

they also longed for a faithful ministerial superintendence that might gather in wanderers, and seek after those other Scotch and Irish Protestants for whose spiritual interests no one seemed to care. Hence originated "*the first Scotch Church*" in Chicago. On application to the Canada Presbyterian Church a supply of ministers has for some years past been regularly sent to them, chiefly through the kind offices of the Presbytery of London; and in March last, my son, formerly of Kingston and St. Catherines, was inducted into the charge. In July last a suitable piece of ground in a central part of the city was purchased; and within less than two months a goodly fabric has been reared, the first flat of which, raised six feet above the ground was so constructed as to make a commodious place of meeting for 500 persons. It was opened on the first Sabbath of September; when three public services were engaged in and all largely attended. It fell to me to take the larger portion of the work on the auspicious occasion; but the Rev. Mr. Bradford, of the United Presbyterian church, and the pastor himself, took part in the services; and on the Tuesday following a social religious meeting was held, when ministers of various denominations, and several distinguished citizens, made suitable addresses; the collections altogether, on occasion of the opening, being to the amount of one thousand dollars. It is expected that from the commendable liberality of the members and other friends, the church when finished will not labour under the burden of a heavy debt.

At the distance of 140 miles from Chicago, and at about 10 from Kewanee, a rising business village on the Burlington railway, a scattered, but beautiful prairie settlement meets the eye. That is Elmira, where from 25 to 30 Scotch families reside; mostly from the Highlands and Islands of Scotland from 15 to 20 years ago; and the greater part understanding their native tongue far better than the acquired Saxon which only few have arrived at. For the sake of their children, however, and the neighboring settlers, English is as necessary as Gaelic in the minister who may be sent to them. They have asked and received acceptable supplies from the Canada Presbyterian Church, and mainly by the kind offices of the Presbytery of London. I spent nearly a week among these worthy settlers, having public worship for four days in succession largely attended; and on the intervening Lord's day the Holy Communion was dispensed to 40 communicants. The people are all in comfortable circumstances and well able to support a fixed ministry, but determined to have none, but from the Canada Presbyterian Church. I found here Mr. John Macnab, the worthy representative of a "regular apostolic succession" of pious Celtic brethren from our Church; and by this time he will be succeeded by Mr. Alexander Mackay of Tiverton, one of my esteemed Huron brethren. Of no other "living branch" of the original Celtic Church in the States could I hear; but several Gaelic families at a distance expressed to me their desire to choose Elmira as the place of their future abode, provided only they could there enjoy the glorious Gospel in the language which no distance of time or place renders less dear to their hearts. The good folks of Elmira have already built a nice church and manse, and the future occupant of these, presuming on his being a man of the "right kind," will soon find himself placed in a most desirable sphere of growing usefulness.

About sixty miles south of Elmira and within thirty of the great Mississippi I had the pleasure of spending two days with Dr. Wallace, the President of Monmouth College, a literary institution recently established in connexion with the United Presbyterian Church of the States, or at least under their superintendence, and attended by upwards of three hundred students; and, what is rather uncommon, both sexes are admitted to the