

**ARCHIBALD MACALLUM, M. A.,
LL. B.**

Since last we greeted our patrons, one, so intimately connected with the schools of Hamilton for nearly a quarter of a century that it is difficult to speak of *them* without remembering *him*, has passed outward to that bourne whence no traveller ever returns—from an honored place in our midst to a sacred place in our memories—from a well-spent life on earth to a well-earned crown of life in Heaven. His was a faithful heart that never was backward in sympathy; his was a generous hand that never lacked warmth and assistance; none ever came for advice but found him a friend and a helper; none ever looked on his life but found something noble to copy.

Mr. Macallum was born at Point Fortune, on the Ottawa River, in 1824, and died, after a lingering illness of several months, at his residence, in Hamilton, on the 30th June, 1879. Born of Gaelic parents and reared in the backwoods, with no opportunities for obtaining an English education, his boyhood quietly passed away until he began life for himself; and then he began it in earnest. Never waiting for convenient seasons, he commenced his self-education at once; never stopping for difficulties, he pressed onward and overcame them, blessed with good talents and indomitable perseverance, he steadily won his way, step by step, to a foremost place in the intellect of the nation. He received the first first-class certificate ever granted at the Normal School of Toronto, and was subsequently made Principal of the Provincial Model School in that city. In 1858 he became Principal of the Hamilton Public Schools, and in 1871, Public School Inspector. Nor did he cease to be a student when he became a teacher, for, in 1864, he took his degree of B. A., in the Toronto University, his M. A. in 1866, his LL. B. in 1877, and at the time of his death had made prepara-

tions for taking the topmost step in the ladder, LL. D. He was likewise the author of several educational works, which met with flattering reception.

Of him it is truly said: Very quietly did he pass along life's pathway. No harshness fell from his lips; as the sun builds the flowers, and works its mission quietly, so did our departed friend move in and out of his home, in the Church and in the world, working out quietly, gently and beautifully all the resources of a life, grand in its symmetry and perfect in its moral beauty. He has left his impress on society generally; he speaks to us powerfully by the influence of his meek and quiet spirit.

To young men there is a lesson from his life to be learned: That the most extensive and varied knowledge may be combined with piety. He was a gentle, loving father, a kind husband, the teachers' counsellor, the pupils' friend, and the faithful guardian of the rights and privileges of the people; a consistent Christian, a doer of good, and one whose memory will long be green in every heart in the city.

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