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SAMUEL ARTHUR MARLING, M. A.

Samuel Arthur Marling, the fourth son of John F. and Elizabeth Marling, was born at Ebley, in Gloucestershire, England, January 19th, 1830. His father was engaged in the business of manufacturing cloth at that place, where his establishment is still continued under the proprietorship of his brother, Mr. Samuel S. Marling, who represented West Gloucestershire in the last Parliament of the United Kingdom. In 1842 Mr. Marling came to Canada with his wife and family of five sons and one daughter, and was for some time engaged as an importer in Toronto, where he resided until his death, in 1869. His daughter died in early life; but his wife and four of his sons are still alive. Of these, one is the genial and painstaking Secretary of the Education Department, another, a clergyman, formerly in Toronto, is now in New York; the two others are engaged in business.

The school life of the subject of our sketch began at Devizes in Wiltshire, at the boarding school of Mr. Biggs, a fair specimen of the classical master to be found in old English towns. Here he remained until he came to Canada, when his father, who valued a good education, entered him and his younger brother at Upper Canada College. He was placed in the fourth form, and, though put at a disadvantage on account of the principal's admitting him to a higher class than his attainments warranted, soon distinguished himself. At the end of each year of his course in this institution, which extended from the beginning of 1843 to midsummer 1846, the College records show that he was awarded some prize or honorable position. When, at the early age of sixteen years and a half, he passed out of the seventh form, he received the German prize, was ranked first in Latin verse and reading, and was placed among the list of those leaving the College with honors.

After this Mr. Marling spent some time in a commercial house, but, his tastes being those of a student, he entered Toronto University in 1850. During a distinguished academic career he uniformly obtained first-class honors in the ancient classics. In 1851 he obtained a prize for proficiency in Greek and Latin, and one for English verse. In 1852 he gained the Chancellor's medal for proficiency in the evidences of natural and revealed religion. In 1853, on taking his degree, he carried off the gold medal for the ancient classics. The next

twenty years of his life were occupied in teaching. He was Head Master, in succession, of the Grammar or High School at Bond Head, Newmarket, Chatham, and Whitby. In 1873, on account of his reputation and experience, he was appointed an inspector of High Schools and a member of the Central Committee of Examiners. These offices he held until his death, and, in addition, acted on several occasions as examiner in classics in the University of Toronto. During this period of his life he proved a valuable assistant, first to the late Chief Superintendent and the Council of Public Instruction, and afterwards to the Minister of Education in effecting the various improvements which have marked the history of the public and high school systems during the past eight years.

His death, which was sudden and unexpected, occurred on Sunday, the day on which his former chief, the late Dr. Ryerson; likewise passed to his rest. A fall on the preceding day gave him some uneasiness, but did not alarm or seriously inconvenience him. In order to recover from its effects he remained at home on Sunday, spent the day in reading, took his meals with his family, and conversed with them in his usual genial way. In the evening, shortly after they returned from church, he retired, taking with him Trench on the Parables to read in bed until he should fall asleep. Not long afterwards he was heard to call loudly, and, when his alarmed wife and children rushed in, he was found unable to speak and in the agony of death.

It is supposed that the shock

of the fall on the day before had distended an artery near the heart, and that the successive pulsations of that organ gradually increased the distention and finally effected a rupture at the weakened spot.

His funeral took place on Thursday, February 23. It was attended by a number of High School masters from different parts of the Province, who had closed their schools as a mark of respect to the deceased, by the president, professors, and students of University College, in academic costume, and by many other friends. The services in the house were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Hogg, pastor of the Charles St. Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Marling was an elder; at the grave Dr. Davies, principal of the Toronto Normal School, read the burial service of the Church of England.

Mr. Marling married, in 1854, Miss Ellen Ada Woodhouse, daughter of the late Mr. James Woodhouse, for some years an

