

he has been located, and has also been prominent in the work of the church with which he is connected.

He has written a good deal for newspapers and religious periodicals, including a paper in the *Princeton Review*; has had several sermons and a small catechism for children published, and is the author of a small work entitled, "The Second Coming of Our Lord," Toronto, 1877. He has poetical taste and talent, and occasionally indulges in this class of composition. An unpublished scriptural drama, "The Betrayal," he has read in public in many places, with great acceptance. It is a work of decided merit.

The wife of Mr. Laing was Eliza Smith, daughter of James Smith, Toronto, married in October, 1854. They lost four children by diphtheria, and have eight living.

ANDREW ELLIOTT,

ALMONTE.

ANDREW ELLIOTT, a pioneer manufacturer of woollen cloths in Ontario, hails from Dumfriesshire, Scotland, his birth being dated April 3, 1809. His father, William Elliott, was a farmer under the Duke of Buccleuch. The maiden name of his mother was Jane Jardine. Both parents died in the old country at a good old age.

He was partly educated, by a private teacher at home, until ten years old, and since eleven has "paddled his own canoe." He worked a while with a farmer; was clerk in a store a few years; and in 1834 came to Canada, locating at Galt, in the township of Dumfries, county of Waterloo, where he was a grocer for fourteen or fifteen years, and during two thirds of that period, he was councilor for the Gore District, being subsequently reeve of Galt for a few terms.

In 1853 Mr. Elliott became connected, at Preston, with Robert Hunt, in the manufacture of woollen goods, theirs being the second factory of the kind, it is stated, in Ontario, the Barbers leading off at Georgetown, now at Streetsville. They did well and were thus engaged about ten years, when they were burned out, and our subject, soon after they had rebuilt, went into the flax business in company with George Stephen, of Montreal, an enterprise crowned with anything but brilliant success.

In 1869 Mr. Elliott disposed of his interests at Preston, removed to Almonte in the autumn of that year, bought a woollen mill, now known as the "Victoria," and in company with Samuel Sheard, is manufacturing from \$100,000 to \$120,000 worth of tweeds annually. The mill consists of two large stone buildings joined by an elevated, covered way. This mill and that of the Rosamond Woollen Company, employ something like 300 hands, and are, in