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The Baptist church in Beamsville is one of the oldest churches of the denomination in Canada. Throughout its history it has been an honored name among the sister churches of the body. Its pastors have been men of high character and ability. Its deacons have been men of intelligence, wisdom, and piety. The three who lately passed away were respected, honored, and loved during their long years of service, and are still remembered with deepest gratitude and admiration by those with whom they were associated and by those whom they served.

The subject of this sketch was one of the three, and was always treated by the rest as their leader and spokesman. Deacon Kilborn was born in the year 1800 and died in 1880.

Little is known about his childhood. When he was a young man he married and settled on a farm near London, in Canada. While living there he was visited by the Rev. Thomas Mordan, then pastor of the church in Beamsville, who preached a sermon in Mr. Kilborn's home in the bush, that was the means of his conversion. Soon after this event he returned to Beamsville, where he continued to reside until the time of his death.

During his long life in our village he was identified with every movement that had for its object the good of the community. At different periods of his life he held nearly every office