

newness of the cause and by the fact that his ministry was there to be among his Highland fellow-countrymen. To qualify himself for his work, he set himself to master the Gaelic language, which, although it was his first tongue when a child, he had almost entirely forgotten. After a few months' study, he was able to preach in it.

From this charge, he was translated to Markham, 14th March, 1866. Here he labored with zeal and efficiency till his death on March 18th, 1869. He preached for the last time on March 7th, the 49th anniversary of his birth, but was so prostrated in the evening that he retired early to bed, from which he never rose. His trouble developed into typhoid pneumonia, the fever of which speedily undermined his great energy. His remains were borne from the manse at Markham to the church on Monday, 22nd March, amid the tears of an attached and loving people, service having been previously held in the house. In the church Rev. John Barclay, D.D., of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, delivered an appropriate address. Many of the people followed the remains to the Grand Trunk Railway Station at Port Union, whence they were conveyed to Perth and deposited among his own kindred, amid the sorrow of numerous relatives and friends, by whom he was greatly beloved, and over whom, as well as over the community generally, where his youth was spent, his beautiful character exercised a high and healthy influence.

He left behind a widow and nine children, the eldest of whom was only fifteen years of age.

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### Letter from Rev. Archibald Currie, M.A.

SONYA, July, 1902.

*To Congregation of St. Andrew's, Sonya :*

Dear Friends,—The original style of the congregation in the title deeds and church records was "The Congregation of Brock, Reach and Mariposa," which was afterwards shortened into Brock, etc. Although two-thirds of the congregation were in Mariposa, the church was in Brock, and thus got the name. Among many of the Eldon settlers it was called the Brolas congregation, from the fact that many of the Mull portion of the congregation came from that estate in Scotland. Owing to