom of Christ will triumph, and that his reign will be universal as certainly as the sun rises. All our work is idle without this. We need the Holy Ghost in our contributions, in our preaching, and in our families, that the name of Jesus may be magnified. In closing, let me refer you to a marvellous passage from the word of Christ, contained in the 11th chapter of Luke, where after urging men to pray, he says: 'If ye being evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Heavenly Father give good gifts unto you.'

"Shall not this great Assembly—the type of the Assembly that is to come—arise and with one voice pour into the ear of a covenant-keeping God the prayer, 'Send thy Spirit down and keep thy work alive and in a rath remember mercy.' Shall we not cry without ceasing, and press our importunities that He would come and revive us before this General Assembly closes that we may go home to our congregations and preach Jesus with fresh power, and show the wondrous things of Christ, so that the world shall say that men who attended the General Assembly at Baltimore in 1873 have been with Jesus."

Respectfully submitted.

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Halifax, May 10th.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1872-73.

The Board feel, in submitting this report, that the number and striking character of the events which have occurred during the past year, are such as to require that their annual statement should be condensed into the smallest space which will admit of an intelligible account of their doings, and of the vicissitudes and progress of the work which the Synod has placed under their supervision. Without further remark, they would note, in commencement, as a proper subject for thanksgiving to God for His goodness,

### THE SENDING FORTH OF ANOTHER MISSIONARY.

Rev. Joseph Annand was, one year ago, ordained by the Presbytery of Lunenburg and Yarmouth to the Foreign Mission field; and the members of Synod will readily remember the pleasure enjoyed, on the evening devoted to Foreign Missions, of hearing him speak briefly on what he was looking forward to, as his life's work. Immediately after the adjournment of Synod, he proceeded, under the direction of the Board, on

### A VISIT TO CAPE BRETON.

In this tour, Mr. Annand was accompanied by his wife, meeting with the utmost cordiality and kindness wherever they went. In the first Presbytery visited, the arrangements, from want of time and deficiency of mailed notices, were the reverse of satisfactory, and the intentions of Mr. Annand and of the Board were very partially accomplished. Still, meetings were held, a few of them being large, in every congregation of the Presbytery, St. Ann's and North Shore excepted, including Whycomah, Mahou, Lake Ainslie, Middle River, Baddeck, Baddeck Forks, St. Peter's, West Bay, and Port Hastings.

In the Presbytery of Cape Breton, with the exception of Boularderie, the notices had been given in time, and the meetings were full, interesting and sometimes enthusiastic, and included, besides Boularderie, Sydney and Mira, Sydney Mines, Leitch's Creek, Cow Bay, Little and Big Glace Bays and Grand River; and the collections in the whole tour amounted to \$226.26.

After a rest of a few days, Mr. Annand prosecuted the work of visiting the congregations, and went over

### THE TRURO PRESBYTERY AND EASTERN HALIFAX.

Every congregation in Truro Presbytery had the opportunity of hearing the missionary, and of wishing him God-speed, after which he made the circuit of Eastern Halifax, from Lawrencetown by Musquodoboit.