

Ontario and Quebec, under the special delegation to that end from Her Majesty, cannot therefore be held by reason of anything contained in the judgment in question, to have transgressed the authority admittedly vested in you in your pastoral or spiritual office of Bishop and Metropolitan.

Before bringing these remarks to a close, it may not be improper to remind Your Lordship that in a letter addressed to you by Sir Robert Phillimore, Doctor of Civil Law, and the Queen's Advocate, (whose opinion ought to be pre-eminent in such matters,) after the rendering of the Colenso Judgment, and which I had the privilege of perusing, that distinguished jurisconsult unhesitatingly endorsed the opinions of Mr. Cameron and myself, on the validity of Provincial Synod proceedings, and further stated, that in his opinion the Canadian Bishops stood wholly unaffected by the Judgment which "a Canadian Churchman" has erroneously thought to have produced the sadly chaotic results he so triumphantly proclaims.

I have the honor to be,

My Lord,

Your most obed't servant,

STRACHAN BETHUNE, Q.C.

OBITUARY.

The Hon. J. S. McCord, one of the Justices of the Superior Court for Lower Canada, died at Montreal early on the morning of June 28th, 1865. The *Montreal Gazette* gives the following notice of his life:—

He was born near Dublin on the 18th day of June, 1801. His father came here in 1806 on business, and settled in this country.— Judge McCord was sent to school to the Rev. Dr. Wilkie, at Quebec, where he was a schoolfellow of the Hon. Henry Black and the late A. C. Buchanan, Q. C., two of the most eminent of Lower Canadian lawyers. He afterwards was for some time a student at the Seminary of St. Sulpice in this city, where he gained a perfect mastery of French. He studied law in the office first of the late Chief Justice Rolland, and subsequently in that of the late Mr. Justice Gale, and was called to the bar in 1822 or '23. He continued to practice his profession until the outbreak of the rebellion in 1837, when he entered the volunteer service, raising a cavalry corps and becoming commandant of a brigade of cavalry, and for a time also of the whole Militia force in Montreal. On the re-organization of the courts by the Special

Council, he became a District Judge and Judge of the Court of Requests, and subsequently Judge of the Circuit Court. Later on the reorganization of the Judiciary in 1857, he became a Judge of the Superior Court. He has thus been on the Bench for 23 or 24 years, and in that time has done judicial duty in every portion of the old District of Montreal, embracing about half the population of Lower Canada. Although not standing foremost among the jurists who have won celebrity among the members of our Bench and Bar, he has yet proved an eminently useful and painstaking judge, whose decisions have uniformly stood the test of appeal more successfully than those of most other men upon the Bench. Few or none of them have indeed been altogether set aside. He was not content to be a jurist simply, or devote himself exclusively to that jealous mistress, the Law. Besides his soldiering for several years, he was for years a zealous student of natural history, and one of the founders of the Montreal Natural History Society. He was an ardent lover of Horticulture, too, and alike in the choice of a site for his residence at Temple Grove, and in the laying out and culture of his grounds, showed his love for the beautiful in nature and the art which, by culture, so enhances her beauties. He was also a promoter of some of our best charities, and was for years a Director of the Montreal General Hospital. He was an ardent Free Mason, several times Master of St. Paul's Lodge, and attained all or nearly all the dignities attainable in Canada under the Grand Lodge of England. But the work into which he threw most of his heart and soul during his later years—next after his judicial duties, if not equally even with them—was the promotion of the interests of the religious community to which he belonged. A zealous, true-hearted member of the English Church, he was also a warm friend and admirer of the present Bishop of this diocese, and an ardent fellow-laborer with him in everything which could promote the interests or welfare of the church. He was successively Vice-Chancellor and Chancellor of the University of Bishops' College, Lennoxville, which office he held at the time of his death. He was the active promoter of the establishment there of the Grammar School, now such an eminently successful feature of the institution. In the Church Society he took a most active part with the late Mr. Moffatt and others in the work, more especially of the Central Board and Lay Committee, of which he was for several years chairman. He was also one who labored most zealously in putting the funds for widows and orphans of deceased clergymen on a satisfactory basis,