

versatile scholars of the age, a statesman who filled almost a century with the dominance of his lofty personality, influencing for great moral ends the course of the world's history, an orator whose voice thrilled like a clarion the universal heart of man, when liberty or human rights demanded a champion, has laid down his earthly laurels and quitted the arena forever.

"Now is the stately column broke,
 "The beacon light is quenched in smoke,
 "The trumpet's silver voice is still,
 "The warder silent on the hill."

Eminent in many things, he will perhaps, to borrow again the language of the British Premier, be chiefly famous to posterity as leaving behind him the memory of a great Christian statesman, and a great Christian man. Who will now arise to fill the place of the great Commoner of England, who only the other day, laden with years and honors, nobly dying as he had nobly lived,

* * * —gave
 His body to that pleasant country's earth,
 And his pure soul unto his captain Christ,
 Under whose colors he had fought so long?

In Greece, Armenia, Bulgaria, Italy, Ireland, his death is felt as a personal loss by the common people. In every part of the Empire of Britain he is mourned, but nowhere perhaps more than by his "kin beyond the sea", to whom his eloquent appeals for the unity of the Anglo-Saxon race were often and fervently addressed.

CANADA.

In Canada death has removed from the scene of action a number of distinguished men. Special mention may be made of Cardinal Taschereau and Mr. Dalton McCarthy, the one eminent in the church, the other in the state, opposed to each other in their views upon important subjects, but both sincerely admired by Canadians of all classes for noble qualities of head and of heart.

LEGISLATIVE GRANT.

The Legislature at its last session granted without dissent the sum of \$500 to the Association. It is hoped that this grant will be repeated and increased in future years as our necessities and the quality of our work may entitle us to such recognition. I am glad to be able