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MADAME PRESIDENT, LADIES & ?

IN BEGINNING THIS TALK I WOULD LIKE TO SAY AS DID THE PSALMIST OF OLD, "LET THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH AND THE MEDITATION OF MY HEART BE ACCEPTABLE IN THY SIGHT, O LORD, MY STRENGTH AND MY REDEEMER.

DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS I HAVE SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME STUDYING THE PAST HISTORY OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS CONGREGATION WHILE ACTING AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE PREPARING THE CENTENNIAL BOOKLET AND LATELY WHILE PREPARING THIS TALK. IT HAS BEEN MOST INTERESTING. SPEAKING IN PUBLIC HAS ALWAYS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME AND TONIGHT IS NO EXCEPTION. PROBABLY I WOULDN'T HAVE ATTEMPTED IT AT ALL BUT THE WORDS OF MY UNCLE KEPT COMING BACK TO ME. WHEN HE VISITED US LAST SPRING HE ASKED ME WHAT I WAS DOING FOR THIS CHURCH AND I HAD TO CONFESS I WAS DOING VERY LITTLE. THAT LITTLE VOICE KEPT TALKING WITHIN AND MY SISTER KEPT URGING ME FROM WITHOUT UNTIL I DECIDED TO BE BRAVE AND DO THE BEST I COULD TO HELP OUT AT THIS TIME WHEN THE LADIES WANTED SOMEONE TO SPEAK WHO WAS FAMILIAR WITH CHURCH HISTORY.

'WHEN I ATTENDED TEACHER'S TRAINING SCHOOL YEARS AGO ONE OF OUR PROFESSORS USED TO TELL US THE BEST WAY TO CURE NERVOUSNESS IN OUR PRACTISE TEACHING WAS TO BE FULL OF OUR SUBJECT. IF THAT BE THE CASE, I SHOULD CERTAINLY NOT BE NERVOUS. DURING THE THREE WEEKS MY OLDEST SISTER VISITED US RECENTLY SHE CONSTANTLY REGALED US WITH STORIES OF OLDEN DAYS. AT LAST I TOLD HER I COULD ALMOST BELIEVE MY MOTHER AND GRANDMOTHER MACDONALD WERE TALKING TO ME AGAIN.

NOW, IN ORDER TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF, THE BACKGROUND OF THE WOMEN WHO FORMED THE EARLY BEGINNINGS OF OUR WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION LET ME REMIND YOU OF A LITTLE OF THE HISTORY OF THOSE HIGHLAND SCOTCH PEOPLE WHO WERE PIONEERS OF THIS COMMUNITY. I REGRET THAT TIME WILL NOT PERMIT ME TO TELL YOU ABOUT THE CRUEL EVICTIONS WHICH DROVE THOUSANDS OF THOSE PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMES IN THE HIGH LANDS OF SCOTLAND. IN ANY LIBRARY YOU WILL FIND BOOKS TELLING ABOUT THE HIGHLAND CLEARANCES WHEN THE LANDLORDS TURNED THEIR EXTENSIVE HOLDINGS INTO SHEEP PASTURES AND HUNTING PRESERVES. TO GIVE YOU SOME IDEA OF THE EXTENT OF THOSE CLEARANCES THERE WERE FROM THE ISLE OF SKYE ALONE, TEN THOUSAND SOLDIERS WENT TO THE NAPOLEONIC WARS. TODAY IN THE WHOLE ISLAND YOU CAN SCARELY FIND NINE THOUSAND PEOPLE COUNTING MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

IN SUTHERLANDSHIRE WHERE THE EVICTIONS WERE THE WORST, ONE MAY TRAVEL MILE AFTER MILE THROUGH THE GLENS AND THE ONLY PERSON HE WILL ENCOUNTER IS A LONE SHEPHERD WATCHING OVER HIS FLOCKS.

