

wielded a ready pen and wrote trenchant articles in behalf of morality and sobriety. An efficient member of Rev. Dr. Taylor's church; she taught a large class in the Sunday School and was foremost in every good work. Rarely has her acquaintance with the Scriptures been equalled. She could repeat most of the Bible word for word. A short illness closed her busy, consistent life on the twentieth of November, 1836, on the eve of her prospective marriage. Railroads had not been built in Canada so that her body could not be brought to Perth for interment. For this reason Catharine Buchanan slumbers in a Montreal cemetery, far from friends and kindred. Mother's absence in Scotland and her own engagement to a leading publisher, to whom she was soon to be married, invested Catharine's death, away from home and among comparative strangers, with unusual pathos.

"Leaves have their times to fall,
And flowers to wither at the north wind's breath,
And stars to set, but all,
Thou hast all seasons for thine own, O Death!"

Ann, the fifth daughter, was especially helpful to father during the last years of his life, reading to him, writing many of his letters and aiding him in manifold ways. Although her advantages in the backwoods were very limited, her fine literary taste found expression in the study of choice books in contributions of decided merit to the religious press. She wrote frequently for the Montreal Witness, John Dougall's excellent weekly. Whether prose or poetry, both of which she penned readily, her articles were read eagerly. A memory wonderfully retentive enabled her to assimilate easily the best works that came under her reach. For fifty years an earnest Sunday School worker, not a few precious souls were saved through her instrumentality. In 1841 she married Peter McLaurin, of West Hawkesbury, Prescott county, a school-teacher and farmer of the highest character. The happy union was dissolved by the death of the loving husband from the effects of a cold, on the eleventh of April, 1843. The stricken widow sold the