

his influence has extended, wherever there are to be found any who have known him, there are to be found those who have loved him and mourn him ; and to these, and those less fortunate who have known him only by repute, we offer this number of the JOURNAL which we have dedicated to his memory. At present we will say no more than what may be necessary for a preface. Abler hands than ours have sketched his life and character, and to those who have known him we would say that we hope what we here publish will be found not unworthy of the man whose life we commemorate, and to those who have not, that they will do well to read the sketch of the life of this man written by one of his earliest friends, and the sketch of his character given by the very Rev. Dr. Grant in the funeral sermon which we publish in full.

Besides those articles we have mentioned, we, through the kindness of friends, are enabled to present a beautiful memorial poem, and to all these we have added whatever else we have thought could be of interest and which in the short time at our disposal we were able to collect. With these also we present his portrait and autograph.

For all that makes this number valuable we must thank those friends of Professor MACKERRAS who have so kindly aided us.

Though as we said this is only a species of preface, we cannot conclude without referring to Professor MACKERRAS'S connection with the College Societies and with ourselves. For many years he was personally connected with the Alma Mater Society of which at one time he was the President, and though lately he has not taken any part in its deliberations, owing to want of time, he has ever had an active interest in all its operations. But that Society with which he was most peculiarly connected and to which he was most especially attached was the Elocution Association. Of this Society

he was for many years the principal stay, and during the time he occupied the position of President, its meetings were recognized as the most instructive and interesting of any that were held in the College Halls. While still holding the position of President he was forced from ill health to give up, for the time, his work and take a trip to more congenial climes, and in his absence communication was maintained between the society and its President in such a way as showed plainly the strong bonds of attachment that subsisted between them. On his return he was again, as in many previous years, unanimously elected President, but was compelled to give up active work for a time, a short time we all thought, little dreaming that it was for all time. Though since then the Society has had able Presidents, it has never prospered as it once did and now may be considered to be amalgamated with the senior A. M. S.

And as to ourselves. Here we will say little, for want of ability prevents our saying more. Always aiding us, with advice when it was most necessary, never given officiously, always given acceptably, with his pen whenever his time allowed ; he never was a harsh critic, nor expected too much. During the term of the present board of management his health has been so low that much of his work had to be given up, but we have ever found him willing and ready to assist whenever we applied to him, and the last time the writer of this article saw his living form was the occasion of an interview with him on behalf of the interests of our JOURNAL. How much we shall miss him we know, our predecessors know, and in dedicating this number to his memory we express but slightly our feelings at our loss. We publish much that is valuable, but we feel that it is very incomplete, and ask our friends to consider our difficulties, and accept our offering in the spirit in which it is given.