

The Doctor was, for a long time, an elder in the Presbyterian church, and was president of the Brockville Bible Society when he died. No person in town bore a higher christian character, or worked harder for the moral welfare of the community. His interest in young men was marked and untiring, and his influence over them powerful and, in many cases, abiding. More than one middle aged man, now in business in Brockville, can testify to the worth of the counsels of their departed friend.

He was identified with almost every enterprise of the least importance; was at one time president of the Lyn Plank Road Company; at another, of the Johnstown Mutual Insurance Company, and was mayor of Brockville one term. The interests of the town were his, and he was assiduous in his efforts to promote those interests.

The Doctor was a man of remarkable literary application, and actually translated the entire Old Testament out of the Hebrew, while the rest of the family were having their earlier hours of sleep. It is a monument to his industry, sacredly treasured by one of his daughters, Mrs. Foster, from whom we learn that he always had a great interest in the Jews, and had a strong desire to visit Jerusalem.

The wife of Dr. Edmondson was Eliza Sarah Cumming, of Antrim, Ireland, married in 1828. She had four daughters and one son, the latter dying young. The mother and the four daughters are living. Emily, the eldest daughter, is the widow of Charles Turnbull, whose home was in Belleville; Annie is the wife of Dr. H. A. Gordon, of Leicester, England; Catharine Louisa is the widow of Colley W. Foster, of Brockville, her home being with her mother, and Helen, the youngest, is the wife of H. Drummond, of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

THOMAS RUSSELL,

ALTON.

THOMAS RUSSELL, a pioneer settler in the township of Caledon, county of Peel, dates his birth in Edinburgh, Scotland, May 16, 1802. His father George Russell, was a mining engineer. His mother, before her marriage, was Euphemia Tweedie, both parents being Scotch. Thomas had a high-school education, including Latin; learned the baker's trade; was two years in business for himself in Edinburgh, and subsequently a merchant in the same city, leaving Scotland in 1834, and emigrating to Canada. He took up land in Caledon, adjoining the village of Alton, where he opened a farm, which he still owns and on which he resides.

At that time there were no clearings in sight, although there was a farm slightly improved a little west of him. What is now Alton contained a single unoccupied log-house, into which he moved, after becoming its proprietor, and lived in it with his family for three years, being en-