

REV. DR. GEORGE DOUGLAS A Great Canadian Orator

to the mind, than this frail form of a man, irreparably afflicted, and suffering cruel pains, yet warring successfully against the countless destructive forces, which conspired through his life to achieve his overthrow. The quenchless nature of his ambitious spirit was extraordinary. Notwithstanding his oppressive calamities he buoyantly soared above them all and sought to gain even higher pinnacles of desire.

On convalescing from his first attack, he abandoned the land of his affliction, and in the year 1851 returned to his previous home in Montreal. With his future prospects as a preacher turned to ashes and dust, he resolved to study medicine, for which he felt a real inclination. After two years spent in walking hospital corridors, and, strange to recount, with fair prospects in the new occupation beginning to light up his horizon, his