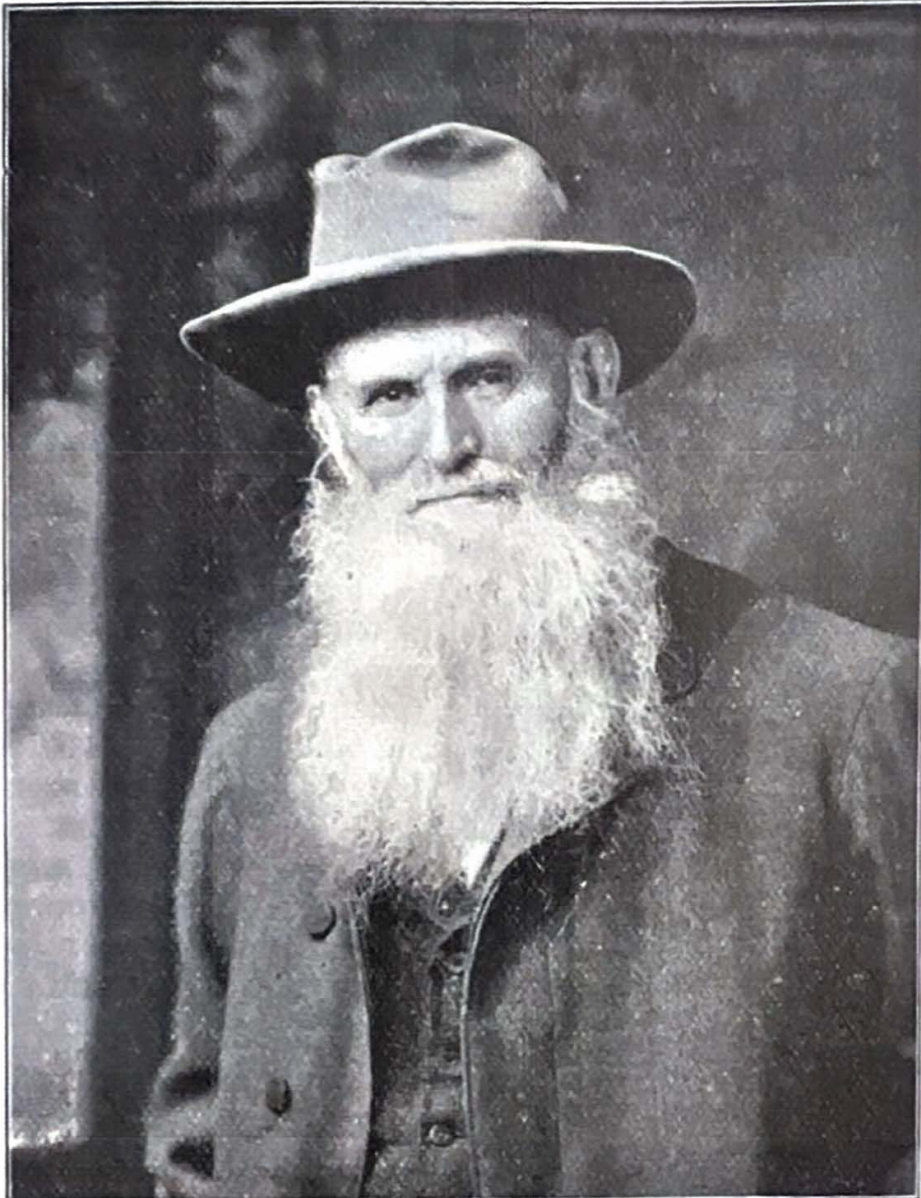


## A FAITHFUL HERALD OF THE CROSS.



*Photo by M Isaac & Riddle, Oban.* DONALD ROSS, Pioneer Evangelist.

**D**ONALD ROSS was indeed a remarkable man. He was born eighty-one years ago in the Scottish Highlands. At the age of fifteen he was brought to a knowledge of the soul-saving truth of the Gospel. Here is the story of what he described as "a plain statement of an old-fashioned conversion," written by himself:

"I was saved in Inchdown, Roskeen, Ross-shire, about four or five weeks over my fifteenth year. I was awakened through the illness of a Mr. Durcan, and received Christ as my own personal Saviour in the Young Plantation, Knocknavez, through that verse, John 18. 8, "If ye seek Me, let

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these go their way," about 5.30 p.m. on a Thursday in March: saw, and understood, and believed in Christ as my own Substitute for the first time in my life, and at once, that very afternoon, began to preach Christ to others as the only Saviour. From the moment I was saved my thoughts always were: 'Cannot I do something here and now for the honour of Him who redeemed me, and for the poor, perishing world around me.'

From 1858 to 1860 he was missionary among the miners of Newmains, Lanarkshire. In 1860 he was appointed secretary and superintendent of the North-east Coast Mission, making the city of Aberdeen his headquarters. During the ten years that he filled this important and responsible position he was greatly used of God in the conversion of souls. These were the glorious "revival days," when the Holy Spirit worked so wondrously in Scotland. Thousands of persons of all ranks and classes were aroused from their slumber, and were earnestly inquiring what they had to do to be saved. Multitudes were brought to know Him whom to know is life eternal, and openly confessed Christ as their Saviour.

Mr. Ross gathered around him a band of earnest, aggressive gospellers. The "war" was carried into the enemy's camp, and citadels of Satan were attacked and captured. In country districts and in fishing villages; in towns and cities the heralds of the Cross were busy. Brownlow North and James Turner, Hay-M'Dowall Grant and Reginald Radcliffe, Lord Kintore and Richard Weaver, Gordon Forlong and Harrison Ord, Duncan Mathieson and Donald Ross, gathered numerous sheaves of golden grain for the Lord of the harvest. Duncan Mathieson and Donald Ross were men of kindred spirits, and were splendid Gospel pioneers. Mathieson was accustomed to speak of his friend as "that Caledonian warrior." Mr. Ross was "instant in season, out of season," in warning the unsaved of coming wrath and judgment, and pointing them to Christ, the sinner's refuge. In 1876 he went to America, where, with the exception of two or three visits to his native land, he continued to labour till called home on 13th February, 1903.

Mr. Ross was essentially a Gospel preacher. At fairs and races, in tents, halls, barns, chapels, music-halls, theatres, cottages, and in the open-air he sounded out the wondrous story of salvation through the Blood of the Lamb. M.