

christian church, and desire above all things to serve and please the Lord. You would receive His doctrine and obey His commands. You would help each other onward in all that is lovely and of good report. You would show forth His praise by your own lives; and you would use the means which He has appointed for promoting His glory, in the prevalence of the truth as it is in Jesus, and the salvation of souls.

"There is a general bond which unites the regenerate of every name, wherever they may be discovered. And from the nature of the case there is, there must be, and ought to be, a special tie binding together those whose views of religious doctrine and duties enable them to act in closer concert.

"Receive, then, my brother, this hand of fellowship. It is a token not only of christian love, but also of our christian union, in maintaining the truth and commands of our Lord. It is the pledge of deep and thrilling interest that shall continue to be felt in the welfare of this church. When far away from you I shall call to mind the events of this day; my heart shall not cease to pray for the welfare of this church, and for your being a blessing to all this people. We are one—we have one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. In behalf of my brethren, and of all the churches in the bosom of which my lot has been cast, I give to you most heartily this hand of fellowship, and through you to every member of this church, and to all the churches of the same faith and order throughout the whole British Empire."

During the progress of the formation of the church, the desire entered deeply into the hearts of the brethren—a desire believed to be begotten of God—that Professor Caswell would remain in Halifax, and take the pastoral oversight of the church. At a meeting, held in the house of one of the brethren, the matter was urged upon him as a