

"Adrift in the Breakers; or, the Present Dangers to Religion," a volume which dwells upon the danger of modern theol., and the evil influence produced on society by preaching "smooth things." Besides these, Mr. T. has made various contributions to the newspaper and periodical press on a variety of interesting topics. Politically, he calls himself "a patriot in the true sense of the term." He believes in taxation for religion; in limiting the franchise; and in protection to home manufactures. He m. 1866, Ellen T., 3rd dau. of the late Jas. Starke, Montreal.—16 St. Famille St., Montreal.

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TAIT, Joseph, Ont. public service; is the s. of the late John Tait, by his wife, Williamson Clarke. B. in Kirkcudbrightshire, Scot., Oct. 21, 1839, he was ed. in the parish sch., and learned the trade of baking. Emigrating to the U. S., 1871, he removed to Toronto the following year, where he established himself in his business, and was elected Presdt. of the Master Bakers' Assn., and likewise an Ald. In 1890 he was returned to the Legislature as one of the mems. for Toronto, but was defeated at the g. e. 1894, by G. F. Marter, afterwards leader of the Opposition. In religion, a Meth., he is also a local preacher, and has served as a del. to the Genl. Conf. of the Ch. Politically, he is a Lib. of a pronounced type, and has rendered efficient service to his party as a speaker. He is a mem. of the Toronto Bd. of Trade, and a dir. of the *Globe* Printing Co. In Jan., 1897, he was apptd. Regr. of the Surrogate Ct., Co. York, Ont., vice G. Brown, deceased. Mr. T. has been twice m., 1st. 1863, to Miss Elizabeth McKie, Dumfries, Scot. (she d. 1872); and 2ndly, to Miss Susan Stibbard, Eglinton, Ont.—29 North St., Toronto, Ont.

TAIT, Hon. Sir Melbourne McTaggart, judge and jurist, is the young s. of the late Thos. Tait, who settled

at Melbourne, P.Q., 1834, and became a merchant and the Postmaster there. B. at Melbourne, May 20, 1842, he was ed. at St. Francis Coll., Richmond, studied law with Bethune & Dunkin, Montreal, and graduated B.C.L. at McGill Univ., 1862. Called to the bar, 1863, he practised first at his native place, in partnership with the late Hon. W. H. Webb, Q.C., M.L.C. In 1870 he moved to Montreal, where he joined the late Sir J. J. C. Abbott in business. On the retirement of the latter from professional life, owing to the pressure of his public duties, Mr. T. became head of the firm of Tait, Abbott & Campbell. He was created a Q. C., by the Marquis of Lorne, 1882, and was for several yrs. Treas. of the Montreal bar. In his youth he took a 1st class cert. at the Mil. Sch., Quebec, and served as lieut. and capt. in the 54th (Lord Aylmer's) Batt., during the Fenian troubles. In 1877 he was elected Grand Master of the G. L. of Freemasons of Quebec, and was re-elected, 1878. He became a Fellow in Law in McGill Univ., 1886, and took the degree of D.C.L., in course, at that institution, 1891. In the same year he received the hon. degree of D.C.L. from Bishop's Coll., Lennoxville. He is also a mem. of the Council of that Univ., and Presdt. of the Garrick Club, Montreal. He was apptd. a Puisne Judge, S. C., P. Q., Jan. 18, 1887, and was apptd. to perform the duties of Chief-Justice of his Ct. in the Dist. of Montreal, Oct. 27, 1894. In 1897, on the completion of the 60th year of H. M.'s reign, he received the honour of knighthood from the Queen. On that occasion he was presented with an address of congratulation from the bar of Quebec. His Lordship is a mem. of the Ch. of Eng., and a del. to the Ch. Synod. He m. 1st, 1863, Monica, dau. of the late Jas. Holmes, Montreal (she d. 1876); and 2ndly, 1878, Lily M., only dau. of the late Hy. B. Kaighn, Newport, R.I.—994 Sherbrooke St.,