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"The Good Fellow."

George Casey died at an Ottawa Hospital on St. Andrew's night, and with his passing goes as generous and mirthful a soul as ever drew breath.

He entered Parliament in 1872, and even among the intellectual giants who might be found in the House in those days the young sprig of twenty-two years, just fresh from University honors, won a large measure of distinction. He was a brilliant linguist, and could address the House in both the authorized languages, a faculty as rare then among the English-speaking members of the House as it is now. Casey had a veritable gift of tongues, and one of his favorite recreations was to keep on adding to his polyglot equipment. It is almost safe to say that Casey was the only man at Ottawa who habitually drew from the Parliamentary Library books in English, French, Spanish, Italian, and German. He had picked up somewhere a working knowledge of the Cree tongue, and had a scholarly acquaintance with many of the Indian dialects. Whenever he met on his travels a new language, or for that matter a patois, it was his custom to stick to it until he had acquired an adequate vocabulary and a fair comprehension of its syntactical peculiarities. He shared with Nicholas Flood Fyvie the habit of seasoning his speeches with Latin and Greek quotation, and he could use his Homer like a gentleman of the Elizabethan period. But this was only when he was on parade, and that not from a vanity of learning, but from sheer inability to keep down the ebullient riches of his mind. Casey was not a pedant. He conceived that a subject which was worthy of being publicly debated was worthy of the most glittering treatment that his memory and fancy could give it. In private he never obtruded his superior attainments. Although a man of family, of fine old Irish descent, and of almost seigniorial standing in his county, he was a staunch democrat and a practical believer in liberty, equality and fraternity. And just as the Celtic poetry of his nature, enhanced by the assimilated literature of many peoples, may have embarrassed his judgment, so that lively fraternity of his operated to keep his life from fruiting as grandly as it should have done. He had, alas, the faults of his qualities, and the very characteristics that made him lovable kept him from be-

ing great. When men less brilliant but more practical pressed forward with single aim to the lonely mountain tops of supremacy, Casey fell quietly back where the company was more cheerful and the talk more entertaining. And being of the name of Casey, he had too keen a sense of humor ever to be a leader. Garfield, who was a great wag, having once formed the ambition to become President of the United States, deliberately forbore from that time on to make anything like a joke. All the bon mots that are now ascribed to Lincoln gained currency after his death. Casey was a delightful raconteur. It was such a passion with him that he could not give it up. Reading maketh a full man. It develops every side of his nature, and if there goes with it a lively desire for human communion which prevents a man from being a mere book-worm, be sure that this earth harbors a personality that will make it brighter. It is the pleasure of men like Casey to radiate their charm in snug little smoking-room circles and to make comradeship a blessing. When the fortunes of politics turned against the whilom member for West Elgin, his friends got together and said: "What can we do for this good soul?" There were two things open, either of which Casey was eminently fitted to fill—the archives or a post in the library. The archives were not in the Legislative building. The library was, and so Casey got the place in the library, where he would be near his companions of the olden time. Whatever may be said about politicians, they like to keep the sunbeams near them. They refused to make a postmaster of that other bright spot and hold him at a distance of two hundred miles. No. They put Dr. Landerkin in the Senate, where he would never be more than a hundred yards from No. 16, and they just kept him there until he faded sweetly away into the Valley of the Shadow.

And now Casey is dead, too—Casey the story-teller, Casey the good fellow!—Toronto Star.

Divorce Laws and Divorces.

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