

Osler, now one of the judges of the Court of Appeal for Ontario. We think we can safely speak for him, as the writer of these lines, another of his students, can also for himself, of the pleasure and profit of being under the good influence of one who had such a high ideal of professional honour, and who was so capable, and at the same time so anxious, to impart instruction to the students under his care.

Colonel Bernard's interest in the volunteer force, which is more fully alluded to in the article already referred to, was first displayed in connection with a company which he organized about 1855, then known as the Barrie Rifles, now No. 1 Company of the "Simcoe Foresters" (35th Battalion). His "right-hand man," who writes this, and those of the company who still survive, can testify to the interest he took in it, and how much he won the hearts of the men.

In the official capacity he occupied for many years, he was known as a well-read and able constitutional lawyer, in whose opinion his chiefs, as well as others with whom he was brought in contact, had the fullest confidence. Wise, discreet, diligent, and courteous, he was the model head of a department. Personally, he was a man of high honour and unblemished reputation, and respected by all—a gentleman in every sense of the word, with the polished manners of the old school. Beloved by all those who had the pleasure of his friendship, an old, tried, and true friend, to whom we owe much, we mourn his loss.

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WE learn from the *Central Law Journal* that Chief Justice Paxson, of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, in the case of *Commonwealth v. Matthews*, has sustained a conviction for the offence of selling a newspaper on Sunday. The conviction was had under a law passed in 1794, which, while prohibiting the performance of any worldly employment on Sunday, excepts "works of necessity or charity." The learned chief justice thought it hardly likely that the framers of the law contemplated the possibility of Sunday newspapers, and that the latter, through the development of modern ideas, had become a part of the ordinary life of the people. But while the Sunday newspaper may be a convenience to a large majority of the people, it did not, in the opinion of the court, come within the