

great Conservative leader, Sir John A. Macdonald, Vice-Chancellor of the Court of Chancery of Ontario, an appointment which reflected equal credit on giver and receiver. It cannot be said, however, that Mr. Blake was a great judge. He did not possess what a lawyer understands by the expression, a judicial mind, though he had the strongest and most conscientious desire to arrive at the facts of a case and the rights of the parties, and to adjudge accordingly. His natural place was rather in the arena. To that he returned in May, 1881, leaving the Bench to practise in his old firm.

He was not only a most forceful and eloquent advocate, resourceful, bold and vigilant, but as counsel he was sought for by those who wanted not only to be advised as to their legal position, but who also desired the benefit of his business capacity, his foresight and the energy and enthusiasm which he devoted to his clients' interests. He was a kind and powerful friend as well as a wise counsellor.

A collection of his caustic remarks, his witty sayings, his home thrusts, his bright rejoinders and sparkling repartees, would be most interesting reading; and of his work outside his profession, a volume might be written.

To his tireless energy and his devotion to the Evangelical party in the Church of England, Wycliffe College is an enduring monument. The phenomenal success which has attended that institution is largely to be credited to him.

As a philanthropist and as a promoter and sustainer of the interests of the church establishment to which he belonged, he stood pre-eminent. His gifts to charities and to all causes that appealed to him as worthy were continuous and unstinted. He was never happier than when giving, and probably more of this was done in secret than in public. All his life he devoted much time to Christian work in churches and missions, and his last few years were almost entirely and ceaselessly devoted to spreading abroad a knowledge of the truths of Christianity as set forth in the Book of Books.