

My mother and I write in kind regards
to you, Mrs Dawson and family. We hope
to see you here again. Yours

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Principal Dawson

My dear Sir

I am sorry to say that
I have entarget been able to take
the books up to the 2nd Concep. The
delay has not however been owing
to carelessness. These summer
hences given employment to all
the carpenters around. It is therefore
not long since I was able to get
a box made. Then I had to wait
a while for suitable hinges and
lock. Other things occurred which
delayed me still further. I have
the books all ready now but I
have no means of taking them up
I hope however to be able to do so
before long.

Although this is "the merry
month of May" the accompanying
slip may not be uninteresting
to you. Please accept the photo

J. Fenwick

of "the immortal Dreamer". It is taken from the imitation statue made for last year's Festival. I have not yet had Baxter photo-graphed.

My mother had a cousin named Stobbs who was for many years a minister in Stranmore in the Orkney Islands. When we saw that a Mr. Stobbs had been inducted into St Matthew's I wrote to him asking him if he was related to my mother's cousin. He said in reply that the latter was his father. We are therefore second cousins. The discovery was of course a surprising one to both parties.

I would like very much to see the new Church at Little Mitis begun if it is to be in connection with the church here. Some time ago I collected about \$200 for such a church. That I am ready to give to the Treasurer

whenever one is appointed only
temporarily on condition that said
church is to be a help to this
one. I wish to see such a church
not for money's sake, nor to
put myself forward. There is my
reason. I cannot bear the
thought of the Method driving
us out of the field. We were
the first here. The Method would
be quite pleased if the new
church were a separate one
from us for then the Presb. mi-
nister would have only the small
pittance from the people here
and so in all likelihood they
would get the whole field
out of our hands.

Had it not been for my
predecessor's son-in-law there
would not have been two churches
here yet. Had it not been to
get a home for his father-in-
law the son-in-law would not
have troubled himself to have

another clerk here. He has
gone to Menden Bay but the
fellor has done an immense
amount of mischief before
leaving. He is a thorough hy-
-procite. While he was an Elder
here he spoke bitterly against
the Confession of Faith. He told
lies about me. He has cheated
a goodly number myself among
them ~~and~~ While the Temperance
Society was here he was a red
hot Dictator. Yet when there
he gave others liquor and I be-
lieve took liquor himself. He
ran about with a jar of grog
to get votes for the Sir John A.
party. One of his brethren - a
confirmed sot - accompanied
him. (A fine example for a
prosperous Christian to set!!)
Yet the em. in. law would stand
up in the experience meeting
and tell what great things
the Lord had done for his soul.
The proof the law - never from here.

Dowry, May 1944

come here 5 days in the week
to learn to read in French. Two of
them write a little. Two young
lads come to learn English.
They are very anxious to go to
Pointe aux Trembles. All are Ro-
manists.

It is possible that I may
be engaged in a religious controversy
in the local paper (Monsieur Langu-
vin's organ). However if His Tri-
ship suspect that I will let
off too much Protestantism
he will not allow it to go on.

I occasionally read a little
of Pajis Geology (Advanced) which
a friend has lent me. Mr. Sheel-
mers Teacher at Campbellton when
I went there last fall is a most
enthusiastic geologist and botanist.
He has a very large collection of
dried plants carefully mounted
and labelled. I sent to the C.I.
News a few days ago sketches of Camp-
bellton and Campⁿ Station. But I
must now come to a halt.

This is the founder of Method-
ism in Meitis. But for him there
could not yet have been two
viral churches here in a field
small enough for one. I defy
reputation of what I have just
said. Meitis Methodism is a
perfect force. However the place
must not be allowed to fall
back into the hands of the
Presbys. "Don't give up the
ship." Of course as I am per-
fectly biased in the history of
the Disruption here I cannot
but feel keenly about the Me-
thodists driving us out. I do
not like the idea of a through
by private making us haul
down the blue flag and vacate
the place.

The grant has been with-
drawn. I am therefore at present
"papaing rich with something
about \$100 a year." Whether
it will be renewed depends

in circumstances.

The other people are fewer in number than we are. They are no better. Only one of them ever takes part in a prayer meeting. Communion is the grand reason why they attend the Methodist Ch. The number of communicants is very small indeed. The people just give from year to year what they like. The minister gets all the collections. These in summer are pretty large. Presbyterians contribute in a considerable measure to them. Thus Presbyterians help to keep up a church which a thorough by-priorite established for the purpose of breaking down the Probst church here. I do not blame them. The Methodist Ch. - so called - is within reach. If they attend they must of course contribute. However the fact is as I have stated.

Some of our Presb. visitors
do not set a very good example.
See the wife of our Presb. minister
and the sister of another has not
even once been at a meeting which
I conducted. I have seen her
at a meeting conducted for me
by another. The last Sabbath
that I had a meeting she went
past as I was going in. She
was rambling about with some
companions. This was anything
but respectful to me. Yet we
are on friendly enough terms.
There is a young man here
who is pretty popular with
the visitors. He was guilty
of drinking, swearing and
lying. I had to deal with
him. He would not stand
fire but ran off to the oppo-
sition church. He does what
he can against me among
the visitors.

Three French Canad. children