

MELVILLE CHURCH, FERGUS

Church, and many of those who were associated with her in her good works rise up and call her blessed and give God thanks that they had such a leader. Mrs. Smellie was called Home, March 11th, 1904. Her daughter, Miss I. L. Smellie, who lives on in the old home, now known as "Kirkhall", imbued with the same spirit as her mother, has worked on unceasingly for the good of Melville Church in Woman's Aid, Harvesters' Mission Band, Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Society, of which latter body she has been the Secretary for many years.

For a short time previous to Dr. Smellie's withdrawal from the active work of the ministry in 1888, Mr. J. C. Tolmie, then a student in Knox College, acted as his assistant. His young vigorous manhood and his warm interest in outdoor sports appealed strongly to the young men of that day, some of whom are still active in the congregation. His Bible Class was largely attended and much interest awakened among the young people in the general work of the church. He chose as his life-partner a daughter of one of the oldest families of



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Melville congregation in the person of Miss Margaret Fergusson, a granddaughter of the donor of the sites for the first church and manse.