

Petersburg, Virginia.

April 24, 1939.

To the Pastor, Ruling Elders,  
Deacons and Members of the  
Presbyterian Church,  
Leesburg, Virginia.

Brethren Beloved:-

It will be re-called that in 1804 the Napoleonic Wars were raging all over Europe. Nor were conditions in America particularly re-assuring. It was to meet the needs of a world in conflict that those gallant pioneers on May 6th, 1804 lit the torch which has now passed to your strong hands. And in all the 135 intervening years never has the world more sorely needed the light of the glorious gospel of the Son of God than it does today.

The Synod of Virginia rejoices with you in the manifest blessing of Almighty God during all those years, recalls with gratitude your many works and labors of love, and earnestly desires for you a continuance of His presence and benediction until He comes.

May the Holy Spirit prosper your every effort to make ready an highway for the feet of the returning Prince of Peace.

*John W. Friend*

Moderator.