

cause or other it has always been delayed. They have frequently requested me to send it; however I have declined having any thing to do with the matter. I understand the bond is for three years, during which time they promise to pay an ordained Minister £30 per annum. The number of signatures is forty-two; the number of persons, actually connected with us, above eighteen years of age, male and female, is about 86, besides occasional hearers on Sabbath. Mr. S. brought one of his Elders through with him; but, as he could not constitute a session, there being no Elders ordained for Metis, and the time he could remain being short, we thought it would not be advisable to celebrate the Sacrament of the Supper. He has promised to return to us next summer.

It would afford him much pleasure to receive a letter from you. He encountered much toil and difficulty in coming over, besides his expenses, and received nothing from the people.

When the weather and roads permit, I preach twice each Sabbath, once at my own house, and once in the "Back Settlement." Beginning here at 11 o'clock A. M., I leave at about half past one and arrive at the "Settlement" about 3 o'clock P. M., at which time we begin service. I leave there immediately after service, which is a little after 5 o'clock, and arrive here again about seven. I am employed every day in the week instructing the Children and Youths. The divided state of our Society has for some time past prevented the people from being able to keep up a sufficient number of Schools. I have therefore given all the aid that I possibly could. This occasions me to be absent from my own house each alternate week. Since I arrived here from Montreal, I have received about £10 in Cash, grain, and work. I have sometimes thought of telling them that such payment is not sufficient; but this is a part of duty that I do not like. Perhaps, if they thought my services were worth more, they would give it.

I hope you are in the enjoyment of good health, which blessing, I pray, may be long granted you, in order that you may long be enabled to fulfil the important duties of the Church which have been intrusted to you.

I am, Rev. Sir,
Your most obdt. Servant.
JAMES T. PAUL.

P. S.—Since writing the above I have just been informed that the people are raising some money for me of their own will. We have had a great deal of sickness here during the last two months.

At the meeting of Synod held in Toronto in September last, the following address to His Excellency the Governor General was agreed upon, and was subsequently in due form presented:—

To His Excellency the Right Honourable,
JAMES, EARL OF ELGIN AND KINCARDINE, Governor General of British North America, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:—

We, the Ministers and Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, in Synod assembled, embrace this first opportunity of conveying to Your Excellency our congratulations on Your assuming the Government of the British North American Provinces, and our wishes for Your welfare and prosperity.

We rejoice that a Nobleman, who, we have reason to believe, is deeply convinced of the incalculable benefits secured to Scotland by education and religion, has been selected by our Gracious Sovereign to represent Her in this part of Her dominions. From the situation in which we are placed, we have ample opportunities of judging of the intellectual and moral condition of the inhabitants of this Province, and have frequent reason to regret that a country, so highly favoured in regard to natural resources, should be so greatly deficient in the means of mental and religious cultivation. We confidently hope that to supply this want will be one great object of Your Excellency's Administration, since nothing is more evident than that the

best laws prove ineffectual, unless sustained by the moral feeling and intelligence of the people.

That Almighty God may long spare Your Excellency's life, and direct you by His counsel, and give success to all your efforts to promote the welfare of the country, is our fervent and constant prayer.

Signed at Toronto, this Fifteenth day of September, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-seven Years, in Name, in Presence, and by Appointment of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland, by

WALTER ROACH, *Chairman.*

To this Address His Excellency gave the following Reply:—

GENTLEMEN,
I sincerely thank you for your congratulations on my assumption of the Government of the British North American Provinces, and I accept gratefully your wishes and prayers for my welfare and the success of my administration.

I am truly sensible of the benefits which have been secured to Scotland by Education and Religion, and I have had many opportunities of observing the advantages which my countrymen, who settle far from their native land, derive from the careful moral and intellectual training which they have generally received in early life.

It is my earnest hope that my administration of the Government of Canada may be signalized by the extension and development of educational facilities in the Province, and from the interest awakened in the public mind on this subject I am induced to augur favourably of the advancement of this good cause.

THE LAY ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL, in support of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland.

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