

crash came Finlay had to give up his farm and get a job on the railways. He married Emma Selina Bruton, a member of one of Cheltenham's early families and went as a porter to Frankston.

In Frankston he met Dr. McDonald, Professor at Ormond College who was spending a holiday there. McDonald persuaded him to become a candidate for the ministry. Moved to Myrtleford where he was the guard on the trains running to Wangaratta he began to study for the ministry and after passing matriculation entered the Theological Hall. When he had finished his course there he went as minister to Kyabram.

Then in 1892 came the news of the discovery of gold in Western Australia. There was a rush of men to the west from all over the continent. Not long after there came to Victoria an appeal for a volunteer minister at the Presbyterian Church in Kalgoorlie. The adventurous Finlay accepted the call and leaving his family at a house in Charman Road, Cheltenham, he set off for the west. He stayed there for two years, living in a tent and working in a hessian church. It was a hard, hot, dirty life - he once rode a hundred miles on a bicycle without a drink - and his health suffered.

When a church fete was organized there some of the congregation wished to hold raffles. McQueen refused but some of his opponents were equally determined so he resigned and returned to Victoria.

For a short time he was at Abbotsford and then for nine years at Skipton. There he worked as a conscientious country minister sixty years ago had to work. On a typical Sunday he would leave home at eight, drive his buggy seventeen miles to Streatham, superintend the Sunday School there and then hold the service. Then he would drive to Stockyard Hill, having dinner on the way at Stoneleigh. After afternoon service at the Hill he would return to Skipton, eat a hurried tea, and then conduct the Fellowship class at six and the service at seven.

After a few more years in two city churches Finlay retired and went to live with his son at East Kew. But he was concerned because there was no Presbyterian church in the suburb and by going from door to door he gathered a congregation and kept it together for three years. Retiring again he settled on a small orchard at Bunyip. But again he had a call to work. The Home Mission Committee asked him to build up a run-down church at Lang Lang and there he went for three years till ill health forced him to give up.

Finlay's son Malcolm also became a minister and was at one time Moderator of the Presbyterian church of Tasmania. To him the writer is indebted for the information in this article.