

mentary education in the school of his native town. His parents destined him for the ministry of the established kirk, and he was educated with that object in view. Coming under the notice of Bishop Strachan, of Toronto, he was induced to come to Canada, which he did, and in 1820 became a resident of the then village of Hamilton. While preparing for the ministry in Scotland he acted as private tutor in the family of one of the Scottish noblemen, who lived near his home, and here he developed a taste for teaching. Accordingly when the Gore District School was opened in 1821 he became the first headmaster. On the 4th of August, 1825, he was married at Niagara by the Rev. Father Finney to Miss Martha M. Gale, of Orange County, in the State of New York. He resigned his position as headmaster, entered the legal profession, and was appointed Clerk of the District Court, which position he held for many years. His death occurred on the first of July, 1844, and his remains now rest in the Hamilton Cemetery. A widow, two sons and one daughter survived him. The eldest son, Robert Nichol Law, was a prominent barrister in this city, the second son, James Douglas Law, became an engineer. Both are now dead. Mrs. Margaret Benson (*nee* Law) is the only surviving member of the family. Her home is now in the city of St. Catharines.

Mr. Law was very thorough in his teaching, strict in discipline, and had an abiding faith in the virtue of the rod. The results of his work in the schoolroom were very gratifying, for pupils came to him from all parts of the Province. Many of them became in after life prominent public men. For many years after his retirement from teaching he was a valued member of the Board of Trustees and took an active interest in everything pertaining to the welfare of the city.

Mr. Stephen Randall, who succeeded Mr. John Law as headmaster, was an experienced teacher and an excellent scholar. In 1824 he started a private school in the