

exceed your highest anticipations. Dr. Chalmers, Dr. Dickson, Sir Henry Moncrieff, and many others are favourable to missions. I wish we could enlist their sympathies and procure their friendly regards. The seminary at Pictou has already forty students. We are making every effort to increase the library. I wish that some of our friends in Scotland would send us a few volumes for that institution. We have thirty-two ministers and preachers. Our Synod wishes to regard all orthodox Presbyterians as brethren. We intend to petition the King for a small annual salary. We are doing the greatest good in the Province, and are firmly attached to the British Crown. I do not suppose that you know me. I recollect you at College, "in the days of other years," when you acquired those stores which have since shed a lustre on your character. Your brother, Dr. Burns, was the first friend I had in the New World. His house is the very temple of hospitality, and he is the constant friend of Scottish ministers. He indeed set his face against Mr. — and his brethren. But they were imprudent; they lessened the credit of the Presbyterian Church. We cannot admit them into our body. They seem to have been the spawn of the Irish Secession. I had lately a letter from Dr. Geo. Burns with a copy of his sermons as a present to our little parish library.

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1st Jan.—Another year has rolled into eternity. The last year has carried away many. It has enfeebled many with sickness. God grant that we may be all prepared for the change that awaits us.

22nd Feb.—I have now 170 sermons bound in boards, besides about 30 in loose papers.