

he received an appointment from the Colonial Committee and came out to Nova Scotia and laboured as a missionary there for three years. Then he was called to Yarmouth, and from there he was called to this church. On the first of June, 1845, Mr. Ross began his labours among you. During the interval between Mr. Ross' and Mr. McLean's pastorates, the Rev. Mr. Cassel filled the pulpit. For over a quarter of a century Mr. Ross was pastor of this congregation. He died on the 9th of April, 1871. On Sabbath morning while you were sitting around the Table of the Lord, commemorating His dying love, Mr. Ross' soul was winging its way to the mansions above. The following is the minute of session in regard to his death:—

“The session of Greenock Church desire to record with sincere sorrow the death of Rev. John Ross who for upwards of 20 years laboured in the discharge of pastoral duties in this church and congregation. He was an able and earnest preacher of the Gospel, visiting the poor, the sick and dying, and bereaved with much tenderness and kindness, causing much thanksgiving to God for that Gospel whose consolations and supports he ministered to such in their seasons of sorrow and trial and bereavement. He took special delight in the Sabbath School and in all endeavours to teach and train the young in the fear of the Lord, and to the last persevered with delight in this when his failing mental faculties incapacitated him from all pastoral work. He has left in many a heart grateful remembrance, and has been by very many truly mourned as one by whom God in his gracious kindness ministered much of the comfort of his saving grace to them and theirs. May he, though dead, yet speak to this people young and old and may the Lord cause his name to be magnified by awakening, sustaining and increasing the power of the testimony abundantly given by his departed servant whom we humbly trust He has called from his labours to his rest and reward.”

Mr. Ross' body lies in the rural cemetery under a beautiful marble monument. Some years before his death Mr. Ross' health and faculties began to fail him so that it was necessary for you to secure an assistant. The Rev. Peter Keay was your choice. On the 25th of January, 1868, the Rev. Mr. Keay was inducted as assistant and successor of Mr. Ross. Mr. Keay was born in Glasgow on the 12th of August, 1826. He graduated in King's College, Old Aberdeen, in 1845, and completed his divinity studies in 1850. In the session of 1851-2 he took the place of Dr. Hercules Scott as Professor of Moral Philosophy. On the 25th June, 1851, he was licensed to preach and laboured with great acceptance in the Old Country until 1854, when he received an appointment from the