

dience, to the wisdom of the just, and of edifying and comforting some of the scattered followers of the Lamb.

We cordially thank you for these expressions of your Christian affection, and also for the assistance which you afforded to Mr James Smith, preacher of the gospel, for enabling him the more comfortably to come over and help us in building up the Church of Christ in this part of the world. He reached Miramichi in safety, and, through the advice of our Rev. Brother, Mr Thomson, proceeded thence to labour for some weeks in the destitute settlements about the Bay of Caledon. Having performed this service, he came here late in the fall, and has since been preaching amongst us with much acceptance. He has lately received an unanimous call from the congregation of Stewiack, formerly under the pastoral care of the Rev. Hugh Graham, and will, we trust, be a useful and respectable minister of our Church.

While we tender our grateful acknowledgments to you, for the liberality which you have exercised towards us; like acknowledgments are justly due to the Students of Divinity, belonging to the Secession Church. The zeal with which they are inspired for the welfare and prosperity of the Pictou Academy, and for the salvation of multitudes in these Provinces, who are in danger of perishing for lack of knowledge; a zeal which has not evaporated in vain words, in empty professions of regard, but has brought forth substantial and precious fruits; must exalt them in the estimation of all whose views are influenced by gospel principles, bespeaks a lovely and most becoming spirit in those who bear the character and enjoy the advantages of sons of the prophets, and encourages the pleasing hope that their future labours in the church will eminently redound to the glory of the Lord Jesus, and the good of immortal souls.

We have been instructed, also by the Synod to convey to you their cordial thanks for the interest which you have taken in the welfare of the Pictou Academy and of this Presbyterian Church.