

It is said that Mr. Jacob whose name heads the list was the builder of the second church. He used to sit in the pew in front of ours and I see his venerable form before me now quite distinctly. He was perhaps the only man in the Western District who had invested means to leave to his widow and children. He owned the fine colonial house that Mr. Richard Pattinson had erected and which Mr. Prince bought on his coming here. He was a Captain of the militia and a Justice of the Peace. He left a large family and Mr. A. H. Askin, of Strabane, is one of his grandchildren. Mr. Hands, who is next on the list was a most worthy person and the holder of more offices than any other person in the district. He was at different times Judge of Surrogate, Sheriff, Clerk of the Peace, Treasurer of the District, Registrar of Essex and Kent, Registrar of the Surrogate Court, Collector of Customs and Postmaster. He died in 1833 holding several of these offices and was a competent and faithful public servant and I find that he was one of my god fathers which I never knew before.

And, now, heavenly Father, we ask Thy blessing upon our bishops and curates and all congregations committed to their charge, and on all the churches of thy saints throughout the world. Give to our civil rulers a due sense of their responsibility to Thee. Make them faithful to every trust committed to them by Thy providence. And to all Thy people give Thy heavenly grace, that they may forsake their sins and subdue their passions, and restrain the violence of party strife and animosity, and so dwell together in this life, that in the world to come they may have life everlasting.

And, now, recalling the words of the aged Simeon, I could reverently say, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before all people. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of Thy people Israel."

