

MR ROBERT HENDERSON.



HERE died in Chicago on April 26th, 1916, after a few months of feeble health, but in his 82nd year, a former teacher on the staff of George Watson's Ladies' College, who although he has long been severed from its work and interests, yet merits a notice in the George Square Chronicle. ✓ b.

Mr Robert Henderson was a native and a graduate of Edinburgh. He had established a private school in Glengyle Terrace, and was English Master in Oliphant's, Charlotte Square, but on the opening of George Watson's Ladies' College in 1871 transferred his services to that Institution as Head English Master. He and Mr Thomson had been school-fellows; later they were fellow students, and it was in the nature of things that their connection should merge into that of colleagues. He continued in George Watson's Ladies' College till 1877, when he became Headmaster of the school connected with the Trades' Maiden Hospital, then situated at the head of Rillbank Terrace. About 1880 the Governors of that Institution decided to discontinue their school, and to have their pupil beneficiaries educated at George Square. Thus released from his employment, Mr Henderson departed for America, where he found scope for his abilities in various capacities, with many different experiences. About twenty years ago, however, he became connected with the publishing firm of A. C. M~~urray~~ & Co. of Chicago, as a reader of MS/S., for which he was eminently qualified, and resided in that city to the end of his days. *Clurg*

Mr Henderson was a man of much capacity and earnestness, and as a teacher was eminently successful. He was highly esteemed by those who came under his care, and there must be many yet of the former George Square pupils who remember him, and who will learn of his death with sincere regret.

He only once revisited Scotland and Edinburgh, in 1900, when he was careful to seek out and to visit former pupils who had kept in touch with him in various ways. He was also present at one of the Reunions of the Former Pupils' Club, where old colleagues and pupils were rejoiced to see him, and to learn of his American doings. The Reunion he greatly enjoyed, contributing no small share to its attractiveness by his racy conversation, pleasantly enlivened by genuine good humour, and the touch of kindness which is so large a part of what we call charm. That Reunion was made memorable by his presence. He was impressed by the speech and bearing of the President of the year, and complimented her by saying that he wished she had been his pupil. And the President replied that she would have been fortunate if she had been his pupil.

He bade us good-bye at the close, doubtless feeling, as some one has said, that every man is a debtor to his profession, in the friends it brings, in the young lives that may be led to noble attainment and at the same time to gentleness, sympathy, and moral worth.

Robert Henderson's honourable and useful place in the world knows him no more, but to all who knew him his memory remains a fragrance.

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