

them, and acts of kindness toward them, as many of them at least will never forget, and were returned to him in such a wealth of gratitude and affection as falls to the lot of very few.

While Mr. Kirkland did not dissipate and waste his energies by spreading them over too wide an area, his services were by no means confined to his own profession. He was a devoted and earnest Christian, and the church, as well as the school, reaped the benefit of his labors. For a time he was a member of the senate of the University of Toronto, of which institution he was a graduate in Arts with honors in all subjects. At his death he had been for years a member of the senate of Knox College. * * *

Conscientiousness in whatever he undertook was a marked characteristic of the deceased, and his life was spent in constant, wise, useful, and therefore, happy activity. Neither in this capacity as a member and office-bearer of the Church of Christ, nor in any other, so far as we can learn, within the limit of the kind of service which Mr. Kirkland considered himself qualified for, and to which he devoted himself, was he ever known to shrink from any amount of work which it was at all within his power to do. The only people with whom he had no patience and could not tolerate were the work-shirking and indolent. God, in His wisdom, has so arranged that no one man is indispensable to the carrying on of the world's work; but there are those whose places, when they become vacant, it takes several men to fill, and of such was the late Mr. Kirkland. To this willingness to work and capacity for it, there were added such an amiability of disposition and kindness of manner, a patience hardly ever known to be ruffled, and such unselfish thoughtfulness for others as to make it a pleasure to be associated with him.

Any presentation of the qualities and character of Mr. Kirkland would be incomplete which failed to notice what a clergyman of the Church of England, speaking of him since his death, has well described as "the most unostentatious goodness in every relation of life." Ostentation was utterly foreign to his whole nature. No man who had to appear before the public could be more unobtrusive of himself. This, to mention one instance, was especially conspicuous at the celebration of the jubilee of the founding of the Toronto Normal School held a little over a year ago.

Although tolerant of the opinions of those who differed from him and liberal and conciliatory in spirit, he was a man of strong and decided convictions concerning all matters in which he conceived principles of importance to be involved. These he held tenaciously, and, though at the furthest removed from being a man of strife, he would, whenever occasion called for it, fearlessly contend for and defend what he believed to be the right, but always in the spirit of Christian charity.

A character such as that which we have barely outlined, as we know it, and as we believe in accordance with strict truth, could only have been built upon a solid and noble foundation. From his boyhood he was marked by a desire for knowledge, by thoughtfulness, by a love for good books and good companions. While yet quite young he openly made profession of faith in Christ, and his desire and aim to live the Christian life. From this time on to its close he adorned the profession he made. He united with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and strongly, but in a spirit of great liberality and goodwill to all Christians of every name, he held his convictions, and lived, and wrought, and generously gave for the spread and upbuilding of the Church of his choice.

Were it permitted us to draw aside the veil which guards and conceals the sanctities of the home and social life, reference might well be made to the large-hearted

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