

was a self-made man, never having any educational advantages, but who, by "innate energy, diligence and intelligence" arose to the important position of County Registrar. But it is on account of his sympathy and substantial help in everything that pertains to the advancement of God's Kingdom and the welfare of mankind that he will always live in the memories of men. The best idea of his admirable character can be given by quoting the following lines, which are selected from a short poem written of him,—

—For public trusts pressed on his mind,
And schemes that needed brain to pave their way;
While poor and sorrowing ones sought him to find
A heart whereon their heavy cares to lay.

And thus like Job, the Christly friend of old,
"He made the widow's heart for joy to sing,"
While woes and wants that were not to him told,
He sought to find, and help and succor bring.

O love that lives "in deeds not air,"
That follows in the line laid down of yore,
That does not end in bloom however fair,
But yields the fruits of Christ's own life once more!

An article on Professor Blackie sets forth his eccentricities and excellencies in a vivid manner. The issue before us also contains a review of the last work of the late Dr. Gordon,—*"The Ministry of the Spirit."* The relation of the work to its author can best be denoted by quoting the following lines: "It may be fitly called his monument setting forth the reflections and experiences of a lifetime, and revealing the inner thoughts and life impulses of the man. Those who knew and heard him will recognize in the book a sort of transcript of his character; the quiet calm dignity of his bearing, the steady assured march of his address, his self-unconsciousness, his deep earnestness, his reverent contemplative view of truth, his sincerity even when he seemed to err, his strong attachment to certain methods of scripture interpretation and forms of theological belief are all reflected here. It need not be said that its teachings were to him no mere theories, but truths which he found to be a great practical force in the lives of many Christian people." Space will only permit a bare outline of the review which contains the aim and plan of the book, a statement of the thoughts and beliefs and of the prominent doctrines of the work, with pertinent criticisms.

Other exchanges at hand are *The Manitoba College Journal*, *The Dalhousie Gazette*, *Niagara Index*, and the *McGill Fortnightly*.

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