

## OBITUARY—REVIEWS—APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE.

quence which would sometimes rise, especially in his references to the classics (for he was a scholar of old Hereford College, and no mere "crammer" of Latin and Greek), to the height of oratory. And with his eloquence, with the expression of his thoughts in the most fluent and fitting language, was joined almost all the advantages which subserve it, ease of manner, power and pliability of voice, and a most gracious and commanding presence. But the feature of Colonel Prince's character, upon which most of those who knew him well fixed their attention, was always his manliness, his independent assertion of not what always was right, but always what he thought to be so, and his generous and disinterested recantation of such opinions when he thought them to have been wrong.

His warm impulsive nature, fed by and resting upon a superb bodily constitution, led him to error as well as to truth, but in either event men came to know that what he did he did with all his heart, and that that heart was never sullied by anything mean, sordid, or dishonest.

Two biographical sketches of Colonel Prince have been published, one by Mr. F. Taylor, in 1865, another by Mrs. Jamieson, in the earlier portion of the Colonel's Parliamentary career, we think about 1838.

### GEORGE A. CUMMING, ESQ.

(Extracted from the *British Whig*.)

George Alexander Cumming, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, an old and esteemed resident of Kingston, died on Wednesday, the 28th December last, in the fifty-eighth year of his age.

His father, John Cumming, Esq., was one of the first settlers in Kingston, and represented the then town in the Parliament of Upper Canada about the year 1826.

He first studied law in the office of the late George Mackenzie, and finished his studies with the late Mr. Thomas Kirkpatrick, Q. C., and was called to the bar in Michaelmas Term, 1837. His health, which was impaired by a severe accident in childhood, maiming him for life, would not permit him, however, to devote himself to the arduous duties of the practice of the law, to which otherwise, by his keen intellect and talent, he was admirably adapted.

In 1840 he was appointed Judge of the Surrogate Court of the United Counties of Frontenac, Lennox and Addington; but this office being subsequently merged in that of the Judge of the County Court, Mr. Cumming was necessarily obliged to resign. In 1864 he received the appointment which he held until the time of his death, namely, that of Registrar of the city of Kingston, in which office he was most invaluable—a link, as it were, connecting the present with the past.

The worthy Judge—for as "the Judge" he was best known—was universally esteemed. From his kind, gentle and generous disposi-

tion, he could not but be beloved; and we think we are safe in saying that since the death of his kinsman, the late Mr. Archibald J. Macdonell, not one has passed away from amongst us, whose death has caused more sincere regret, or whose memory will be longer cherished.

### REVIEWS.

#### THE UNITED STATES JURIST. Washington, U.S.

A new monthly publication intended as a *mulum in parvo*. The editor says: "We would seek to be in a measure a labor saving contrivance; and, instead of encumbering our columns with legal arguments and judicial opinions which may be found elsewhere, we would be content to present the leading principles, leaving our reader to pursue the investigation at his leisure."

The tendency of the age is towards superficial knowledge. No "labor saving machine" can make a good lawyer; though we may admit that it confers some benefits in these days of plrenzied haste.

### APPOINTMENTS TO OFFICE.

#### COUNTY JUDGE.

THE HON. WALTER RAE McCREA, of the Town of Chatham, in the County of Kent, to be Judge of the Provisional Judicial District of Algoma, *vice* Hon. John Prince, deceased. (Gazetted December 24th, 1870.)

#### COUNTY ATTORNEY.

JOHN BAN McLELLAN, of the Town of Cornwall, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law, to be County Attorney and Clerk of the Peace for the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengary, *vice* James Botham, resigned. (Gazetted December 3rd, 1870.)

#### DEPUTY CLERK OF CROWN.

FRANK E. MARCON, of Sandwich, Gentleman, Attorney-at-Law, to be Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Clerk of the County Court of the County of Essex. (Gazetted 1st October, 1870.)

WILLIAM ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, of the City of Toronto, Esquire, to be Acting Deputy Clerk of the Crown and Clerk of the County Court of the County of Kent, *vice* T. A. Ireland, deceased. (Gazetted 1st October, 1870.)

#### REGISTRAR.

JOHN COPELAND, of the Township of Cornwall, Esquire, to be Registrar for the County of Stormont, *vice* George Wood, resigned. (Gazetted November 19th, 1870.)

#### NOTARIES PUBLIC.

GEORGE FREDERICK HARMAN, of the Village of Orangeville, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law; THOS. DIXON, of the Village of Durham, Esq., Barrister-at-Law; ARCH. BELL, of the Town of Chatham, Gentleman, Attorney-at-Law. (Gazetted November 5th, 1870.)

FRANCIS R. BALL, of the Town of Woodstock, and EDWARD MERRILL, of the Town of Picton, Esquires, Barristers-at-Law. (Gazetted November 12th, 1870.)

SIMON HARRISON PAYNE, of Colborne, Gentleman, Attorney-at-Law. (Gazetted November 26th, 1870.)

JOHN HENRY GRASSETT HAGARTY, of the City of Toronto, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law. (Gazetted December 3rd, 1870.)

ADAM HENRY MEYERS, jun., of the City of Toronto, Esquire, Barrister-at-Law. (Gazetted Dec. 17th, 1870.)

ROBERT OLIVER, jun., of the Town of Guelph, Esq., Barrister-at-Law. (Gazetted December 24th, 1870.)

ALEXANDER S. WINCH, of the Town of Dundas, Gentleman, Attorney-at-Law. (Gazetted 31st December, 1870.)