

of Canadian winters nor the heat of Canadian summers has been able to freeze, or melt out of his nature the characteristics of his countrymen. But he had not much experience of Scottish life, for when he was five years of age, his parents left the land of heather and hill to seek in the wilds of Canada wider scope for their energies, and to secure better prospects for the future of their growing family. They settled in the Township of Lanark. What determined their choice of a location might now be difficult to ascertain, for the rocks of that place offered but a scant remuneration to the labors of the agriculturist. There is more rock than arable soil, more surface useless than what can be utilized by the farmer. There W. K. Anderson grew up to manhood. The immigrants of that early period were generally guiltless of riches. The domestic comforts and social conveniences of the present were impossible. To furnish the means of living taxed their utmost efforts, and as soon as able, necessity compelled every member of the family to contribute his quota to the support of the household. Our brother was early initiated into the privations, toils, and trials of pioneer life. Age lives in the past; youth can hardly be said to have a past, and lives in anticipation of the future. No doubt young Anderson had his dreams of what he would like to be and do when manhood was reached, but did not think that an unseen hand was shaping his course toward an employment that had not entered into his plans for himself. The toils and privations of pioneer life formed no unimportant part of his training for the hardships of the Gospel ministry, to which God, who chooses his messengers of grace from what conditions of social life he pleases, would call him in his own time and way. The unlettered fishermen of Galilee, without influence, without wealth, without any of the accessories which are supposed to give power over their fellows, would not have been the choice of men for the first disciples of Jesus, to whose hands would be committed the interests of his infant kingdom when He ascended to the Father; but they were the choice of Christ. From the ranks of the lowly He has selected many of the grandest instruments of His saving work, men whose lives and labors have been a benediction to the church and the world.

It was in the summer of 1840, when he was about nineteen