

In Memoriam.

Died, at Toronto, on the 10th of February, 1898, George Maclean Rose, aged 69 years.

It becomes our painful duty to record the death of Mr. George Maclean Rose, one of the original founders of THE CANADIAN BOOKSELLER.

A writer in "The Scot in British North America" says that Mr. Rose "has been so long and prominently associated with the development of Canadian literature that his name may well be introduced in this connection." He was born in the Royal Burgh of Wick, Caithness-shire, Scotland, on the 14th March, 1829, and learned the printing trade in the office of the *John O'Groat Journal*. A year after he had attained his

majority the family settled in Canada. He entered the employ of the late John C. Becket, of Montreal, who was then engaged in the publication of the *Montreal Witness* and other journals. Shortly after he entered into partnership with his elder brother, Henry, in the job printing, as H. & G. M. Rose, in Montreal. In 1856 they dissolved partnership, George moving to Western Canada. In connection with John Muir, he established the *Chronicle*, in the village of Merrickville, but did not remain there any length of time. Among the other engagements about this period was that of city editor of the *London Prototype*. In 1858 he came to Toronto as manager of the printing office of the late Samuel Thompson, for whom he published the *Toronto Atlas*, started in opposition to the *Colonist*, which had taken ground adverse to the Government of the day. Mr. Thompson having obtained the contract for the Government printing, Mr. Rose was assigned to take the management of the office in Quebec, whither he removed in 1859. Mr. Thompson found himself

unable financially to carry out his contract alone, and a company was organized for the purpose, including Mr. Rose and Mr. Robert Hunter, an experienced accountant. Mr. Thompson soon afterwards retired, leaving it to the new firm of Hunter, Rose & Co., who completed the contract and secured its renewal. On the removal of the seat of government to Ottawa in 1865, the firm of course followed. A large and lucrative business was soon built up, and in 1868 a branch was established at Toronto, the firm having secured a ten years' contract with the Provincial Government. In 1871 their relations with the Dominion Government terminated, and the business was consolidated in Toronto. The firm now entered extensively into the business of publishing principally the popular novels of living

writers. The "Canadian Monthly" was for many years published by the firm. In 1877 the death of Mr. Hunter left Mr. Rose the sole member of the firm. A year afterwards he took his brother Daniel, now editor of the "Craftsman," into the concern, the well-known name being still retained. In 1889 Mr. Daniel Rose retired. Mr. G. M. Rose being again the sole member of the firm of Hunter, Rose & Co., he then associated his sons with him under the style of G. M. Rose & Sons, and established the Hunter, Rose Co. (Limited), in which latter Company Mr. Rose was president up to the time of his death. Widely as Mr. G. M. Rose is known to the Canadian people as a successful and enterprising publisher, he had acquired a still more extensive reputation by his unselfish exertions in the cause

active member of the Toronto Board of Trade. In 1881 he was elected Vice-President of the Board, and the following year was chosen President. On the expiration of his term of office, in 1883, he was elected Treasurer, which office he held for a number of years. For a number of years Mr. Rose was also a Director of the Ontario Bank and several other financial concerns. Mr. Rose was initiated into Masonry in Corinthian Lodge, Ottawa, in which lodge he was a Warden. Upon removal to Toronto he after some years affiliated with Zetland Lodge. In politics Mr. Rose was a Liberal and prohibitionist, and in religion a Unitarian. In 1856 he was married to Margaret C. J. L. Manson, daughter of the late William Manson, farmer, Oxford County, and has had a family of ten—nine of whom survive, six

sons and three daughters. On the 10th of February, 1898, Bro. Rose ended his useful career, and his death leaves a gap not easily filled in many of the important walks of life. The *Globe* on Monday, Feb. 14th, referring to Mr. Rose's funeral, which took place on Saturday, at 2.30 p.m., says:

