

is a full Baptismal Register. He also was from the United States and of the Congregational connection. He was in his own day not only the pastor of St. Matthew's, but the poet of Nova Scotia, and was diligent and faithful in the ministry of the Gospel. He was succeeded in 1784 by the Rev. Thomas Russell, the first minister in connection with the Church of Scotland, in whose short incumbency of two years, the disputes already referred to prevailed with much bitterness. These ended on the resignation of Mr. Russel, who shortly after was lost at sea, while crossing the Atlantic. Application having been made to the University of Edinburgh, the Rev. Andrew Brown, D. D. was appointed, and filled the charge from 1787 to 1795. Dr. Brown was a native of Biggar, Lanarkshire, and a man of acknowledged ability, who it is said, surpassed all others in the colony in attainments. After leaving Halifax he was presented to the parish of Lochmaben, Dumfriesshire, from which he was transferred to the New Greyfriars church, Edinburgh, and thence removed to the old church, of Greyfriars in the same city. In 1801 he succeeded Dr. Blair as Professor of Rhetoric and Belles-Lettres. He died in 1834. The Rev. Dr. Archibald Gray succeeded Dr. Brown in Halifax in 1796, and was assisted, at different times, by Rev. Robert Ross and Rev. Ebenezer Rennie. Dr. Gray was an accomplished scholar and gentleman, and his pulpit preparations were of that finished order that distinguished the Scottish clergy of the day. He was a native of Morayshire and a graduate of King's College, Aberdeen, and from it received the Degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1804. The only other clergyman of the Church of Scotland at that time in the provinces was the Rev. James Munro, who came to Maryland in 1785 and shortly afterwards to Nova Scotia. Like some other Scotchmen, he was not made of the most yielding material, but under a rough exterior was possessed of a warm and honest heart and was justly regard-