

spirit of our brother took its flight. Professional skill, and the affectionate attentions of loving hands had been ungrudgingly given—but his work was done, even at the early age of thirty-two years.

Our brother Huston was born at Whitby, Ont., June 15, 1859. His father, a well educated man, a native of county Antrim, Ireland, still lives: his mother, a native of Miramichi, N. B., died when her son Willie had reached his fourteenth year. From his father he seems to have inherited his passion for reading, and his great love of books; from his mother love of order, perseverance, ambition, and seriousness of mind. It is a touching circumstance that just three weeks before his death, in the bosom of his family, he talked most tenderly of his departed mother, enumerating her many virtues and sacrifices for her family, and saying that if ever a boy had a good mother he had. None could long associate with him without knowing that the maternal gift of love was richly transmitted in his case.

His public school and collegiate education were received in his native town. Even as a school-boy he was systematic and orderly, he had his time-table with regular hours for study and for play. Perhaps the most exceptional feature of the time-table idea was the way in which it was carried out, not, as is most commonly done, with the play hours encroaching on the times for study, but rather the reverse. We have no hesitation in accepting the testimony of those who knew this period of his life, that his danger was in allowing his study hours seriously to shorten his hours for recreation. This was characteristic of him till the end of his life.

After due preparation he matriculated into Toronto University at the age of nineteen, and soon afterwards was appointed an assistant master in the Whitby High School. To assume the duties and responsibilities of teacher in the school where one has barely ceased to be a pupil, is a severe test. So it proved with him. But his quiet and dignified demeanor in the class-room, and his heartiness and affability on the play-ground, soon won for him, even among those who at first were disposed to challenge his authority, not only respect but positive love.

While teaching in the High School he read his University work, and, year by year, went up and passed his May examina-