

case. Was dat all his destimony dis gourt must gife judgment for der defendant, but dere was one odder vitness who makes of himself a volunteer, and who gifs his destimony, vitch completely covers der controversy in all its barts. Upon his destimony—and he had named himself as this vitness—‘if it were uncontradicted and unimpeached, I could gife judgment for der blaintiff. But such is not the gase. While the destimony of this vitness’—naming himself—‘is not contradicted, yet now gomes six reputable vitnenses already, who climbs one after de odder to der vitness chair, and says dot dey know dis man’—naming himself—‘dot he is a liar where he lives; dot his destimony is lies, und dot his vord ist not good. Dis is vhat dey call in der law imbeaching a vitness. Generally it is a mighty hard ding to do, but in dis gase I must say dot I regard der vitness as very successfully imbeached. Derefore, as it isn’t vhat I dink of him myself, but vhat der evidence in der case makes of him dat I must go by, I trow out dis vitness’ destimony altogether. So der gourt is left again mit nothing but der blaintiff und dose odder people who svore, vitch, as I hafe already said, know nodings of his business. Under such circumstances der gourt can make no finding for blaintiff. Derefore der gourt finds for der defendant, mit judgment against der blaintiff for costs.’

“It was the best thing,” con-

cluded Thurman, “that the old Dutchman ever did. It established his reputation as an honest man far and near, and from that time until his death, if anybody had made an effort to impeach his evidence given in a case, he would have failed. The whole neighbourhood looked on him as a second Daniel from that time forward.”—American Lawyer, March, 1896.

The late Sir Matthew Crooks Cameron was possessed of a great strength of character, and in private life was irreproachable. He was a great man as an advocate, a judge, and as a statesman. He distinguished himself as an advocate at the Common Law Bar. Before a jury he had no peer; his strength of character created a lasting impression on a jury; he always impressed them with being in earnest. The same old story is often told of Sir James Scarlett, who was often, when at the Bar, opposed by Lord Brougham. A juryman, as he left the jury box, was heard one day to exclaim: “That fellow Brougham is a very clever man, but, you see, Scarlett he’s always on the right side.” The story is told that Scarlett considered this the greatest compliment ever paid him as an advocate. Sir M. C. Cameron possessed this faculty in a less degree; with juries and on the platform in elections he was an effective speaker, and thoroughly impressed all with his earnestness.