

Liberal and generous almost to a fault, strong and warm in his friendships, an utter want of selfishness in his dealings, and superadded, a fine appreciation of the slightest civility or act of kindness,—were characteristics well calculated to secure to him attached and devoted friends ; to create those influences which facilitated, if not insured, the objects he had in view. With a mind eminently practical and peculiarly adapted for accurate observation and nice discrimination of individual character, he seldom failed in determining, as it were, at a glance, the calibre and characteristics of those with whom he came in contact, and thus he was enabled, at the first approach, to decline or adopt any project or connections submitted or suggested.

From his arrival in this country to the time of his death, while prosecuting the various works on which he was engaged, he ever brought to bear the peculiar unwearied energy for which he was remarkable. Time, space, fatigue, journeys by night or by day, never deterred him from his purpose : what his clear-sightedness pointed out, as necessary to be accomplished, regardless of his personal comfort and health, the remonstrance of his friends, and the allurements of ease and pleasure, he would do his utmost to effect. What he could do better himself, he never entrusted to another ; in this, no doubt, lay the true secret of his great success : while others slept, he worked : while others would hesitate, or sought an excuse for inaction, he steadily pursued his course :—in a word, he carried out to the fullest extent whatever was deemed necessary to a successful result—leaving nothing to chance. To many of his friends this energy of character led them to believe that he was incapable of seeking repose ; that his apparent morbid restlessness incapacitated him from enjoying social or domestic life. Nevertheless, no man enjoyed the pleasures of social friendship, or sought the happiness of domestic life with a greater relish or eagerness than the subject of our memoir.

His heart was full of benevolence, most sensitive to the distresses of the poor and unfortunate, and his purse ever open to alleviate the sufferings and misfortunes of his fellow-creatures. To those who assisted him in his early undertakings he bore the most lively feelings of friendship and gratitude ; and it ever was a source of the purest pleasure when he was afforded an opportunity of proving his appreciation and remembrance of their former kindness.

One other peculiarity noticeable in his character was, that, in sub-letting his contracts he sought men in whom he had confidence, and made it a principle of action that they should have their contracts at prices which would enable them to realize fair profits : consequently the work was completed to his satisfaction, all law-suits and disagreements were avoided, while he had the pleasure of seeing those around him satisfied and prosperous. No doubt this also contributed in a great degree to his success.

Every thing he touched apparently prospered : every project he entertained succeeded,—whether in the carrying out of large undertakings, the acquiring or improving of property, or the negotiation of securities ; and this good fortune was always traceable to that clear foresight which enabled him to look into the future with singular accuracy.

Lastly he was engaged, to a great extent, in the purchase of real estate ; and he died possessed of large amounts in the Cities of Toronto and Hamilton, the Town of Niagara, and in the vicinity of the Falls ; besides several thousand acres in various parts of the Province ; he was also, at the period