

lions of years to the total duration of life. So it is that his influence goes on. We recall the words of Longfellow:

So when a great man dies,
For years beyond our ken,
The light he leaves behind him lies
Upon the paths of men.

He was a splendid embodiment of gentleness and firmness. He met with strenuous opposition to his views, but he had faith in himself and his cause. He had laid his foundations deep and broad on the principles of science. "Build to-day then firm and sure, on a wide and ample base," was his motto; and he felt when doing so that, "Then ascending and secure shall to-morrow find its place." He believed in the old saying *magna est veritas et prevalebit*, truth is mighty and shall prevail. He fulfilled Shakespeare's idea of a perfect man:

His words were bonds, his oaths were oracles;
His love sincere, his thoughts immaculate;
His tears, pure messengers sent from his heart;
His heart as far from fraud as heaven from earth.

Full of years and honors he has passed from amongst us; and is now enrolled among the Empire's greatest dead. There let him rest on the monument of his own most cunning workmanship, and on that monument we lovingly place the eulogy of Marc Antony over the departed Brutus:

His life was gentle; and the elements
So mixed in him, that Nature could stand up,
And say to all the world, "This was a man."

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS IN ONTARIO.

The report of the births, marriages and deaths for the Province of Ontario for the year 1910 is just to hand. It exhibits care in preparation and contains much useful information on the vital statistics of the province.

The deaths for the year were 33,539, while the births were 55,871, showing a gain in the latter over the former of 22,332. Taking a period of twelve years, we find the total number of deaths was 373,063, and the births were 608,292, or a gain of births over deaths of 235,229. This must be regarded as a satisfactory condition; and shows that the province is far from the stable condition of some old countries, where the death-rate is about the same as the birth-rate.