

recall the correct place. Every man and woman had a copy of the sacred volume, waiting to turn to the text. In this emergency Mr. Smart suddenly recalled a sermon he had delivered years before from the words of Zephaniah : "It may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger." He discoursed with great power and fervency. Rev. Thomas Wilson and Rev. Mr. Fairbairn were gifted preachers of the Established Church. Rev. Mr. McAllister succeeded Dr. Gemmill and later joined the Old Kirk. All were faithful expounders of the pure gospel, untainted by recent fads and the vagaries of the Higher Criticism.

Although these additions lessened the distances father needed travel, the wants of the Beckwith folk multiplied constantly. For twelve years he toiled incessantly, never sparing himself or his substance, never seeking his own comfort, never enjoying a period of relaxation, never tiring of ministering to the souls and bodies of those committed to his care. Others built on the foundations he laid, reaped part of the harvest he planted and watered, gathered some of the sheaves long after he had gone to his reward ; but father, the pioneer herald of salvation, first sowed in and around Beckwith the good seed that was to spring up and bear much fruit to the glory of the Great Head of the church.

