

school. After a few years business training as a miller and grain-dealer with his father, he came to this country and city with his wife in 1856, entered the flour, grain and commission business of Mr. James Young and three years later formed a partnership with R. Swan, under the name of Swan and Galbraith. In 1865 Mr. Swan retired and Mr. Galbraith has ever since continued in the same business, and is known as a flour, grain and commission merchant far beyond his own immediate neighborhood. He was one of the originators of the Corn Exchange of this city and was on four different occasions its President and up to the time of its amalgamation with the Board of Trade of which he has been a member for a number of years, took a very active part in all that pertained to it. He was the first Vice-President of the amalgamated bodies, but retired at the end of his term. He has been Chairman of the Board of Arbitration for a number of years. He is Chairman of the flour section of the Board of Trade, and Treasurer of the Dominion Millers Association. He has been a member of St. Andrew's Society since 1857, and a member of Knox Presbyterian Church for the past thirty-eight years.



JESSE KETCHUM.

It is hardly possible to conclude the historic facts connected with Knox Church without reference to the goodly gift of the late Jesse Ketchum who gave the site and built the original church in the early seventies. He was born March 31st, 1782, in Spencer-town, Columbia County, New York. His mother died when he was six years of age and his father placed him with a tanner to learn the trade, where he remained until he was nineteen, at which time he left the country and settled in Toronto, C. W., then a small town known as "Little York." Having obtained possession of a tannery, he started in business for himself and there laid the foundation of his wealth and usefulness.

Mr. Ketchum was brought up a Presbyterian, but first united with the Church of England, that being the only Church in the place. In 1816 a Methodist Church was organized, and he left the Church of England to assist that. In the same year he set apart two acres of land for the site of a Presbyterian Church, on which he built a brick house, 50 by 30 feet, in which a church was organized in 1820, under the pastoral care of Rev. James Harris, who afterwards became his son-in-law. Such was the origin of the large and flourishing church in Toronto, known as "Knox Church." For some years he occupied a seat in the Canadian Parliament.

Mr. Ketchum removed to Buffalo in 1845. Here he united with the First Church. He purchased a lot on North street as the site of his private residence, and a lot on Delaware street which he afterwards presented to the Westminster Presbyterian Society, adding a gift of \$5,000, when the church was erected.

He was the owner of a large tract of land lying along what is now High street; and this and other real estate investments here and in Toronto, by the growth of these cities, in course of time, rendered him very wealthy, and permitted his early retirement from business.

For twenty years he pursued his quiet labors of Christian benevolence, occupying himself in the dispensation of his wealth in gifts and charities which must have aggregated an enormous sum. The public schools were a favorite object of his interest and affectionate care. Every child knew Father Ketchum. Annually he visited every one of the public schools, and bore with him gifts of books for every one, children and teachers alike.

In 1871 was founded the "Jesse Ketchum" Memorial Fund, by deed of trust executed September 7th by his executors, conveying

to the City of Buffalo the sum of \$10,000 as a perpetual memorial. Its object was to act as an incentive to diligent study and correct deportment, to promote culture of mind, morals and manners, and to aid in making worthy citizens of the rising generation. Medals, books and other prizes are distributed each year under this deed.

The crowning manifestation of his generosity in Buffalo was the donation of a very valuable tract of land, five acres in extent, occupying one of the most beautiful locations in the city, bounded by Jersey, Thirteenth, Fourteenth and York streets, for the site of the Normal School. This block of land was valued in 1867 at \$30,000.

Engaged in his visits to the schools, he became chilled while riding about the city, and after a week of gradual sinking, he died peacefully on Saturday, September 7th, 1867, in the eighty sixth year of his age.

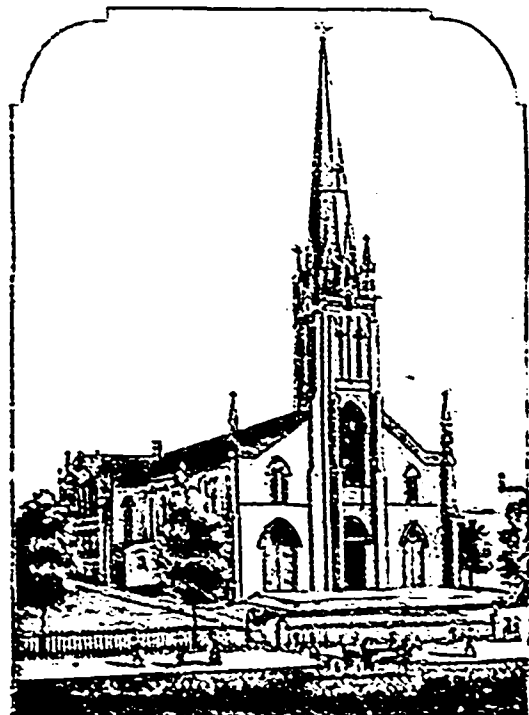
His funeral, which was held in the church, was attended by an immense concourse of people, many being unable to gain admittance. The Common Council attended in a body, as did the Principals of the public schools, and the children of Westminster Sunday-school. The public schools were closed that day in honor of his memory. His remains were borne to their last resting place in Forest Lawn.

SABBATH SERVICES.

The services on Sabbath last closed the jubilee ceremonies. In the morning there was a large attendance of Sabbath school pupils and their parents to witness the distribution of Bibles to children baptised in the church seven years ago. The Bibles are the gift of the Session, and were presented by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Parsons. Thirty-three scholars were entitled to receive them, but only twenty-one were present. The books, which are handsome specimens of the printer's and binder's art, will be sent to those pupils who were absent, and thus one will go to British Columbia, another to Beckenham, England, and a third to the United States. The sermon was preached by Dr. Parsons, from Luke ii. 46, on the appropriate subject of our Saviour coming to the temple with His parents at the age of twelve. The discourse was impressive, and was listened to with attention by the children.

In the afternoon the church was again well filled, when the progress of the last half century of Sabbath-school work was commemorated by a review of the work done in that period. The Duchess street mission, an auxiliary to the church, was also present and made a good appearance.

The Rev. Alexander Gilray, of College St. Church, who had been the first missionary at Duchess St. school, gave a most interesting address, he said. "About twenty-two years ago the friends in Duchess St. Mission with their beloved pastor, Dr. Topp, asked me to become the missionary in their mission. Never shall I forget the sympathy shown to me by the workers in the mission and many in Knox church. Some of the workers I found there. First, there was Mr. Geo. Laidlaw, our superintendent, who was gentleness and fidelity combined. Next I mention Mr. James Livingstone of tender and sacred memory, he conducted the service of praise. Words cannot give an adequate estimate of the worth of this sweet singer. How firm in purpose, he was too, for the honor of his Master. Two Elders of Knox church I found engaged in the young mission, Mr. James Bain, sr., and Ex-Ald. Carlyle. No missionary could wish for more loyal helpers than I found in these brethren. Their kindness was a constant sunshine. Nothing could discourage them. The windows were broken with stones



KNOX CHURCH, 1825.