

that it might be, as it proved, the last time he would speak to them from the pulpit. Yet, however long we may have expected the event, and though we are absolutely certain of seeing him again after a glorious resurrection, when such a one is actually taken from us, and we realize that we shall never again in this world receive his kindly greeting, or listen to his fatherly counsel, our hearts feel a pain deeper than we can express. Moreover, although we hold that connexion with such a Society as ours always confers more honour than it can possibly receive from any man, however great or noble either in character or rank; yet the fact remains that the name of such a one as Dean Grasett is a source of strength to any Society. It is a guarantee for both its principles and the conduct of its affairs. Therefore we cannot but feel that this Society, with several others, has sustained a severe loss in his removal from our midst. From the time of his coming to Toronto, in 1835, he took a warm interest in its work, and at the Anniversary Meeting, held in St. Andrew's Church, on the 8th of May, 1838, he moved one of the resolutions. At the same meeting he was elected one of the Vice-Presidents, and just thirty years after he presided at the Anniversary in the Richmond-street Methodist Church, on the 20th of May, 1868. But whether presiding, or taking no active part in the proceedings, he always set an example to his flock, unless absolutely prevented, by being present at these annual public rallies of Christians around "the common standard of our faith." During the whole forty-four years there have been very few of these meetings at which he was not seen on the platform, and some of them were closed with the benediction pronounced by his lips.

Henry James Grasett, was born at Gibraltar, on the 18th of June, 1808, where his father, Dr. Henry Grasett, was stationed with his regiment during the greater part of the Peninsular War. His father came to Canada as the chief medical officer to the troops during the latter part of the American War of 1812-14, and afterwards being appointed Deputy Inspector-General of Hospitals, made his home in Quebec. His mother was a daughter of Capt. Stevenson, of the 25th Light Dragoons. There can be little doubt that he was much indebted to the early training and care of his parents. He received his schooling, partly at Southsea, and partly in Quebec, and his university education at St. John's College, Cambridge. Whilst at Cambridge, he enjoyed the friendship of the well known Evangelical standard-bearer, Charles Simeon, and attended his weekly gatherings. He often referred to these opportunities with expressions of the most lively gratitude. After graduating in 1834, he returned to Quebec and was ordained the same year by Bishop Stewart, the second Bishop of the Church of England in Canada. He was Curate of the Cathedral at Quebec until July, 1835, when he came to Toronto, as assistant to the late Dr. Strachan, then Rector of St. James' Church. In 1839 Dr. Strachan was appointed the first Bishop of Toronto, and St. James' became the Cathedral of the Diocese. In 1847, when Dr. Strachan resigned the rectorship, Mr. Grasett was appointed his successor in that office, and in 1867 he was appointed the first Dean of Toronto. During a short visit to England, in 1853, he took his B.D. degree, and at the time of his last visit, in 1877, the authorities of his university persuaded him to