

soap and boiling maple sap were added.

In the summer of 1839 another ship band of emigrants from Scotland landed in Charlottetown, of whom some thirty or forty families cast in their lot with their fellow-countrymen in Scotch settlement. These late arrivals settled in what is now called Hartsville, Johnston Road, Lot 22, Rose Valley, Lot 67. Though they had in a measure to contend against similar hardships with the first settlers, yet they had the advantage of the friendship, experience, and assistance of those who came first, as well as the advantage of the new road, opened some six years before. Among these people were a considerable number of earnest, pious and God-fearing men, men who were converted under the preaching of such men as Dr. Roderick McLeod, (Maister Ruareadh) of Snizord, Skye, Dr. Kennedy, of Red Castle (An Chaisteal Ruadh) Rev. Mr. McRichard—recently deceased, and Dr. McDonald (of Ferintosh.)

Among these I may mention the names of Alexander McLeod, the Preacher, and his brother John, John Gillis (A Sheiran) and John Matheson, the father of the late Angus Matheson. Immediately after his arrival Alexander McLeod took an active lead in conducting religious meetings, not only in the the Springton schoolhouse, but also in private houses, in the different localities, in which his countrymen had settled. Often preaching during the summer months, in the open air, or in a grove of woods. In the summers of 1840-41 there were still a further accession of some seventy families of emigrants from Scotland who joined their old neighbors in the new settlement; these settled in the western part of Rose Valley, Johnston Road (east) Brookfield, West Line Road, East Line Road, Hazel Grove, Junction Road, Colville Road, and Dock Road. Among these new comers were also men of eminent piety, notably, the late Allan McSwain of pious and immortal memory, afterwards an elder for forty-eight years; his brother Murdoch McSwain, Donald Buchannan and Murdoch Buchanan, who for three or four years had settled in Bonshaw, after which he removed to Springton, and was one of the first three elders who composed the first

session at the formation of Strathalbyn Congregation whose Jubilee we are today celebrating. Although Mr. Buchannan could not read, I believe he could recite from memory the greater part of the old and new Testaments; also John McLeod, (Iain Mac 'Cireadh Og) and Murdoch McLeod (Murrachadh Beag) who settled in New London, but who from his arrival in the country closely identified himself with his countrymen, in the Scotch Settlement. He was a man of rare intelligence, a good Gaelic and English scholar, equally conversant with both languages, but above all, he was a true and earnest Christian, in every sense of the word. He was an orator of no mean order. He was really the first evangelist to Strathalbyn, and was for many years engaged in catechizing and preaching the word in the different settlements I have referred to. When he would be on the rounds both old and young, would be in a flurry refreshing their memories on the questions of the shorter catechism. I believe he was instrumental in doing more real good in the place than perhaps any other man. Mr. John McNeill, a Gaelic and English teacher, sent to Cape Breton, by "the Society for the propagation of Christian knowledge" in Glasgow Scotland, in the year 1830, who, after remaining in Cape Breton for a few years in a place now called Orangedale, removed to this island, and settled in Bannockburn, where his religious influence was soon felt for good, among the scattered children of the Presbyterian families, in that, and the adjacent settlements, of West River and Long Creek. During the summer months of the following six or seven years he preached to large audiences, in the Scotch Settlement. He was a profound reasoner, and mighty in his exposition of the scriptures and earnest in his exhortations and direct appeals to the heart and conscience of his hearers. Under his able preaching of the word, as well as that of the fore mentioned Murdoch and Alexander McLeod, a wave of religious awakening passed over the place, and scores of men and women, who afterwards became pillars and shining lights in the congregation, of whom the most have since gone home to glory, ascribed their first awakening about