

the Western States, viz. : " Experience proves that it takes three sets of pioneers to make a permanent population. The first settler, with rare exception, ekes out a half-starved existence until he can make proof on his land. By this time he is ready to sell out to some of the second crop of pioneers, men who bring a little money with them to fight the battle with. As a rule, though, the necessity of incurring debts to keep things going beats this second class, and they in turn give way to the thrifty farmers who come prepared and able to stay."

The pioneer settlers in Southern Alberta are not the nomadic, wandering class described by the journalist south of the boundary line; these are the farmers "who came to stay," and there are no more skilful or successful agriculturists in any of the older counties of Ontario.

The following year, in June, 1887, the youngest of the sisters before mentioned, Ethel, was suddenly laid low with bronchitis. Doctor Kennedy was brought from Macleod, thirty miles distant. He had to cross two unbridged rivers, swollen with the June rains and the melting snow of the mountains. But no skill availed against the insatiate monster, Death; the tyrant soon performed his deadly work with this dear girl, but she passed down the dark valley fearing no evil.

The two overflowing rivers intervened between us and the burial-ground at Macleod, but the swelling waters did not deter faithful friends from coming to our sorrowing home. Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Grady, with the Rev. Mr. Bridgman and others, came