

induction of the new minister; the other was a simple frame building erected the year before. This in the course of a few years gave place to a beautiful brick church, which is still in good condition. The churches are five miles apart. The congregation around each church was half Gaelic speaking, and half English. The Highlanders were chiefly from the west coast of Scotland, Argyshire, and the Islands; the English speaking were from the lowlands, with a sprinkling of warm-hearted Irish. So there had to be two services in each church, one in English, and one in Gaelic. The old minister had retained one church till, after a few years, he retired, and that church was added to the other two, and this arrangement has continued to this day. As the old members of the congregation passed away the Gaelic died with them, and now for twenty years there has been no Gaelic service in King. For many years there had to be a Gaelic table in each church at every communion, as well as a Gaelic service on each of the four days. The communion comes round more frequently now, and the service is more simple. But one misses the solemn communions of the olden days. They were then seasons to look forward to with holy longings, to look back to as the days of heaven upon the earth. This then, has been the story of St. Andrew's, King, for the last half century; three churches, three sermons every Sabbath, a drive of 22 miles. All the dread mystery of life has been at work here as everywhere else. Life and death, joy and sorrow, storm and calm, sunshine and shadow, have all been here. And yet the aged minister, who is laying aside his mantle, has never found his work unpleasant. He never regrets the choice he made 50 years ago, when he chose King as the field of his future labors. His life work has been among a people whom he loved, and by whom he has been beloved.

In this long ministry he has seen nearly 500 kindly faces laid away beneath the churchyard mould. The old generation has passed away, many of them almost touched the high-water mark of a full century. They were the pioneers of the wilderness, and fought a hard battle with the forests and the cold Canadian winters before they made for themselves a home here.