

### Old St. Thomas Churchyard—*Continued*

The doctors of the early days have also found their well-earned rest in this quiet spot; one stone reads in plain, well cut letters: D. J. Bowman, M. D., who died January 18, 1848, aged 48. Another which has fallen and has been broken into three pieces is to the memory of Dr. Frederick B. Going, 1882, in his 64th year, and a white marble obelisk is sacred to the memory of Helen, 1841, and Bridget, 1858, wives of Dr. C. B. Hall, and a little further on, Dr. Elijah Duncombe, 1870. A late stone in memory of A. Rogers merits attention, as it marks one who lived nearly a century, 96 years; born in Kenath County, Longford, Ireland, farmed in Devonshire, England, over fifty years ago and emigrated to Canada in the year 1859, entered into rest, 1876.

Close to the fence, near the brow of the hill, are two stones, one to Patrick Wallace, 1829, and son, Octavius, killed at the battle of Williamsburg, Va., May, 1862, aged 26, a corporal of the 24th Regiment, Michigan Volunteers, and the other to Munson, son of Henry and Vashti Grawburg, died 1837, aged 18. The epitaph contains a warning to all vain youths who may pass by.

The last part of the cemetery is that small portion bounded on one side by the ravine, to the north, and by the high hill on the south, forming a diagonal. Yet here is the object point in this history, for here are to be found the first four graves. Jean Mitepell, already mentioned, who died Sept. 22, 1829, aged 53 years; also Ann, his wife, who died Nov. 14, 1851, aged 77; Thos. Duncombe, died Oct. 13, 1822, aged 52 years, as far as the records on the standing tombstones show, the first buried after the grounds were consecrated; also

Rhoda, his wife, Aug. 24, 1853, aged 80, and passing an iron railing enclosing one of the Miller families, a large stone slab, placed on stone pillars, is seen which contains the following: "In memory of Daniel Rapelje, who died Oct. 1, 1828, aged 53 years, 10 months; Elizabeth, his wife, died 1865, aged 88 years; Jeronimus, eldest brother of Daniel Rapelje, 1846.

George James, eldest son of Daniel and Elizabeth, died Nov. 3rd, 1819, aged 23 years; Lambert, second son of Daniel and Elizabeth, died Christmas Day, 1819, aged 15. Henry V., youngest son of Daniel and Elizabeth died March 31st, 1838. "How still and peaceful is the grave, where life's vain tumults passed; the appointed home by heaven's decree, receives us all at last."

On the other side of the path stands a fine monument of later style in memory of Jeronimus Rapelje, born 1806, died 1894; and Jennette, his wife, born 1807, died 1901; Jeronimus evidently being the third son of Daniel Rapelje. To the side a high iron fence marks the Whitman lot containing, with others, Christopher, 1843, and Elizabeth Beaumont, 1853, the ancestors of the families bearing that name here (natives of Golger, Yorks).

The last plot is dedicated to Henry and Eliza Caldwell, and niece, of Trondheim, Woolwich, Kent. Beside this lie Elizabeth Shore, 1876, aged 89 years, 9 months, of Lancashire, and no doubt the grave beside her belongs to Captain Shore, the aristocratic soldier, who did service to the country in 1837, but who lies in an unmarked grave.

These graves are near the brow of the hill and owing to a part of the hill slipping, the tombstones erected to Captain Shore fell over and have now been lost.



A Pretty Scene on Kettle Creek, Near St. Thomas