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THE REV. GEORGE MUNRO GRANT, D.D.\*

DR. GRANT for some years occupied a prominent place in the Presbyterian pulpit of the Maritime Provinces. He has more recently obtained still wider recognition, not merely as an earnest and effective preacher, but likewise as an author, and a zealous educational reformer. He was born in 1825, at Albion Mines, or as it is sometimes called, Stellarton, a mining village, in the county of Pictou, Nova Scotia, about a hundred miles to the north-east of Halifax. At the time of his birth, his father, a native of Scotland, taught a school in the village, and was known as a man of ability and high character. A few years later the family removed to the town of Pictou. In the early days of his boyhood the subject of this sketch attended Pictou Academy, where the foundation of his educational training may be said to have been laid. The effects of a boyish freak were destined to accompany him through life. He and some of his playfellows, for the mere love of mischief, were experimenting with a hay-cutter, in the absence of its owner. George Grant's right hand

\* We are indebted for the portrait which accompanies this article to the courtesy of the Publisher of Dent's "Last Forty Years; or, Canada since the Union of 1841," from which work it is taken. The life-sketch is abridged from Mr. Dent's "Canadian Portrait Gallery." Four vols., 4to. Toronto: J. B. Magurn. This series of sketches of the leading men of Canada, we regard as a work of national importance, and among the most popular of the author's writings. This sketch appears in this number without the previous knowledge or consent of Dr. Grant.