

But it is reasonable to conclude that the extra burdens assumed by Charles at this time were more than he could carry, and that from this period forward, there was an imperceptible decline in health. Previously, besides the general duties of manager, he had attended to all the advertising (at which he was an adept), engaging the men and adjusting the wages, purchasing the stock, superintending the agencies and sales, and attending to the correspondence and banking, in addition to the innumerable details constantly requiring attention. He would sometimes, in connection with his other duties, write as many as from 100 to 150 letters in a single day. From some of these duties he subsequently gained relief, turning over portions of the work to others; yet there was enough left for him to do to keep him more than busy and rack his brain from time of waking to sleep again.

In the year following, 1882, the father, Mr. H. A. Massey, and family removed from Cleveland to Toronto, where they took up their residence. In the fall, before they were settled in their new home, Mr. Massey was taken ill, and four leading physicians pronounced his malady a fatal one. It was next to a bereavement—sorrow and sadness filled the home, and to Charles it was a heavy and terrible shock. He thought of what a loss was predicted, and how he would miss the counsels and guiding experience of his beloved father. The filial affection and watchful anxiety of noble Charles were beautiful to notice. But, thanks be to God, this anxiety was gradually lessened until the cloud finally disappeared. And now, as the past is reviewed, how wonderful it seems—the father, thought by the physicians to be so near death, began from that time to improve until health was restored, and in less than sixteen months strong and busy Charles was numbered among the dead. As soon as the father had sufficiently recovered his health, he entered into more active relations with the business, according to his motive in removal. It was a timely assistance to Charles, who was overtaxed with the cares and responsibilities of a rapidly-growing business. It was now the year 1883, and additions, improvements, and extensions to the premises were made on every hand, affording a well-suited sphere of activities for the father, who gave personal supervision to these movements. The year was a very, very busy one, the greatest in the history of the concern. The amount of business done in the first year of Charles' management (1871) was \$78,000—it had now increased over tenfold, amounting to