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No. 55—HON. G. W. ALLAN.

SINCE the formation of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society by the Provincial Synod in 1886, the Hon. G. W. Allan, at present Speaker of the Senate, has been a member of its Board of Management, and though his public duties have prevented his taking an active part in its affairs, he has always had the welfare of the Society at heart. He is also well known as a firm supporter of the educational institutions of the Church. In 1887, on the death of the Hon. John Hilyard Cameron, he became Chancellor of Trinity College, a position he has held ever since with much grace and dignity and with every advantage to the college.

The following facts of the life and career of the Hon. G. W. Allan up to the present time are gleaned from the *Parliamentary Companion of Canada*:

He is the son of the late Hon. William Allan, of Moss Park, Toronto, and his wife Leah Tyrer. His father was for many years a member of the Legislative Council of Upper Canada and of the Executive Council for the same Province during the governorships of Sir Francis Bond Head and Sir George Arthur. His mother was the fourth daughter of the late Dr. John Gamble, surgeon of the Queen's Rangers, a U.E. Loyalist.

The subject of the present sketch was born in Toronto on Jan. 9th, 1822, and was educated at Upper Canada College. He married in 1846

Louisa Maud, third daughter of the late Hon. Sir J. B. Robinson, Bart., C. B., Chief Justice of Upper Canada, who six years afterwards died at Rome. His present wife is Adelaide Harriet, third daughter of Rev. T. Schrieber, formerly of Bradwell Lodge, Essex, England.

Mr. Allan was called to the Bar, Upper Canada, in 1846. He has held the position of chief commissioner of the Canada Company, President of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Co., and Director of the North America Life

Assurance Co., Lieut.-Col. of the Regimental Division of East Toronto, President of the Ontario Society of Artists and chairman of the Council of the Ontario Society of Arts, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and of the Zoological Society (England), President of the Upper Canada Bible Society, Mayor of Toronto (1855). He sat for York Division in the Legislative Council of Canada from 1858 till Confederation, and was chairman of the Private Bills Committee of that House, a position to which he was again elected in the Senate on the first meeting of the Dominion Parliament in 1867, in which year he was called



HON. G. W. ALLAN,
Speaker of the Senate.

to the Senate by Royal proclamation. Mr. Allan has thus been a member of the Upper House since 1858, a period of thirty-two years, so that his present position as Speaker of the Senate has been well earned. A splendid suite of rooms is set apart in the Parliamentary Buildings at Ottawa for the residence of the Speaker of the Senate, and here Mr. Allan during the sessions of the house resides with his family. His residence in Toronto is Moss Park. I