

THE STATE FUNERAL. In the Legislative Council Chamber.

CEREMONIES AT ST. MARY'S. Splendid Sermon by Archbishop O'Brien.

THE LAST OFFICES FOR THE DEAD.

(Staff correspondence of THE EXAMINER.)

HALIFAX, Jan. 3, 1895.

Clear, crisp, bright, and just cold enough to be exhilarating, has been in very pleasing contrast to that of the first day of the new year—the day when the lifeless body of the honored statesman was brought with British pomp and circumstance to his native shore.

believe in me shall not die forever. (John 1: 25-26)

Our sorrow, then, is not as that of those who mourn without hope, for we know that our friends, though dead to the world, live before God, and although their bodies are left to moulder in the tomb, we ever near the consoling words of our Saviour spoken near the little town of Bethany: "Thy brother shall rise again."

Though there be hope in our sorrow, the sorrow itself is universal. For an individual loss is regret, sincere though it be, is confined within a narrow circle. When a nation mourns we may be sure that the loss is a national one.

It will deny that by the death of the Right Honorable Sir John Thompson our great mother Canada has suffered an irreparable loss. The reason of this is because of the

QUALITIES THAT WERE RAINED AND ROOTED IN THE CHARACTER OF THE MAN as he appeared in the eyes of his fellow-citizens in the discharge of the duties of his high public station. In him, as in Samuel of old, the people recognized in their grief the conscientious fulfillment of meritorious duties. In the words of the text he might say:

"Having then conversed with you from youth until this day, behold here I am."

He had held various trusts during his early career—in the city council, in the provincial legislature, on the bench, in the department of justice and in the dominion parliament. It will not be saying too much to assert that he might make the challenge to the politician contained in the words of the text:

size is phenomenal. The manner of his address was measured by which to gauge his character. It points out also to young men the one sure and honorable road to PUBLIC DISTINCTION

as well as the one way of combining worldly success with personal integrity. Eulogies of the recent dead are liable to be tinged with exaggeration, and to express the loving admiration of a friend rather than the calm judgment of an historian. But in the desire to appear cool and impartial men are at times unwittingly unkindly to the departed.

Unless it is presented to them hooded and spurred they fail to recognize its face. As the vulgar confound bluntness with greatness, so they make this latter synonymous with the former. The ability to meet emergencies and to attain legitimately the special end in view without any apparent effort, prove the possession of resources which merit the designation of great. Now, it is admitted on all sides that as a lawyer Sir John Thompson was never found unable to meet the legal points which unexpectedly arise in the conduct of a case.

HE MAY NOT HAVE HAD THE TALENT OF VOICE AND GESTURE which in a ruler age, and even now, among the less cultured, are supposed to constitute oratory.

which in a ruler age, and even now, among the less cultured, are supposed to constitute oratory. His speeches, nevertheless, were masterpieces of clear, logical reasoning, and I attained their end, not only the conviction of his hearers, but by claiming for him, in many things, the appellation of great. But there is another and a higher aspect of the life of the premier which on an occasion and in a place of this kind is deserving of serious consideration.

with the spirit of true loyalty, he wore pressed to that same heart the image of his Heavenly King, both as a reminder of the homage which he owed him and

A CONSPIRACY OF THE SERVICE OF HIS SOCIETY

to the Eternal King. He was to dine with his queen, and then return for the night in her historic castle. He would offer to her every sign of respectful affection and ready service; but when he should have retired from her presence he was to appear before the Queen of Heaven, and commend himself to her care by devoutly reciting the beads in her honor.

In this true sense, then, although taken away in his prime, Sir John Thompson FILLED UP BY HIS GOOD DEEDS AND A SPOTLESS LIFE more than the allotted three score and ten. Some will say, as some have said, that he had not entered on the arena of Dominion politics he might have lived for many years.

THE MODERN MOTHER Has found that her little ones are improved more by the plain and laxative, Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them.

