

ham for three years and then came south and took up land in Dunwich and Aldborough. The Gunns and the Mathesons, well known names in the old congregation, were also of Mr. McKay's party.

There was no change in the members of session during the time of the old church. At the first meeting of the session in the new church there were present: Donald Paterson, James McKinley, Angus McKay, John McDougald and Donald McNaughton, elders, and Duncan McMillan, moderator. At this meeting Mr. McKay was appointed ruling elder to represent the church at the different courts of the church. The church records previous to 1854 have all been lost so that nothing can be said of the deliberations of the session during the trying times of the disruption. It would be interesting to know how the early church fathers handled such a difficult question. At the first sacramental services in the present church the collection amounted to £21 or about \$105, which considering the scarcity of money, must be considered very liberal. Of this amount twenty dollars were given to aid the Buxton mission for escaped slaves, to

which Rev. Wm. King was then giving his time and talents. The balance after paying the expenses of the sacrament, was given to the church building committee to assist in wiping out the debt on the church.

In November, 1855, the session after mature deliberation, decided to ask for the election of three elders for the preaching station in the north part of the congregation, now Kintyre. The election was held in the school-house on the second day of February, 1856, only members being allowed to vote. Donald McLean, John McKay and John Lamont were elected and were thus the first elders in the Kintyre congregation. Mr. John McKay who is still alive, has thus filled the office of elder for forty-eight years, although for a few years, owing to the infirmities of age, he has not been able to attend to the duties of the office. In the election of John McKay we see a very rare occurrence, a father and son members of the same board of session at the same time. In the fall of 1857 the session met with a severe loss by the deaths of James McKinley and John McDougald within a few weeks of each other and a resolution of sympathy