

ren of Prince St. Session on the afternoon of Monday the 19th ult. According to previous arrangement, they repaired to the residence of their "Father in office," Mr. George Ives. The hearty welcome which "the old disciple" of four-score and eight years, extended to each of his ten brethren in office, was truly affecting. The entire management of matters, having been of set purpose, confined to the session, none but relatives of the family were present, as spectators. The Court was duly constituted, and the divine presence and blessing sought to accompany the peculiar object of meeting. The minutes of former meetings were then read, containing the full history of all previous arrangements for the occasion. A very handsome and valuable copy of the Bible, with suitable inscription, having been provided, was now presented to Mr Ives. In performing this most pleasing duty the Modr. read the inscription which is as follows:—

"Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound," Ps. 89, 15.

PRESENTED TO

MR. GEORGE IVES,

By his brethren in Session, on the memorable occasion, of his completing the Fiftieth year of his Eldership in the congregation of Prince St. Pictou, and as a slight token of the high esteem and christian respect in which he is held by them.

"The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance," Ps. 112, 6.

Signed in the name and on behalf of Session.

JAMES BAYNE.

Pictou, Sept. 19th 1859. Moderator.

The Moderator then give a brief oral address such as the occasion justified, and closed with presenting in due form; the elegant and appropriate gift, to its worthy recipient.

For some time, Mr. Ives was unable to reply, being entirely overcome with the excitement of the occasion. When he found utterance, however, he soon delighted and subdued every one, by the ardent effusion of a christian heart. He spoke of the Bible, as the most necessary and precious gift of God, to fallen man,—of his high respect and grateful feelings for his brethren in office, who had honored him with their presence, on this occasion, and with the most suitable and valuable gift he could receive.

He then gave a brief but deeply interesting sketch of the history of Prince

Street Congregation from the time of its erection under the Pastorate of Dr. McCulloch, in 1804, to the present day. "When he (Mr. Ives) was called to the Eldership, there was but one member of Session, Mr. John Fraser, who afterward removed to Merigomish. The only other Elder, Mr. John Patterson, had died in 1808. Along with him, (Mr. Ives). were called and duly ordained to office, Mr. John Patterson, son of the deceased, and Mr. David Pottinger, both of whom have been many years dead. In 1815, were ordained, Messrs. James Patterson, John Patterson, James Dawson and Donald Cameron. In 1824, the Rev. John McKinlay became Pastor of the congregation, and in the year following were received into Session, Messrs. John Geddie, Matthew Patterson, and John Fraser. In 1847, another addition was made, Messrs. Mathew Archibald, Henry Lowden and George Grant. In 1855 a new election and ordination took place, when the names of Messrs. James Stalker, James Fraser, Adam McKean, William Patterson, John Murray and Paul Foster were added to the roll of Session.—From this date, he (Mr. Ives,) considered himself no longer an active member of Session, as one of the new members, Mr Paul Foster, had been placed over his district."

It was extremely pleasing to note the unfeigned humility with which, throughout this narrative, he spoke of himself, the reluctance with which he was constrained to accept office, and the pleasure which he felt on having one appointed to relieve him of its active duties. He closed as he began his address by regretting his inability to express all he felt toward his brethren, then surrounding him, and with fervent petition for the comfort, usefulness and heavenly reward of the present Pastor, and his associates in office.

It was truly a goodly sight to witness the once stalwart frame of the aged Elder, now bent with the load of years, leaning for support, on the Holy Bible from which his soul had been divinely taught to draw its strength and consolation; and to look upon the hoary head, which the *morning Page* has pronounced "a crown of glory when found in the path of righteousness."—When Mr. Ives had resumed his seat, opportunity was given to members of Session to add any remarks suited to the occas-

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