

and that was not little we are told. In his capacity of secretary for twenty-one years of the Guelph St. Andrew's Society, he had much opportunity to assist the friendless. As a member of the Grammar and Common School Board he also took a great interest and an active part in promoting the cause of education in the place of his abode. Mr. Ramsay could do more in a pecuniary way. He made divers bequests to local charities, and left the residue of his fortune to the fund for "Aged and Indigent Gentlewomen." He likewise manifested his interest in education, which, as a teacher at one time, would have a special claim on his sympathy, in the legacy of £100 to provide a gold medal annually for the Grammar School of Aberdeen, where the Ramsays and Piries of past generations have got that start in life which has helped to make men—and no mean men—of many of them.

Mr. Pirie was conservative in his politics, and an unwavering friend to his party. His patriotism more than once had ample room for marked expression, and his poetical vein for exercise, when the volunteer force of his adopted land had to be called out. We are told by one of the local journals which recorded his death that "when he espoused a cause or took up a question he held to it firmly, because he judged it was right, and more than once sacrificed his own interests in advocating what he considered was for the public good."

If it could be said with truth of Mr. Ramsay by the well known Joseph Hume, to whom for a short time he acted as private secretary, "I never saw the like of you, Ramsay; you'll neither lead nor drive," we can well imagine the following expression of his views to be genuine, as given in the introductory article at the commencement of one of the periodicals he conducted: "Devotion to a party we consider a sure indication of a weak intellect and a worthless heart. The enlightened philanthropist spurns the fetters of party, and walks abroad in his honest zeal to promote the best interests of his kind."

Such were the two. Peace be to their memory.

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PHRENOLOGICAL OPINION.

You possess a large and ponderous brain, indicative of a weighty and influential mind. Its quality is essentially mental, still it ever requires the force of circumstances to bear upon it in order to evoke its active and powerful energies.

Your perceptive or knowing faculties are fully and proportionably developed. Your observation is keen, searching and critical. You are generally inclined to see external objects in their proper light. While you examine minutely in detail, you can also generalize; and individualize persons, places, and objects in general. You possess a very retentive memory, more in reference, however, to transactions and incidents which have come more immediately under your own personal inspection, than to abstract ideas or historical truth. Your geographical knowledge is most extensive. There is scarcely a spot you have travelled over but what you could map out and delineate with accuracy and ease. This, combined with your great ideality and large concentrativeness, enables you to become a graphic and entertaining writer. You are very partial to the works of travellers, and devour their contents with greediness and absorbing interest. You are not yourself much of a traveller. Though you have a most anxious desire to see strange and magnificent places and objects, still you love more to travel around the fireside with Cook, Humboldt, or Lander near at hand. You seem to have a precise idea of form, size and harmonious proportion. You are extremely fastidious, and, particular about method or arrangement. You are fond of architecture. You love to see a well laid-out farm, with its furrows and fences precise and perfect. Still this feeling has no particular reference to yourself, personally you are not very tidy. As an author or editor you are particularly so. In the expression of your ideas on paper you are elaborately systematical. You write with plainness and precision. You do not make a good public speaker or orator. You have a hundred more ideas than you can adequately enunciate *vide voce*. You are a first rate mental calculator, and you are fond of studying statistical information. You possess a good knowledge of the philosophy of sweet harmony; but you are, yourself, not a very good vocalist; you would make a better instrumentalist. Your constructive and inventive genius is large. You have not only a pretty accurate knowledge of mechanical philosophy, but these faculties lead you more to plan out some magnificent scheme, which would interest the great mass of mankind. You are a stern and consecutive reasoner, and you discriminate with nicety and care. The pursuit and accumulation of knowledge has ever been your hobby from your youth upward. You must be in every respect a self made man. Your own profound reflections have done infinitely more for you than ever an imposed education has done. You are yet always learning and arriving at a knowledge of higher truths. But although you are essentially a progressive thinker, still you hold fast that which you formerly received as truth, and will not let it go until it has not a leg of evidence to stand upon. You are an ardent and somewhat dog-