

THE Very Rev. John Gamble Geddes, the second son of James Geddes, Esq., Assistant Staff-Surgeon in Her Majesty's Service, and Sarah Hannah Boies Gamble, was born in Kingston, Ontario, on the 29th Day of March, 1811, and was one of a family of sixteen, of whom nine daughters and five sons survived, and married, and with one exception had families. The Dean is the fourth of the family who has passed away in less than two years. At the beginning of last year (1890) there were three brothers and seven sisters living, their combined ages being seven hundred and fifty years. A year and a half ago his eldest brother died, and since then two sisters. There now survive, Mr. Forbes Geddes, who lives at Niagara-on-the-Lake, and who was the youngest brother of the family : and five sisters, Mrs. Greer of Toronto, and Mrs. Henry, of this City, who are older than the Dean ; Mrs. Armstrong, of Ottawa ; Mrs. Halliwell, of Toronto, and Mrs. Gold, who lives in England ; the three last mentioned being younger than the Dean.

The Dean, through his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Gamble, was connected with the U. E. Loyalists ; her father, Dr. Clarke, removed with his family from New York to New Brunswick at the peace of 1783, where she was married to Dr. Gamble, Surgeon of the Queens Rangers, and after fourteen years residence there she removed to Canada, to join her husband, then quartered at Niagara. She ascended the River St. John with her five daughters, of whom the Dean's mother was one, in a bark canoe, traversing on foot the portages of the