

following address was presented to which Mr. McKenzie gave a verbal and feeling reply. To nearly all the Congregation he had been personally known from childhood, and they all sought the opportunity in retiring to bid him Farewell. Many tears were shed and many prayers offered to God that he and his young partner may be blessed personally and made blessings to others;—

TO THE REV. JOHN WM. MACKENZIE,
MISSIONARY TO THE SOUTH SEAS:

Dear Brother.—The Session of Salem Church, for themselves and the congregation which they represent, desire, on the eve of your departure for the Mission field in the South Seas, to express our esteem for you, personally, and our best wishes for your success in the work of the Lord.

You were born and brought up among us. We are fully acquainted with "your manner of life from your youth up," and we gladly bear testimony to the blameless deportment and amiable disposition which you have uniformly exhibited. Having early given yourself to the Lord, we have marked with satisfaction your efforts to promote His cause, and we fully appreciate the services of this nature which you have been able to render among us. And now that the Great Head of the Church has called you to go far hence "to preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ," we rejoice that he has counted you worthy of this high honour, and this arduous but glorious work, and our earnest prayers go with you—that the keeper of Israel may long preserve your health and strength—that he may shield you from the dangers of the mighty deep, from the pestilence that walketh in darkness, and from all the power of the enemy—that he may make all grace to abound unto you so that you may be a "workman needing not to be ashamed"—and that he may so bless your labours that you may be among the number of those who, having "turned many to righteousness, shall shine as the stars for ever and ever."

We desire at the same time to express our best wishes for the health and welfare of your partner in life, and in token of our interest in the comfort of you both, we request your acceptance of a small sum as a personal "benefit," and also of a box of mission goods, which we hope may be of service in your work. We need not say what pleasure it will afford us, should it be the will of the Great Head of the church, that you should return to visit your native land, more especially if, like our senior missionary, you were privileged to tell that the Lord by you "had wrought great things among the Heathen." But we know how uncertain this is; yea, we know assuredly that many of us will see your face

no more. Farewell, then, and if it should be till we meet at the great white throne, may we all be found on the Saviour's right, with many ransomed souls from the New Hebrides, and each "receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away."

Signed in the name and by the appointment of the Session of Salem Church.

GEORGE PATTERSON, *Moderator.*
EBENZER MCLEOD, *Clerk.*

News of the Church.

Presbytery of P. E. Island.

The Presbytery of P. E. Island met at Alberton on the 4th ult., and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Edict having been duly served and no objections having been made to the life, literature or doctrines of Mr. Carr, the Presbytery proceeded to his ordination. After sermon by the Clerk, the Rev. Mr. Patterson narrated the steps perviously taken, and put the usual formula of questions. Mr. Carr was then, by solemn prayer, and "by the laying on of the hands of Presbytery" ordained to the office of the Holy Ministry, and inducted into the pastoral charge of the Congregation of Alberton and Tignish. Our young brother was suitably addressed by Rev. Mr. Patterson, and the congregation by Mr. McLeod. After praise and prayer conducted by Rev. R. Cumming, the congregation, in retiring, gave their new pastor a very cordial welcome. On motion Mr. Carr's name was added to the roll of Presbytery, and being present he took his seat accordingly.

For the credit of the congregation we must not fail to state that the good custom of paying the first quarter of the annual salary in advance, was not overlooked on this occasion.

Whether viewed ecclesiastically, commercially, numerically, morally or socially, the improvement in Alberton, within the last ten years has been equal if not in advance of any other part of the Island. This healthy state of matters may be attributed to a variety of causes, such as the excellence of their harbor, with its vast resources, the industry and enterprise of the people, and last but not least, the faithful and judicious labors of their late lamented minister, the Rev. Allan Fraser. It will thus appear that our young brother, Mr. Carr, enters upon a very interesting field of duty; and surrounded as he is, with a good staff of elders and a large number of zealous workers, we anticipate for the young and talented minister of Alberton, a happy and successful ministry. May the Great Head