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## THE TRIBUTES OF FRIENDS

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turning point in the life of the Young Men's Christian Association of the city of Toronto, no one did more effective work. I feel that he was one of a company of men of whom it can be said, they blazed the way for a new Young Men's Christian Association in this community. I need not say anything about the result of that campaign—these wonderful buildings we have in the East End, here, and in the West End, and the work which has been done, speaks for itself.

In the loss of Mr. Ryrie this city loses an outstanding business man of the highest integrity. The church of which he was a member loses the active support and co-operation of a Christian gentleman. This Association, which was as near and dear to him as anything on earth, outside his own family circle, loses the day-to-day counsel and help, because he gave continuity of service to this institution such as few men give, which was so helpful to the personnel of the institution of Toronto. And his friends lose—well, our loss is irreparable. We may make new associations, form fresh friendships, but we never can have another Harry Ryrie. Personally, I feel deeply grateful for the privilege of his acquaintance and for the privilege of having worked with him. I felt the richer for his friendship; I feel the poorer for its loss.

### MR. S. J. MOORE

Anyone who knows the life of the City of Toronto, and who looked into the face of this gathering to-day, would know that something very deep has stirred the hearts of the men and the women who are here. It is a tribute of wonderful force that such a gathering as the one that occupies this room to-day should come together in connection with the memorial service which has been announced so recently, and to which no great publicity had been given. The chairman was right when he said that the heart of the city was stirred deeply when that sudden news flashed across it last Sunday.

The make-up of this gathering to-day is an indication of at how many points Harry Ryrie touched our community. The chairman was right when he said he was an outstanding business man. Some of us have had the great privilege of knowing his life intimately and of seeing it from its early beginning. My recollection of his business career takes me back to that little store which was only half a number on Yonge Street, on the east side of Yonge Street, where, in only a few feet of space, the beginnings of that great business were observed. And from those early beginnings up to the present time some of us have watched with intense interest the progress which he and his brother, who we are so thankful is still with us, James Ryrie, made.

But it has not been merely as a business man that he has been known to you and to me. As a public-spirited citizen he has been known; as a man ready to make sacrifices that few men would make of comfort, of time, and gifts of money, he has been known. But more than that, he has been known as a man of outstanding character. It is a great thing to build up a business; it is a great thing to have a wide circle of friends; it is a great thing to have a high position in the community, but it is a greater thing to have all this resting on such a rock foundation of character as Harry Ryrie's reputation rested on. Clean in life, manly, courteous, gracious, and above all, Christian, his character stands forth as one without a blemish, and those who had the great honor and privilege of knowing