

to the pastorate of the Congregational church from that place. In 1853 the Rev. Mr. Climie and his eldest son, John, established the Canadian Statesman, which he owned at the time of his death, when the subject of the present sketch became sole proprietor. For eighteen years he managed the Statesman successfully, but desiring a rest, he disposed of the business in 1878, and retired from journalism for five years. His profession had however, become second nature to him, and in 1883 he established the Bowmanville Sun, which he now publishes with success. Mr. Climie joined the Canadian Press Association in 1867, and for the past nine years has filled the office of Secretary-Treasurer with universal satisfaction. He has always been a conscientious Liberal, and for twenty-three years has been Secretary of the West Durham Reform Association. Mr. Climie enjoys the personal friendship and esteem of all the prominent newspaper men in the Province, whom he generally conducts on their annual excursion. He is a warm advocate of total abstinence, and has many friends among his co workers.

The following is the address of the retiring President:

*To the Members of the Canadian Press Association:*

GENTLEMEN,—The recurrence of another annual meeting imposes upon your President the duty of presenting for your consideration the customary Annual Address. For myself I would have willingly omitted what mayhap prove to be an infiction; but the time-honored custom of over a quarter of a century can not be lightly disregarded; and the unwritten law of precedent, the very basis of all British institutions, must not now be violated. An address from the President's chair of the Canadian Press Association has come to be anticipated and regarded by the members thereof in much the same light as do legislators regard that essential pre requisite of all Parliamentary legislation, the Speech from the Throne. But in justice to my esteemed predecessors in this chair, I shall not seek to suggest any additional similarity between their annual messages and those other more pretentious productions above referred to.

The official year about to close has been to this Association one of singular quiet-

ude. No pressing questions have forced themselves for settlement upon the members of your Executive, whose duties have been consequently light. Only one meeting of the Executive has been held during the year, and that chiefly for the purposes of this annual meeting and excursion. But the membership of the Association, it gives me pleasure to state, continues to steadily increase, and there are not wanting evidences of healthy and permanent vitality that have not always been visible. The daily as well as the weekly Press is becoming more fully represented in the membership, and there is now no longer any evidence of a would-be Press aristocracy in Canada that in times gone by seemed to prefer to stand aloof from the brethren who constitute the Canadian Press Association. This circumstance may fairly be cited as a proof that this Association has discharged its duties and in a measure at least accomplished the purposes of its founders. Like all other organizations it has been obliged to run the gauntlet of adverse criticism; sometimes this may have been merited; but at others it has been prompted by ignorance, thoughtlessness or prejudice. But it has outlived these attacks and the fact that its membership is now, more than ever before, representative of the Press of Canada, both daily and weekly, is a just cause for congratulation to all concerned, but especially to those tried and true members of the organization, of both political parties, who, through good and evil report, have stuck manfully to the ship and brought her safely to port. I have dwelt at some length on this point because of the circumstance that in the past the chief daily papers of the country have not always been represented in our councils, nor at the annual meetings. That this has been by them discovered to be a mistake is only what every reflecting member of the Press must have anticipated; for in the Press, as throughout the whole domain of human activities, the truth of the homely old adage is applicable: "Everybody knows more than anybody;" and the brightest of daily journalists may learn at least something from his brethren in association assembled. It gives me peculiar pleasure also to inform you that the kindly expressions of interest received from former members in this year's annual meeting, as also in the future prosperity of the Association, have been unusually numerous. I had hoped