

Robinson. The remarks of Chief Justice Falconbridge on the opening of the Divisional Court at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, the day after his death were as follows:—

"It has not been the practice of our Courts for the presiding judge to say anything in the case of distinguished members of the Bar who have passed away without occupying any official or judicial position; but the place occupied by the late Mr. Christopher Robinson was so exceptional and unique that I feel (occupying, as I do, the seat on this Bench so long occupied by his illustrious father), that it is right and fitting that the departing of so noble and worthy a son should not be allowed to pass without some tribute to his memory. There is no public or private expression of mine that can adequately voice my appreciation of his high character, and of the loss that we have sustained. His career will furnish a ready answer to those who have doubted whether it is possible to combine the position of a great advocate with that of the stainless Christian gentleman. He was the Chevalier Bayard of the Canadian Bar, sans peur et sans reproche. For more than forty years he has been to me personally, guide, philosopher and friend. His death is a cruel blow privately and an irreparable public calamity."

The only public position which Mr. Robinson could be induced to accept was the Chancellorship of the University of Trinity College. In that capacity he urged and, through his influence, accomplished the broad-minded policy of federation with the University of Toronto. As has been said by a leading daily journal, "How much his unique character and influence contributed to this apparently impossible accomplishment can scarcely be over-estimated. The feeling was that whatever so wise, so disinterested and so sure a counsellor advised was something that could safely be done."

We cannot here forbear quoting also from the *Canadian Churchman* an extract referring to the loss sustained both by the Church of England and by Trinity College in the death of Mr. Robinson.

"Strong in intellect; ripe in judgment: possessing unusual keenness of insight and quickness of comprehension, he was completely at home in both the principles and practice of his profession. On all occasions, great or small, and in all his dealings