

MONUMENT TO LIEUT. BAINES AT QUEBEC.

A monument has been erected, in Mount Hermon Cemetery, at Quebec, over the grave of Lieutenant Henry Edward Baines, of the Royal Artillery, who died of the injuries he received in the heroic performance of his duty at the great conflagration in that city on Oct. 14, 1866, when above 2500 houses were destroyed. This brave young officer, who was but twenty-six years of age, met with a death not less glorious than that of any battle-field where the soldier fights and falls. The General Hospital Convent, with 306 inmates, of whom 150 were infirm and helpless, was approached by the flames with fierce rapidity; and the only way to save it was to blow up an intervening building 20 ft. distant from its walls. Lieutenant Baines, with his brave artillerymen, undertook this task. He ordered a keg of gunpowder to be placed in the building, and then went in by himself to set the fusee for its ignition, amidst a shower of fiery fragments driven in every direction by the strong wind. He had just left the building and was going to seek shelter behind the wall of the hospital, when a premature explosion of the gunpowder took place; the building was levelled with the ground, and the Convent Hospital was saved, but he was crushed beneath the walls of the building. He was immediately extricated, and carried into the hospital, where his

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injuries were found to be mortal; and, having been nursed with the utmost attention by the grateful Sisters, whose own lives he had so nobly preserved, he expired on the 27th. There was a public funeral; and the citizens of Quebec have erected this monument of Lieutenant Baines in Mount Hermon Cemetery; besides which there is another memorial in the form of a stone pulpit, which has been placed in St. Andrew's Church, Stockwell, Surrey, at the cost of the Quebec subscribers. His brother officers have also erected a mural tablet in the cathedral at Quebec. The Mount Hermon Cemetery monument is an obelisk of the Egyptian style, 18 ft. high, rising from a base 4 ft. 10½ in. in height. The superstructure is cut from a solid block of English sandstone, selected on account of its great hardness adapting it to the severity of the climate in Canada. Under the arms of the Royal Artillery, with the motto of the regiment on a scroll, is an inscription stating the facts we have mentioned.