

a man in the crowd addressed the not very pertinent enquiry to him, "Does your mother know you're out?" Of course there was a laugh, which was at once turned into a roar of applause by Mr. Meredith's reply, "Yes, my friend, and by this time to-morrow night she will know I am in." There is another, perhaps, not quite so amusing, but at any rate well worth relating. At one of his election meetings, a notorious "rough" shouted at him the meaningless "catch" of "Get your hair cut!" Nothing disconcerted, Mr. Meredith, looking full at his would-be tormentor, quietly replied, "It seems to me I once had something to do with getting *your* hair cut." Mr. Meredith had recognized the interrupter as a man whom he had once been instrumental in convicting of an offence against the law.

Mr. Meredith married a daughter of Mr. Marcus Holmes, of London, Ontario, and they have several children. By her charming presence, and ever-present courtesy, Mrs. Meredith has done not a little towards her husband's success, both socially and politically.

Among other appointments held by Mr. Meredith is that of Vice-Chancellor of the Western University in London,

while he has been a Bencher of the Law Society since 1872. In 1876 he was appointed city solicitor for London, and on March 1st in this year was also appointed counsel to the corporation of the city of Toronto.

He is a member of the Anglican church. He is a strong supporter of the entire separation of church and state. We think we may safely make that statement of his views, without being accused of touching upon political topics.

Mr. Meredith has visited Europe on more than one occasion, and has also travelled a great deal on this continent. He has served as a private and as a commissioned officer in the Canadian militia. For some time he was in the 7th Fusiliers, finally retiring from military life, as he laughingly tells you, "without a pension."

In concluding this sketch, I think we cannot do better than quote the encomium passed upon Mr. Meredith by a political opponent, the Honorable J. M. Gibson, at the Centennial proceedings held in Toronto, in describing him as the "most efficient and best equipped leader of an Opposition anywhere to be found."