BROKEN-HEARTED AT LEAVING THE LAND OF THEIR FORE FATHERS AND THEIR BELOVED SCOTTISH HILLS, THEY GATHERED TO THE SEAPORTS AND EMBARKED ON SHIPS WITH THEIR DESTINATION UNKNOWN. SOME WENT TO AUSTRALIA, SOME TO NEW ZEALAND AND OTHERS TO VARIOUS PARTS OF NORTH AMERICA.

HAVING COME FROM A LAND WHERE THERE IS A SCARCITY OF TREES, THEY NOW FOUND THEMSELVES IN DENSE FORESTS FROM WHICH THEY WERE TO HEW HOMES FOR THEMSELVES. ALTHOUGH BEWILDERED, LONELY AND ALMOST DESTITUTE, THEY CARRIED NO RESENTMENT IN THEIR HEARTS AND NEVER LOST THEIR FAITH IN GOD. TO THEM THE SECOND PARAPHRASE WAS A REAL PRAYER',- THROUGH EACH PERPLEXING PATH OF LIFE,

OUR WANDERING FOOTSTEPS GUIDE,  
GIVE US EACH DAY OUR DAILY BREAD  
AND RAIMANT FIT PROVIDE.

IN THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD IT HAS PROVED TO BE A GREAT BLESSING TO US WHO ARE THEIR DESCENDANTS BUT ONLY THE RECORDING ANGEL KNOWS THEIR SUFFERINGS. REV. ALEX MACKAY, OUR FIRST STATIONED MINISTER AND HIS BROTHER, REV. GEORGE WHO PREACHED AT ARMOW WERE TWO OF THOSE BELONGING TO AN EVICTED FAMILY FROM SUTHERLANDSHIRE WHO SETTLED IN ZORRA IN OXFORD COUNTY. SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THIS CHURCH BELONG TO THE 109 FAMILIES EVICTED FROM THE ISLE OF LEWIS WHO SETTLED IN HURON TOWNSHIP. OTHER LEWIS FAMILIES CAME OF THEIR OWN ACCORD AND SETTLED IN OTHER PARTS. I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO LEARN EXACTLY UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS THE VARIOUS LEWIS FAMILIES CAME BUT I KNOW THERE WERE MCLEANS, MCIVERS, MCSWEYNS, MONTGOMERYS, SMITHS, MAUDE MCKAY'S GRANDFATHER MCKAY AND MAYBE OTHERS WHO SETTLED ON THE SECOND OF BRUCE. OTHER SCOTTISH FAMILIES CAME FROM OTHER PARTS OF ARGYLLSHIRE, ROSSSHIRE AND INVERNESSSHIRE. SOME FAMILIES FIRST SETTLED IN THE MARITIMES ESPECIALLY IN CAPE BRETON. JOHN MCKAY AND HIS WIFE WHO ARE MENTIONED IN OUR CENTENNIAL BOOKLET ARE TWO OF THOSE. WE FORGOT TO TELL THAT MRS MACLEOD WAS A SISTER OF THE GRANDMOTHER OF MARGARET AND ELIZABETH CAMPBELL AND THE GREAT-GRANDEAUNT OF CLARENCE MACLENNAN. ANOTHER OF THESE CAPE BRETONERS WAS NEIL BEATON, OUR FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT. HE WAS A FIRST COUSIN OF THE OLDER GENERATION OF MACLENNANS WHO ALSO CAME FROM CAPE BRETON. I AM PLEASED TO SHE THAT A MEMBER OF THAT FAMILY, ANGUS MACLENNAN, IS NOW A TEACHER IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL. THE ANGUS CAMPBELL FAMILY WHO USED TO LIVE ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> OF GREENOCK ALSO CAME HERE FROM CAPE BRETON IN THE EARLY YEARS. LATER FROM THAT ISLAND CAME MR. & MRS. NEIL MACLEOD AND ARCHIE ROSS. THE GILCHRIST FAMILY CAME OF THEIR OWN ACCORD FROM ISLAY AND SETTLED ON THE SECOND OF BRUCE OVER A HUNDRED YEARS AGO. MY MOTHER'S PEOPLE WERE AMONG THOSE EVICTED FROM THE ISLE OF SKYE AND SETTLED IN GLENGARRY, THE LAND OF RALPH CONNOR. WHILE VISITING THERE SOME YEARS AGO WE HEARD MANY TALES OF OUR GRANDFATHER'S BROTHER, CHARLES MACDONALD, WHO WAS A ELDER THEREFOR OVER SEVENTY YEARS. ONE OF HIS FAMOUR (sic) SAYINGS WAS "THERE IS NOTHING TOO GOOD FOR THE HOUSE OF THE LORD". I CAN'T REFRAIN FROM TELLING THIS STORY ABOUT HIM WHICH I THINK WILL BE OF INTEREST TO A MEMBER OF OUR ASSOCIATION. IT SEEMS THE TIME HAD COME FOR HIM TO CHOOSE A WIFE. HE HAD TWO FAIR LADIES IN MIND. THIS CERTAIN DAY HE SET OUT INTENDING TO SETTLE THE MATTER. BEING VERY DEVOUT, HE FERVENTLY PRAYED THAT HIS HORSE WOULD BE GUIDED TO TURN IN AT THE RIGHT GATE. IN TELLING THE STORY AFTERWARDS HE SAID "I WOULDN'T SAY I DIDN'T PULL A LITTLE ON THE RIGHT LINE WHEN I GOT TO ALEXIS' GATE. THIS ALEXIS WAS A GREAT-GRANDAUNT OF

