

sical student, nothing could have afforded more delightful recreation than the opportunity thus afforded him, of exploring the scene of many an ancient legend or noble deed; and he afterwards delighted to point out, from photograph or engraving, the precise locality of some heroic action or memorable speech. It was hoped, on his return, that the improvement which all observed with satisfaction would be permanent, and, for a time, his strength seemed at least partially restored. The Session of 1877-78 opened under what were to him circumstances of peculiar happiness, in the accession to the College staff, of his muchesteemed and beloved friend, Principal Grant, and he rejoiced with unselfish delight in the prospect of the increased growth and usefulness of the University under such able and energetic guidance. But for himself that winter proved a sad one. A prostrating and intensely painful illness laid him aside from duty during the latter part of the session, and left him with greatly reduced strength. When Principal Grant inaugurated the new endowment scheme, which he has since so successfully prosecuted, Professor Mackerras could do no more than bid him a hearty "God speed," but, with characteristic self-abnegation, he rejoiced ungrudgingly that another could now carry on the work for which *he* was disabled by sinking strength and failing voice. From that time he gradually sank; though his brave perseverance in work, and the bright, cheery buoyancy of spirits and playfulness of manner which he retained almost to the last, not seldom led his friends to hope against hope. Except during that season of acute and prostrating illness, he scarcely lost an hour of his class-work, in which, however, he received the aid of an assistant. Even after he was unable to walk the short distance to the College, and his failing

breath made it a painful effort to ascend the stairs that led to his classroom, amid ever increasing infirmity, he bravely and uncomplainingly worked on, up to the beginning of the Christmas vacation, which he spent at the residence of his father-in-law, Judge Dennistoun, at Peterboro'. At its close, he peacefully sank to rest,—the rest which his zealous spirit would never take in life. His remains were brought to Kingston by his own desire, to be interred in Cataragui Cemetery, together with those of his aged mother, whose death was almost coincident with his own, amid the universal sorrow, not only of his own University, but of the whole community.

Professor Mackerras' career as a professor is the aspect of it more especially interesting in the pages of an educational journal. But a few words must be added as to his qualities as a man, a citizen, and a christian minister. As a man, he was peculiarly *lovable*. His frank, genial, courteous manner, his ready humour and genial *bonhomie* won him friends wherever he went, and his exemplary fulfilment of duty in every relation, won esteem as well as affection. As a citizen, he was always a patriotic Canadian, though strongly attached to his native Scotland, which he had left as a child. He was philanthropic and public-spirited, ready to give his willing aid to every benevolent enterprise, while it was a characteristic trait that he uniformly refused to take advantage of his clerical exemption from taxes,—maintaining that all who enjoyed the benefits of the community should be willing to pay their share towards its expenses. He was a most interesting speaker and lecturer, and the last public lecture, which he delivered in Kingston, on the Ancient Greek Drama, was *magnificent* in its eloquent presentation of the genius of Greek dramatic art, and in its