

ing with him from Ireland his first wife, a Miss Brown, of Killishandra, and two sons, who were afterwards well-known and influential men; the eldest, Lieutenant-Colonel James Crawford, being the representative for Brockville in the first parliament of the Dominion of Canada; the second son, Hon. John Crawford, having sat in several parliaments, on one occasion as the representative of Toronto, defeating Hon. George Brown, and finally being appointed lieutenant-governor of Ontario, which position he held at the time of his death. Besides these two sons, Mr. Crawford had three daughters by his first wife: Anne, who became the wife of Samuel Keefer, C.E.; Margaret, first wife of the late Hon. John Ross; and Isabella, wife of George Easton, collector of Customs at Brockville. The first Mrs. Crawford died whilst the family were living back of Toronto, where Mr. Crawford first settled. Mr. Crawford afterwards obtained large contracts on the St. Lawrence and Rideau canals, and visiting Brockville, became intimate with the family of Adiel Sherwood, an old U. E. loyalist, afterwards sheriff of Leeds and Grenville, whose fourth daughter, Caroline, became his second wife. Eventually, George Crawford settled in Brockville, where he spent the last twenty-five years of his life, and his name is associated with the history of Brockville as its representative for many years in the Legislature of Upper Canada, as legislative councillor, and finally as Senator of the Dominion. Mr. Crawford had several children by his second wife, six only, however, attained maturity. Edward Patrick was the first child born to Mr. Crawford after he finally settled in his Brockville home, and he is now the oldest surviving son. During the first twelve years of his life, the Rev. E. P. Crawford was educated at home until nine years of age, by a governess in his father's house, and from nine to twelve, at the Brockville Grammar school, under the direction of the late J. G. Dunlop. When twelve years of age, Mr. Crawford entered Upper Canada College, Toronto, through which he passed in three years; and at sixteen he entered University College, Toronto, graduating in 1866, at the age of twenty. Mr. Crawford was in the midst of his final examinations when the Fenian raid occurred at Fort Erie, and when the news of the fighting at Ridgeway reached him, volunteered to join the University company of the Queen's Own, and was sent to the front on the day of the fight. After graduating from the University, he entered the office of Crawford &

Crombie, but being the possessor of a fine voice, well cultivated, and being much sought after on account of his musical talents and other social qualities, he did not pay much attention to the duties of the office, or to his legal studies; and after a year of idleness his father consented, on the advice of John Crawford, to let him seek a commission in the British army. Mr. Crawford now returned home to Brockville, to prepare for his military examination, and to await the issue of his commission, application having been made through Lord Monck, then governor-general of Canada. It was whilst thus waiting for a commission in the army, that Mr. Crawford's ideas changed, and his thoughts took a more serious turn. He now became a communicant of the Church of England, in which he had been brought up, and took an interest in Sunday-school work in St. Peter's church, Brockville. At length the longing to become a minister of Christ became intense. Some friends, noticing the change in his life and conduct, spoke to him on the matter, and he confessed to them what had become the darling wish of his heart. His father was speedily informed, and was greatly pleased with the change. Shortly after this, Mr. Crawford received notice from the Horse Guards that, in consequence of the reductions then being made in the British army, and the large number of officers who would have a first claim for appointments to the different regiments, there was no probability of his obtaining a commission for several years. Having now other views in life, this caused no disappointment to him. After studying for a year with the Rev. F. R. Tane, then rector of St. Peter's, Mr. Crawford was ordained deacon in Kingston, in October, 1869, by the Right Reverend J. T. Lewis, Bishop of Ontario, and was licensed as second assistant at St. George's Cathedral, Kingston. During the term of his diaconate, Mr. Crawford resided and studied with the Rev. Henry Wilson, then curate at the cathedral. It was during this year spent in Kingston that Mr. Crawford became acquainted with the family of James A. Henderson, Q.C., and in the spring of 1870, his engagement to Annie Henderson, the fourth daughter, was announced. Receiving priest's orders at Prescott, in November, 1870, he was appointed to his first charge, the mission of Hillier and Wellington, in the County of Prince Edward. He at once entered upon his work there, living with one of his parishioners until he could put the parsonage in order for his bride.

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