

ALEXANDER CHRISTIE, ESQ.

The death of Mr. Christie has taken the Directors greatly by surprise, for only a few were even aware that he was sick, and as he was so constant in his attendance at the Board meetings his presence and his help will be missed for a long time. He had been a Director of the Society, as his father had been before him, ever since the year 1849, and for the last four years he had filled most faithfully and efficiently the office of Minute Secretary.

Mr. Alexander Christie was born in Leith, Scotland, on the 2nd of Sept., 1816. He received his education in Greenock, whither his father and family had removed. In 1831 the whole family came out to Montreal, where they lived until 1835, when they came to Toronto. He was for many years in business with his father, as an ironmonger, in a shop which stood near the present site of the *Globe* office. His father, Mr. John Christie, who was a Director of the Society from 1837 to 1847, died in 1848. Some years after his father's death he changed his occupation, and adopted that of an accountant and general agent, which he continued to follow up to the time of his death. We do not know the date of his conversion; perhaps it was so early in life that he did not know himself. But he had been for many years an earnest and useful member of Zion Congregational Church, and was highly esteemed by his fellow members. Although strongly convinced of his own views of Church polity, he was very ready to join in undenominational Christian work. He was the first Treasurer (Mr. James Lesslie being the first President) of the first Young Men's Christian Association formed in Toronto in 1853; and the second essay read before that Association was composed and read by him, the subject being 'Model Churches.' He was also very earnest in the Temperance cause. He has long been one of the Directors of the Upper Canada Tract Society, and for the last two years has been one of its Secretaries. We have already referred to his faithful services to our own Society. As Secretary of the Tract Society he spent a portion of the business part of each day in his office at the Depository, until about a fortnight before his death, when he caught a severe cold. Although he was detained from his office, his friends, and even his physician, did not apprehend any fatal result; but on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 14th of March, he quite unexpectedly, and very quietly, fell asleep in Jesus; therefore, though we cannot but miss him, "let us not sorrow as those without hope." On Thursday, the 16th, his body was laid in mother earth, in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection, the Rev. Mr. Powis, his pastor, conducting the service.

THE VERY REV. DEAN GRASETT.

The death of the Senior Vice-President of the Society in the person of the Dean has not taken any one in Toronto by surprise. For more than a year the evidences of his failing health have been too painfully evident; and when he preached last Easter Sunday, his congregation could not but fear