

efforts. Nurses and patients all loved to see him enter the wards, where his cheerful countenance and kindly words were better than medicine. He was a Bencher of the Law Society from the time that office became elective until he left the Bar. He was among the founders of the Confederation Life Association, and the Building and Loan Association, and was the solicitor of those important institutions.

In 1853 Judge Patterson married Miss Dickson, of Glen-Conway, Ireland, an accomplished lady, who survives him, and by whom he had three sons and two daughters. Mr. A. D. Patterson, the eldest son, is well known as an artist. The second son, C. J. Patterson, is a physician. The daughters are Mrs. H. H. McPherson, of Halifax, and Mrs. George Hodgins, of Windsor, Ont. The judge's eldest sister was the wife of the eminent Irish lawyer, Gerald Fitzgibbon, Q.C., and Sergeant-at-Law, whose son of the same name was Solicitor-General for Ireland, and is now the able Lord Justice of the Court of Appeal at Dublin. His only surviving brother is Mr. James Patterson, who was for many years connected with the Department of Public Instruction in Ireland. A friend who knew the late judge well says of him: "The first time you saw him you felt that he was a man to be trusted. In addition to this, his genial manner, his appreciation of humour, and his extensive literary knowledge made him a charming companion. It was difficult to find a man who had read more widely or more thoroughly than he, in directions more or less remote from his profession. He had a marvellous memory, and an accurate literary taste. This enabled him to become familiar with the choicest productions of our best writers, especially in poetry." "It was, however, as a man, noble and strong, with a keen sense of duty, and a high conception of what life should be, that those who knew him love to think of him. He was a sterling character, and none could come in contact with him without being helped."

Judge Patterson was in religion a Presbyterian, and took a warm interest in the affairs of his church. At the first sitting of the Vacation Court after his decease, the Hon. Chancellor Boyd, addressing the Bar, spoke as follows:—"Since the last session of this court the death of Mr. Justice Patterson, of the Supreme Court of Canada, has brought to a close the work of a good judge and a good man. He needs no eulogium from the lips of his judicial brethren, for his life was lived openly, so that all could see and value his devotion to the claims of his country and of his fellow-men. And while he did not stint himself in lending a helping hand to many schemes of philanthropy and benevolence, he never allowed the broader claims of humanity to interfere with the special functions of his judicial office. His judgments will live after him, and will supply not a few landmarks for future practitioners and judges. Speaking for myself, I lament the loss of a much-loved friend; but, apart from personal consideration, I now bear testimony to the assiduous and conscientious discharge of public duty which characterized his life as a judge. He was the friend of the student as well as of the solicitor and counsel who practised before him. He spared no pains to discharge that debt which every lawyer owes to his profession, by seeking to conform the practice and principles of jurisprudence to the advancing and developing needs of a more complex civilization. But I need not dwell longer on his merits—I would sum up all in the words already used—he was a good judge and a good man."