

## OBITUARY.

JOHN GOLDIE was the second son of John and Margaret Goldie of Ayr, Scotland, and was born on the banks of the Doon, in 1822. His father was a botanist by profession and took every opportunity of instilling into the minds of his children such knowledge as would be of use to them in after life.

John received his early education at the village school in Kilroy, near his home, being afterwards apprenticed to a millwright. The family coming to Canada in 1844, a new field was opened up for him, with the result that he became eventually known as one of the most successful manufacturers in the Dominion. His partnership with Mr. Hugh McCulloch, of Galt, was formed in 1859.

Mr. Goldie was at all times a deep reader, a careful student and an observer of more than ordinary ability, combining in himself the scholar and the man of business. He became a life member of the Astronomical and Physical Society of Toronto immediately after incorporation, and was always very closely identified with the practical work of the Society. His own observations were made in his private observatory, in Galt, Ontario.

Mr. Goldie's disposition was a most lovable one. In every station of life he exemplified in a high degree the characteristics of a true Christian gentleman. His death occurred after a lingering and painful illness, on March 26th, 1896, at his residence in Galt. His wife and two children, Alex. R. and Eleanor, survive him.

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JAMES C. DONALDSON, LL.D., was born in Balinacellan, Kircudbrightshire, Scotland, in 1843, and came to Canada in 1847, having the misfortune to lose his father on the ocean passage. The mother and children settled in Dundas, and subsequently Mr. Donaldson entered as a law student in a barrister's office in Fergus, Ont. On passing his examinations and being called to the bar, he first opened an office in Dundas, but finally settled in Fergus, where he had resided for 30 years prior to his death.

Dr. Donaldson became a member of the Astronomical and Physical Society in 1891, and was a regular correspondent, sending weekly reports of his work, which was mainly in the field of double-star observations. He possessed an excellent 3½-inch Cooke refractor, which he used to the utmost advantage.

Professionally, Dr. Donaldson stood very high; his wide knowledge, sound judgment and high standard of honour securing confidence and esteem wherever he was known. He was for many years a valued and useful member of the Fergus Board of Education, and took a deep interest, not only in local schools, but in everything pertaining to education.

Dr. Donaldson was never married; for some years past he had lived with his widowed sister, Mrs. Wm. Crawford.

His death occurred on October 1st, 1896, after a severe illness, borne with Christian fortitude.