

Mr. Leys is a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church ; has been Treasurer and a Trustee of the same for fourteen or fifteen years, and is a man of sterling character.

In 1855, he was joined in marriage with Miss Jane Skeen, third daughter of the late John Skeen, Esq., merchant, Sheriff Clerk Depute, Tarland, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and she has had six children, only four of them now living. The eldest daughter, Annie Isabella, is the wife of Alexander Watson, of the "Detroit Seed Company," Mich. ; the others are single.

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REV. JAMES ELLIOTT, D.D.,

BROCKVILLE.

ONE of the self-educated and eminently successful clergymen of Ontario, is James Elliott, D. D., a native of Kingscourt, County of Cavan, Ireland, dating his birth October 12th, 1819. His father, David Elliott, and a man of powerful mind, a farmer, preached the gospel largely, and not without rich fruits, through the silent eloquence of a godly life. His mother, whose maiden name was Martha Young, was also a very pious woman, an Elizabeth and a Zacharias. In 1812 the whole family came to Canada—the pious members bringing their religion with them—and settled on a farm in the township of Fitzroy, thirty miles west of Ottawa, where our subject farmed until about twenty years of age, devoting, meantime, all his spare time to his education. The last part of his school privileges was enjoyed in the old country, the backwoods of Ontario being unfavorable for mental culture, so far as it regards institutions of learning, forty and fifty years ago. James had an older brother, Thomas Elliott, many years a school teacher, who was a classical scholar, and rendered much valuable assistance to our subject.

Dr. Elliott was converted when only twelve years of age, and in prayer-meetings, class-meetings, and other religious gatherings, early showed power of mind, in the rough, of no inferior order, and which, with a little polishing, would be likely to become of great service to the world. He was encouraged to exercise his gifts, and in spite of much innate modesty and conspicuous bashfulness, was early pushed forward into the itinerant work, commencing on the old Richmond Circuit, near Ottawa, 1841. He gave seven years to such thinly populated circuits as L'Orignal, Matilda and Kemptville, and was three years at Prescott, five at Hamilton, six at Quebec, three at Montreal, three at London, and three at Kingston, being stationed at Brockville in 1877.

While at Hamilton, in 1854, he lost the wife of his early manhood, who was Miss Harriet Flynn, of L'Orignal, married in 1844. She and one of her two children died of cholera, and were buried on the same day, in the same grave, the funeral being delayed for three hours, with the expectation every moment that the husband and father would also die.