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INTRODUCTION.

A task of such importance as that of describing the firm rooting and sturdy growth of Presbyterianism in Prince Edward Island falls very appropriately to one for so many years prominent in the religious councils of the community.

Mr. MacLeod's first charge was at Richmond Bay, but his labors for the twelve years succeeding 1859 were in Nova Scotia. He was called from his pastorate at New Glasgow to shepherd the large flock of Zion Church at the insular capital, Charlottetown, where he was inducted on July 19, 1871. For eighteen years his labors in this field, though modestly touched upon by his pen, deserve a generous part in this history. For the same period he was continuously the clerk of Presbytery.

In June, 1889, Mr. MacLeod resigned his pastorate at Zion and crossed the great American continent to Vancouver to take charge of a small band of Presbyterians organized into a preaching station by Puget Sound Presbytery. Soon this station was received into the Canadian Presbytery, organized into a congregation with Mr. MacLeod as pastor and erected a Zion Presbyterian church. Both this and the First Church being in debt, the two pastors, Messrs. Meekle and MacLeod, resigned so that the two churches might unite and pay their obligations. Since then Mr. MacLeod has been laboring as an ordained evangelist within Presbyterial bounds with a vigor and energy scarcely diminished with age.

The preparation of this book has been to him a labor inspired by the true historian's motives and guided by the historian's zeal for accuracy.

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