

for the assiduity of Dr. Donald, who for warmth of Christian sentiment, sagacity and scholarship, richly deserves the degree which Queen's College has lately conferred upon him, and who, having served his apprenticeship to the art of enduring ecclesiastical thunderbolts by having lived and labored within the bounds of the Presbytery of Strathogie, when the Free Church agitators sent down their mightiest men to enlighten the Strathogie Presbytery, still survives, I hope, the spiteful recrimination of Mr. Bennet or any disappointed ecclesiastical schemers. 'It was curious for me to reflect that I stood in the pulpit that was occupied forty years ago by the late Rev. D. A. Fraser, one of my predecessors, whose name is so dear to all our people here, and who for commanding talents, winning manners in general society, self-denying labors and almost unparalleled services to our church, will ever be held in remembrance by our people. I saw in the vestry of St. Andrew's Church a portrait of Mr. Burns, who had acted as pastor of this congregation and returned to Scotland. He was a member of the Burns' family—quite a clerical family, of whom one will be well remembered as a Free Church delegate.

#### THE FEDERAL STATES OF AMERICA.

A fine steamer brought me after a sail of eighteen hours to the harbor of Portland. And now for the first time in my life, I stood upon American territory, under the protection of the stars and stripes, in the country of Washington, the most disinterested of patriots, of Franklin, the most shrewd of practical philosophers, of Daniel Webster, the most time-serving of politicians, and of Jonathan Edwards, one of the greatest of metaphysical divines and by far the greatest man that America has ever produced. It is remarkable that the States were a British colony, when they produced their greatest men. Where are their great men since? They possess indeed thousands of good bankers, lawyers, manufacturers, mechanics, political and theological orators, men well known in their own regions; but except Irving, Bancroft, Prescott, Longfellow, Cooper, Emerson, Mrs. Stowe, Agassiz and Hitchcock, who are their men of world wide reputation? Look over an American library and see how small a space books of native growth occupy. In poetry, where is their Chaucer, their Spencer, their Shakespeare, their Milton, their Dryden, their Young, their Cowper, their Southey, their Scott, their Wordsworth, their Byron, their Hogg, their Burns and others whose name is legion? In intellectual philosophy where is their Hobbes, their Locke, their Smith, their Hutcheson, their Hume, their Reid, their Stewart, their Brown, their Hamilton? In political economy and jurisprudence, where is their Cooke, their Blackstone, their Stair, their Adam Smith, their Ricardo, their Jeremy Bentham, their John Stewart Mill? In

science, (to speak generally) where is their Bacon, their Newton, their Herschell, their Harvey, their Jenner, their Davis, their Arkwright, their Lyell, their Miller? Let any one look into a work on English literature, and he will perceive that I might add *hundreds* of names to this list, beside which, with the exceptions mentioned already, the Americans have none to place as of the same grade in the republic of science and literature. There are writers enough: how could it be otherwise? but the men of not merely American, but universal reputation, are very few.

The marvel is, that in spite of all this, which he can neither deny nor see, Brother Jonathan can take his stand on his steamboat or beside his steam engine, (the boiler of which is every moment in danger of bursting) or in his lucifer match factory, or in his broom factory, or his bucket factory, or his edge-tool factory, &c., and calculate the latitude and longitude of his greatness, and intimate in speech and manner the utter impossibility of him or the nation to which he belongs being surpassed in anything or by anybody. I can say truly, that I have no prejudice against the Americans, but in other respects like to meet them. I do, however, detest their universal boastfulness and want of principle, which are so insulting to their neighbors, and which, but for the magnanimity of other nations would have long ere this produced terrible wars and devastated their country, and which are now more than ever, when they are not so far removed from Europe and European interests, pregnant with danger to the peace of mankind. It holds true of nations as of individuals that pride goeth before a fall, and he that humbly himself shall be exalted. This is a time, when national courtesy should prevail more than at any other time in past history, when armings is the order of the day. Why, men cannot make a durable peace without first shooting and stabbing each other for a year or two, will probably astonish our posterity very much at some future day.

God grant that the now three representatives of the great Anglo-Saxon race, the British, the Federals and Confederates, may not exhibit the unholy spectacle of cutting each others throats this year to the disgrace of their common Christianity and for the gratification of their common enemies. A. P.

#### THE CHURCH IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Presbytery of Restigouche met at Bathurst, on Thursday, the 5th of December, for the purpose of admitting the Rev. James A. Murray to the pastoral charge of St. Luke's congregation. The Rev. James Steven of Campbellton presided, preaching an appropriate sermon from Isaiah 62nd chap., 6th and 7th verses. During the short time that Mr.