

attested that he was not forgotten. A large number of friends were present to pay their tribute of respect to his valued memory, among whom were several of the leading lay and clerical gentlemen of the city, including Directors of the Bible and Tract Societies. Mr. Harris was the son-in-law of the late Jesse Ketchum, Esq., one of the most generous benefactors of our Society. We pray that the surviving widow may be abundantly consoled by the precious promises of that Holy Book which it was the constant aim of her beloved husband and her revered father to bestow upon all.

The comprehensive and excellent review of the life and character of Mr. Harris which appeared in the *Globe* of Tuesday, the 10th instant—the day after the funeral—and now given, precludes the necessity of further note from us :—

“Another of the old landmarks of Toronto—the Rev. James Harris—has passed away at the ripe age of 80 years. Mr. Harris was a native of Ireland, and was brought up in the Secession Church of that country. After receiving license from the Presbytery of Monaghan, and officiating for some time in his native land, he came to this country in 1820, reaching Brockville about the 10th of August in that year. The Rev. Mr. Smart, then and for long afterwards the Presbyterian Minister of that town, recommended him to push on to what was then known as York. In accordance with this advice, Mr. Harris came slowly westward, preaching at different places on his journey, and arriving at what is now Toronto on the 28th of the same month. The Presbyterians of the place had never had any regular supply of preaching, and altogether the prospects were not encouraging. At that time there were only two churches in the city, viz., the Episcopalian, under the charge of the late Bishop Strachan, and a Methodist one, situated on King street West. The condition of things in Ontario at that date, so far as Presbyterianism was concerned, may be seen from the fact that there were only two Presbyterian clergymen west of Kingston. One of these, the late Rev. Wm. Jenkins, of Richmond Hill, occasionally visited York and preached to the handful of Presbyterians there, but little had been accomplished by such services. On the first Sabbath of September, 1820, Mr. Harris preached his first sermon in Toronto, and proceeded to organize a Presbyterian congregation. His efforts were energetically seconded by the late Jesse Ketchum, who showed his zeal in a very practical manner by giving a deed of the two lots on which the present Knox Church and adjacent properties now stand, and by building besides a church at his own expense. All the internal fittings were procured by an assessment upon the pews and paid by those who became seat holders. The name given to this church was ‘The Presbyterian Church of York, U. C.’ The new church was formally opened on the 18th of February, 1822, and continued till 1827 to be the only Presbyterian place of worship in the town. In the latter year the present St. Andrew’s Church, at the corner of Adelaide and Church streets, was erected, and from that time the progress of Presbyterianism in the city had been very marked. On the 23rd of July, 1823, a little more than fifty years ago, Mr. Harris was formally inducted as pastor of the new church, and for many years continued as a faithful minister to an attached and always increasing congregation. The ordinary round of a pastor’s work presents few noticeable points for record, and the course of Mr. Harris was no exception to the general rule. He kept the ‘even tenor of his way,’ respected by all, and loved by many, who, from intimate fellowship with him, knew his sterling worth, and his kindly sympathising heart. In 1844 the disruption of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, connected with the Kirk of Scotland, took place. A considerable number at that time left St. Andrew’s Church, and formed a separate congregation on the 23rd of July of that year.