



Mr. Neil Gilchrist
Elder

MacLennan a member of the original session passed to his rest, in 1873, and a minute of session takes note of the esteem in which he was held by the minister, and other elders. Early in 1875 the Underwood section of the congregation was separated by mutual consent from Tiverton, and constituted in union with Centre Bruce into a separate pastoral charge as it still continues to be. Mr. Richard May was precentor and choir-leader in the congregation for some years, and was followed in succession by Hugh MacRae, George McArthur, John MacKenzie, and D. E. MacLaurin. Mr. MacLaurin was precentor and choir-leader for twenty-six years. Rev. Mr. Anderson was called to Knox Church, Harriston, in 1878, but, at the earnest solicitation of the session and congregation he was induced to decline the call. William Wilson, one of the elders departed this life in 1875, and the session records express appreciation of his character and services. In June 1884, Messrs J. P. MacIntyre, Neil Gilchrist, John A. Mackenzie, and Murdoch MacLeod were inducted as elders of the congregation. John MacRae, a member of the session for over 23 years died this year. He is described as a faithful elder, a friend of the cause and of the people of God, zealous and liberal in his support of the Church, and all her interests. The congregation continued to grow during Mr. Anderson's ministry until somewhat checked by the removal of families to the West. Notwithstanding such losses which continue up to this day, the congregation has held its own very well throughout the years. Mr. Murdoch MacLeod, one of the elders, and father of Rev. J. R. MacLeod of Three Rivers, died in 1887. He is said to have been a real friend of the cause, faithful in the discharge of his duties, regular in attending the means of grace, and highly respected by all who knew him. Three years after passed away Mr. Hector MacKay an excellent man, who had been connected with the congregation from the beginning. He was senior elder of the congregation, and had been precentor in the Gaelic for many years. He too obtains a good report in the minutes of the session. He is said to have been an elder for



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