

*To the Moderator of the Presbytery of Pictou.*

GLASGOW, 6th Feb'y, 1861.

REVEREND SIR,—We have the honor of addressing you in the name and by appointment of the Presbytery of Glasgow.

We trust that before this time Messrs. Cameron, Grant, Macgregor, and Macmillan, who were ordained to the holy ministry at our last meeting on the 20th December last, will, under the Divine protection, have safely reached your shores. The Presbytery desires to offer up their best congratulations on that auspicious event.

When, eight years ago, these gentlemen came to Scotland to prosecute their studies at the University of this city, we hailed their arrival as a cheering sign of the vigorous growth of the Nova Scotian Branch of our beloved Church. We have watched their progress through College with the greatest interest, and have observed with pleasure the distinguished appearance they have made: of the extensive, accurate, and substantial nature of their acquirements in literature, philosophy, and Divinity. We have further and fully satisfied ourselves by repeated examination:—privately, too, they have been well known to many of the brethren, so that it is not without abundant means of forming an opinion that we now express to you our most favorable estimate of their Christian character. For all which reasons it is matter of no ordinary gratification to the Presbytery of Glasgow to proceed, under authority of the General Assembly, and at the request of the Colonial Committee, to set them apart to an office they have given such good proofs that they are highly qualified to fill. We rejoice with you on the accession to those who now labor among your population in word and doctrine of so many able and devoted young men; we commend them to your confidence, and we follow them with our prayers that under the blessing of the Master, and the guidance of His Spirit, they may be able to fulfill the promise of their youth.

We are instructed by the Presbytery further to say, that, feeling as they do in common with the whole Church of Scotland the deepest interest in the spiritual welfare of our countryman and their descendants in the Colonies, they cannot let pass the present opportunity of expressing to you their sense of the wisdom and importance of the idea upon which you have acted in seeking to provide yourselves with natives of your Colony for work within its bounds. They regard it as an omen for good as respects the present condition and the future prospects of our Church in Nova Scotia, that you are thus raising up teachers from within your own body, and who may be expected to address themselves to their duties not only with patriotic zeal, but also with that knowledge of Colonial feelings, and ways of thinking, which cannot but add greatly to the efficiency of their exertions.

Apart from the special subject of this letter, it is a pleasure to our Presbytery to have occasion to communicate with you. It strengthens