

settled in Kincardine township, which was at that time without roads or clearing, and there the young man went the round of that tuition which has proved so valuable in its results upon Canadian ministerial life. Before his fourteenth year he was at home in all the details of Canadian pioneer life. In chopping, logging, rail-splitting, etc., he took his place with the men, and knew well, even at that early age, that success in the life set before him depended upon his ability to endure hardship.

The country where his youth was spent developed very rapidly. In a remarkably short time the wilderness was subdued, and broad clearings standing with ripened grain gladdened the hearts of those who a little while ago had swung the axe in the midst of the limitless forest. The improvements which were late in coming to the earlier settled regions were not long in bringing advantages to this community. Schools sprang up with very adequate teaching facilities, and in due course the Grammar School in the town of Kincardine. Whenever he could be spared from farm duties, young McEwen availed himself of what advantages were within his reach, and from the training thus received he was enabled, in his eighteenth year, to enter the teacher's profession. During the farm life of our brother and throughout his efforts to obtain an education, God was manifestly at work upon his spiritual nature. His home influences were of the best, leading him to a thoughtful consideration of divine things. It was not, however, till his fourteenth year that any definite impression was made. At that time Dr. Wilson, well known for his successful conduct of evangelistic work, was carrying on a series of meetings at Tiverton. Many souls were brought into the fold. The work had a powerful influence throughout the neighborhood. Thirty years ago in Baptist preaching very much was made of sin, its attitude manward and Godward, and the hopelessness of the sinner's state. These were the themes dwelt upon on the occasion of which we now write, and with peculiar effectiveness the sad truth was declared. Those who remember Dr. Wilson will recall his energy of voice and gesture, and his terrible earnestness when dealing with the sinner's lost condition. At the Tiverton meetings strong men cried aloud over their guiltiness before God, and sought forgiveness with passionate anxiety. Young McEwen, among others,