

**NELSON, Rev. Thomas Alexander** (Presb.), is the s. of Thos. Nelson, by his wife, Elizabeth Nicholson, and was b. in Montreal, 1843. At a comparatively early age he removed, with other mems. of his family, to Oakville, Ont., and subsequently, to Indianapolis, Ind. While at Oakville he attended the Grammar Sch. at that place. In 1861 he entered business in a subordinate capacity, but a few yrs. later found him occupying the best position in the largest commercial house in the State. Failing health and a growing distaste for business resulted in his entering Ashbury (now De Pauw) Univ. to prepare for the ministry. Whilst pursuing his studies he received and accepted a call to the secretaryship of the Y.M.C.A., Toledo, Ohio. Here he laboured from 1871 to 1874, when he removed to N. Y. and entered the Union Theol. Sem., from which he graduated, 1877, and, receiving in June of that year a call to the Memorial Presb. Ch., Brooklyn, he entered upon his labours there the following Aug. Under his ministry the ch. soon more than doubled its numbers, and so much confidence in the future was inspired that the erection of a new and more commodious place of worship was determined on. The new building, situated on 7th Ave. and St. John's Place, was opened, Feb., 1885, and is one of the handsomest ecclesiastical edifices in the "City of Churches." Dr. N. (he received the hon. degree of D.D. from the Univ. of N. Y., 1887) claims no advanced ideas in religious theory, but his mind is naturally liberal and his views cheerful. He is an eloquent preacher and an indefatigable worker. In 1885 he was chosen Moderator of the Presby. of Brooklyn, which comprises a large number of clerical and lay delegates—amongst the former being Doctors Cuyler, DeWitt Talmage, Hall, and other well-known divines. He is on the advisory bds. of a number of institutions, educational and charitable,

including the Union Theol. Sem., the Bd. of Home Missions of the Presb. Ch. of U.S.A. (being also Chairman of the Sch. Work Comte.), and the Bd. of City Missions. He m. 1st, Dec., 1877, Lillie Jane, dau. of the late Prof. W. K. Harper, Newburg, N. Y. (she d. Nov., 1880); and 2ndly, May, 1887, Miss Eliza Spencer, Toledo, O.—48 8th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

**NELSON, Wolfred, M.D.**, is the s. of the late Dr. Horace Nelson, and a grands. of Dr. Wolfred Nelson, who figures so largely in Can. history in connection with the rebellion of 1837. The family is one of the oldest among those of Eng. origin living in Can., its founder, Wm. Nelson, a native of Newsham, Yorkshire, having settled at Sorel, P.Q., 1781. He (Wm. N.) was nearly related to the great admiral. B. in Montreal, Apl. 9, 1846, he was ed. at McGill Univ., and likewise pursued his med. studies there (M.D., C.M., 1872). In the same year he graduated in the med. faculty at Bishop's Coll., Lennoxville. He was elected a mem. of the Coll. of Phys. and Surgs. of Quebec, 1876. Following his graduation he went to Eng. for a short period, and on his return became a practitioner in Montreal. Failing health compelled him to leave Montreal again, 1879. He visited the W. I., and finally settled at Panama, where he remained until 1885, or during the zenith of activity on the de Lesseps canal. He spent nearly 4 yrs. in travel in Mexico, Central and South Am., the W. I. and Europe, collecting data on climatology and tropical disease, and finally took up his residence in N. Y., 1890. He has written extensively on travel, climatology, yellow fever, leprosy, maritime sanitation, etc. He is the author of "Apercu de Quelques Difficultes a Vaincre Dans la Construction du Canal de Panama" (1887); and "Five Years in Panama" (1888). For 15 yrs. he was a constant correspondent of the *Gazette*, Montreal, an occasional contributor