

riot in the Theatre. Many years afterwards, I was informed that he had taken orders, went as a missionary to Upper Canada, where he was brutally murdered in an engagement between Vashti Rogers and the savage natives of Wolfe Island.

Rev Dr Adamson

The Obituary for 1862.

"All that live must die, passing through nature to eternity."—*Shakspeare.*

DURING the past year, perhaps one of the most memorable in the world's history, grim death has been busy in our midst, and has gathered a goodly harvest. Canada has had to lament the loss of more of her prominent inhabitants than during any other year which we can recall to our remembrance. The number called away has been unusually large, and many aching hearts have been left to mourn for those who have been summoned to that land "from whose bourne no traveller returns." We have to chronicle the loss of two of our veteran politicians, the Honorable Sir Allan Napier MacNab, Baronet, Speaker of the Legislative Council, and the Honorable William Hamilton Merritt,—the former regarded by Alison as the saviour of the Upper Province during the rebellion. He was the founder and the leader for many years of the Conservative party, and rendered great services, both as a statesman and a soldier, to his native country. He was loaded with honors by a grateful sovereign, and the unexpected announcement of his death at Hamilton, on 8th August, 1862, produced a profound feeling of regret throughout the Province. Mr. Merritt was one of the most indefatigable and energetic of our public men. His had been an industrious career, and one fruitful of good and great results to Canada. We hope to see good biographies of these two prominent men. Towards the close of the last session of Parliament the death of Mr. W. B. Lindsay, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, occurred, and passing tributes in the press and in the Assembly were paid to his great worth, both as a man and a government official. Sometime after, the Rev. Dr. Casault, Rector of the Laval University, died. Dr. Casault was a gentleman and a scholar, and had worked long and zealously for the interests of the institution over which he presided, and was universally beloved for his many amiable qualities as a friend and a teacher of youth. Mr. George Gurnett, the upright Police Magistrate of Toronto, and Richard Dempsey, the Clerk of the Peace for the