

up a prosperous and important business, he has found time to take an active and prominent part in schemes tending to elevate his fellow-men, and to benefit the communities among whom his lot has been cast. In this respect, he has loyally followed in the footsteps of his early friend, Mr. Mackie, of Wick, whose devotion to the interests of humanity and brotherhood, in the home of his childhood, made so powerful and lasting an impression on his youthful mind. The chief sphere of his active philanthropy and self-sacrificing interest has been that of the Temperance lodge-room; and many and varied are the organizations, in the cities of which he has been a resident, which have had the benefit of his sage counsel and felt the inspiring effects of his intelligent, practical zeal. At an early age circumstances led him to take the total-abstinence pledge, and when he came to Canada, ten years later, he eagerly joined the working army of his warmly-espoused cause, the Sons of Temperance, and has ever since occupied a prominent position in the brotherhood. While a resident of the Province of Quebec, he was elected to the highest position in the gift of the Order, and when leaving the eastern capital the fraternity presented him with a handsome gold medal as an acknowledgment of the work he had done in their interest. Since he came to Ontario, he has filled, for a double term, the office of the head of the Order, and was presented on his retirement with an elegant and costly piece of plate. At Ottawa he was also the recipient of a gold medal for services rendered to the temperance cause; and from an Orange Lodge in Quebec he received another gold medal for his championship of Protestantism.

Devoting himself so earnestly, as he has done, to the cause of temperance, he has escaped in great measure the seductive wiles of political life; but he has ever taken a lively interest in questions of political government, though subordinating his party predilections to loyal interest in the cause he has had most at heart. When questioned as to what are his political principles he has always replied by saying that he is a "Reformer of the Reformers," and that, as a Prohibitionist, his fealty would be given to the party who would pass enactments in suppression of the Liquor traffic.

In religion, Mr. Rose styles himself a Liberal-Christian, and is an active member and office-bearer in the First Unitarian Church of Toronto. In early years he was connected with the Congregational body, but feeling restive under the doctrinal beliefs of that Church, he joined the Unitarian communion, under Rev. Dr. John Cordner, at Montreal, and has since remained in that denomination.

Mr. Rose was married in 1856 to Margaret C. J. L. Manson, daughter of the late Mr. William Manson, farmer, Oxford county, and the union has been blessed with a family of ten children, nine of whom are alive—six sons and three daughters.

In personal appearance, Mr. Rose is of medium stature. He has a robust frame, a ruddy, pleasing countenance, and a manner urbane and kindly. Besides the distinguishing accent of his homely Scottish speech he possesses many of the racial characteristics of his country. Of