

Redpath. He was born of godly parents in this city, in 1821, where he received his early education, his business training being completed in England. He was a man of good ability, sound judgment, refined and elevated taste, and excellent culture—a lover of literature and art, and, what is infinitely better, a lover of truth and the God of Truth. He was probably as widely read as most of his mercantile contemporaries.

"After a long and successful career, having retired from business, he removed to England and devoted several years to the study of Law, and was admitted to the Bar as a barrister of the Middle Temple, London. Both in this city and in the old land he was deservedly called to occupy many positions of trust and responsibility. In business he was uniformly characterized by indefatigable diligence and unswerving integrity. His yea was yea, and his nay, nay. Gentle, amiable and considerate of the opinions and feelings of others, ever ready to take a broad and generous view of their actions, and yet when purity and principle were concerned he was as firm as a rock. It was vain for those who had sinister ends to serve to attempt to turn him aside from truth and righteousness. In these respects he furnished a notable pattern which young men and all others may do well to imitate.

"As a philanthropist he took rank with the foremost in our land. His benefactions in various forms to McGill University and other public institutions bear witness to his unstinted liberality. The Museum and this Library which bear his name will perpetuate his memory amid the respect and gratitude of generations of students and citizens through coming centuries. He had grace and wisdom given him to administer his large resources in his life-time for the good of his fellow-men; and this fact deserves to be emphasized. His last public appearance amongst us was in this very hall three months ago in the performance of a crowning act of educational usefulness.

"But let it not be supposed that all his benevolence took visible forms like those just mentioned. He was naturally unobtrusive, strongly averse to all ostentatious display and vulgar advertising of the good he purposed or accomplished.