

IN MEMORIAM.

The Rev. Thomas Gales, until his death, the only Secretary of the Dominion Alliance, died at his home in Montreal, on the 24th of October, 1883. He was born in Wells, England, in 1841, and came to Canada in 1860. In 1870, after some years in the ministry, he devoted himself to the cause of Temperance, which thenceforth, to the very end of his life, occupied him fully. At first he was Secretary of the Quebec Temperance and Prohibitory League. He was the chief leader and organizer in all progressive movements, and at length was permitted, with his fellow laborers, to rejoice in the existence of allied organizations in all the Provinces of the Dominion. His influence was often felt in guiding the legislation of the country upon his one great theme. He was a most faithful and self-denying laborer, who endured much hardship for the cause that he loved. He had the rare gift of working with men of all kinds, having in himself nothing of the impracticability and narrowness by which reformers have so often been hindered. He made friends everywhere, and was held in high esteem wherever there were earnest and intelligent advocates of Temperance. It cannot be said that any man's work is indispensable to the desired results, or that any one man has brought to pass the victory for which many labored; but if the Temperance sentiment in the Dominion ever rises to triumphant power, and sweeps away the greatest evil in the land, it will be due in a large degree to the earnest and unassuming efforts of Thomas Gales, the brave, the patient and the faithful. His life closed peacefully after a painful illness. He kept his work in his hands as long as he had the power, and did not lay it down till all details that he could arrange had been carefully attended to, and all was ready to leave to his successor. He has served his generation honorably and well, and though his life was cut short in the midst of his days, this world is the better and the richer for his having lived in it.