MRS. HUTTON AS SHE WAS A SISTER OF HER GREAT GRANDFATHER NORMAN MACDONALD OF THE B LINE.

ON THE CLOSING OF THE LITTLE CHURCH ON THE TENTH, THE ALLEN BELL FAMILY, TENA MACLEAN AND HER BROTHERS, THE SLESSOR FAMILIES AND THE W.H. MACKINNON FAMILY JOINED OUR CONGREGATION, SOME OF WHOM WERE DESCENDED FROM PEOPLE FROM THE ISLAND OF TIREE.

WE REGRET THAT AN ITEM WHICH THE PRINTER OMITTED CONCERNED JOHN D. MCARTHUR WHO WAS ALSO FROM THE ISLAND OF TIREE. RECENTLY WE CELEBRATED AN OLD FASHIONED COMMUNION SEASON. IN EARLY DAYS THE PREPARATORY SERVICES WERE HELD FOR THE WEEK, I BELIEVE AND FRIDAY WAS QUESTIONING DAY WHEN PEOPLE ASKED QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSED AND EXPLAINED VARIOUS PASSAGES OF SCRIPTURE. IT IS SAID THAT JOHN D. MACARTHUR WAS THE MOST GIFTED IN THESE DISCUSSIONS. HE ALSO OFFICIATED AT FUNERALS AND OTHER RELIGIOUS SERVICES WHEN OUR CHURCH WAS WITHOUT A MINISTER. JOHN KENNEDY, FOR MANY YEARS A FAITHFUL WORKER IN OUR CHURCH, WAS ANOTHER ONE OF TIREE DESCENT. THE MCINNIS AND BLACK FAMILIES WERE ALSO.

