

moters of the original place of worship Mr. Seneca Ketchum and Mr. Joseph Sheppard, the former devoting much time and money in the furtherance of the work, and the latter giving three acres of land as a site, together with a handsome donation in cash. A silver medal which had been deposited under the old building was now transferred to a cavity in the foundation stone of its proposed successor. It bore on the obverse, 'Francis Gore, Esq., Lieutenant-Governor, 1816,' and, on the reverse, '56th of George Third.' To it were now added a couple of other medals of silver; one bore on the obverse, 'John Strachan, D.D., Bishop of Toronto; Alexander Sanson, minister, 1843,' and, on the reverse, '6th of Victoria.' The other had inscribed on it the name of the architect, Mr. J. G. Howard, with a list of other churches erected in Upper Canada under his direction.

"Among the persons present during the ceremony were Chief Justice Robinson, Vice-Chancellor Jameson, the Hon. and Rev. A. Caverdish, and the Rev. G. Mortimer, of Thornhill. Prior to the outdoor proceedings a remarkable scene had been witnessed within the walls of the old building. Four gentlemen received the rite of confirmation at the hands of the bishop, all of them up to a recent date Nonconformists, three of them Nonconformist ministers of mark, Mr. Townley Mr. Leach and Mr. Ritchie, the fourth, Mr. Sanson, not previously a minister, but now in holy orders of the Church of England, and a minister appointed to officiate in the new church." It may be added that "the original church and the Friends' meeting-house near Newmarket were the only two places of public worship on Yonge Street in 1817, a distance of nearly forty miles."

On the first Sunday in July, 1852, Mr. Sanson preached his first sermon from the pulpit of Little Trinity church as Rector of the parish, and for twoscore years he has patiently, lovingly, and continuously laboured in the same field. In those comparatively far-off days, there were but few churches in Toronto. Old St. James' had been but recently burnt down, and, in addition to those whose residence in the vicinity would naturally cause them to worship there, a number of families previously attending the cathedral occupied sittings in the eastern church. In that forty years many of Toronto's oldest and best known families have been numbered among the members of this congregation, and not a few of her leading citizens to-day associate Little Trinity and her venerable rector with their earliest memories.

During the long period of his pastorate of his present charge, the rector has accomplished much good and lasting work. The church building has been enlarged three times, the schoolhouse more than quadrupled in its capacity, and a rectory built and furnished. In that

forty years he has baptized 5,716 persons, young and old, and married 1,604 couples. About four years ago Little Trinity joined the ever-increasing ranks of free churches, and it is very satisfactory to note that the church finances have not suffered in consequence, and that at the last annual Easter vestry both the current account and improvement fund showed a substantial balance to the good.

The Sunday-schools, an important department of all Church work, are also in a prosperous condition. In connection therewith there are nine officers and thirty-two teachers, all of whom were baptized and brought up in the church; 137 boys, 163 girls, 200 infants, or a total of 500, with an average attendance of 335. The amount subscribed by the children during the past year was \$221.09, and from this substantial aid was contributed to various worthy causes.

Although Rev. Canon Sanson has been engaged in the duties of his high calling for so many years, and has accomplished in the past half-century much good and lasting work for the souls and bodies of his fellow-men, his life has been singularly devoid of striking incident or events which find a place in the page of history. The warm place that his loyal devotion to the work of his ministry has won for him in the hearts of his parishioners is, however, far greater reward to a man of his character and temperament than aught that the world calls fame, and that he holds that place has been oftentimes evinced in many ways. The celebration of his jubilee, which took the form of a meeting of the congregation, was the outcome of the spontaneous desire of his people to express their affection towards their pastor. With characteristic reluctance to intrude his private affairs upon the congregation, Mr. Sanson had said nothing of the event before hand; it was discovered by accident, and at once the members, past and present, as far as they could be reached, were notified. Very many who were unable to attend wrote in the most affectionate and appreciative manner of their regard for their reverend rector, and of the value in which they hold his teaching and services.

Canon Sanson was married in 1855 to Miss Anderson, who to-day shares with her esteemed husband the respect and affection of the people, and they have five children living—John, Norman and Robert (M.D.), all of whom are resident in this city; Mrs. Greene, wife of Rev. Canon Greene, of Orillia; and Mrs. Strickland, of Lakefield.

At the last anniversary of the Edinburgh Medical Missionary Society, the speech of the meeting was that of Mrs. Bishop (Miss Isabella Bird), who stated that in two years of travel in central Asia (Thibet, Persia, Turkey in Asia), she had seen forty-one medical missions, and she gave testimony to them as an evangelizing agency.