

life, he quietly attends to the duties of his office; and while an ardent admirer of the Conservative party, he seldom takes an active part in the turmoils of elections.

The subject of this notice is a member of the Church of England; was warden for a number of years, and during his term of office took an active part in the construction of St. George's church, which, for architectural beauty, has few equals in the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. Reynolds married Catharine, third daughter of John Patterson, Puslinch, county of Wellington, on the 1st of October, 1863, and has six daughters and one son.

The father of Mr. Reynolds was Francis Reynolds, captain in the royal navy, and, when midshipman, was at the capture of Washington, D. C., during the war of 1812-14. Captain Reynolds was born in Wales. His father, Owen Reynolds, was rector near Bangor, Wales, and married one of the Playfords, of Northumberland. Captain Reynolds, while stationed in Ireland as chief officer of the coast guards, married Margaret, daughter of Cior, a descendant of Cior O'Doherty, who will be remembered by every student of Irish history.

Mr. Reynolds has sailed through many latitudes and longitudes, and visited many countries and numerous islands, and he prefers the climate of Ontario to any place he has ever seen, except, perhaps, one or two of the islands in the Pacific Ocean. He always traveled with both eyes open, has a good memory, and is a rich entertainer when he narrates the fruits of his observation and experience, and especially his perils by sea and by land.

ROBERT GIBBONS,

GODERICH.

ROBERT GIBBONS, sheriff of the county of Huron, belongs to an old Birmingham, (England) family, where his father, William Gibbons, and the ancestors for several generations, were born, though he himself dates his birth in Glasgow, Scotland, December 24, 1811. His father was an ingenious mechanic or machinist, engaged for years in turning, finishing and fitting up machinery. The maiden name of Robert's mother was Margaret M. McDonald, who was born in Scotland.

In June, 1820, the family left the old world for Canada, landing at Quebec in August, and settling on land in the county of Lanark. About four hundred persons came out on the same vessel from Glasgow, and settled in the same county, each head of a family having the offer of 100 acres of land from the Government, on condition that they would occupy and improve it. Robert aided his father in opening a farm there; in 1827 went with the family to Pottsdam, St. Lawrence county, New York, where he spent five years in cultivating land, and where he received most of his education; and on the 16th of May, 1832, reached Goderich, walking all