

MONTREAL 3rd March, 1868.

MY DEAR DR. BALCH,

I understand that the effect of the Act recently passed for the Incorporation of the Synod and Church Society, has been to transfer the duties of the Secretary of the Church Society to me, as Secretary of the Synod. It will, however, be impracticable for me to discharge those duties, in consequence of my having accepted a call to another sphere of labour, which will necessitate in a short time my removal from this city. May I ask, then, that you, under these circumstances, will be so good as to perform those duties for me, so far as matters connected with the Church Society are concerned.

I remain,

Yours truly,

EDWARD SULLIVAN, *Cler. Sec. Synod.*

---

MONTREAL, 4th March, 1868.

MY DEAR DR. BALCH,

I will be much gratified if you will kindly accede to Mr. Sullivan's request in the letter on the other side. It appears to me to be the only means of getting out of a possible difficulty.

Very truly yours,

---

JOHN BETHUNE, *Ecc. Commissary.*

I shall therefore, in compliance with the request of the Ecclesiastical Commissary, and of the Secretary of the Synod, continue to discharge those duties of the Secretary of Diocesan Missions which cannot be postponed until the meeting of the Synod in June.

LEWIS P. W. BALCH.

MONTREAL March 5, 1868.