

form, and the whole congregation will face the pulpit. On each side of the nave is a row of five columns and five gothic arches, which impart to the whole a noble and graceful appearance. There are two large windows, 18 feet in height, situated at each end of the building, and constructed for the reception of a second glazing which some have the boldness to assert is to be of stained glass. Those who look upon organs and stained windows in Churches as unmistakeable marks of the beast have greatly diminished of late in this part of our Province. We have for two years and a half been in the habit of employing the aid of an instrument in our worship, and it would make your heart swell to hear 4 or 5 hundred of us singing the old hundred and others of the good old tunes. All opposition to its use has long ago disappeared and the universal belief now is that the organ is a most valuable aid in the praises of the sanctuary. The congregation of St. Andrew's Church has also arrived at the same conclusion and have already introduced a small harmonium, which I believe is to be superseded by a large organ.

We are looking forward to opening our new Church free of debt, and instead of selling the pews we expect to let the sittings by the year. This will enable us to offer church accommodation to a large number of people in Portland who are excluded from all our city Churches by the large prices at which the pews are sold. Hitherto the question has been "who's got most money?" The Churches were converted into auction rooms, or houses of merchandise, and the poor in most cases were forced to the wall. We are attempting an innovation and we have reasons for believing that our labor will not be in vain.

From this hasty sketch of our mission to Portland and Rothsay you may gather that the Master of the vineyard has been on our side. We have met with many cold looks, and many doubtful friends from whom the Lord has happily delivered us. Our difficulties have been neither few nor trifling, but He who was for us was mightier far than all that have been against us; and if the same good fortune befriend us for the next six months, the Colonial Committee of the Church of Scotland will have no cause to regret the establishment of the Portland and Rothsay missions.

GEO. J. CAIE.

Address from the Elders and Members of Salt Springs Congregation to the Revd. Alex. McKay, M. A.

Revd. and Dear Sir:

We are given to understand that you have intimated to the Presbytery of Pictou your desire to demit the charge of this congrega-

tion, and that the Presbytery has accepted of your demission, we must therefore regard a separation between you and us, as pastor and people, inevitable. We cannot think of the prospect of your leaving us without feelings of sadness, and many reminiscences of your abundant labours in our midst. We desire to take this opportunity of expressing our deep sense of our indebtedness to you for many and long continued tokens of your anxiety for our well being—and many earnest exhortations to seek the Saviour, and to walk in the paths of piety and virtue. Amid many difficulties and not a few discouragements you have persevered for many years in the discharge of your pastoral duties. These arduous labours have no doubt, somewhat tasked your bodily strength, but we rejoice to think that you have yet the prospect, by God's blessing, of many vigorous days, and our earnest prayer is that you may have much satisfaction, and also much success in doing your Master's work in that part of the vineyard to which, in His providence, you are about to remove. We implore the blessing of our Heavenly Father on yourself and Mrs. McKay and family, and wish for you and for them health in your household, and prosperity in all your ways—and now—"may the Lord Jesus Christ himself and God even our Father which hath loved us and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace comfort your heart and stablish you in every good word and work."

We beg that you will accept of the accompanying purse of Sovereigns, placed in our hands by the ladies of the congregation as a small token of their and our esteem and regard.

In name and on behalf of the Salt Springs congregation.

JOHN A. McLEAN, Elder,  
ANGUS MUNRO, "  
WM. McDONALD, Trustee,  
ANGUS MCKENZIE, "  
DAVID A. ROSS, Sec'y.

Salt Springs, W. R. 31st Oct, 1867.

Address of the Congregation of Gairloch to the Rev. Alex. McKay, M. A., on the occasion of his departure for Ontario, to assume the duties of his new charge.

Reverend Sir:

It is with feelings of the deepest regret that we first learned your intention of departing and accepting another charge in a distant sphere, and we cannot permit you to leave without expressing our profound sense of the loss we sustain, in being deprived of the service of so able, faithful and affectionate a pastor, as you have ever proved yourself during the period you have ministered among us. The ties which are now to be dissolved, permit us to say, are, on our part peculiarly strong and deep, and no lapse of years shall be able to efface the hallowed and tender impressions which have been produced in our