

## APPENDIX

Stanza 25: MacLeod built himself a cabin retreat in a tree on the hill behind his house in Brookfield.

### NOTE ON MY FATHER

James Noble Shannon Marshall, born in Newport, Nova Scotia, was the youngest of two children (sons) of the Rev. John Marshall, a Wesleyan missionary to Nova Scotia (born at Peterborough, England, in 1787, died at Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, in 1864) and his wife, Harriet Shannon, granddaughter of Cutts Shannon, a lawyer, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and a niece of James Noble Shannon, who came to Nova Scotia after the expulsion of the Acadians and carried on an extensive business in Horton and Parrsboro. My father read law with his cousin, Hon. S. L. Shannon, Q.C., and was admitted to the bar and settled in Liverpool, Nova Scotia, in 1851, and practiced there forty-seven years. He was twice married: first, to my mother, by whom he had three children, a daughter and two sons, all living; and second, to Augusta Louisa Mack, with whom he had thirty-five years of happiness. She bore him ten children, seven of whom, five daughters and two sons, are living. The rearing of such a large family upon the proceeds of law practice in a small country town was, I think, enough life-work for any man of fair intelligence. After a lingering illness of two years, my father died in 1898.

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### MY MOTHER

Adelaide Amelia Allison was born at Willow Bank Farm, Cornwallis. She was one of several daughters of William Edward Allison, a grandson of Joseph and Alice Allison, first settlers of that family name in Nova Scotia. I was baptized at her bedside, being only three weeks old when she died. She was very fair and small and slight. Her hair, of which I have seen a treasured braid, was a pale, golden

"Yellow like ripe corn";

and there was an indefinable, tender radiance about it, as of a lingering memory of happiness. Those who knew her said "she was an angel on earth."