DURING THE NEXT QUARTER OF A CENTURY CAM IRISH FAMILIES FROM THE NORTH OF IRELAND. THESE INCLUDED THE ROWAN'S, FITZSIMMON'S, GAMBLE'S, WOOD'S, WEBB'S, CUNNINGHAM'S, SHAW'S AND MCNALLY'S. LATER FAMILIES WERE THE THOMPSON'S, FUNSTON'S, MCKINNETT'S, GREEWS AND IRWIN'S. WHEN OUR OLD FRIEND MRS. TAYLOR (BETTER KNOWN AS MRS. MCKINNETT) VISITED US RECENTLY SHE TOLD US HER IRISH PREACHER HAD SAID THE BEST SCOTCH CAME FROM THE NORTH OF IRELAND. HE HAD IN MIND THAT MANY OF THE PROTESTANTS OF THE NORTH OF IRELAND WERE COVENANTERS WHO HAD FLED FROM SCOTLAND TO IRELAND LEAVING EVERYTHING BEHIND FOR THEIR RELIGION'S SAKE. IT WAS DURING THESE RELIGIOUS PERSECUTIONS THAT ALL MY FATHER'S PEOPLE WENT FROM SCOTLAND TO IRELAND. MY GRANDMOTHER MCNALLY'S GRANDFATHER, THE REV. JOHN MARSHALL, WAS ONE OF THOSE. THE CUNNINGHAMS AND PROBABLY OTHER OF THOSE IRISH FAMILIES LEFT SCOTLAND AT THAT SAME TIME. WITH THE SCARCITY OF MINISTERS AS IT IS IN CANADA TODAY, I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE WOULD DO WITHOUT THESE PREACHERS WHO HAVE COME TO USE FROM THE NORTH OF IRELAND. OUTSTANDING AMONG THEM IS ONE WHOM WE ALL KNOW THE REV. MR. NIMMO OF WINGHAM.

ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THE IRISH FAMILIES ARRIVED CAME FAMILIES FROM THE LOWLANDS OF SCOTLAND, THE WRIGHTS. BARRIES, HENDRYS. OTHER FAMILIES THE HUSTONS, FLETTS, SPENCES AND CRUICKRANKS CAME HERE WHEN THIS CHURCH WAS KNOWN AS GREENOCK.

AT THAT TIME ALSO CAME ENGLISH FAMILIES THE POCKS, THE STEVENSONS AND WILLIAM BROOKS WHOSE WIFE, MRS. JANE BROOKS, WAS NOTED IN OUR BOOKLET.

I CANNOT TAKE TIME TONIGHT TO TELL ABOUT ALL THE FAMILIES WHO AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER ATTENDED THIS CHURCH-THE MACLEODS, MCKINNONS, THE MACKAYS, MACLEANS, CAMPBELLS, MACDONALDS, CAMERONS, MCFADYENS, MCSWEYNS, MCRAES, MCARTHURS, ROSS'S, MCGILLIVARYS. MARTINS, MONTGOMERYS, MCINNIS', MACKENZIES, ROBERTSONS, PINKERTONS, FRASERS, KERRS, MORRISONS, NICHOLSONS, FERGUSONS, MCINTOSHES, WRIGHTSONS, MCCLURES, MCIVERS, ROBINSONS, MCCORMICKS, MCDIARMIDS, DEEHANS, RUSSELLS, MUNROS, PARKERS, BROWNS, NEILS, MCKINNEY, SUTHERLANDS, MCKEEMANS, MCDOUGALLS, MCKELVEYS, STEWARTS, FISHERS, HEDLEYS,

GORDONS, PASSMORES, MCCALDENS, MCVICARS, GUESTS, CHALMERS, CHAMBERS, MOULTONS, ARNOTTS, WILSONS, SYMONS, WEBSTERS, JOHNSTONS AND PATTERSONS WAS WELL AS OTHERS I HAVE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED. IF I HAVE OMITTED ANY FAMILIES WHO AT ANYTIME WORSHIPPED IN THIS CHURCH I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THEM TO ADD TO MY LIST.

FROM ALL THESE VARIOUS SOURCES CAME THE WOMEN WHO FORMED OUR ORGANIZATION AND HAVE CARRIED ON THROUGH THE YEARS.

IN OUR BOOKLET WE OMITTED THE FACT THAT JOHN CAMERON OF THE TWELFTH OF GREENOCK KNOWN AS BIG JOHN WAS THE ONLY ONE LIVING AT THE TIME OF THE SEMI-CENTENNARY CELEBRATION WHO REMEMBERED THE EARLIEST HISTORY OF OUR COMMUNITY. HE PASSED THROUGH HERE IN 1852. ONE OF HIS SISTERS, MRS. PINKERTON WAS THE MOTHER OF ALEX WHOSE FAMILY ATTEND OUR CHURCH. ANOTHER SISTER, MRS. ECKFORD WAS THE GRANDMOTHER OF LT. COL. JOHN MCRAE WHO WROTE "IN FLANDERS FIELDS", THE GEM OF ALL THE POETRY WRITTEN DURING WORLD WAR1.

