

A year or two after settling in Stratford, Dr. Shaver was appointed a coroner of the county, and still holds that office. He has also been surgeon to the county jail nearly as long. The Doctor was in the municipal council of the town a short time, but has avoided civil offices as much as he could, consistently with his duties as a citizen, on account of the press of professional business, and his desire to keep read-up in medical science as well as in the news of the day.

He is an adherent of the Methodist church of Canada, a man of noble impulses, and kindly and humane feelings, carrying to the sick chamber a cheerful disposition, which has healing power next to medicine.

He is one of the oldest Free Masons in Stratford, being a member of Tecumseh lodge, No. 144, A. F. and A. M., G. R. C.

The wife of Dr. Shaver, is Eliza Jane, eldest daughter of James Sheppard Ryan, hardware merchant, Toronto, and a native of Dublin, Ireland, married June, 1856. They have six children, all sons. William John, the eldest, is at the Pharmaceutical College, Toronto; Charles Beaumont, is at the Agricultural College, Guelph, and the other four, Arthur Rolph, Horace Gregg, Sydney George and Harry Ernest, are pursuing their studies in the local schools of different grades. If they live, all are destined to have a good literary outfit. Mrs. Shaver is a grand niece of the Rt. Rev. Lord Bishop Gregg, of Cork, Ireland.

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## GEORGE S. HEROD, M.D.,

### GUELPH.

GEORGE SAMUEL HEROD, Guelph, the senior medical practitioner in Guelph, was born in Blackburn, Lancashire, England, May 8, 1827, being a son of Rev. George Herod, of the Primitive Methodist church. He was educated at private and boarding schools in Mansfield and Birmingham; in November, 1840, came to Canada; studied medicine in the University of Toronto; was licensed to practice in 1847, by the medical board of the Province, and after practising a few years at Georgetown, Halton county; settled in Guelph in April, 1845.

In his earlier years in his profession, Dr. Herod had many very hard rides. The country was thinly settled; there were but few villages and towns, and they wide apart; physicians and surgeons were scarce, and at one period his circuit extended over a radius of thirty miles. He has always been in general practice, and has had a liberal share, being the leading physician in Guelph for a quarter of a century. His acquaintance is extensive, and he is greatly esteemed for his excellent character as well as skill.

The Doctor has been a county coroner and jail surgeon since 1854; was appointed surgeon