

citizen Mr. Kingsmill occupied a high position. The soul of honour, genial and courteous, he enjoyed the confidence and warm esteem of all those with whom he came in contact. He was four times married. His first wife was the eldest daughter of Sheriff Grange, his son of that marriage being Charles Edmund Kingsmill, now a captain in the Royal Navy.

An eloquent tribute to the memory of the deceased was paid by Dr. Parkin, principal of Upper Canada College, the purport of which is as follows: "He had been a pupil in the college from 1840 to 1847, and his loyalty to his old school was unbounded. He had taken the chairmanship of the board at a very critical time in the history of the school; had freely given his time, thought and experience to the work of extricating the college from the difficulties in which it was involved. His name will always be held deservedly in honour among old Upper Canada College boys. His unfailing courtesy and refined feeling has always shown itself in all his relations to the staff of the college. Himself a typical gentleman of the old school, he took the deepest interest in the tone and character of the college, and both masters and boys had the greatest reason to do honour to his memory."

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### Book Reviews.

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Coming from the antipodes we make room to refer to the above monthly magazine which has just reached us. The war in South Africa at present is naturally such an all engrossing topic that the nation seems to have little interest in anything else, and may for the moment forget that the great value of our colony in the southerly end of the Dark Continent, at least up to the present time, lies in the fact that it is a necessity for the maintenance of our Indian possessions; and it may be that in a very short time our attention may be transferred from Africa to India.

A perusal of the many interesting articles in this most readable magazine gives further evidence of the greatness and far reaching character of the Great Empire to which we belong. It begins with a concise resume of the progress of the Transvaal war, and in another place gives the most intelligent and concise sketch of its origin and antecedent events that we have met with. Considerable space is given to a well-written review by an English educated Indian of Mr. Dutt's spirited translation of that ancient and famous epic of India, *The Ramayana*. For the Indian lawyer there is an article on the alienation of land in the Punjab, and notes of cases of general interest recently decided in the Courts of the above possessions.