

LORD STRATHCONA

honors and be regarded as one worthy to take his place in one of "the seats of the mighty." The story of Britain's great men contains the record of many remarkable careers, of men rising from poverty to wealth, from obscurity to high position, from small and vulgar surroundings to the place of commanding power and influence. But it is doubtful if any of them can match that of which this story tells, in its conflicts with difficulties, in its amazing achievements and in its splendid climax. Westminster Abbey has witnessed many imposing funeral services, has been the scene of the last rites of a glorious company of the sons of Britain who have served her well and distinguished themselves in all parts of the Empire, at home and abroad, who have wrought faithfully in building up the wonderful fabric of national greatness, mighty soldiers and sailors, statesmen and orators, poets and philanthropists. It is not claimed for Lord Strathcona that he was the equal of these in the brilliance, either of his gifts or of his attainments, but it is claimed that in devotion to his country, in fidelity to the national ideal, in ungrudging service, in generous philanthropy, in practical usefulness and in unflagging zeal and high enthusiasm for all that made for the advancement and glory of the Empire he was not unworthy of that illustrious company. In the days to come when Canada shall be appraised at her real value, and when her place among the young Dominions shall be fully recognized the work of Strathcona will be appreciated as being of the utmost importance