

gress as a student. He learned Greek, Latin and Hebrew, paid his way through Edinburgh University by working morning and evening, was licensed to preach and returned to Canada. He became pastor of the Presbyterian church at Martintown, where he labored zealously many years and ended his days. Such was the course of one graduate from father's modest school, Rev. John McLaren.

Father was extremely diligent, shirking no responsibility and evading no duty. "Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord," he possessed the zeal of an apostle and the pertinacity of a genuine Scotch Highlander. As though the day-school, preaching, and performing the manifold offices of a pastor were not enough, he opened a Sunday School, in which my sisters taught the younger children, and conducted a large bible-class. Each member of the class learned three pages of the Catechism, one or two chapters of the New Testament and at least one Psalm weekly. In good sleighing father would visit McNabb, Horton and the back townships, to preach, baptize infants and marry young couples. Mother always accompanied him on such trips, which extended over two Sundays, furnishing the only religious services in these remote sections for years. He likewise preached occasionally at Richmond and Smith's Falls, then places of very small importance. His mission-field comprised nearly the entire country between Perth and Ottawa, in which extensive section he was long the only minister. The good seed sown with infinite toil and patience brought forth abundant fruit, "some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundred fold."

Caring for the sick added greatly to father's arduous labors. Frequently he would be roused at midnight to attend a poor woman in childbirth or relieve a case of sudden illness, walking miles on logs set lengthwise to reach the scene of distress. To slip off a log or make a miss-step meant a plunge into the swamp mud and water to the waist or neck. The men who summoned him carried large torches, which most families kept ready for