

also wrote two small works for the religious tract society, entitled "The Reformation in Europe" and "The Council of Trent," besides editing other works; he has also written a great many newspaper articles and essays, and these are unusually concise and pithy, his sentences often being short and sharp, and, long or short, full of meaning. Our subject was made a Doctor of Divinity by Acadia college, during his residence in Canada in 1848.

He was first married in 1821 to Miss Maria Agate, of London, she dying in 1822, leaving one daughter, Maria, the wife of Stephen Selden, editor and proprietor of the *Christian Messenger*, Halifax; and the 2nd time in 1826, to Miss Anne Burls, also of London. She was the mother of nine children, and died in 1862, two sons and three daughters surviving her. Thomas is a merchant and George a lawyer in the city of Montreal; Fanny is the wife of Geo. B. Muir, also of that city; Eliza, of Rev. T. A. Higgins, Baptist minister at Annapolis, N.S.; and Mary Ann is with her father.

GEORGE A. BLANCHARD,

KENTVILLE, N.S.

GEORGE AUGUSTUS BLANCHARD, judge of the county courts, district number four, including the counties of King's, Hants and Colchester, was born at Truro, in this province, on the 6th of September, 1811. He is a brother of Sheriff Blanchard, of Truro, in whose sketch, in other pages of this work, may be found the name of the parents, and some account of the family on the maternal as well as paternal side. The mother of our subject, who was Jean Archibald, was an aunt of the present Governor, Hon. Adams G. Archibald, whose portrait fronts the Nova Scotia part of this volume.

Judge Blanchard was educated principally at the Pictou academy, under that celebrated scholar and educator, Dr. McCulloch, having for schoolmates Governor Archibald, Sir Hugh Hoyles, Newfoundland, Chief Justice Ritchie, of Ottawa, and others who have since distinguished themselves; and subsequently he taught two or three years in that institution.

He commenced studying law at Pictou, with his cousin, Jotham Blanchard, M.P.; finished with the late Hon. J. W. Johnston, afterwards judge in equity; was called to the bar in 1839, and practised at Antigonish until 1847, when he removed to Halifax, and was for some years in partnership with Judge Alexander-James, having an extensive legal practice. While in that city our subject held the office of recorder for two consecutive years, and as such conducted the legal business of that city.

He was appointed judge of probate for King's county on the 26th of August, 1854, and settled in Kentville, the county town. His appointment to his present office of judge of the county courts for the three counties already mentioned, was dated August 21, 1876.

While Judge Blanchard was associated in professional business with Judge James, under the firm of Blanchard and James, he was engaged in several important trials, amongst others, *Scott vs. James*, for libel, and *Falconer vs. Sawyer*, besides conducting a number of legal arguments in *Panco*. Mr. Blanchard was remarkable for great assiduity and painstaking in all his work, and was known not only as a well read lawyer, but as a truly honorable practitioner. Since he has held office as a judge his decisions have been much respected, not less for their ability, than for their rigid impartiality, which has secured to him the unlimited respect and confidence of the bar and the public.