THE BEST ATTRIBUTES OF OFFICIAL PURITY AND FREQUENT PROMOTIONS. That whilst vast interests were in his keeping and many subtle influences at work to render him untrue to the common weal, still no duty was neglected, no obligation to the public shirked, and the hands which had wielded almost unlimited power were found from day to day doing, from oppression and from taking a bribe at the hands of any man.

TELEGRAPHIC. SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.

The Premier's Health.

MONTREAL, Jan. 7. A consultation took place between Dr. A. E. Rogers, of Ottawa (Sir Mackenzie B. Bell's attending physician), and Dr. H. S. Birkett, of Montreal, respecting the present condition of the Premier's health. After a thorough examination, they decided that there was no organic disease of any sort, the lungs and heart being perfectly healthy and sound, and the cause of the cough, which had given him so much trouble, was a slight form of laryngitis, merely spasmodic in character.

Great Fire in Toronto.

TORONTO, Jan. 7. This city was visited by a serious conflagration yesterday, and the present loss is estimated at \$1,000,000.

Obituary. HALIFAX, Jan. 7. Hon. S. L. Shannon, Judge of Probate, died this morning.

PERSONAL.

Mr. W. J. O'Reilly, of the Singer Manufacturing Co., left on a trip to Montreal and other cities last evening.

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THE SERMON.

"Having then conversed with you from youth until this day, behold here I am. Speak of me before the Lord and before His anointed, whether I have taken any man's ox or ass; if I have wronged any man; if I have oppressed any man; if I have taken a bribe at any man's hand, and if I will dispense it this day and restore it to you. And they said, thou hast not wronged us nor oppressed us, nor taken aught at any man's hand." (1 Kings, xlii: 25-26)

Before the remains of the honored dead are borne home to their last resting place, it is meet that some words should be spoken in this sacred edifice to tell of life and hope amidst the sadness and gloom that encompass us round about. It is no exaggeration to say that the great heart of Canada has been strangely moved during the past three weeks, its sympathy aroused as never before, and a sorrow deep in its sense of loss and pathetic by reason of the noble qualities it possessed, awakened. Nor has the mourning and regret been confined to our dominion. From across the ocean an echo of the empire's wail has reached our shores.

But man dies not with death, and in the midst of our mourning the solemn rites of religion, tinged though they be with a human sadness, yet have an undertone of consolation, of hope, of "triumph." The pleading tones of the "Dies Irae" are not the wailings of despair. They are rather the expressions of confidence in an infinite mercy. And finally, before the remains are carried forth, the exultant words which contain a promise and an assurance of victory over the grave are intoned:

"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, although he die, shall live; and everyone that liveth and

THE PROCESSION.

The procession, which was formed at the conclusion of the service, was made up of the representatives of sixty-five different organizations. It included the Mayor and living ex-Mayors and civic officials of Halifax, the Chief Justices of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and a considerable body of the judiciary of Canada, the representatives of all our religious denominations, the Governor-General and his staff, General Moore and staff, the Lieutenant-Governors of Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, members of the House of Commons and Senate, members of the Nova Scotia Government Assembly and Council, and many other state dignitaries and authorities.

A GOOD MAN IS BETTER THAN RICHES, and the fear of God preferable to the acquisition of unjust wealth. How faithful he was to the practices of devotion which he deemed profitable to the soul, can be gathered in an unmistakable manner from what was found on him after death. Among other things were a small picture of his Saviour, a crucifix and a set of rosary beads. Be it borne in mind that he could not have foreseen his death at Windsor Castle, consequently, even his most bitter adversaries would concede him of posing for the occasion. Such tokens of piety, of the utility of which we shall not here treat, but in person. He had gone to Windsor Castle at the command of his earthly Sovereign; and whilst bending his knee to her and swearing fealty to her throne with a heart filled

with the spirit of true loyalty, he wore pressed to that same heart the image of his Heavenly King, both as a reminder of the homage which he owed him and as a consecration of the service of his society.

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