

Gardiner had been of dynamic personality, a woman of vital force. She had been one of Canada's greatest educationists, more students for a greater number of years had come under her charges than any other woman in Canada. As Lady principal of a co-educational school, from 100 to 150 young women annually for 41 years had been placed under her supervision and care. Her character, ability, personality and reputation had been of such superlative nature, that parents from one end of Canada to the other had sent their daughters to Albert College, they had confidence and trust in Miss Gardiner.

In her life's undertaking, humble and modest, Miss Gardiner had made an outstanding success. Her Christian character had permeated the lives of those under her care and instruction. Tear-dimmed eyes of thousands of former Albert College students paid tribute to the love those students bore her.

#### Ontario Superintendent Education

Dr. F. W. Merchant of the Ontario Department of Education, had been early associated with Miss Gardiner, he was principal of the High School, in which she received her education. Though not later associated with her in work, he knew of the wonderful influence she had wielded, and her wide-spread influence for good in her

chosen life work. He remembered her of sunny disposition, and one who never tolerated a cloud or shadow of impatience. Of the many scholars, who had passed under his instruction, Miss Gardiner had been one of his 25 outstanding pupils, who had notably succeeded in their chosen life work. He brought the appreciation of the Department of Education of her work "It is for us to cherish her memory, and be inspired by her example", concluded Dr. Merchant.

Ex-Mayor J. E. Walmsley next paid his brief personal tribute and that of the Tabernacle Church to the memory of one who had been a devoted member of the congregation.

#### Superintendent of Missions

The Rev. (Dr.) Brown, superintendent of Missions for the United Church of Canada, came to Albert College as a student, the year Miss Gardiner received her appointment to the staff there. It had been his privilege to sit in class and be instructed by her. Miss Gardiner had known how to point out the way to students who were striving to serve God. Her's was a noble character, that we have learned to love and esteem. There was no room for sadness today, Miss Gardiner was one of God's trophies. She left an influence of a character of sterling worth in the lives of thousands of men and women, who had come under her instruction. "We should today thank Him for the gift of a good woman, who has served her day and generation", said Dr. Brown in concluding his tribute.

#### Principal of Albert College

The Rev. (Dr.) Charles Bishop, the present head of Albert College, in paying the tribute of the school, to the memory of its late preceptress, mentioned the great tribute the college and alumni had paid Miss Gardiner 5 years ago last week, when she retired from educational activities. It was one of the rarest tributes ever paid to an educationist in Canada, when 300 of the Alumni from near and far, representing successive decades of her service in the college, gathered to do her honor. Miss Gardiner had devoted her life to the great and honorable profession of teacher. She was as devoted to that profession as any wife or mother to her home and family. She had exalted her profession to a high place. "The inspiration of her character and career had come to enrich our humble lives of that profession," Dr. Bishop said in conclusion.