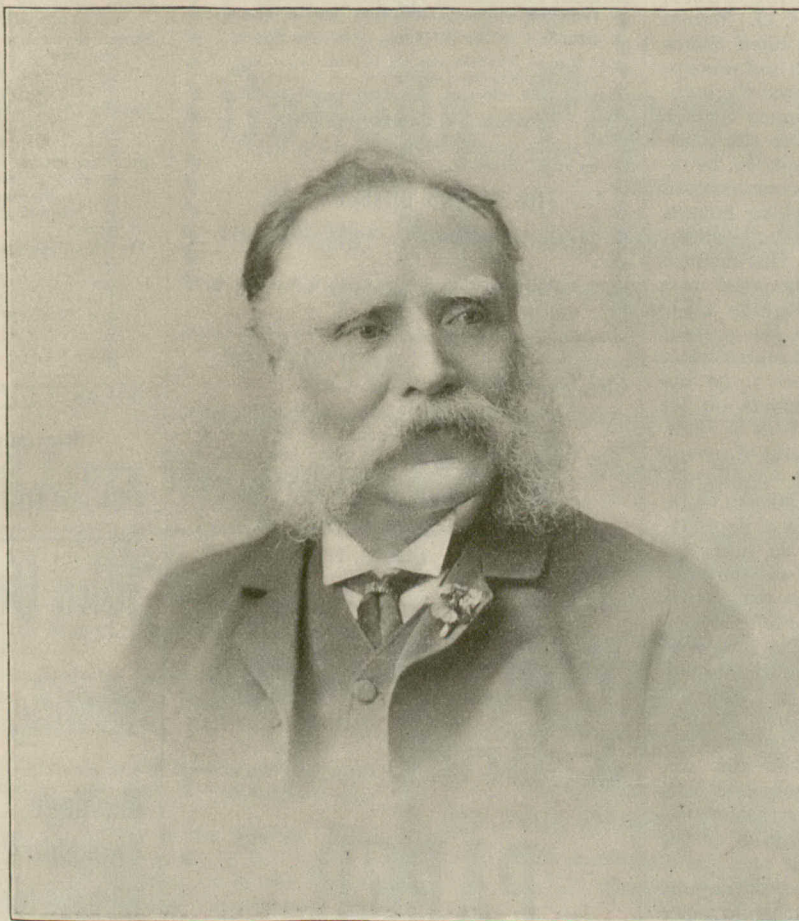
"That was a great course of people that followed Geo. M. Rose to Mount Pleasant. It is rarely that a funeral, even in Toronto, elicits such a remarkable demonstration of popular sympathy and public respect. The deceased was a man of genial and noble character, of unblemished business integrity, of life-long zeal for social reform. He had, too, much of the character of the sturdy old pioneers of civil and religious liberty, of whom Whittier has said:

Nor lie from throne or alter
shakes
Their steady faith in man."

He has finished a good and useful life, left a name untarnished, a record of fair and honorable dealing among his fellows; and while the night came all too soon, he lived long enough to leave some enduring marks of his presence among us for nearly a third of a century.

DEATH OF THEODORE W. GREGORY.

Theodore Wilkey Gregory was born in the township of South Norwich, county of Oxford, on March 24th, 1873. His parents were members of the Society of Friends, and had removed from England to Canada four years previously. His mother died two weeks after his birth. His father was a farmer and his early years were spent like those of most other farmers' sons. He attended the public school, and when eleven years of age passed the High School entrance examination at Woodstock. He still continued on at the public school and two



THE LATE GEO. MACLEAN ROSE.

of temperance and moral reform. A life-long total abstainer and prohibitionist, he took an active part in temperance work in connection with various organizations. He attained the highest offices in the gift of the Sons of Temperance in the Dominion, having been several times chosen to fill the chair of Grand Worthy Patriarch both in Quebec and Ontario. He also held the second highest position conferable by that Order for the whole continent, having been Most Worthy Associate of the National Division of America. He was also connected with the Good Templars, Dominion Alliance, and many other temperance organizations. In public life Mr. Rose also took an active part, having been elected as Alderman to represent St. John's Ward in Toronto. For a number of years he was an