

THE LATE CHIEF JUSTICE MOSS—LAW SOCIETY.

municipalities. One sentence from the judgment here may be cited as an evidencethat the deceased judge was not disposed to adopt merely "common sense" views: "There is no sound reason for leaving discretion, in such cases, to be exercised on arbitrary principles, or according to the ideas of natural justice of the particular judge or court." We have referred to these judgments, commending them to the special notice of the profession, because they abundantly illustrate our previous remarks upon the Chief Justice's peculiar merits as a judge. To read them with care and attention isto form a high estimate of the judicial qualities of our departed friend. The touching tributes paid to his memory by Vice-Chancellor Blake and by Mr. Justice Burton on behalf of the bench, and by Mr. Robinson, Q. C., on behalf of the bar, are the surest evidence that can be adduced of the sterling qualities of the Chief Justice.

What he might have been, had his life been spared to his family and to the Province, who shall say? With abilities so striking, with a conscientious industry so persistent with a fervent zeal in the discharge of judicial duty so ardent, what might he not have done? It was not too much to hope that his organizing hand would, at no distant day, have been at work upon the Supreme Court, for the Chief Justiceship of which, not only his talents but his temperament and breadth of view would have eminently fitted him. At all events his premature death is a serious loss to this Province. No judge could more ably and sympathizingly have smoothed the way for the easy and satisfactory working of the new Judicature Act than he. He was young in years, comprehensive as to his legal opinions, and generously tender to old prejudices. Unhappily he has been removed in the flower of his age, with success attained early and snatched from his grasp only too soon for his countrymen—for Canada which he loved so well, and was so proud of boasting as his native land. We have all suffered a bitter

bereavement; and although our grief cannot be so poignant as that of those who were so near and dear to him, it is with no formal or ostentatious show of sympathy that we condole with the widow and orphans left alone in the world—yet not alone, for, out through the gloom they may see sorrowful helpers who, though they cannot heal, may soothe and bind up the cruel wound inflicted by the hand of death.

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Proceedings of Convocation on 28th Dec., 1880, published by authority.

Present—Messrs. Irving, Smith, Hoskin, Martin, Osler, Crickmore, MacLennan, McCarthy, Read, Kerr, Mackelcan, McMichael.

Mr. MacLennan was appointed chairman in the absence of the Treasurer. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The report of the Discipline Committee, on the petition of William Lamour recommending further enquiry, was received, read, and adopted.

The report of the Legal Education Committee, recommending that the examinations for Call and Call with Honours be respectively held on the Thursday and Friday before Term, at 9 a. m., and suggesting a design for the medals proposed to be presented to honor men at the said examination, was received, read, and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Reporting was received and read as follows:

The Committee on Reporting beg leave to report as follows:

1. A proposal has been received from Mr. Carswell for the printing of the reports for Convocation; your Committee does not recommend that the proposal of Mr. Carswell be entertained.

2. Your Committee recommend that 1350 copies of Mr. Hodgins' forthcoming volume of election cases, be ordered at a rate not ex-