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The Christian Church, as well as the nation, is enriched by the lives and labors of its tried and true servants. The McMASTER MONTHLY is doing a good work in preserving something of the history of the pioneer men and women who, in the days of much privation and hardship, laid broad and sure foundations upon which others have builded a goodly structure. In such an honor roll should be well preserved the names of Deacon William L. Goble and his estimable Christian lady, Laura Green Goble.

Both came of strong and truth-loving Baptist stock. Away back in "January ye 22, on Thursday, in ye year 1747," Robert Goble, Esq., rejoiced in the birth of a son, Jacob Goble, who was known, in time, as Jacob Goble, Sen. Time went on, and again a record was made: "Jacob Goble, Jun., was born January ye 27, on Monday, in ye year 1783." These quaint records, made by hands which loved but which have been cold for more than a hundred years, are found on the blank pages of an *almanack* for the year 1777.

This Jacob Goble, Jun., the father of W. L. Goble of this sketch, became "Old Elder Goble," who did yeoman work for the Baptist cause in the wilderness of Western Ontario. He lived in New York State, with his wife, Bothsbeba Paine Goble, "a woman of superior gifts both of mind and person," until that excellent person died in 1812. In 1814 he removed to Upper Canada and settled in the Niagara District. He there married Mary Beamer, daughter of Philip Beamer, thus uniting two of