

ment of their operations on the East River, he afterward entered into business, first in partnership with his brother James, and afterward on his own account, and in this position was widely known, highly esteemed and largely successful.

We are asked to furnish for the *Record* some notice of his character and services to the Church. In doing so our difficulty is to make a selection, and in the limited space at our disposal to show in any adequate measure what manner of man he was. We have seen obituaries in which some good points in a person's character were stated with all prominence, and weak points or worse either delicately shaded over or quietly ignored. We confess to have written such, and do not say that we did wrong. But in referring to our departed brother it would be difficult to point out one feature of Christian character for which he was not distinguished, nor one department of Christian usefulness in which he did not occupy a position far beyond most of his fellows. In selecting, therefore, certain points for notice we feel as if we were in danger of conveying a wrong impression—as if he were not so eminent in other respects. But the fact was that there was in him such a beautiful symmetry of character, and he entered so heartily into every Christian undertaking that the difficulty lies in saying what one excellence was more prominent than another. But as we write for survivors we shall notice what we consider specially fitted to be useful.

As a man he was marked by a sound and quick judgment, strict integrity, and warm affections. He had a clear head and a practical wisdom which seldom failed in enabling him to penetrate to the heart of every question presented to him, and to arrive at just conclusions. But in all he did duty ruled. "If it is right, do it, and if it is not, don't," was his simple motto, and with it he often cleared a question of many an extraneous difficulty. Under this guidance he seldom failed to see his own way clear, and was able to point it out to others. To this was added all those kindly sympathies, amiable disposition and warm affections which could render him loved of men. We need not enlarge upon what he was in his family. Surely that circle in which the members who can look back over a period of thirty years, are yet able to say that they could not recollect ever seeing their head out of temper, though most particular in reproving wrong, have been singularly favoured, while many in all these Provinces and beyond them will remember the warm hospitality of that Christian home, under the guidance of one whose delight it was to minister to the saints. In the circle of friendship we never knew a

man who drew to him stronger attachments. Those whose privilege it was to enjoy intimacy with him will, we are persuaded, regard it as one of the happiest memories of their past life, and the prospect of renewed association with him and such as he not the least pleasing of their hopes for the future.

As a business man he had not had the professional training which would make him be regarded according to a certain standard as a model merchant, but his natural sagacity, his untiring diligence and scrupulous conscientiousness gave him a high place as a trader. At all events he established the purest example we have known of Christianity in business. Let one or two facts be mentioned in proof of this. He commenced when throughout that section of country credit was almost universal, and ready pay a rarity. For many years he conducted one of the largest businesses of the kind in that part of the Province, and to the end of his life it was largely on credit, and yet at the close he could say that he had never sued a man. This was from no care or exactness in securing only good customers. On the contrary, there was no trader in this part of the country who was so free in supplying the poor. We believe he never refused a man relief of which he thought he would make a good use. Often did parties obtain aid from him when they could obtain it nowhere else. Time and again, when the country was pressed for want of provisions, we have heard it said that Roderick McGregor's was the only place in the county where a poor man could get a barrel of flour without the money.

Here we must notice a form of doing good in which he was excelled by few, viz., lending a helping hand to the struggling. To some it may not appear to be charity at all to give aid where we expect, or at all events hope, that the party will yet be able to repay. But it will not require much knowledge of human life to satisfy us that the help that is given in the way of lending men to help themselves is the most valuable and useful of all charities.

With his kindness of heart and liberal dealing many another would have been ruined. But his was not the giving from mere easiness of nature which allows itself to be imposed on and cannot say "no" to importunity. He always exercised caution and a sound judgment in what he did so as to make sure that the aid he gave was really doing good and not wasting the goods with which his Lord entrusted him. Hence, often his money was repaid, or if he lost, his known kindness drew other customers to him. And undoubtedly the Divine blessing rested upon his proceedings, so that his career fully illustrated the