

in Granville Street. My charges are only against a few persons—alas that they are so influential,—and that hitherto their acts have too often been regarded as the acts of the whole body.

Nor am I about, in this letter, to go into the scenes or the history of other days: I have neither the disposition, nor the opportunity for it. The Records of the Church in Granville Street, I have never seen. I have often requested to examine them, and that favour has been as often promised, but I have seen no other book than the one began in January last. Perhaps withholding the Records may be wise. It might have given me instruction, but certainly could have imparted no pleasure to have read the *full* account of the origin of the body—the details of the removal of its successive Pastors, almost without exception, against the wishes of the Church, or of the arrears of salary still due to at least one of them. I cannot doubt but that the contents and the omissions of the said Records would be equally instructive; some of you have told me quite sufficient to prevent my feeling any very deep regret on account of my loss. The things with which we have now to do are those of to-day; and to detail these matters, important certainly to us, I now, with candour, and, I trust, Christian feeling, proceed.

When attending the Baptist Triennial Convention, in Philadelphia, in April, 1844, an estimable Minister from New Brunswick told me somewhat of the importance of the position of the Baptist Church at Halifax, and the desirableness of its possessing a Pastor of standing and influence, and urged me much to consider its claims on myself. My reply to him was, that I had other arrangements in prospect, but that if the Baptists of Halifax thought proper to invite me, I might, perhaps, pay them a visit. Months rolled on, I heard no more of it, nor thought of it more. I was just about to settle down in New York, when I received a letter from the Rev. James N. Granger, M. A., Pastor of the Church at Providence, R. I., founded by the immortal Roger Williams. The following are extracts, printed, like all other documents, from the original:—

Providence, Oct. 4th 1844.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—

I have been constrained to make some enquiries concerning your present plans for labour among us.

One of my Church Members, (the Revd. Mr. Douglass, Domestic Missionary for this City,) has recently received an unanimous invitation to become the Pastor of the Baptist Church, in

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