

well known to need repetition here. The last session he passed in the Legislature was marked by a number of stirring debates, during which Mr. M. often displayed an intimacy with the smallest details of departmental expenditure, and at the same time a comprehensive grasp of the legislation before the Ho., which astonished even his intimate friends. In 1883 he was presented by his party friends in the Legislature with a solid silver service, in acknowledgment of his eminent public services. A more signal tribute to his talents and services was paid by the Govt. itself in making provision for a salary of \$2000 a year to him as leader of the Opposition. This, however, he declined to receive. His Lordship was raised to the Bench as Chief-Justice of the Common Pleas Div. of the High Ct. of Justice of Ont., Oct. 5, 1894. One of the first cases tried by him was that of Hender-shott and Welter for murder, both of whom were convicted and afterwards executed. In 1895 he was elected to the Senate of the Univ. of Toronto, the vote polled making him the senior among the elective mems. of the Bd. In 1896 he was apptd. a mem. of the comm. for the revision of the Provl. Statutes. He is also V.-P. of the National Sanitarium Assn. As a young man he served for some yrs. as an offr. in the London Light Infy. He received the honour of knighthood, 1896. Sir William belongs to the Ang. communion. He m. June, 1862, Mary, dau. of Marcus Holmes, London, Ont.—*4 Lampport Ave., Toronto, Ont.; Toronto Club.*

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**MERRICK, Mrs. Sarah Newcomb,**

educationist, is the descendant of Elder Brewster, of Pilgrim Father fame, and was b. in Charlottetown, P.E.I., May 9, 1844. Proceeding to the U. S., 1860, she graduated at the Girls' High and Normal Sch., Boston, 1867. After teaching at Manassas, Va., and declining a call to the ministry in that State, she went to Texas, and was apptd. principal of a public sch. in San Antonio. This position she held for 18 yrs. She was also a paid contributor to the *Texas Sch. Journal*, and to her work is attributed the reputation that San Antonio has long borne, of having the best primary schs. in the State. Mrs. M. has now retired from active work in the sch. room, but will continue her interest in education through her pen. She is Presdt. of the Business Woman's Assn. where she lives.—*San Antonio, Texas.*

**MERRILL, Edward Belden,** electrical engr., s. of His Honour Edwards Merrill (q.v.), was b. at Napanee, Ont., Apl. 16, 1868. Ed. at the High Sch., Picton, at Univ. Coll., Toronto (B.A., 1892), and at the Sch. of Practical Science, same city (B.Ap.Sc., 1894), he was apptd. Fellow in Mech. and Electrical Engrg. in the last-named inst., 1892. He was on the staff of the Toronto Tech. Sch. from the opening of the institution, Jan., 1892, and was Principal there from Oct., 1894 to Aug., 1895. He then entered the employ of the Westinghouse Electrical Co., Pittsburg, Pa., whence he passed to Eng., 1896, and is now studying and working with the Siemen Bros. Electrical Co., near London.—*Woolwich, Eng.*

**MERRILL, His Honour Edwards,** Co. Ct. Judge, is the s. of the late Saml. Merrill, barrister, by his wife, Mary Edwards Hale, a descendant of Sir Matthew Hale, and a grand-niece of Jonathan Edwards. B. near Picton, Ont., Sept. 4, 1841, he was ed. by his father, at the local schs., and at Eastman's Commercial Coll. Called to the bar, 1867, he practised his profession at Picton