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We have been induced to continue the publication of the *Gazette* for the present year, as a sufficient number of the parties to whom we sent the first two numbers of this volume have retained their copies, and thereby implied their willingness to become subscribers.

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In this city, on the 31st of January last, Sarah Jane, the wife of the Rev. Edward Denroche, in the 52nd year of her age, after an illness of many years' duration, borne with christian fortitude and patience. The decease of this estimable woman will be sincerely deplored by her numerous friends, particularly in the vicinity of Brockville, where she spent the greater part of her sojourn in Canada, and discharged with exemplary zeal and love the duties of a pastor's wife. Her kind attention to the rich and poor, her activity in the Sunday School, and her untiring exertions in presiding at the organ in the parish church, and in leading the choir, will long be affectionately remembered by the parishioners.

DEATH OF THE REV. WILLIAM MACAULAY HERCHMER, M.A.

We learn from private sources that this melancholy event took place at Rockhurst, near Kingston, on Saturday, the 11th ultimo, and in the absence of an obituary from some one more competent to furnish it, we venture to place on record a brief notice of this estimable clergyman.

Mr. Herchmer was the third son of the late Lawrence Herchmer, Esq., a U. E. loyalist, and for many years one of the leading merchants of Kingston. He was born in that town on the 11th June, 1811, and received the elements of a sound classical education at the Royal Grammar School, under the care of the Rev. George Wilson, M.A., whose labours in the cause of education and of the church are still gratefully remembered in Canada; and latterly, under that of Mr. Baxter, his successor. On leaving school, in the year 1829, being intended for the church, he went to the theological seminary of the Rev. Mr. Brathwaite, at Chambly, Canada East, where he remained about three years. He thence proceeded to England, and entered Queen's College, Oxford, where he renewed his connexion with his friend and former master, Mr. Wilson, who, on his return from Canada, had been preferred to a distinguished post in that seat of learning. In

1835, he took his degree of B.A., and having been admitted to Holy Orders, was appointed to the curacy of Shipton, on the Cherwell, in the Diocese of Oxford. On the recommendation of his friend and fellow-townsmen, the Rev. Robert Cartwright, M.A., he returned to his native town, about the year 1837, and took charge of the Grammar School, in connexion with the chaplaincy of the Provincial Penitentiary, and for several years discharged the duties of those responsible offices, in a most satisfactory manner. In 1843, he acceded to the unanimous wish of the congregation of St. George's Church, Kingston, to undertake the assistant ministrations of that important parish, vacant by the death of the late excellent Mr. Cartwright. The duties of this parish were extremely arduous, for at that period there was but one church in the town; and in addition to the recent removal of the seat of government to Kingston, the tide of emigration which flowed through it during his incumbency materially increased his labours. The earnest and unostentatious manner in which he devoted himself to his duties, particularly during those fearful visitations of the emigrant fever, gained for him the admiration of the entire community. Placed in the midst of a wide sphere of usefulness, he did not confine his exertions to the town alone, but zealously improved every opportunity of extending the ministrations of the church to the surrounding townships. His vigorous constitution and active habits enabled him to accomplish much himself, and by pressing into the work those of his brethren who were not fully occupied, he kept up a supply of services at several stations around Kingston, where churches have been subsequently built, and missionaries stationed. His exertions in this respect were the more commendable, inasmuch as he was actuated by a disinterested zeal for his master's cause, for shortly after his return to Canada, the advantageous sale of a portion of his paternal estate, placed him in independent circumstances. This good fortune seemed to add vigour to his exertions, and to increase his liberality. Among his benefactions we may mention the donation of £1,000 towards the completion of St. George's Church, a large contribution (said to be between three and four hundred pounds, towards providing a parochial school house in a neglected district in the town of Kingston, £250 to Trinity College, besides liberal subscriptions to the Church and other Societies, indeed he set an excellent example in this respect to those, who like himself have been favoured with a liberal share of this world's goods.

Of his kindness of heart and right feeling, the following incident speaks for itself. An uncle of his, engaged in the Indian trade, like many others similarly circumstanced, married a native woman. This gentleman was unfortunately lost on Lake Ontario several years before our lamented friend was born, leaving a family of several children to be brought up by his widow—which of course was after the Indian custom. The youngest son, a promising young man, became a convert to

Methodism, and subsequently a preacher in that Society. On visiting Kingston in that capacity, Mr. Herchmer readily claimed him as his kinsman, received him into his family, and subsequently showed him every attention.

Seldom have we seen a family so happy in the enjoyment of every blessing of life, or in their relations to the society they so well adorned, as that of our late friend; yet as if to teach us the fickleness of worldly prosperity, He who "chastens those he loves," in inscrutable wisdom overwhelmed them with a visitation of a most distressing nature, and which eventually proved too heavy even for M. Herchmer's buoyant and well-tortured mind. After many alternations between hope and despair, of its removal, he decided on taking his afflicted partner and his family to England, under the expectation that quiet and change of scene might prove beneficial. In this he was doomed to disappointment, and after a sojourn of two years, returned to Canada. But, alas, his trials began to tell on his *own mind* before he left England, and the shock he experienced from the wreck of the steamer in which he had embarked with his family, it is supposed, accelerated the calamity which has terminated his career in the prime of life. We mourn for him, as one whose piety, talents, and zeal are a sad loss to the church, for there can be no doubt, had he been spared, he would have occupied one of the highest stations of honour and usefulness in the Canadian branch of it.

The leading features in Mr. Herchmer's character were, earnestness of purpose, and an unostentatious activity in the performance of his duties; his ministrations were highly acceptable to his hearers, while his kindness of heart rendered him popular among all classes, and among his brethren of the clergy he was held in highest esteem.

He leaves a widow and several children to mourn the loss of a tender husband and most affectionate parent.

It appears his friends thought it best his funeral should be private. The invitations were therefore confined to a limited number of the gentry of Kingston. All the clergy within reach were present, including the Bishop elect, the Right Rev. Dr. Lewis. The Rev. Wm. Macaulay, Rector of Picton, and the Hon. John Hamilton, were the nearest relative present,—the family being in England. His remains were taken into St. John's Church, Portsmouth, a neat stone church, erected by his own exertions, where the service was read by the Rev. T. H. M. Bartlett, M.A., Chaplain to the Forces; they were thence conveyed to the family burial ground, in the rear of his late residence, and committed to their last resting place, by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Kingston, assisted by the Rev. A. Stewart.

Dark and mysterious as are the circumstances of this painful case, we would, nevertheless, bow in submission to the will of Him who does all things well. "What He does we know not now, but we shall know hereafter;" till then shall we not say "Good is the will of the Lord?"