

family, to hold religious meetings, reading the word of the Lord, praying and speaking and singing, all in the Gaelic tongue. To my untrained and ignorant mind, these services were most fearfully and awfully solemn. The meeting and talking and praying of those unpolished but pious Highlanders, was probably the means of my first serious thoughts in the solemn matters of salvation and eternal realities." "The names of those Christian men and women I ought to remember and record with sincere gratitude: viz.: John McLean, Peter McLean, Hector McLean, John Campbell, and their wives. Father and our neighbor, A. Campbell, after a while joined in these cottage meetings. The events and experiences of those days and nights were followed by many long dreary months of severe prostration of body and spirit, and I seemed to myself to be near death and the eternity of an unsaved sinner. In this state of conviction and deep distress the winter passed slowly on and I know not how much of next summer. . . . So I kept sighing and groaning many a weary hour, while the rest of the family were enjoying repose of quiet slumber, save my beloved mother, whose watchful ear caught every sound of pain and distress. When asked with the tenderest sympathy and concern what ailed me, I was silent because I did not want any one to know what was wrong with me. My parents thought that it was bodily sickness, and so in their kindness sent for one doctor and then another. But as neither Clarke nor Sprague understood the true state of their patient little or no benefit could be looked for. I wanted to say, but did not, these are not the doctors I need. I want the great physician of souls who can forgive and heal and save, and give peace to the troubled, weary soul. I think father suspected the cause of my disquietude, and directed my attention to passages of scripture such as Matt. 11, 28-30. These were rich and precious, but they seemed far too high and good for such as I felt myself to be."

So the weary months past but no relief came until September, when a series of special meetings was held in the Baptist church at Fort Covington, N.Y., by pastor H. Safford, assisted by Rev. John Gilmour, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Montreal. Of these meetings Mr. Gillies has left the following record: