

of. He persistently advocated the absolute separation of prisoners in our common gaols, and denounced as cruel and unwise the practice of sending boys and girls under 14 yrs. of age to the ordinary co. prison. Under his direction many important reforms were effected in the prisons, penitentiaries and asylums of the Dom., not the least momentous being the adoption, in regard to penitentiaries, of the principle of what is known among prison reformers as "The Crofter System." The labours of the Prison Bd., under the chairmanship of Dr. M., were highly eulogized by leading Am. and Brit. authorities. He is the author of several pamphlets and papers on social, literary and other subjects, published either separately, or in the Am. and Can. reviews and mags. Among these are: "An Essay on the Oregon Question," "Influence of Recent Gold Discoveries on Prices," "Talfourd's Tragedy of Ion," "Essay on Friendless and Neglected Children," "Compulsory Education in Crime," "Emendations in Shakespeare," "Half-Time and Mil. Drill in Schs.," "National Language and National Manners," "Work of Recent Prison Congresses," "Miss Dix: Philanthropist and Asylum Reformer." He still continues to take a warm interest in Prison Reform, and especially in everything connected with the treatment of children. He read a paper before the Internl. Prison Congress, 1887, on the common gaols of Ont., and took part in the proceedings of the Annual Prison Conf. since held in Toronto. He has been for many yrs. a V.-P. of the Industrial Sch. Assn. and also of the Prisoners' Aid Assn. of Can., as well as an hon. mem. of the Internl. Prison Assn. of N. Y. He formerly held office as Presdt. of the Lit. and Hist. Soc. of Quebec, and of the Lit. and Scier. Soc. of Ottawa. At present he is a V.-P. of the Astron. and Phys. Soc. of Toronto. He is also V.-P. of the Toronto Genl. Trusts Co. In 1896 he was included in the

comn. apptd. to enquire into the admn. of Kingston Penit. Politically, a follower of the Free Trade sch. of economists; in religious belief, he is an Ang. He m. July, 1851, Anne Frances, dau. of the late W. B. Jarvis, Sheriff of Co. York.—*Rosedale, Toronto.*

"A scholar and a gentleman."—*Transcript.*

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