

years of George II. and the earlier years of George III., and in which Chesterfield, Garrick and Johnson, the gaming table and coffee house, Washington, Wolfe, Braddock, and the impending America war, are introduced together. In January 1860, appeared the first number of the *Cornhill Magazine*, under the editorial charge of Thackeray, which soon attained a circulation of some 100,000 copies. He produced in its pages a new romance entitled "The Adventures of Philip on his Way through the World." Thackeray was found dead in his bed. His death was caused by an effusion of the brain. His funeral took place in Kensal Green and was attended by nearly all the great literary notables in England.

—It is seldom our duty to record a death that will cause more general and sincere regret, than that of the Hon. Adam Ferrie. The deceased gentleman was born at Irvine, in Ayrshire, Scotland, on the 15th of March, 1777, and was the youngest of fourteen children. In 1806 he removed to Glasgow, where he continued to reside, until the removal of his family in 1829 to Montreal, with which city he had been commercially connected for some years previously. His memory will long be cherished by the people of Glasgow for the energetic self-sacrificing public spirit which has been his peculiar characteristic through life, but which was particularly displayed in that city, by his zealous and unwearying advocacy of the rights of the citizens in the famous contest in the Courts of Scotland, in what is there familiarly known as the "Harvey Dykes Case," which was finally, on appeal to the House of Lords, decided in favor of the people of Glasgow. To testify their appreciation of his exertion on that occasion, the citizens of Glasgow presented him with a handsome gold medal and a service of plate; and on his return to his native land, a few years since, he was complimented by a public dinner, numerous attended by his former townsmen, by whom, notwithstanding his long absence, he was held in fond remembrance. He was raised to the Upper House in this Province, at the time of, or shortly after the Union, by the late Lord Sydenham, and has there earned the respect of all parties by the honest, out-spoken manner in which, on all occasions, he stated his opinions. We need not remind our Hamilton readers that the course taken by the hon gentleman in Parliament fully justified the selection made by that far-sighted nobleman, and has gained for the subject of this notice the sincere respect even of his bitterest political opponents. The deceased gentleman moved to Hamilton in 1855, in order to be near his sons, who may be almost said to have been the "pioneers" in commercial business in this part of Upper Canada. He outlived all of his children but two. His eldest son, Mr. Colin Campbell Ferrie, who for some years represented this city in Parliament, died in 1858, and Mr. Robert Ferrie, also a member of the Legislature, in 1860. He has died full of years and honors, and the demonstration at the grave to-day shows how fully his character was appreciated by his fellow citizens.—*U. C. Journal of Education.*

—M. Billault, recently deceased, was the Minister chosen by the Emperor of the French to defend the Imperial policy in the *Corps Legislatif*, and it was chiefly on his ability that the Government relied to encounter successfully the new Opposition, which, though inconsiderable in numbers, is rendered very formidable by the great array of talent in its ranks. Born at Vannes, in Brittany, in 1805, M. Billault, Advocate, and the *Batonnier* of the Bar of his province, entered the Chamber of Deputies in 1837, and filled the short-lived office of Under-Secretary of State under Thiers in 1840. He pleaded with success at the Paris Bar, and acted with the Opposition but did not take part in the demonstrations of the reform party which preceded the revolution of 1848. A moderate democrat in the Constituent Assembly, and the first President of the *Corps Legislatif* after the *coup-d'état* we find him in the Senate in 1854, the successor of M. de Persigny as Minister of the Interior. Holding moderate opinions he was one of those able men who could find under different regimes, ample opportunities for the exercise of their talents.

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