

the Word in their beloved vernacular. Mr. Bell not knowing Gaelic, father conducted the entire service, which opened by singing the ever-dear One Hundredth Psalm—"Togadh gach tir ard-islach ghlavidh, do Dhia Jehobah mor." He preached with great effectiveness from the text: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and on earth." The discourse extolled the Saviour of the world, who shed His blood to redeem our lost race. Tears flowed down the furrowed cheeks of hoary listeners, to whom the service and the language brought back vividly the scenes of their youth in Scotland. Heads, white with the snows no July sun could melt, bent low to weep silently. Every heart was stirred and every eye moist. The story of redeeming love and triumph had lost none of its wondrous power and beauty. When he had pronounced the benediction, hundreds pressed forward to clasp father's hand and beg him to come again. Although three quarters of a century have passed away since that glorious day, and although he who spoke and all the adults who heard have crumbled into dust, its influence still remains and a few fond hearts cherish lovingly their early recollections of "The Gaelic Sermon."

Rev. William Bell, for forty years a forceful personality in Lanark County, ministered to the first church until his death in 1857. Two sons, George and Andrew, filled Presbyterian pulpits many years. James, registrar of the county for a generation, still lives in Perth. Ebenezer taught school in North Elmsley and later cultivated a farm on Ottay Lake. The old frame church, a quaint structure, was burned by a base incendiary in 1867, after standing idle a decade. St. Andrew's congregation was organized in 1826 and reared a stone edifice in 1832. Rev. Thomas Wilson, a gifted, earnest minister, was its first pastor. He returned to Scotland eventually, dying there in 1877. The late Rev. Dr. Bain succeeded Mr. Wilson in 1846, remaining until his death in 1881. Two years ago the building was completely remodeled; Rev. Alexander H. Scott now in charge. At the disruption a large number left the old kirk, built Knox church and called