

ated forever amid the beatific conditions, where "decay's effacing fingers will never sweep the lines where beauty lingers," nor diminish its abiding felicities.

The early life of Dr. Nelles was compassed about with manifold advantages.

Inheriting from his father many of the strong attributes of mind peculiar to the Germanic nature, from his mother he received that grace, and almost feminine gentleness, which surrounded his manhood with a special charm. The cast of his mind seemed to combine at once the strength of the Teuton and the grace of the Latin. It was in sympathy with the sad and profound dreams of Jean Paul Richter, who possessed the imagination of the dwellers of the North, while it had affinities with the versatile grace and beauty of Calderon, whose genius had diffused its subtle influence throughout the Spanish Peninsula. Indeed the poetic tendency largely dominated the man. I distinctly remember with what enthusiasm he told me of his visit to the Scottish Highlands, where, with the "Lady of the Lake" in his hands, he traversed the shores of Loch Katrine by night,

"When the midnight moon did lave  
Her forehead in the silver wave,"

and by day wandered o'er the hills where

"The creeping shrubs of a thousand dyes  
Waved in the west wind's summer sighs."

Both in the country, and in the neighbouring Republic, he was favoured with all the resources which a liberal education can confer, and most thoroughly had he availed himself of these advantages; indeed, we have seldom, if ever, met with a man more widely read, more familiar with the phases of philosophic thought, and more affluent in his knowledge of the scientific literature of our times. It was a privilege, at once rare and educating, to enjoy his conversation on topics congenial when the vigour of his intellect was brought into exercise. What the late Matthew Arnold was as the Ultima Thule of culture among the educated of the Motherland, that Dr. Nelles was to the ministry of the Methodist Church of Canada. There were minds more massive in forging thoughts great and high; speakers more vigorous and full of fiery eloquence; men who had better studied the politics of the Church, and could master