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ARCHIBALD GILLIES.

The late Rev. Archibald Gillies was one of Scotland's noblest sons and one of her best contributions to our early Canadian ministry. In preparing this sketch of his life I shall quote extensively his own words from his "jottings" written for the children after he was three score and ten.

"They who ought to know have told me that I was born near Inverary, Argyleshire, Scotland, on the 15th day of July, 1812. They tell me I was a very feeble and unpromising gift, from the very first, not likely to stay long, or be of any use while I was allowed to remain. But of his great mercy God gave me one of the best mothers of Scotland, to whose tender care and love I owe it, that I have seen so many years (71) and enjoyed so great benefits of a kind and gracious Providence. Thus far I am a great debtor to my Heavenly Father for all temporal and spiritual good. To his holy name be thanks and glory forever more. Amen!"

He was third in a family of eleven children. His early childhood was spent on a farm near Oak-field, on the bank of Crenan Canal. His father, Duncan Gillies, and family, emigrated to Canada in 1818, after a somewhat perilous and protracted voyage of nearly thirteen weeks. They settled temporarily in