



The Monseigneur
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Principal Dawson

My dear Sir

I hope you are all well.

Enclosed I send you an account of an N. Y. Festival. You will see by it that the priest was among our visitors during the exhibition. He staid a good while and seemed to take a good deal of interest in it. He can speak very little English so we chatted away in French. He took notice of the Pusbu flag. He read aloud the motto and then said "The burning bush." I explained to him the picture of "The Last Sleep of Argyfou." Before leaving he partook of cake. A few days after I sent him a little book containing John III. 16 in 134 languages. By and by I received a reply in which he thanked

Church here. Its origin was charac-
terized by a good deal of childishness
and rascality. I speak the truth,
I can prove what I say. The founder
of the other church but for whom
there would not have been another
Protestant church here yet is a
liar and a rogue. Yet he used
to stand up in the class meetings
and tell those present what a
good man he was! The Methodist
has only 6 or at most 7 members
here. However they hang on. There
is service at L. McKittrick's now only
on alternate sabbaths with R.
du Lomp. At the latter place a
Methodist minister has taken charge
of a Presby. station!! When the
minister is not here Mr. McKittrick
conducts a meeting in the church
but scarcely anybody goes to it.
A good number come to us. Most
of the old stagers however stay
at home. A Sabbath's preaching

does them for a fortnight. It is very
inconvenient for the minister to
go to K. du Loup. I have little
doubt that the Method. would
separate it from this place if they
had the whole field here as I
expect they will by and by. What
~~is~~^{would} the use of having a missionary
here for a few weeks while a Me-
thod. minister would be here all
the year round?

The Method. minister gets
all the collections here. I have
been told by one of his people that
these average in summer \$750.
Now a good deal of this is Presb.
money. Presb. thus upheld a
church which was "got up" by a
big rascal to crush their own
here out of existence!!

Mr. Hanson says that if
he be spared to visit Mr. T. next
summer he will try to get a Presb.
Ch. started at T. Point. I would

Saw my mother's place recent they
went past the house without
calling in to say to her "How are
you?"

In these circumstances, I have
not had a meeting for over a year
the managers to see how the people
stand in the matter of stipend.
This is a more important matter
than building a church. It is of
little use putting up a building for
a well if water cannot be had.
At present I get not a cent from
the N. M. Fund. The people promise
\$750 - This is not all paid. Part
of what is paid is paid in beef, hay
and oats. The manner of paying
the stipend is in the highest degree
unsatisfactory. I do my best to im-
prove it but without effect. I intend
having a meeting about my stipend
in the course of 2 or 3 weeks - was
that my mother is somewhat re-
-solved. Had she been in her usual

that gives its minister 5 times
as much as they do his service
always in the afternoon. Is a min-
ister to be fettered for the matter
of \$100 a year. It is ridiculous
for a 2nd class passenger to com-
plain because he cannot travel
in a Pullman car.

Mr Hague I understand is
going to set apart a room in his
house for meetings. Of course
we cannot expect him to do much
to hold up the old blue flag.

However I must here "call
a halt." Excuse me for taking up
so much of your time with the
matters already alluded to. As
I have already said we have tak-
-en no action about a new church
not because we did not appreciate
your help but owing to my wo-
-ther's long and severe illness. If
I do not act in the matter there
will not be much done.

I may state that I have lately
laid out a good deal on the house.
It is part of what was raised by
a bazaar some years ago for that
purpose. I lent \$70 of it to help
a member for 6 months or 4
years ago. I have not got one cent
of it yet and I do not suppose
we will. In addition I lent
him \$30 of my own - \$100 in
all. Will there is not the least
likelihood that the house will
ever be used as a house after
I leave it. At best it will be
a summer house for visitors.
I know the circumstances of the
place.

My mother and I write in
very kindest regards to you and
Mrs Dawson and family.

With best wishes I remain

Yours

J. Fenwick