

For three or four years afterwards, John, an elder brother, a most amiable and excellent young man, drew more of my attention; but after that, Donald became more noticeable. In John gentleness predominated, though none could be more firm in opposing what was wrong or false, or in standing up for the true and the right.—Donald was gentle too, but along with that, he had an energy and resoluteness of character that commanded the respect of all who knew him, and gave him great influence among other young men; and that influence was always exercised for good.

For a year or two he taught school in his native settlement, but, when about twenty years of age, he and his brother John went to the States to earn better wages by heavier toil. For three years or so, they used to go in spring and return home in the fall; and pleasant and cheering to me it was that neither in going nor returning did they pass without calling on me. Our Synod was, in those years, striving to raise the College Fund, and whenever John and Donald Morrison returned with their hard-earned wages, I was sure to receive a liberal contribution for that scheme. On one occasion Donald handed me about \$90 collected by him before leaving the States, among young men from West Bay and other parts of Cape Breton, whom he had met there; but the highest contributors were himself and his brother.

After returning in the fall of 1853, he told me that he had a strong desire, if it were the will of God, to become a minister of the gospel. I advised him to consider the matter carefully and prayerfully before taking any decided step, and pointed out various difficulties in the way,—but told him not to be discouraged, that if the Lord had work for him in the ministry He would open up a way for him. After consideration, I invited him to come and live with my family—he to give lessons to my boy, then beginning to read,—while I would direct him in his studies, and give him all the help I could. During the following summer half-year, as his friend and early acquaintance, Mr. A. McIntosh, now minister of St. Ann's, taught at Plaster Cove, he

went there to attend his school. On Mr. McIntosh's going to College in the fall, Mr. Morrison returned again to us, and remained with us till the following August, when he went to Halifax to attend the Free Church Academy, preparatory to entering College. From that period his outward life at least, is as well known to many others as to me. Such was his resolute and indomitable perseverance, that he soon got over the difficulties attendant on the backwardness of his education at the commencement of his studies. His close attention and uniformly correct conduct gained the approbation and friendship of his professors, and the respect and good-will of his fellow-students. I think it was through the interest of the late genial Dr. Forrester that he obtained some hours of private teaching in the family of Captain Hay, R.N., which enabled him to remain in Halifax and carry on his studies without interruption till the close of his second session at the Hall.—Captain Hay's family being then about to leave Halifax, Mr. Morrison, instead of putting himself at the disposal of the Home Mission Committee (and whether it was right or wrong, it was by my advice) came and taught school in our neighbourhood, and we had the pleasure and privilege again of having him as one of our family for six months.

Immediately on finishing his course at the Hall, he was sent by the Home Mission Committee to Prince Edward Island, where he was licensed, and soon afterwards ordained as pastor of the congregation of Strathalbyn.

All along he had an inclination to the Foreign Mission field. Before he entered College he often spoke of it as the noblest work in which a human being could be engaged. And when, very soon after the Union, the sad tidings from the New Hebrides Mission reached the Church, and when the inquiry was made, "Who will go and occupy the places of the fallen soldiers of the cross?"—on seeing it noticed in the *Witness* that the young minister of one of our largest congregations had offered his services, I had no difficulty in concluding that it was the minister of Strathalbyn; he