

In a letter received from her (1924), with some snap-shots enclosed, in one of which she is standing beside some gigantic sunflowers grown from seed taken west from the farm at Cookstown where she was born, she says that her heart is still true to Simcoe County.

"All our family," she writes, "will return ultimately to the family plot at Cookstown for burial. The reason? I have told it somewhere in one of my books—'The land where you were born lies lighter to your bones.' Always when I go 'down home' the words uppermost in my mind are these:—

When I forget thee,

Land of Desire,

My hands shall be folded

And my feet not tire."

Mrs. Murphy also kindly sent an account of a Simcoe County dinner party given by Sir Wm. Mulock on the evening of December 31, 1923, in honour of Dr. Gowan Ferguson and Mrs. Ferguson, of Montana, who were visiting in Toronto. Those who were present were Dr. Ferguson, born near Cookstown, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Ferguson Burke, Harcourt Ferguson, K.C., Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. Kelly, (Justice Kelly was born in Adjala Township), Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. Haughton Lennox (Barrie), Hon. Mr. Justice Smith (not born in Simcoe, but whose student days were spent in Collingwood), Dr. F. C. Banting, of Alliston, Mrs. G. W. Monck (sister of Sir Wm. Mulock), Mrs. Carlton Monck, and Sir Wm. Mulock, the host. At midnight the guests assembled in the great hall and clasping hands sang "Auld Lang Syne" as the bells rang out the old year, and ushered in the new.

The man who played the part of host to this gathering of friends was the Hon. Sir Wm. Mulock, K.C.-M.G., Chief Justice of Ontario, born at Bond Head, January 19, 1844, son of Dr. T. H. Mulock and Mary Cawthra Mulock. Sir Wm. Mulock has been an outstanding figure in Canada for many years, having held many important posts. For many years he represented the County of York in the Dominion Parliament, was Vice-Chancellor of Toronto University, Postmaster-General for Canada 1896-1905, and Minister of Labor 1900-1905. It was to the good offices of Sir Wm. Mulock that we owe the penny postage in the Empire—adopted by the Inter-Imperial Conference in 1898, and existing till some time during the war, when it had to be changed in order to raise revenue needed for extra expenses during the war. He served several times as Governor for the Province of Ontario during the absence of the Lieutenant-Governor. Sir Wm. Mulock has a palatial home at Newmarket, and spends most of his time there in the summer. He is a most generous giver to all charitable or patriotic objects.

Many other prominent lawyers have come from Simcoe County, some of whom are Sir Wm. Glenholme Falconbridge, who was educated at Barrie, W. A. Boys, M.P., K.C., Hon. Richard Harcourt, Hon. Dr. W. A. Willoughby, Hon. Featherstone Osler and many others.