

were announced, each Protestant on the list was praised in the peculiar fashion : "Verra gude, indeed, for a heretic !" Then singling out some member of his flock who had been rather close, he would exclaim : "Eh, mon, are ye nae ashamed o' yersel to rin behind a heretic ?"

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The population increased gradually, new settlers filled up the township and ministers and doctors followed in their wake. Rev. Jonathan Short, D.D., a man of admirable spirit and culture, had the Episcopal charge at Franktown until transferred to Port Hope. Rev. Michael Harris was long rector of the Perth congregation. Rev. George Romaine, the first Presbyterian minister at Smith's Falls, was an excellent preacher and faithful servant of Christ. He married the youngest sister of Rev. John Smith, second minister in Beckwith, inherited a large fortune in Scotland and died there at a goodly age. Every winter father had been accustomed to visit what is now the flourishing town of Smith's Falls, to hold services, baptize children and dispense the Communion. On such occasions he usually stayed with the Simpsons or the Goulds, then the principal business people in the infant settlement. Miss Simpson married the father of the late Jason Gould, who was related to Jay Gould, the great New York financier. Rev. John Cruikshank, a superior man in every way and first Presbyterian minister of Bytown, now Ottawa, visited at our house repeatedly. Rev. John McLaghlan held Covenanter services in Perth occasionally for many years. He was sincere, earnest and eloquent, and was settled at Carleton Place. Rev. Dr. Gemmill, of Lanark ; Rev. Wm. Boyd, of Prescott, and Rev. Wm. Smart, of Brockville, distinguished preachers, were members of the first Presbytery. Once Mr. Smart came to assist father at the Sacrament. The meeting-house had been burned and the service was in the open air, with a platform for the ministers and logs to seat the people, who came in crowds from points as far as Ramsay and Carleton Place. Mr. Smart had prepared an elaborate sermon. Strangely enough, he marked the text in the wrong chapter of the Bible and could not at the moment