

late Dr. W. T. Aikins. Representative citizens in every walk of professional and mercantile life—the Church, the law and medicine, monetary institutions and commercial interests, all sent their most prominent representative men to testify to the appreciation of the life-work of the departed and to bear testimony to their personal acknowledgment of his professional skill, his unflinching integrity, his upright citizenship and his sterling Christian character.

"The preliminary services were held at the residence of Dr. H. Wilberforce Aikins, a son of the deceased, on the corner of Church street and Wilton avenue. Here the body lay in a simple casket, embowered in the fragrant floral offerings of many sorrowing friends, tributes which softened in no small degree the grief of the bereaved relatives, and here hundreds who had loved him in life took a last look at the familiar features, calm and reposeful in death. The services opened with a prayer by Rev. Dr. Withrow and reading of Scripture by Rev. James Allen. Rev. Chancellor Burwash spoke of the long, valued and honorable connection deceased had had with the educational work of the Province; how, starting his career under the late Dr. Ryerson half a century ago, and having completed his professional training in the best college then to be found on this continent, he had returned to Toronto, and been foremost in establishing a medical school here. From that day until a short time since, when sickness laid him aside, he had been unwearied in his labors for education, and especially for medical education. Toronto and Victoria Universities had conferred upon him the highest honors in their gift, and never had those honors been more unanimously and more worthily bestowed. Long would his memory be honored, the memory of one who was a leader in his profession and a teacher of unexcelled ability, marvellous fidelity in work, integrity of purpose and high moral ideas. He had left a record behind him which was a precious heritage to his children and to all who knew him.

"Rev. Dr. Potts, as the intimate friend and one-time pastor of the deceased, made brief reference to his Christian character. It was a generally-expressed sentiment, he said, that he was a good man. At such times as these honors and position counted for little; it was character which must stand the test. For many years Dr. Aikins had been a consistent member of the congregation of the Metropolitan Church; religiously, he was a modest man, but he was thorough, sincere and practical, never losing sight of his relationship to his Heavenly Father, whether in the hey-day of prosperity or in the dark days of sorrow and loss.

"Rev. Dr. Reynar offered the closing prayer, and the proceedings terminated with the benediction.