

weeks that he was sinking slowly but surely, and now he is gone. One must say a word, if only to give thanks to God for the life thus closed—the life of a good and true man and a great man, for he was true, true to his convictions even when adherence to convictions meant loss, and that is a rare virtue. And he had ability of a high order, which he gave without stint to the service of his country. Greatly beloved by his friends, political and personal, he compelled the respect and admiration of opponents by his honor and integrity as well as by his ability. He has served his generation according to the will of God, he has served his country with his best, breaking himself down by his great efforts in the public interest. We can all thank God for such a life. It gives the lie to all foolish sweeping assertions as to impossibility of purity and integrity in politics. We may all as citizens be stimulated by the career of Alexander Mackenzie to realise afresh the responsibility and the privilege of taking a keen and wise interest in public affairs, and we can thank God on this resurrection morning that the life of this good man has not come to an end, that it has only passed into a stage of fuller development. Fallen asleep in Jesus our friend has not perished, but is with Christ, realising the promise that His servants shall do Him service, and they shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads. Rev. Mr. Macdonnell concluded his eulogy of the dead statesman by saying:—While we sorrow with those in the inner circle as well as the wider public we can say: "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

At Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Rev. J. M. Milligan made a touching reference in the closing prayer, at the morning service, to the loss the nation has sustained in the death of the ex-Premier. He expressed deep thankfulness to the Almighty that a life so upright and honest had been spared so many years as an example to the nation, and predicted that in the clear light of history the life of the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie would shine as a bright light, reflecting honor on the land of his birth and of his adoption.

Rev. Dr. Kellogg, pastor of St. James' Square Presbyterian Church, made a touching allusion to the departed Premier during the prayer at the morning service yesterday.

#### A FREE TRADE ADVOCATE.

THE MOST MEMORABLE APPEARANCE IN TORONTO OF THE LATE EX-PREMIER—THE MEETING OF '78.

"Mr. Mackenzie's most memorable appearance in Toronto," said Mr. A. F. Jury in the course of a talk about the dead statesman, "was at the great meeting in the Adelaide Street Rink, at which he opened the campaign of 1878 by an address on the tariff issues with special reference to the interests of labor. I have taken part in many political meetings, but never before or since has it been my lot to preside over one at which such a deliberate attempt was made to intimidate a speaker or at which the mob was fought so successfully. The circumstances were peculiar. A period of world-wide depression was at its worst, and Canada was not exempt from it. The National Policy cry had been raised with great effect in the industrial centres, and Mr. Mackenzie was asked to deliver an address before the workmen of Toronto in defence of free trade. Admission was by ticket, but our opponents forged the tickets, and when Mr. Mackenzie rose to speak the entire front part of the hall was in possession of the obstructionists. For an hour they howled as only paid howl-

ers can, and shook their fists and stared in the Premier's face. Dauntless he faced them, and waited until the storm had time to spend itself. At that period Mr. Mackenzie showed no symptom of decay. He was a man of magnificent physique, with a frame of steel. Few could have stood the strain of such an occasion as he did. Once or twice he turned to me with a smile and asked, "Is it worth while to fight them down?" At length he secured a hearing and made a splendid address that formed the party platform in the election. He stood by the principle of free trade as the best for Canada, a principle he never swerved from till the end. This steadfastness was perhaps the finest trait in a very fine character. At the meeting we presented him with an address expressive of our gratitude for his services as Premier, and it occupies a favorite corner in his library. Mr. Mackenzie rose from the ranks of labor, and this made him the more appreciative of a tribute from workmen. Both are gone now, the champion of protection and the advocate of free trade, and it is already conceded that Mackenzie was by far the nobler character of the two. History will give him a high place in our country's politics.

#### AT HAMILTON.

SORROW FOR THE COMMON LOSS—"HE DID THE BEST HE COULD FOR HIS COUNTRY"—LULPIT REFERENCES.

HAMILTON, April 17.—(Special.)—The news of the death of Hon. Alex. Mackenzie was received here with the deepest regret by both Liberals and Conservatives alike. Amongst all citizens was expressed a most profound respect for the memory of the dead statesman, who had left so noble a record behind him as the truest monument to his worth. His nobleness of character, his untiring efforts for the advancement of the country he had made his own, his integrity and unsullied reputation were fully recognised by all who referred to his demise. His zeal for the Dominion's welfare and his uprightness of life were spoken of by Conservatives, who though opposed to his political principles felt the highest regard for the memory of the late ex-Premier. The news of the country's loss spread slowly through the city, but in some of the pulpits the sad announcement was made at the morning service. At Macnabb Street Presbyterian Church Rev. Dr. Fletcher, the pastor, in telling the sad news to his congregation spoke in brief but feeling terms of the grand life work of the deceased, his honesty of purpose, the sincerity of his convictions and his high character, summing the whole of his efforts in the words "He did the best he could for his country." Dr. Fletcher in his prayer also referred to the sad event, and prayed that divine comfort be accorded the bereaved family in their affliction.

#### AT LONDON.

HON. DAVID MILLS' ESTIMATE OF THE DEAD LEADER—A READY DEBATER—THE ADVERTISER'S TRIBUTE.

LONDON, April 17.—(Special.)—The Hon. David Mills, who is spending the Easter