

the public character and standing of a congregation. Our situation I regard as involving both these cases, and believing your gift to be the offering of sincere regard, and its acceptance to be due to the public character of the congregation, I frankly accept it for the purposes designed, notwithstanding my recorded convictions.

You refer to my public labors in terms more flattering, than I dare appropriate. Whatever may be my opinion of those labours, of them it does not become me to speak; their history is recorded where they will receive an impartial judgment and where self-laudation, will be a feeling utterly alien to the mind of a Christian Minister. Applause is dangerous to any man, but most dangerous, from his position and duties, to the minister of Christ.

You call up recollections of which I can scarcely trust myself to speak, mingling as I have done among you for over 18 years in every changeful scene of life. Many of these recollections a Pastor would fain forget. Others as delightful in themselves and as a token of a Master's

blessing, he would desire to hold in ever lasting remembrance. Those scenes and recollections have drawn us strongly together, and I unhesitatingly say to you, that, my life among you has thus far glided away amid an amount of satisfaction and enjoyment, far exceeding my expectation of Earth, serving, tho' I know I do a liberal Master.

With you, and in many a Grave, are the results and recollections of my Ministry. I am spending, and, subject to the leadings of Divine Providence, I never have had any other wish than to spend among you the maturity and energies of life. May the tie that unites us strengthen day by day, and our intercourse be the visible manifestation of the language of the servant of God. "We are journeying to that place of which God hath said he would give it us."

For your kindly remembrances of Mrs McCulloch and her family, accept my warmest acknowledgments, and for yourselves for time and for eternity the best wishes of a Pastor sincerely attached to his flock.  
WILLIAM McCULLOCH.  
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## OBITUARY.

Died, at Brucefield, Stanley, Canada West, on the 23rd November last, Mr James M. Donald, aged 102. His wife, 100 years old, still survives him. They have lived together 81 years, more than the promised period allotted to man upon the earth. The deceased was a native of Urquhart, Invernesshire, Scotland — In the year 1775 he emigrated with his parents to Boston, just at the breaking out of the American Revolutionary war. When the vessel in which they sailed was approaching her destination she was boarded by a British man-of-war, and most, if not all, the emigrants capable of bearing arms were induced, partly by the threats of a prison and partly by promises, to enlist in a regiment which the British Government were raising among emigrants from the Mother country. They were to serve till "the present unnatural rebellion" should be put down, or till the close of the war, and were then to receive 200 acres of land and 50 acres additional for each child.— Mr McDonald was subsequently removed to Halifax, and at the peace of 1783 he was discharged there. After

residing a short time in the neighbourhood of Windsor, he, with some of his fellow soldiers, obtained their grants on the Upper Settlement of the East River, of which they formed the first settlers. An army life was certainly not favorable to piety, and he afterward expressed doubts whether at the time of his residence in Halifax there was a single minister who faithfully preached the gospel. But the army had then, as well as now, its praying centurions and devout soldiers. Numbers of his companions were God-fearing men, and they were much aided and encouraged by a pious officer, a Lieutenant McDonald. He had been somewhat profligate in his youth, but having been in the country for some time, and being taken sick in the house of a Mr —, an elder in the Presbyterian congregation of Londonderry; he, through divine grace, became an exceedingly pious man, and afterward devoted himself assiduously to promote the religious interests of those under him. The subject of this notice used till his latest days to express his obligation, under God, to him; if not as the