

Sunday, September 26th, is the day appointed for Special Collections in behalf of the Mission Fund of our Church Society. We trust all our Clergy will urge their Congregations to give liberally to this object, since it is this Fund, which most directly helps those of our Missions which are not self-supporting.

The Editor will be very grateful to any, who will return to him fairly clean copies of either the June or August Gazette. There is no need to send the Pictures with them.

We hope to give in our next issue some account of the Ordination held in the Cathedral on September 5th.

IN MEMORIAM.

EDWARD TOWLE BROOKS.

It is our sad duty to record the death on Thursday, August 5th, of the Hon. Edward T. Brooks, Judge of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec, a Trustee of Bishop's College, Lennoxville, and a well known Sherbrooke layman. Mr. Brooks was born at Lennoxville on July 6th, 1830. Educated at Dartmouth College, from which he graduated in 1850, he studied law and was admitted to the Bar of Lower Canada in 1854. In 1875 he was created a Queen's Counsel, and was elevated in 1882 to the Bench of S. Francis District, the duties of which high office he discharged until October 1895, when owing to ill-health he was obliged to resign. In ability Judge Brooks stood in the front rank of the Province. He was a man with a great deal of public spirit and was highly prized as a citizen of Sherbrooke. To his widow and sons we tender our deepest sympathy in their great affliction.

In order to shew how highly he was held in esteem by those who knew him, we cannot do better than quote part of the sermon, preached on Sunday, August 15th, in S. Peter's Church, by Dr. Dumbell, Rector of Sherbrooke.

Referring to their sad loss, he said:—

“My brothers: into the holy and happy waiting place has entered, as we humbly trust, another from among ourselves. It having pleased Almighty God to take to Himself the soul of his servant, Edward Towle Brooks, we speak of him as ‘departed,’ to be ‘with Christ.’ In such cases as his, there follows quickly upon the sense of our loss a feeling of thankfulness to God, that it pleases Him to raise up, from time to time, such men to be friends and leaders of their fellows. The example of a public man whose career has been marked by honour and integrity is not only valuable at the time, but affords also a pledge of future good. Those who come after him are inspired, restrained, strengthened, by recollection. Already it has been my privilege to become acquainted with the views expressed by many,—most competent to judge. You all know what has been said by the Bar collectively: ‘That Body testifies to ‘the great respect entertained by the whole Bar for his learning and scholarly attainments, and his unswerving integrity.’ These are no light words to come from such a quarter. One in the prime of life (who often appeared before the late Judge) says: ‘His graciousness to young people was a perfect object lesson of what such a relationship should be.’ Another,—one about his own age,—calls him ‘an able, honest, Christian Lawyer.’ To me, that speaks volumes. And here are other words: ‘His career at the Bar and on the Bench brought him the respect of all, and the affectionate regard of those who really knew him.’ Again: ‘He was loved for his amiable yet lofty character.’ And you know, how much the people of this town owe to him, and in this place his memory will long be green. He suffered much, and bore long and patiently. It seemed as if the shadow of the Cross of Christ fell specially upon him towards the last. He had previously had to bear great sorrow, and then there came to him a