

V.—THE GOOD SEED.

"In the morning sow thy seed, in the evening withhold not thy hand."

Open-air services had been held six Sundays, the crops were secured and winter was approaching, when the people set about providing a house of worship. Father disliked to hurry them, because they were poor and worked hard. At last they made a "bee," cut and drew logs, split troughs for the roof, and quickly reared a rough building. It was cold, smoky and exceedingly uncomfortable in winter, but the services were always well attended. At a meeting to fix the minister's salary it was agreed that each family should pay three dollars a year, or one dollar and two bushels of wheat. Alexander Dewar, John Carmichael, John Ferguson and Duncan McDonald were elected elders and solemnly ordained in due time. It was arranged that all the families in a section should meet father at one house to be examined and catechized. Owing to bad roads and great distances it was not possible to visit them separately. His first visit under this arrangement was at Donald McLaren's, where the whole neighborhood assembled. He examined old and young as to their knowledge of the Bible, the Catechism, and the fundamental doctrines of Christianity. Other meetings followed, until every section and family had been reached. A few Irish settlers, members of the Episcopal church, attended service regularly and in case of sickness or death would send for father as readily as though he were their rector. The heads of Presbyterian families, as nearly as they can be recalled, the register having been burned fifty years ago, were :

John Carmichael.
Peter Carmichael.
Donald Kennedy.
Alexander Kennedy.
Donald Anderson.

Alexander Dewar.
Archibald Dewar.
Malcolm Dewar.
Peter Dewar.
John Dewar.

John Ferguson.
James Ferguson.
Duncan Ferguson
Duncan Campbell
Duncan Robertson.