

daughters, the older daughter, Joanna, being the wife of the Rev. Thomas Grandby, of the County of Simcoe. The other children are single. The wife of Mr. Cane was Miss Catharine Belfry, of East Gwillimbury, married in 1844. They have buried three children.

Mr. Cane has always been a hard-working man, and whatever he has of this world's goods he has earned with toil-hardened hands. He is in comfortable circumstances, but he seems to find industry, like "virtue, its own reward," and few men or meadow-larks in North York are astir in the morning before him.

In politics he is a Reformer, is President of the North York Reform Association, and has been urged by his party to be a candidate for the Local Parliament, but his taste does not seem to run in that direction. He finds no difficulty in obeying laws already made, but does not incline to aid in multiplying or amending them.

He is a member of the Canada Methodist Church, and of the Official Board of the New-market body of that name.

EPHRAIM COOK, M.D.,

NORWICH.

EPHRAIM COOK, the oldest physician in the County of Oxford, is a native of Hadley, Mass., dating his birth, June 14, 1805. His father, John Cook, a farmer, was born in the same town. His mother was Sarah White. In his youth he aided his father in tilling land, and attended a district school, finishing his literary education at Hopkins Academy, in his native town. There also he commenced the study of medicine; attended lectures in Boston Mass.; in 1830 came to Upper Canada, finished his professional studies at St. Thomas, and in the spring of 1831, located in a farming district one mile north of where the village of Norwich now stands. There was then no sign of a village within a dozen miles of this point, and no physician nearer than Tilsonburg, twenty miles away—none between here and Simcoe and Brantford, each twenty-five miles distant; none on the road to St. Thomas, fifty miles, and to the northward, none probably this side of the North Pole. A few years later, Dr. Turquand, mentioned elsewhere, settled at Woodstock.

Leaving the plain backwoods house about 1847, Dr. Cooke moved to his present home in the eastern end of the village of Norwich, then hardly in the embryotic state, here still living for years in the plainest farm house, and farmer's style. For more than forty years his professional labors were exceedingly hard, and up to less than three years ago there was little abatement. He fairly wore himself out in the service of the sick, now being quite feeble, and doing little more than office-work—none outside the village. He has been in independent circum-