

also, after the notification of a death in the family any correspondence, would be enclosed in black edged envelopes, nearly half an inch wide. This has not altogether disappeared, but in general not kept up for long. I am reminded also, that should an accident occur that a person was drowned or killed, an inquest had to be held on the matter, and a jury of twelve persons, had to adjudicate on the matter. In later times and now, this is investigated by a person appointed, called a Coroner.

I think that in general, every homestead had a name given to it. I presume in many cases having some connection with associations in England, Scotland, or Ireland, or wherever the person came from. I cannot now recall the names of many, but there was "The Drains" Mr. Wm. Boag. "Westburn" J. Cunningham, ? is this correct? Hatton Farm Mr. Stewart. "Middle Rigg" J. Boag. Little Rigg. Another of the Boags. "Thorneycroft" Mr. ^{John} Brooks. "Willow Holm" our place, &c. &c.

It has been suggested that I give some description of the people of Brookside of the early days. But I cannot recall really very much of different characteristics. There was a good deal of similarity. As a rule they were not a class of people that had received a great deal of education. What they did know was learned in the school of experience; but there were very few indeed but what could read and write. I can recall

two persons of whom it was said that they did not know a "B" from a "Bull's foot". One in particular however knew how to handle horses, also how to commandeer many things and had (so I heard a man say) that he had as many lame straps & bridles in his stable, that would last "seventy horses for seventy years".

There were a few however, who took outstanding interest in the general affairs of the district. Some were a little bit more stand offish than others, and inclined to move in a higher grade, but altogether there was a general feeling of friendliness, and a willingness to give a helping hand when required or to loan any implement should occasion require such an action. There were occasional bickerings, and manifestations of selfish dispositions, but this is the same in human nature every where.

I recall the knowledge of bitter enmity between two brothers, who refrained from speaking to each other, I have no knowledge of reconciliation. And yet practically every one in the district belonged to one church or another, and were regular attendants always, at the various places of worship. And just here I will make reference to the beginnings of the Church life of the community.

I have mentioned that in reality it was the in-