IN OUR BOOKLET REFERENCE IS MADE TO HUGH CAMERON, CLERK OF THE SESSION, WHEN THIS CHURCH WAS CALLED GREENOCK. THOSE WHO HAVE READ THE BOOKLET KNOW HE WAS A TEACHER IN SCOTLAND AND POSSESSED A LIBRARY OF CHOICE BOOKS. IT WAS HIS CUSTOM NOT ONLY TO READ AND DISCUSS THESE BOOKS IN GROUPS BUT ALSO TO LEND THEM OUT TO INDIVIDUALS TO READ. ONE DAY WHEN HE CALLED TO SEE MY GRANDMOTHER MACDONALD HE INQUIRED OF HER IF SHE HAD READ A CERTAIN BOOK HE HAD LENT HER. HER ANSWER WAS "NO HUGHIE I HAVEN'T" TO WHICH HIS REPLY WAS "OH FLORA FLORA TOO TAKEN UP WITH THE AFFAIRS OF THIS WORLD". MAYBE THERE WOULD BE SOME EXCUSE FOR THIS PIONEER WOMAN WHO WAS THE MOTHER OF ELEVEN CHILDREN.

ANOTHER PERSON TO WHOM REFERENCE IS MADE IN THE BOOKLET IS THE BLIND COLPORTEUR, JOHN MCNEIL. I REGRET THAT THIS INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM WAS INCORRECT AS IN HIS EARLY DAYS HE LIVED WITH HIS MOTHER NEAR RIPLEY. WHEN TRAVELLING IN THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY HE MADE HIS HOME AT MY GRANDFATHER MACDONALD'S. ON SUCH OCCASIONS HE WAS ALWAYS ASKED TO PRAY AT FAMILY WORSHIP FOR HE WAS ESPECIALLY GIFTED IN PRAYER. DURING ONE OF HIS LONG GIFTED PRAYERS MY UNCLE STAYED ON HIS KNEES AS LONG AS HE COULD STAND IT. THEN HE SLIPPED OUT TO THE BARN, HARNESSSED THE HORSES AND WAS PLOUGHING FOR SOMETIME BEFORE JOHN MCNEIL FINISHED THE PRAYER.

DURING COMMUNION SEASON PEOPLE FROM OTHER CHURCHES WALKED MILES TO ATTEND. TO GLAMIS THEY WALKED FROM RIPLEY, KINCARDINE AND TIVERTON AND THE OTHER SURROUNDING TOWNSHIPS. I OFTEN HEARD MOTHER SAY THAT DURING COMMUNION SEASON THEIR FAMILY NEVER HAD ANYTHING BUT A FLOOR BED. NOT ONLY AT COMMUNION SEASON DID PEOPLE WALK LONG DISTANCES TO CHURCH. ONE OF THE WILLIAM BARTIE FAMILY WAS TELLING US THAT HER FATHER AND MOTHER CARRYING A BABY AND ALL THE OTHER CHILDREN WALKED FROM LOVAT TO GLAMIS CHURCH. MRS. ROBERT IRWIN FROM

PAISLEY SAID THAT WHEN YOUNG SHE WORKED FOR A FAMILY AT BAIE-DE-DORE WHO USED TO COME HERE CARRYING A BABY. MANY ANOTHER TALE HAVE I HEARD ABOUT OUR FAITHFUL AND LOYAL MEMBERS OF LONG AGO WHO WALKED FOR MILES FROM THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH, THE EAST AND THE WEST TO ATTEND SERVICES HERE.

