

REV. HENRY SCADDING, D.D.

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Since the last issue of THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE CANADIAN INSTITUTE, one of its most honoured members has passed away in the person of the Rev. Dr. Scadding, who died on 6th May last, in Toronto, at the great age of eighty-eight. Born at Dunkeswell, Devonshire, England, on 29th June, 1813, where his father was factor to Major-General Simcoe, he came to Canada when only seven years of age, and his whole subsequent life has been identified with Toronto, except the four years—1833-1837—that he spent at St. John's College, Cambridge. Before proceeding to Cambridge for his university education, he had received his preliminary training at Upper Canada College, of which institution he was the first "head-boy." Receiving his B.A. degree in 1837, he returned to Canada, and became one of the masters in Upper Canada College. He was also the first rector of Holy Trinity Church, Toronto, and laboured for many years in both capacities, till compelled by failing health to relinquish active work. But though in a manner retired from public life, he by no means became an idler. His eighteen years of editorship of *The Canadian Journal*, and his numerous contributions to its pages, are the record of a busy, though tranquil life. In addition to the numerous papers read by him before The Canadian Institute, he published several volumes, chiefly elucidating historical and archaeological points relating to Canada, and especially Toronto. For the six years, 1870-1876, he filled the office of president of The Canadian Institute. He was also the first president of The York Pioneers, and was one of the founders of The Ontario Historical Society. He was an M.A. of Cambridge, 1840;