

infection, and by the blessing of God, and for His wise purpose, I was most mercifully preserved.

I have said nothing of my parliamentary duties, as nothing occurred of a very extraordinary nature. There have been the usual bickerings and low personalities between the place men and place hunters, between the "ins" and the "outs." The pretended Liberals or Reformers, Lafontaine, Hinks & Co'y, have for long past been playing so foul and false a game, that even I, who spoke to Lord Metcalf so strongly in their favour, have been completely changed in my opinion. The Rebellion Loss Bill, their putting in fourteen of their tools at once to swamp the independent part of the Legislative Council, and many of their other base delinquencies, have opened the eyes of most of their original friends, so that at the next election there will be such a change of members in the Lower House, as will deprive them of a majority. Indeed, I think some of the present ministers will not be returned, and will hence be compelled to withdraw from public life. No doubt the foolish and iniquitous act of the mob in burning the Parliament House, has strengthened the present Ministry. But for this they would have been compelled to resign, and Lord Elgin along with them. What a blessing this would have been to Canada. The base creatures know their danger, and will begin to provide judgeships and other fat berths for themselves and friends.

Mrs. Ferrie and I had for many years past been talking of paying a visit to our native country. As I saw a very discontented spirit fast growing among the people here, particularly the formerly furiously loyal, who made advance to get me to join them, I hurried our preparations and took our passage by the ship "Mary Ann," bound for the Clyde. We sailed early in June, and had, for the season of the year, a boisterous passage of thirty-one days.

After an absence of twenty years, we had the pleasure of meeting our surviving friends and relatives in Scotland and England. Most of them were a great deal changed and time worn. Our reception by them, and generally wherever we went, and were at all known, was most cordial.

As the season of the year was advanced, we set off for Ireland, and spent some time in Dublin and the neighbourhood. We then crossed the Channel to Liverpool, where we spent ten days enjoying ourselves. We went from Liverpool to London; there we stayed a week. Then we took a steamer for France and landed in Boulogne. Seeing all in that neighborhood, we proceeded to Amiens; the Cathedral there, where the coronations took place for centuries, is magnificent. We spent two or three weeks in Paris, seeing the public buildings and gardens, art galleries and statuary, and sight-seeing in general. We were delighted with everything; but the palaces at Versailles and their surroundings threw all we had previously seen into the shade. I could with pleasure have spent a week looking at the things we had only a day to admire; it was like a dream or a scene from Fairyland as described in the famous Tales. We next went through Belgium, and stayed a week at the Belview, Brussels. We did not forget to visit the field of Waterloo. We saw the review of troops before the King, Queen and Court at Antwerp. Mrs.