

Pictou February 24th / 60

Mr James Dawson
Montreal
My Dear Sir

I send herewith a letter from
your son William, which, from its address,
you will readily recognize as from the son
of our first & most honored Missionary, Mr Seadie.
He has sent us at the same time a journal
for the last year in which he states his membership
at 166, and his decease at 21. The only
painful intelligence from America is
the death of Abbott at the advanced age of 60.
Mr Seadie speaks highly of him as a sincere
friend and true Christian. He is succeeded
by his son, Latheta who is even now a man
of greater influence than his father, being a
Deacon & Teacher, under Mr G. Mr Matthews
Health is much improved, but Mr G. hesitates to
say that any decided change for the better has taken
place

"Therefore we may say as we have had often
occasion to say "bless the God of Heaven pro-
-spend us." Mr Johnston will we trust be far
on his way to Sydney. You will be pleased
to see by his Letters that he promises to be a
very devoted Labourer. The time for another
Labourer being ~~expiring~~ and set forth can
not be very distant If Mr Mathews's health
is not permanently impaired we shall have
to pray the Lord of the Harvest anew, to send
forth Labourers unto his Harvest.

You make enquiring about Mr William Johnston
whose education I feel pleased to know you
have for some years past been forwarding.

I think him a very deserving young man, and
that his abilities are quite sufficient to justify
his continuance in Study for the Ministry.
He will enter the Hall this Fall, and thus
begin his Studies strictly Theological. I believe
his heart is in the Reforming of our Church, and
anticipates of Providence ^{support} sustains, that Grace
will eminently qualify him for the work

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He has a gravity which may be thought beyond
his years and a seeming purity to that which is
most pleasing. When at home he is a regular
attendant on Bible Class both in and out will
probably become a member of the Church this
summer. You will be pleased to hear that our
Church prospers. Mr. Antijonike Mr. Corvone
the successor of Mr. Honeyman is doing great
things as God's servant among a people that
were broken and discouraged. Mr. Byers has
left Satan's yoke, but the congregation are
gathering up their energies to obtain a successor
in a most hopeful manner cry is still for Substitutions
We expect two from Scotland in the Spring, and
if they prove as acceptable as Mr. Corvone they
will be a great acquisition indeed. We have
had in Detroit a refreshing season of prayer; though
I failed to get Messrs Elliot and Steadman to unite
they partially kept the season in their respective Churches.
I am pleased to see the Principal of Montreal College
appear before the Public as an Author. Present
my Complts to him & his Father. In what as to yourself
Mrs Bayne writes. Your friends here are all well
Yours very truly James Bayne

P. I. know with the first time (more than thirty years)
to the happy circumstance of going to the States 2. It
is the duty to attend a meeting of the first
(smaller) of the one we speak of being (a more
after a great while. Beginning to I have been
talking of an exchange for a long while and then
proceed nearly the same as the same first
since it long to still talking with the numbers - some
of those who will be told the same are now
waiting, unless we go on as we are.

Letter
Rev. J. Bayne
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