



Wilson Gray was christened Moses Wilson Gray, but he was always known as Wilson Gray. He was the second son of John Gray Esq., of Claremorris, county of Mayo, Ireland, was at the time of his death a little over sixty-two years of age. He commenced his education first at Cork, afterwards at Hazelwood, near Birmingham, and finally graduated at Trinity College, Dublin. He proved a distinguished scholar, and was gold medallist of the celebrated Historical Society of that University during his year. His brother is Sir John Gray, member for Limerick in the British House of Commons. Wilson Gray was elected a member of the Irish Bar, but in special pleading his love of candor

militated against him, and he made no progress. He tried literature, and became the editor of the "Freeman's Journal," published in Dublin, which newspaper, in conjunction with his brother already alluded to, he was proprietor. He came to Melbourne in 1855, and had a distinguished career in law and politics in that city.

In 1862 Mr. Gray resigned his seat for Rodney in Melbourne and came over to Dunedin, where he joined Mr. G. E. Barton in his business as barrister. In 1864 he was appointed Resident Magistrate, with an extended jurisdiction, Judge of the District Court and of the Court of Appeal for the goldfields, which duties he terminated on the 31st March 1875, at the Courthouse, Lawrence.

When Mr. Gray arrived from the Teviot, Dr. Halley immediately attended and prescribed for him. Dr. Stewart was afterwards called to assist Dr. Halley, and the two gentlemen were most unremitting in their attentions until the hour of his death. Mr. Gray found spiritual consolation from his old and esteemed friend and countryman, whom he frequently sent for, the Rev. Mr. Beaumont, of the Episcopalian Church, of which Mr. Gray was a member. But religious solace was scarcely necessary in his case. In his composition were united the elements of almost every virtue that makes a good man and a Christian. "His life" (as the "Daily Times admirably puts it)" was blameless, and one noble act of religious generosity all through. "Wilson Gray is, perhaps, the only man who, after a stormy life of political turmoil, descended to the grave, leaving not one single enemy behind him. Requiescat in pace.

On Sunday last, exactly as the clock struck the hour of noon, there went to his final rest one of the best, most beloved, and generous hearted men that the Southern British colonies have seen. It must ever be a red letter day in the history of Lawrence that his Honor Judge Gray breathed his last in this town. Nothing could we have desired more than when he had concluded his official career here, the relief which he would have found in being quit of the toils of office which he had faithfully fulfilled for ten years past, would have permitted him to regain his health. But fate ruled otherwise; with the finale of his course as a judge of men, he was summoned to appear before the One in whose presence even judges must render their account. Within three days from his sitting on the Bench of Lawrence Mr "Wilson Gray had ceased to live.

He was brought back to Dunedin and was buried in Dunedin's Southern Cemetery, with the memorial showing only Wilson Gray.

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