

At the prayer meetings he was a regular attendant; and his surviving fellow-worshippers, on those occasions, cannot soon forget his unassuming modesty, his humble earnestness, his deep solemnity, his great self-abasement, his well-chosen language, and thorough acquaintance with Scripture in prayer. There was in him, as all those who enjoyed the pleasure of an acquaintance with him can testify, the unction of a sweet, engaging, unobtrusive piety, savouring of an intimate fellowship with heaven. Along with this, there was a remarkable sensibility of temperament, deep susceptibility of feeling, and a singular tenderness and sympathy towards the afflicted and distressed. He was a man of marked integrity and honesty, and whose conscientiousness was signally exhibited in his unwavering faithfulness to Bible principles as taught by the church of his fathers, throughout a protracted season of trial, when those who were "brethren" were "falling out by the way."

About eight or nine years ago he was ordained an office-bearer in the church. At first, when it was proposed to him, he shrank from the responsibility, but was at last convinced to accept, believing that He who called him would "make His grace sufficient" for him.

By his removal, his widow loses an affectionate and faithful companion, his children a dutiful and loving father, and the church in Earltown one of her best pillars.

Full of days, trusting in the Redeemer who liveth for evermore, he "fell asleep in Jesus" on the 8th of September; and the sighs and tears that are given to his memory, as well as the large concourse of mourners that followed his remains to the "narrow house appointed for all living," show how highly esteemed and much beloved was the late Donald Matheson.

#### THE LATE GEORGE M'KENZIE, WALLACE.

"Died, at the residence of his son-in-law, John D. Ross, Wallace, on Friday last, George McKenzie, Joiner, in the 93rd year of his age."

This venerable man, well known in Pictou, where he resided for many years, deserves more than a passing notice.

Mr. McKenzie was born at Stornoway, Island of Lewis, Scotland, where in the year 1809 he married a daughter of the Rev. Donald McIntosh of Gairloch, Inverness-shire, and the following year with his wife and child emigrated to America. He had the honor of being the first Elder of St. Andrew's Kirk in this town, and for many years assiduously plied his trade in our midst, earning the respect and confidence of his many acquaintances.

To the Masonic Fraternity his life was *one of particular interest*. He claimed in his later years to be one of the oldest, if not the oldest, mason in the world, and, being present at the formation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia in Halifax, a year ago, was the recipient of special attention, and in the procession had a seat assigned to him in one of the carriages provided for the Grand Masters.

His mother Lodge was Fortrose Lodge of Stornoway, in which he was initiated in 1798, and of which he was an officer the subsequent year, when the late Lord Brougham and Vaux, at that time plain Henry Peter Brougham, then lately admitted an advocate at the Scottish Bar, was initiated with his companions Charles Strand, Robert Campbell, and John Pourtney Stuart, who, in a yacht known as the "Mad Brig," visited Stornoway that year.

The deceased was an honorary member of New Caledonia Lodge, Pictou, to which he was attached for many years. His brethren of that and sister Lodges accompanied his remains on Sunday last from the house of Mr. Bayliss, his son-in-law, to their last resting place in the old cemetery, Pictou, where he was buried with the ceremonies peculiar to the craft.—*Standard*.