

might be able to give a person of the hope that was in him, he began to study the Bible for the purpose of proving his need. For a time he succeeded quite to his own satisfaction and became zealous indeed in propagating his faith. But doubts arose. He read, he thought, he prayed; renounced Calvinism, and entered the ministry of the Methodist church of Canada. After the usual probation, he was assigned to Miss Jean de Abbott, a lady of rare amiability and goodness. Her society he enjoyed beyond all others. She fell a victim to Canadian cholera. He lived for nearly seven years a widower, and then married her sister, Miss Hattie Abbott, who now, with two little girls, "Ethel" and "Hattie," adorn his home.

He has labored with deep and successful success on such important circuits as Napawa, Cornwall, Sherbrooke street, Montreal, and Ottawa, west.

He is yet in the prime of life, and his labors are marked by a nobleness, a man of pure purposes, of strong convictions, and of a high sense of duty. His motto through life has been, "I will do what I can, for what I can." He illustrates the Christian's duty to his fellow-men, and his own duty to himself. He is a man of many talents, and his labors are multiplied tenfold.

JOHN GILLESPIE.

TALPOUR.

JOHN GILLESPIE, wholesale manufacturer and importer, was born in the County of Wick, Scotland, on the 14th of July, 1836. He is a son of John Gillespie, senior, and Mary, his wife.

After leaving school, he went to the United States, and spent about five years at an academy or college, and then returned to his native land. He was employed by his father, he continued studying with a view of becoming a teacher, and he was, however, inclined in favor of a commercial life. He chose the latter course, and, after the loss of his father, he opened his natural abilities. His practical knowledge of the art of the mill, and the employment of the mill in the commercial houses of Todd, Burns, and Co. in the United States, at that time, was one of the most extensive and profitable establishments in the world, and the knowledge, discipline, and business habits which young Gillespie acquired while with them, were of great value, and he doubtless owes his subsequent successful business career to the lessons then learned.

In 1854, soon after the death of his father, he resigned his position with Todd, Burns, and Co., and emigrated to Canada, settling at Guelph, in the Province of Ontario. Here he engaged in the mercantile business, but, unfortunately, in 1858, after the employ of the well-known firm of A.