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held in high esteem in the church at large. James Allister Murray was born at Big Meadows Farm, Roger Hill, county of Pictou, N. S., in 1834. His parents emigrated from Edinburgh to Nova Scotia early in the present century. Mr. Murray had the claims of the Christian ministry early impressed upon his mind by his parents, and his education from the first was directed accordingly. He studied for some three years at a grammar school in Tatamagouche under the able superintendence of the late John Currie, famous as an expert in teaching, and afterwards at the celebrated Pictou Academy. After teaching at Salt Spring, Pictou County, for three years he entered the Presbyterian College at West River, Pictou, where he took a full course, and after an extra course at the Free Church College, Halifax, was licensed to preach in 1857 by the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island. After laboring for a short time in the home mission field of Nova Scotia, he received, almost simultaneously, four calls to important charges, viz., Newport, Maitland, Economy and Annapolis. Having referred decision as to acceptance of a call to the Presbytery of Halifax, Mr. Murray was ordained pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Annapolis Royal in 1857. This is interesting from the fact of its being the origin of the Presbyterian congregation in that beautiful old town. After three years' successful labor in his first charge, he accepted a call to the congregation of St. Luke's Church, Bathurst, N. B., in connection with the church of Scotland. He subsequently removed to Ontario and accepted a call to St. Andrew's Church, Mount Forest, from which was called to St. Andrew's Church,

Lindsay, where he labored for some years. During his ministry at Lindsay the great union of all the Presbyterian bodies in the Dominion took place, and being a strong advocate of it, Mr. Murray resigned his charge in order to promote the union of the local congregations. Within a short time he was called to St. Andrew's Church, Niagara Falls, St. Andrew's, Hamilton, and St. Andrew's, London. This was in 1875, and Mr. Murray accepted the latter, which is one of the most eligible congregations in the Dominion. In 1861 he was married to Georgina, second daughter of the late William O. Smith, of St. John, N. B., who still survives him, as well as two sons. His death, which had for some time been expected, took place on Sabbath evening, 21st ult., under circumstances peculiarly touching. The pulpit was occupied for the day by the Rev. Dr. Milligan of Toronto. At the close of a powerful sermon he quoted the words of the hymn:

"Part of the host have crossed the flood,  
And part are crossing now,"

which applied to the then dying divine. Just before the benediction a message announced Mr. Murray's death in the adjoining manse. Dr. Milligan conveyed the information to the congregation with a few fervent and touching allusions to the deceased, which brought tears to the eyes of many and sadness to the hearts of all. As regards his personal qualities, says a contemporary, the *London Advertiser*: "They were impressed upon all who came within the range of his influence. He was a man of unusual ability and strong character. His naturally vigorous mind was cultivated and graced by ripe scholarship and profound reflection, and as a pulpit orator he ranked among the highest in the denomination. The prosperity of St. Andrew's under his charge, and the devotion he inspired in his flock, were testimonies to his worth and popularity as a pastor as well as preacher. By his death the congregation suffers an almost irreparable loss, the Presbytery of London is deprived of a moving spirit in counsel and action, and the church in Canada one of its brightest ornaments."

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When young, a stronger or more hearty man could not be found, but possessed of an iron constitution, he did what too many are prone to do, neglected his health, and exposed himself to all sorts of weather, often in the pursuit of his calling as a farmer, being wet to the skin for hours at a time. A little over seventeen years ago he found that he had contracted rheumatism of a muscular form, and each succeeding day found him in a worse condition. He applied to the local doctors in his neighborhood, but received no relief, and was then induced by them to apply for admission to the General Hospital at Toronto for treatment, and was in that institution for several months, until he became disheartened at the want of success attending his treatment and returned home, as was thought, to die. By this time the muscles of his body had become so contracted that he could not straighten his limbs, and was forced to spend the greater part of his time in bed, and when able to get around at all, it was only with the aid of a stout pair of crutches. When he attempted to raise to his feet, his legs would crack at the knees like sticks of wood, caused, as the doctors told him, by the fluid in the joints being completely dried up.

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