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## MR. JUSTICE STREET.

"Justum et tenacem propositi virum."

The Horatian line above quoted seems fitly to indicate the general impression made by the late Mr. Justice Street on those who knew him best and recognized in him one who was in all the relations of his personal and professional life "a just man and firm of purpose." Such was not always the opinion of those who were not so well acquainted with him and who were sometimes led to imagine that the low-pitched voice, the slender, almost attenuated frame, and the gentle manner were the index of a mind that might be easily bent and influenced by those of a more masterful temperament. How utterly baseless any such view of his character would be, none can know so well as his brethren of the Bench and of the Bar, who while fully appreciating the charm of his *suaviter in modo*, were no less forced to recognize, not always to their complete contentment, his *fortiter in re*. It may be said, however, that his long judicial career of nearly twenty years had impressed the public no less than the profession with the salient features of his personality to which we have referred.

It is not necessary here to give more than the briefest outline of the career of the deceased judge, the main facts of which moreover lie within a comparatively narrow compass. William Purvis Rochfort Street was born in November, 1841, in the good town of London the Less, which has sent so many of its sons to grace the Bench, and was educated at the Grammar School there under the supervision of that fine old scholar and gentleman, the Rev. Benjamin Bayly, one of whose sons, the well-known K.C., was a pall-bearer at his funeral. He studied law in his native city, was called to the Bar in 1864, and forthwith was taken into partnership by the late H. C. R. Becher, Q.C., a well-known