

rectangle surmounted by a tower and four wings) erected two years ago at a cost of \$3,000. The whole property is valued at over \$7,000.

Connected with Stratford there are very many other points of interest which would well bear reference should space permit ; but there is one subject yet unmentioned without which a sketch of the place, however brief, would be altogether incomplete. We refer to the press, than which no town in Canada possesses more or abler representatives.

Taken in order of age the *Beacon* comes first. It was established December 29th, 1854, by Peter Eby (now an extensive publisher in Buffalo), but soon passed into the hands of Wm. Mowat, the banker. Wm. Buckingham, late Private Secretary to the Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, purchased it from Mr. Mowat in 1863 and controlled it for some years. The present proprietor and chief editor is Mr. A. Matheson, late president of the Press Association of Ontario. He has been sole proprietor since 1873. In politics the *Beacon* is Reform, and is looked upon as one of the ablest exponents of the principles of its party. Subsequently Mr. T. M. Daly, ex-M. P., started the *Examiner*. Still later Mr. S. L. Roberts, previous editor of the *Examiner*, became its proprietor and published it for some years, but it became defunct about 1863. The *Herald* was established June 2nd, 1863 ; the proprietors were Vivian & Co. It has passed through quite a number of hands, always retaining its character as a strong Conservative journal, and its reputation as a good newspaper. It is now owned and edited by Mr. J. M. Moran.

The *Colonist*, a German paper of Reform politics, which was established by Jacob Tönscher, since deceased, is now owned and edited by Mr. J. H. Schmidt, and is a very able paper, circulating chiefly among the German population of the County of Perth.

The *Times*, a Conservative journal of good ability and gradu-