

school at Perth, teaching a year or two with great success. Then Helen married John Ferguson, a wealthy merchant and lumberman, known far and wide as "Craig Darrach," the Scottish parish from which he had emigrated. Mr. Ferguson built and occupied the first stone house in Perth. It still stands on Gore street. He was a strong, forceful personality in the advancement of the community. Death summoned my sister on the nineteenth of February, 1830, in her twenty-sixth year. The husband survived until 1857, dying at Cromarty, Perth county. His remains were brought to Perth and interred by the side of his wife. The two children, a girl and a boy, left motherless at a tender age, spent much of their childhood at our home in Beckwith. The daughter, Helen, married John McLaren, an excellent man, who removed to Perth county and finally located in Toronto, where he died in 1891. They reared a large family of brave sons and fair daughters, all dutiful, clever, enterprising and well-to-do. Mrs. McLaren has her home in Toronto. Her brother, George Buchanan Ferguson, clerked in his uncle's store at Vank-leek Hill, carried on a store in Montreal, and for thirty years was one of the most successful and popular commercial travellers in Canada. He died in 1894, leaving a widow, who has passed away since, three daughters and a son. My sister Ann wrote the following stanzas in memory of Helen, the first of the family to be taken to "the world that is fairer than this."

Her faith was fixed upon that rock,
Which can all storms defy,
And in the hope of further bliss,
She felt resigned to die.

Margaret, the second daughter, married John Dewar, a thrifty young farmer, not long after we came to Beckwith. His brother Alexander was an elder in father's church, and the whole family was distinguished for intelligence, industry and piety. About forty years ago the Dewars removed to Plympton township, Lambton county, attracted by the superior soil and fine climate to what was then an unbroken forest. Alexander and John