NO DOUBT SOME OF THE OLDER MEMBERS OF THE PRESENT CONGREGATION HAVE HEARD OF THE BLACK DAY IN SEPT.1881. IT WAS SO DARK THE MEN COULDN'T SEE TO WORK IN THE FIELDS. NEIL

MACLEAN, WHO LIVED ON THE EAST FIFTY OF THE JIMMY GILCHRIST FARM WAS OUR NEAREST NEIGHBOUR AS WE THEN OWNED THE SERAFIN NACZYNSKI FARM. THAT DAY, MR. MACLEAN HURRIED HOME TO TELL HIS WIFE TO DRESS IN HER BEST FOR THE DAY OF JUDGMENT WAS AT HAND. SO SHE DRESSED IN HER BEST AND SAT IN STATE WAITING TO MEET ST. PETER AT THE PEARLY GATE. ON THE 12TH OF GREENOCK, NATHANIEL FITZSIMMONS SR., WHO WAS A VERY DEVOUT CHRISTIAN, WENT UP AND DOWN THE LINE TELLING THE PEOPLE TO REPENT OF THEIR SINS BEFORE THE JUDGMENT DAY. HOWEVER NEXT MORNING THE WORLD WAS STILL HERE BUT COVERED BY A COATING OF FINE WHITE ASH. THAT WAS AN AGE WHEN NEWS TRAVELLED SLOWLY SO IT WAS SOMETIME LATER THEY LEARNED THERE HAD BEEN A GREAT FIRE ACROSS THE LAKE IN MICHIGAN WHICH HAD CAUSED THE DARKNESS.

IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR US IN THIS MODERN AGE TO PICTURE THE PRIMITIVE CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THESE PEOPLE LIVED. WE HAVE OUR FINE ROADS AND AUTOMOBILES WHILE THEY TRUDGED ALONG THE BLAZED TRAILS THROUGH DENSE WOODS AND CROSSED STREAMS WITHOUT BRIDGES. BEFORE THE FIRST GLAMIS STORE WAS OPENED BY CRAWTORD'S IN 1860 THE NEAREST STORE WAS IN TIVERTON. WE LIVE IN COMFORTABLE HOMES WITH ALL MODERN CONVENIENCES. THEY LIVED IN SHANTIES HEATED BY A SMOKY FIREPLACE ON WHICH THEY DID THEIR COOKING AND WHERE THE ONLY SOURCE OF LIGHT WAS FROM HOMEMADE TALLOW CANDLES. TODAY WE HAVE ALL KINDS OF MODERN MECHANIZED MACHINERY WHICH SHORTENS THE HOURS AND LIGHTENS THE WORK OF THE FARMER. ALL THEIR WORK WAS DONE BY HAND USING ONLY CRUDE IMPLEMENTS MANY OF WHICH ARE ON VIEW IN THE SOUTHAMPTON MUSEUM. ONE CANNOT PICTURE THE DIFFICULTIES OF SEEDING AND HARVESTING AMONG THE STUMPS IN THOSE EARLY DAYS. LIFE WAS EQUALLY HARD OR MAYBE HARDER FOR THE WOMEN WHO HELPED WITH ALL THIS WORK AS WELL AS RAISING LARGE FAMILIES WITHOUT MEDICAL CARE:- WHO HAD TO CLOTHE THEMSELVES WITH CLOTH MADE FROM THE RAW WOOL OF THE SHEEP AND WHO HAD EVEN TO BRAID THEIR HATS FROM THE FINE STRAW THEY GREW. HAVING TO GROW AND PREPARE ALL THEIR FOOD IT WAS OFTEN VERY SCARCE. LIFE WAS SO HARD FOR THEM THAT MANY OF THEM SURVIVED ONLY BY THE MERCY OF GOD AND THE KINDNESS OF THEIR NEIGHBOURS.

