

age, and set though the hearts of the multitude may be on the good things of life, still men can admire and appreciate a line of action which is moulded by a standard more noble than any to which they can dream of aspiring. The words of the book of Wisdom,—

“Love justice, you that are judges of the earth. Think of the Lord in goodness, and seek Him in simplicity of heart,”

had sunk early and deeply into the heart of Sir John Thompson. To the justice of his dealings with all men, both as a private citizen and as a public official, we have already alluded, and the public voice fully endorses it. The way he sought the Lord in goodness and simplicity of heart is known to his friends. He recognized it to be the first duty of a Christian to follow the dictates of conscience, and to make his life an outward expression of his inward convictions. We shall not insult his memory, nor seem to think so poorly of the enlightened citizens of this Dominion, as to offer any excuse for, or vindication of the change of his religious belief, made after due deliberation, in the strength of his young manhood. He who follows conscience needs no vindication in the eyes of posterity, nor excuse before the bar of contemporary opinion. We shall merely say that his manner of life, from the date of that change until the day of his death, was that of a thoroughly practical, consistent Catholic. Both in public and in private, at all times and under all circumstances, he fulfilled with regularity and exactness, not merely the essential duties of his religion, but likewise many of those which a busy man might well be excused for thinking supererogatory. This faithful discharge of religious duties brought him into daily and close