

forsake me." He stayed in the afflicted city two months, preaching every Sunday and ministering continually to the plague-stricken people. God preserved him in health and strength, and he returned to Beckwith the end of September. Naturally the terrible scourge in Montreal, following closely the ungrateful treatment he had received from many of the people whom he served so faithfully, depressed him greatly. Seeing numbers of his flock pass to the new church, the threshold of which he never crossed, he could not help observing. "Truly a prophet hath honor, save in his own country." Thus it was in Christ's day, thus it is now, and thus it will be so long as human nature is made up largely of selfishness and envy.

The first election in Lanark county after we came to Canada was in 1824. There were no newspapers to keep folks posted, no Grits and Tories, no Reformers and Conservatives, but just two candidates for Parliament, Hon. William Morris and Dr. Thom. Mr. Morris wrote to father, asking him to do something in his behalf. Father answered that he would talk to the congregation at a meeting to be held the next week. He did so, advising all to support Mr. Morris, whom he commended as a Presbyterian and a capable man. The people heard this with evident satisfaction and promised to act accordingly. Every one in the county who wanted to vote had to go to Perth to cast his ballot. The election lasted a week. Late in the afternoon of the closing day Dr. Thom was considerably ahead. His supporters were jubilant and hurrahed loudly. Just at that period the Beckwith delegation appeared in sight, having walked the whole way, Highland pipers playing the bagpipes at the head of the procession. Every man voted for Morris, electing him by a large majority. They placed him in a big chair, carried him around the town in triumph, and enjoyed their well-earned victory to the utmost. The election occurred during my first visit to Perth. It impressed me so strongly that the remembrance, seventy-five years later, is perfectly distinct. Mr. Morris did not disappoint the high opinions of the public. He served in Parliament many years, with distinguished credit and ability. One son,