THIS TRUE STORY WAS TOLD TO US ABOUT A PIONEER WOMAN FROM GLAMIS. WHEN SHE WAS ON HER WAY TO TIVERTON TO SHOP AT THE STORE, SHE STOPPED IN AT A HOME WHERE SHE KNEW THE MOTHER WAS IN BED AFTER THE BIRTH OF A CHILD. FINDING THE FAMILY IN DESTITUTE CIRCUMSTANCES SHE STOPPED AGAIN ON HER WAY HOME WITH SUGAR AND INSTRUCTED AN OLDER CHILD HOW TO PREPARE FOOD FOR THE BABY. THEN SHE WALKED OUT OF HER WAY TO THE SECOND OF BRUCE WHERE SHE KNEW THEY WERE TO HAVE A PRAYER MEETING THAT NIGHT. SHE TOLD THEM IT WAS A GREAT SHAME TO HAVE ONE OF THEIR COUNTRY WOMAN IN SUCH DISTRESS. NEXT DAY WHEN THE FOOD BEGAN TO ARRIVE SHE THOUGHT IT WAS IN ANSWER TO HER PRAYERS FOR HELP, NOT KNOWING THAT IT WAS THROUGH A HUMAN MEDIUM.

AT THIS POINT I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE MENTION OF ONE OF OUR LATE MEMBERS WHOM MANY OF YOU KNOW AND WHO DID REAL PIONEER WORK IN MORE RECENT YEARS. I REFER TO MRS. W. H. MACKINNON WHO WAS KNOWN FOR HER LOYALTY TO THE CHURCH AND THE USE SHE MADE OF HER GOD GIVEN TALENTS. WHEN THE CHILDREN OF HER NEIGHBOURHOOD HADN'T A CHANCE TO GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO FAR FROM TIVERTON, SHE AND CASSIE MACKINNON ORGANIZED A SUNDAY SCHOOL WHERE NOT ONLY THE CHILDREN OF THE TENTH BUT THOSE OF THE BOUNDARY ALSO

WERE WELL TRAINED. OTHER TEACHERS IN THAT SUNDAY SCHOOL WERE MR. W. H.MACKINNON AND THE LATE MINA CUNNINGHAM.

ALTHOUGH MRS. ROBINSON URGED ME TO TAKE ALL THE TIME I WANTED, I FEEL I HAVE ALREADY SAID ENOUGH AND PROBABLY MORE THAN YOU WANTED TO HEAR ABOUT THE EARLIER HISTORY OF THE CHURCH. TO STRENGTHEN YOUR MORALE WHILE I FINISH, I CAN ASSURE YOU, YOU WILL RECEIVE AFTERWARDS A GOOD LUNCH AND A FINE CUP OF TEA. FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE WHO HAVE NOT READ OUR BOOKLET I SHALL READ THE ARTICLE CONTAINED THEREIN CONCERNING THE ORGANIZATION OF OUR WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

AND NOW AS I LOOK TOWARD THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH IN THE SECOND CENTURY I THINK OF CHRIST'S LAST COMMAND "GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL, BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM". WE HAVE NOT OBEYED THAT COMMAND AS WE SHOULD HAVE BY GIVING OF OUR TIME, OUR TALENTS, OUR ENERGY AND OF THE ABUNDANCE WITH WHICH GOD HAS BLESSED US TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD AND AS A RESULT THE VERY SURVIVAL OF CHRISTIANITY IS THREATENED. CHRIST SAID, BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM, JUST WHERE THEY WERE, JUST WHERE WE ARE IN OUR OWN CHURCH IN GLAMIS. I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER WAY TO ENSURE THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH IN THE FUTURE THAN BY TRAINING THE YOUNG FOR LEADERSHIP. A HALF HOUR A WEEK IN SUNDAY SCHOOL IS A GOOD BEGINNING BUT SO MUCH MORE EFFECTIVE WHEN FOLLOWED BY GOOD TRAINING AT HOME. AND THE CHURCH CAN DO MORE, TOO.

THOSE OF US WHO WERE AT THE THANKOFFERING MEETING OF THE LOVAT HOME HELPERS AT PAISLEY HEARD MR. FUNSTON NAME THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH - NAMELY MISSION BAND, EMPLOYERS AND C.G.I.T.

LET US EACH PONDER SERIOUSLY THIS MOST VITAL MATTER IN THE LIFE OF A CHURCH AND A NATION - THE TRAINING OF OUR CHILDREN.