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The minute of Session when first Mr. McKinnon met the Hillsburg Session evidences the ardent, zealous spirit of the man. It reads:—"The object of the meeting was to get our newly settled pastor acquainted with the Session—with the work of the church—the communion season, the prayer-meeting, the missionary aspect, and all the spiritual work in connection with the congregation."

As a result the missionary givings increased to a great degree.

For some time the choir, in leading the praise, closed with the amen, as was the purpose of the General Assembly in issuing the new hymn book. The amen led to some discussion, and the Session passed a motion saying:—"That we continue the repeating of the amen after the singing of each hymn."

During Mr. McKinnon's pastorate the first record of the Session exercising discipline is noted in the Minute Book, and the Session also exercised its right in appointing the organist of the church. The minister was a great believer in the authority of the Session, and was always ready to champion the law of the church.

Mr. McKinnon was a fearless preacher. He never trimmed his sails. His supreme object was the salvation of souls, and the one aim of his life was to magnify his Lord.

Mrs. McKinnon was Maude Helena Edwards, and she shared with her husband to the full the purpose of their lives, the glory of God.

Richard Edward was their only son, and it was a sad blow to the parents when the bright young life was taken at the age of twenty-four, as he was preparing for the practice of law, a student at Osgoode Hall.

Mr. McKinnon was translated to the charge at Woodbridge. Compelled by ill-health and sorrow to resign, he died at Cannington in 1917.

Our hearts go out in love and sympathy to Mrs. McKinnon in her loneliness, at her home, "Aldersyde, Cannington," where she keeps constant communion with her beloved dead. "He being dead, yet speaketh."

The genial Irishman, the Rev. S. Burnside Russell, was the next in the apostolic succession in the manse at Hillsburg, although during his tenancy there was no "mistress of the manse."

Mr. Russell was educated in Queen's College, Dublin, and graduated from the Assembly's College, Belfast, in 1900.

The lure of the west led him to the States, where at Princeton