

1785. We have thus to imagine him often traversing the grand quadrangle of Henry the Eighth's famous Foundation, and passing in and out familiarly among door-ways and chambers, teeming with memories of Lord Bacon, George Herbert, Robert Nelson, Sir Isaac Newton, and the other innumerable historic worthies, who have been members of Trinity. His surroundings at Cambridge were doubtless congenial to his character; and I have been assured that Bishop Watson, of Llandaff, the well known author of the "Apology," had said, that the English Church was losing a scholar of no ordinary quality, when, in 1792, Mr. Addison decided to make far-off Canada the scene of his ministrations.

His prospects at home were bright; to be a member of Trinity College, Cambridge, gave a prestige to a man everywhere in England, and this determination on the part of Mr. Addison

was plainly an act of unselfishness. The national Church was calling on her sons personally to assist her in fulfilling her duty towards the wide domain brought within her jurisdiction through the acquisition of Canada. He felt himself impelled to obey that call. The English Church was fortunate in having so worthy a representative in these parts at so early a period. Mr. Addison's character and abilities

were duly appreciated. In the calendars of the day his name appears not only on the list of those who form the Board for the general superintendence of education in Upper Canada, and those who are appointed Trustees of the public schools of the Niagara district, but also on the list of the commissioners of the peace, or general magistrates, in which capacity

Mr. Addison's name figures in company with those of Thomas Dickson, John Ball, Robert Nelles, William Crooks, Samuel Street, Abraham Nelles, George Keefer, James Kerby, James Macklem, John Powell, John Servos, W. H. Merritt, J. B. Clench and many others familiar even yet to us of the present generation.

Many little extracts have been already made and circulated from the casual memoranda entered by Mr. Addison in the parochial register of St. Mark's, dating back to July 9th, 1792, all

showing him to have been a man of great soundness of judgment, and full of human sympathy. On the whole, in fact, he may be said to have possessed not a few of the qualifications sought for by good Sir Roger de Coverley in his chaplain and the parson of the parish, such as "a good aspect, a clear voice, a sociable temper, and competent scholarship."

The reports of his mission in Canada, trans-



CHURCH-GOING A HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

*In Memoriam: Robert Addison, Missionary, St. Mark's Church, Niagara, A.D., 1792—A.D., 1829.*