

your regard for the means of grace, so far these gifts must be highly prized.

You have alluded to my services among you for the last five years. Believe me, I find nothing, when I look back on these services, to give me reason to congratulate myself, or in the least degree to feel elated; on the contrary, I see many deficiencies and much imperfection marked upon them all, and as I believe you sincere in the terms in which you have been pleased to refer to my labors, I recognize the satisfactory evidence that I have been laboring among friends who have no desire to notice my shortcomings. This much I can honestly say, that from the first day of my settlement in this place, I had but one wish and prayer for you all—old and young—that you might become the children of God, and true and faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus. I do humbly trust I can say, that in the pulpit, and in the rest of my labors, this was the object at which I aimed; and although there have been, and still are, circumstances which manifest that, in the case of, alas! too many, the power and the love of the truth have not been truly felt, I have had cause of much thankfulness for the proofs I have witnessed that the Lord has not forsaken us.

To see harmony and peace pervading this large congregation, is to me a source of unspeakable gratitude. May God grant that this harmony may ever continue, and that every Sabbath service and every communion season may strengthen the spirit of brotherly kindness, and goodwill and love, and bind together, in the bonds of true Christian affection, all the members of this congregation until they present to the world the lovely scene that "while many, they are one body in Christ Jesus;" and as you would wish to realize this and every other blessing which the Gospel of Christ is intended to impart, remember that you yourselves must be fellow-workers with God. You must labor for the things that make for peace, and wherewith you may edify and promote the welfare one of another. The idea has unfortunately obtained an extensive hold, that the interests of religion and of the Church are to be left exclusively in the hands of ministers and elders; and that others, especially the young, do all that can be rightly expected of them, when they attend the Sabbath services and pay their small subscriptions. It would be well if all were to do even this much; but doing only this much will not advance the Gospel of Christ, nor secure the blessing of God to you, as a community. The hopes of the Church rest on the young; to their hands must soon be entrusted all her interests. If youth will be spent in indifference, we can but expect from old age the fruits of a cold, grasping and godless spirit, that will grudge the nite to the cause of Christ. If you would avoid this, and dread the thought of a discontented, miserable and worldly old age, let the interests of religion be now regarded as what should occupy the first place in your hearts. Let nothing that concerns the Church and the welfare of the congregation be considered unworthy of the deepest regard. The more you will see the necessity of this, the more certainly will your own interests and happiness be secured. Youth devoted to Christ and to His cause will assuredly bring down the blessings of Heaven. That community will prosper, whose youth are animated with zeal for the interests of God's own house.

I thank you sincerely for the assurance of your prayers. May the God of all grace dwell in all your dwellings, and may the peace of God reign in your hearts!

With sincere affection, yours, A. McLEAN.

To Messrs. John McLeod, Elder; James Nicholson, Elder; Daniel Fraser, Major, &c.

MANSE, BELFAST, 22d August, 1864.

"Caraid a'Ghaidheil."

The above is the title of a discourse on the life of the late Dr. McLeod of St. Columba Parish, Glasgow, delivered in St. Columba Church, Lochiel, Glengary, Canada. Its author is the Rev. John Darrock, A. M. Accompanying the discourse is the translation of an extract from a discourse by Dr. Mathieson of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, on the same occasion.

We have much pleasure in introducing the above to the notice of the Highlanders of this county. The discourse is printed on good paper, and in excellent type. It contains much information, and extends to 42 pages of printed matter. Better judges of Celtic literature than ourselves have pronounced the Gaelic to be most excellent, and have noticed with much satisfaction that this discourse proves the Gaelic language to be still spoken and written in all its native purity among the Highlanders of America. It is indeed a very eloquent and just tribute to the memory of one who was emphatically "the friend of the Highlander," and one whose memory shall be long cherished by his countrymen.

The extract from the discourse by Dr. Mathieson of St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, is characterized by his usual good taste and eloquence. We regard the discourse as an interesting and valuable addition to our Gaelic literature, and strongly recommend it to the notice of our Gaelic-speaking friends. It is sold by Mr. James Patterson, Bookseller, Pictou, and the proceeds of the sale go to liquidate the debt on a Church in Glengary, Canada. The object is a very worthy one, and the price of the sermon being only 1s., we hope that our Highland friends will give themselves the benefit of a copy without delay.

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List of Subscriptions for Lay Association, West Branch East River, for quarter ending 1st September, 1864.

District No. 1—(Fox Brook), Miss Jane Grey and Miss Marg. McLeod.	£0 9 4
2—(Hopewell and M. Riv.) Miss Is. McDonald & Miss Sarah McLeod.	0 12 6
4—(Big Brook) Miss Is. Fraser and Miss A. Fraser.	0 18 7
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6—(W. S. West Branch), Miss Annie Dunbar & Miss M. B. Fraser.	0 13 1
7—(Hopewell and Island) Miss Marg. Fraser & Miss Annie Fraser.	0 12 0

Total, £3 17 2

D. GREY, Treasurer.

Hopewell, 1st Sept., 1864.