

THE LATE JOSEPH MACKAY.

On the 2nd inst., at his residence, Kildonan Hall, passed away one of Montreal's most systematic, though unostentatious benefactors, who, in a long life spent amongst us, had earned the title of honour and respect, which he carries with him to his grave. His death, which had been for some time looked for, was due to a severe cold which he was unable to shake off, and to which he finally succumbed, after a life of seventy years, fifty of which were spent in his adopted country. Mr. Mackay was born at Kildonan, Sutherlandshire, in 1811. He arrived in Canada about fifty years ago, and settled in Montreal, where he at once applied himself with the greatest energy to commercial pursuits. His entire career has been one of steady success. As the founder of the wholesale dry-goods firm of Joseph Mackay & Brother he became well known throughout the whole of the Dominion. As a merchant his name became a synonym for honest, upright dealing, and he was regarded as a man of unimpeachable character, and a representative of the highest form of commercial morality. Whilst thus noted as a merchant, it will be through his many benefactions, and the interest he took in educational and charitable matters, that Mr. Mackay's name will be longest and most tenderly remembered. He was the founder of the Mackay Deaf and Dumb Institution, and one of the originators of the Presbyterian College, two establishments which have done, and are doing, much practical and lasting good, and of which the citizens of Montreal are justly proud. He was a governor and prime supporter of the General Hospital since it was started, and to the Home of Industry and Re-



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fuge he was a constant and liberal giver. Indeed, there is scarcely a charity or religious institution in Montreal which he has not aided through his benevolence at one time or another. But his charities were not confined to local matters. Church missions at home and abroad were liberally aided by him, and in the mission work of the Presbyterian Church in the North-West Territory he took a deep interest. He was a member of the Crescent street Presbyterian Church, and when his health permitted he was regularly in his pew at the church services. Take him for all in all Joseph Mackay was a man of a warm heart, a fine taste, and thorough Scottish character. He passed through the world doing good in many ways, and as his generous impulses directed. His death will long be deeply regretted by all those who were honored by his friendship, or assisted by his kindly and always timely benevolence.

Amongst many tributes to his memory, the Governors of the Mackay Institution for Protestant Deaf Mutes at their last meeting adopted a resolution, of which the following is a synopsis: "That the Governors desire to express gratitude to God for having in Mr. Mackay raised up so great a benefactor. On behalf of the afflicted they express their deep regret and sorrow at the loss they have sustained, and they offer their warm and respectful sympathy and condolence to the members of Mr. Mackay's family." This is only one of the many flattering notices with which the citizens of Montreal have endeavoured to show their respect for the memory of an esteemed citizen and their sympathy with the bereaved family.



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