

present day.* These, with his abundant labors so soon exhausting the earthly tabernacle, have caused him to be spoken of as the Mc Cheyne of our church.

The first to be ordained was the Rev. Angus McGillivray. He was called to Wallace and to the upper settlement of the East River, up till that time forming part of the charge of Dr. McGregor; and having accepted the latter, was ordained there on the 1st of September. In the meantime Messrs. Patterson, Murdoch and McLean determined to visit Scotland. They were there received most kindly by the leading dissenting ministers, and preached with acceptance in their pulpits. On application to the Senatus of Glasgow University, they were admitted to an examination for the degree of A. M. This took place before Professors Sanford, Jardine, Mylne, Meikleham, Millard and Walker (or Davidson) the subjects being Latin, Greek, Logic, Moral Philosophy, Natural Philosophy and Mathematics. It was probably not stringent or exhaustive, but it was sufficiently so, to show on the part of the young men a respectable acquaintance with all the branches mentioned. The result was that they received diplomas dated the 15th February, 1825. The receipt of such an honor from such an institution, while it did credit to the young men, I need not say added much to the prestige of our infant institution here.

On their return home they were ordained, Mr. Patterson at Bedeque, P. E. I., Mr. Murdoch at Windsor, and Mr. McLean at Richibucto. The other members of the band were also settled, Mr. Ross at Tatamagouche, and Mr. Dunbar over Cavendish and New London.†

With such a result of a first attempt at training native preachers, made under such unfavorable circumstances, we need not wonder that high hopes were entertained regarding the future. But if to the appeal, "Watchman, what of the night," the answer was "The morning cometh," alas there was to be added, "and also

* Something of his spirit we have no doubt many of our readers will recall in his son, John S. McLean, of Halifax.

† Full notices of these brethren will be found, of Mr. McLean, in the *Christian Instructor* for Jan., 1857; of Mr. Murdoch, in the *Record* for Sept., 1873; of Mr. Patterson, in the *Maritime Monthly* for 1883; of Mr. McGillivray, in the *Record* for Sept., 1869; of Mr. Ross, in the *Christian Instructor* for Jan., 1859, and of Mr. Dunbar in the same for Jan., 1858.