

well known. Of these were the Reverends Aulay and John MacAulay, father and son, who were ministers of Harris and Uist respectively in the time of Prince Charlie. Zechary, John's son, was the renowned slavery abolitionist, and father of Lord MacAulay. The connection the subject of this sketch had with these celebrities is now impossible to trace; but certain it is that if he had enjoyed in his youth the educational advantages that they possessed, his reputation would have been more than local.

Very little is known to-day of Donald MacAulay's early years. He was born in 1819. Two years after his parents emigrated to Cape Breton. Landing at Sydney, they ultimately, in 1825, settled at Red Head, now the property of Prof. Bell, where their son spent the rest of his life. Donald MacAulay could say with Obadiah of old that he feared the Lord from his youth. At about the age of 25 he was known as a leader of religious meetings. It was no easy matter in those days for a young man to take this stand when so much frivolity and irreligion prevailed.

He was married in 1854 to Mary MacDougall, of Whycocomagh, a sister of the Rev. D. MacDougall, the late lamented minister of Baddeck. By this marriage he had six children, one of whom is the respected J. D. MacAulay, Elder, Baddeck. Mr. MacAulay was married twice. His second wife was Margaret, daughter of Donald MacKenzie, Plaister, by whom he had also six children, four sons and two daughters.