


many admirers throughout the Church and country has been for many years that similar appointments have been put past him and given in more than one instance to much inferior men. He has earned his promotion and his honors in more ways than one. He has been for forty years the Minister of the Parish of Crief. He has earned his honors by successful labors in the field of Theological literature. We all rejoice with him in the distinctions that have fallen upon him so thick and fast.

Our beloved Queen was represented this year by Lord Thurlow. Lady Thurlow, like her distinguished husband, has a long and an honorable descent, not only from an Aristocratic stock, but also from a Clerical family of the Reformation era,—one of her ancestors being that ROBERT BRUCE who was twice Moderator of the General Assembly, and who was summoned to the Continent of Europe on one occasion to solemnize the marriage of an English Princess with a Danish King.

We are into the midst of a General Election. The Home Rule and Land Purchase Bill was thrown out, and thereupon the Prime Minister appealed to the country. The great question to be settled is, whether shall we have a United Kingdom, or Home Rule in Ireland? How it may turn out no one knows. The Conservatives and Moderate Liberals are into it side by side fighting for the grand old Constitution. The Radicals, Parnellites, Bradlaughites, etc., are uniting against them to carry the Gladstone ministry. We hope for the best.

Yours, etc.,
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LETTER FROM LONDON.

UR readers will appreciate this letter. Happening to entertain the writer at the Temperance Conference at Hope-well, we felt that "some have entertained angels unawares." Mr Gates has won distinction for our Maritime Provinces by his Organs at the present Great Colonial Exhibition in London:—

LONDON, G. B., May 31, 1886.

DEAR EDITOR,—Some of your readers will be interested in a few notes from a Nova Scotian. At 11 A. M., 30th May, I listened to a thrilling discourse by Rev. DONALD McLEOD, of St. Columba, Church of Scotland. His text was 2 Kings 6: 24; topic, "Benhadad's defeat." I will refer only to a few points, though I would be glad to see the entire sermon in the hands of all. The characters placed on the

scene were: Benhadad, Jehoram and his courtier, the four leprous men, and Elisha. His points were: (1). When a nation dethrones God, it will sink. So with the individual; therefore seek first His kingdom. (2). "Thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not taste thereof." At the last great day, the unbelieving may see, yet not enter heaven, nor taste the joys of the redeemed. (3). "Heart work" is the necessity. One there is who never forgets to reward work done for Him: the Lord could hear the king's whispers and inform His prophet. (4). So long as a man can bestow favors and give, all is well; but when all is gone, where is gratitude to be found (among worldlings)? But Elishas are yet to be found, and Benhadads also. Jehoram had failed to learn the lesson taught, for he became his sin, yet decides to take off the prophet's head. Hollow repentance indeed! Examples of the same: Pharaoh, Herod and Felix. (5). Elishah's courage and trust. Illustration: Up the river Trail may be seen, mounted high on a monument, the sculptured form of the noble Rev. George Walker; in one hand is a rifle, the other points to the English ships far in the distance, coming to the relief of the besieged. This man of God—only a little less than Elishah—had cheered and encouraged his countrymen of Ulster till the predicted help had come. But too many do as Jehoram did, and say, "Why wait for the Lord?" (6). Jesus seeking the lost in the darkness. What God has promised never fails; remember this, and so seek Him. It was a master sermon. The members of the Church are scattered through London; the Sunday School is therefore gathered of all sorts. I had the pleasure of teaching an interesting class of smart lads, who seemed pleased to have a teacher 3000 miles from his home.

Rev. J. Dustan of Truro and I also heard the great London preacher SPURGEON, on the "Mysterious Meat." I had an introduction in his Chapel Parlor later. He was glad to hear of our Canadian religious and temperance work, and, cordially shaking hands at parting, said, "The Lord be with you;" I adding, "Amen!" For a single individual, Spurgeon has been instrumental in accomplishing much. 650 ministers have gone out from his College; 154 new Churches have been formed; 53,192 hopeful conversions and baptisms have taken place; there are 80 students now at College, and 120 in attendance upon his evening classes. Surely this should encourage workers to commence, as he did, early in life to work for the Master. I picked a class in his school, 10 boys and girls, and taught it, and without invitation. Said the Superintendent as he passed