

The Late Charles Alexander.

Montreal is mourning the death of one of her best and noblest citizens in the late Mr. Charles Alexander, who died on Sunday morning, October 5th, as a result of a fall from his bedroom window, a few hours before.

The removal of this "grand old man" is a great loss to the city of Montreal, for he was one of her greatest workers for righteousness in everything that pertained to the city's moral life. Nothing that tended to the uplifting of humanity ever lacked his hearty support and co-operation. His funeral was characteristic of the cosmopolitan character of his work for all classes of the community, from the most humble citizen to the wealthy man of affairs, were present to do honor to him who regarded the highest welfare of all without class or distinction. The late Mr. Alexander was born in Dundee, Scotland, June 13th,

1816. He came to Canada 60 years ago and engaged in business which was most successful. His service to the Sun Life of Canada is stated in the resolution of condolence of the Board of Directors given below :

"This board, having learned of the sudden and sad death of their much esteemed friend and former fellow-director, the late Mr. Charles Alexander, desires to put on record an expression of their profound sorrow and of their sympathy with the bereaved relatives. Mr. Alexander was a member of the first active Board of Directors of this Company, and took part in its actual formation, being one of the original shareholders. His interest in its welfare never ceased, and he enjoyed the unique distinction of having attended every annual meeting of the Company since it began business thirty-four years ago. His high character, his sympathetic kindliness, his unfailing courtesy, his constant willingness to contribute unstintingly money, time and effort to every good cause, combined to make a man of whom our city and our country may well be proud, and whose friendship will be one of the cherished memories of every member of the Board. He will be much missed by all of us, but the benevolent enterprises inuagurated by him, or strengthened by him, will continue in a measure his good work, and will perpetuate his memory as that of one of our noblest citizens."

The Supreme Reason for Assuring.

"One could easily bear to be poor, one could even bear to take his wife and children down with him to poverty, so long as he could be with them to help them to carry the load and carry the heaviest part himself. But to go off to his eternal rest and leave them to go down into poverty and fight the wolf from the door—what prospect more terrible than this to look forward to?"— Dr. Lyman Abbott.



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