

embarkation for this country, he procured those manuscripts respecting the history of Canada, which form part of the second fasciculus of historical documents published by the Society. He was born in 1792, and died at the early age of 48 years. We do not deem it necessary here to allude to his high character, and distinguished course as a statesman, for his public life belongs to the empire.

The Society has this year also lost its chief ornament and support, by the death of Andrew Stuart, Esq. repeatedly its President, and always one of its most effective members. The merits of the late Mr. Stuart either as a professional character, or a member of our society were too conspicuous to render any statement of them necessary in this place ; but who can pass in silence over the memory of the eloquent advocate, the enlightened statesman, the supporter at once of legitimate authority, and of popular rights, the friend of the poor and oppressed of every race and tongue.

The following particulars in the life of Mr. Stuart, are taken chiefly from a brief memoir drawn up by two of his oldest friends shortly after his decease. It appeared first in the public journals of this city, and was afterwards copied into the *American Jurist*, published at Boston.

Mr. Stuart was born at Kingston, Upper Canada, in 1786. His education commenced under the Venerable Archdeacon Strahan, now Bishop of Toronto ; and was afterwards continued at Union College, Schenectady. He entered on the study of the law at Quebec, in 1802, and was admitted to the bar in November, 1807. He rose immediately into extensive practice. In 1810 he defended Mr. Justice Bedard then exposed to a state prosecution ; and from that time to the period of his death, his assistance was sought for in every difficult and important case that