

his transference to the Montreal conference. This request was complied with, and under his pastorate the church thrived in strength and numbers. In 1882 Rev. Mr. Johnston was transferred from Montreal to the Metropolitan church, Toronto. After completing his term here, he was called to the Carlton St. church, the pastorate of which he holds at the time of writing. Rev. Mr. Johnston is a very able and successful preacher, and there is an air of scholarship in all his utterances. He is a man of a broad, generous heart, and a cheerful temperament. We may add, likewise, that he wields a very able, and a very graceful pen. He has for many years been a contributor to the religious periodicals of his denomination; but he has, likewise, been a force on occasion, in the secular press. He was correspondent on the expedition which went through British Columbia to the Pacific coast. "His letters," says a competent authority, "were fresh, racy, and popular, being copied not only into Canadian but into United States and English newspapers." In 1876, Rev. Mr. Johnston married Eliza, daughter of Alderman Richard Holland, of Montreal. The fruits of this union are a family of seven sons and one daughter. The well-known and very able book, with the apt and poetical title, "Toward the Sunrise," is also from the pen of Rev. Mr. Johnston. This work, we learn, has already reached the third edition. It may be interesting to know that our subject was an intimate, personal friend of Rev. Dr. Punshon. He was with him in Italy, in his extreme illness, and accompanied the great divine to London. It was his pen which furnished to the *Christian World* the details of the closing hours. Mr. Johnston is only now in the prime of his manhood, and a long career of usefulness and brilliancy yet is, we hope, allotted to him.

Hobbs, William, Milton, was born in the town of Dundas, County Wentworth, Ontario, on the 14th of November, 1848. His parents were William Hobbs and Sarah Anne Philip. Mr. Hobbs came from Buckinghamshire, England, in 1843, and settled in Toronto as a miller, where he remained about one year, after which he removed to Dundas, where he was engaged in the milling business until his death. William Hobbs received a common school education, and after leaving school, began to learn the dry goods business, continuing at this employment until 1863. He now undertook to master the milling business, in the employ of E. & G. Egleston, at Ancaster village, and here he remained for two years, and then

went to Dundas, and entered the employ of James Coleman, of that town. Mr. Hobbs remained in Dundas for five years, and in 1870 left for Hamilton. In 1877 he arrived in the town of Milton, and entered into partnership with J. D. Cummings. This partnership lasted for three years, when Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Cummings dissolved the partnership. Our subject now associated himself with Peter Campbell, of Milton, in milling, but this partnership was dissolved in 1882. Mr. Hobbs started for himself once again, and is now possessed of one of the best flouring mills in Canada. In 1884, he was elected councilman for the town of Milton. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd-fellows, and has held the office of secretary. He has travelled through Canada and the United States. In religion he is a Presbyterian, and in politics a supporter of the Reform party. He was married in 1874, to Jessie Murdoch, daughter of George Murdoch, of Strathroy, and by this lady has had two children. Mr. Hobbs is one of those persons who has a hearty, kindly word and good wish for one and all; therefore, he is a business favourite, as well as the possessor of many warm friends in the social circle.

Holden, Thomas, Belleville, Ontario, was born in the County of Oneida, New York, U. S., in the year 1840. His parents, soon after his birth, turned their faces toward Belleville, and settled in Shannonville, a small village nine miles distant from Belleville. Here the subject of our sketch spent his early years and pursued his first studies. While still young, he went to Cobourg to attend the classes of Victoria College, where he graduated in 1860. He was an industrious and brilliant student, and gave much promise in those days of that energy of character and capacity of intellect which were in his after life to come to such excellent use. Having finished his studies, he began the study of law in the office of William Kerr, Cobourg, and subsequently with the present Chief Justice Cameron. When his term of study was ended, he was called to the bar (1863), and began the practice of his profession. In the following year he became a member of the firm of Ross, Bell & Holden, of Belleville. In 1870 the Honourable John Ross retired, and the following year the firm was re-constructed and known as Bell, Holden & Bell; but in 1872, Mr. Holden retired. In 1866 Mr. Holden was pressed to enter civic politics,